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TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

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Tuesday, January 9, 2024
(Statewide Session)

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The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Lamentations 3:37: "Who can command and have it done if the Lord has not ordained it?"

Let us pray. Almighty God, You created order out of chaos and established good government to commend uprightness and punish wickedness. Guide and guard all those who are entrusted with public office. Give them wisdom to fulfill their duties rightly and honorably. Defend them from the temptations peculiar to their offices and grant that we may live quiet and peaceful lives. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, June 14, 2023, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. HERBKERSMAN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Douglas Corken, which was agreed to.

REPORT RECEIVED

The following was received:

SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

January 9, 2024
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.
Speaker, South Carolina House of Representatives
Post Office Box 11867
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Speaker:
The Legislative Oversight Committee selected eight agencies to study during its organizational meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. In 2023, the Committee completed the study of the Department on Aging and Jobs-Economic Development Authority. There are three studies currently being undertaken in subcommittees: Commission on Higher Education, South Carolina Workers Compensation Commission, and Department of Consumer Affairs. The study of these agencies should be completed in the first quarter of 2024. Studies of Tuition Grants Commission and Forestry Commission will commence the first quarter of 2024. An ad hoc committee was established in 2023 to study insurance fraud. The ad hoc committee's work will conclude in 2024.

Enclosed please find a listing of agencies investigated by the Legislative Oversight Committee and those yet to be reviewed. Please do not hesitate to contact me, should you have any questions or desire further information.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey E. "Jeff" Johnson
Chairman, Legislative Oversight Committee

House of Representatives' Legislative Oversight Review Cycle
Recommendation for Speaker of the House of Representatives

AGENCY	**YEAR**

I. During its initial review cycle from 2015 - 2023, the House Legislative Oversight Committee completed 47 reviews of state agencies.

Completed Studies

1.	Comptroller General's Office	2015
2.	Social Services, Department of	2016
3.	First Steps to School Readiness	2016
4.	Transportation, Department of	2016
5.	Commission for the Blind	2016
6.	School for the Deaf and the Blind	2016
7.	State Transportation Infrastructure Bank	2017
8.	Juvenile Justice, Department of	2017
9.	Archives and History, Department of	2017
10.	Treasurer's Office	2017

11.	Law Enforcement Training Council and SC Criminal Justice Academy	2017
12.	Agriculture, Department of	2017
13.	Human Affairs Commission	2017
14.	Department of Public Safety	2017
15.	SC Election Commission	2017
16.	Health and Environmental Control, Department of	2017
17.	Patriots Point Development Authority	2018
18.	Adjutant General's Office	2018
19.	Commission for Minority Affairs	2018
20.	Natural Resources, Department of	2018
21.	John de La Howe School	2018
22.	Parks, Recreation and Tourism, Department of	2018
23.	SCETV Commission	2018
24.	Revenue Department of	2018
25.	Commission on Indigent Defense	2018
26.	Disabilities and Special Needs, Department	2018
27.	Prosecution Coordination Commission	2018
28.	Labor, Licensing & Regulation, Department of	2019
29.	Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School	2019
30.	Motor Vehicles, Department of	2019
31.	Aeronautics Commission	2019
32.	Rural Infrastructure Authority	2019
33.	Mental Health, Department of	2020
34.	Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Services, Department of	2020
35.	Corrections, Department of	2020
36.	Housing Finance & Development Authority	2020
37.	Secretary of State's Office	2020
38.	State Accident Fund	2022
39.	Arts Commission	2022
40.	Attorney General's Office	2022
41.	Commerce, Department of	2022
42.	SC Ethics Commission	2022
43.	Health & Human Services, Department of	2022
44.	State Library	2022
45.	Probation, Pardon, & Parole, Department of	2022
46.	Jobs-Economic Development Authority	2023
47.	Department on Aging	2023

II. The House Legislative Oversight Committee continues to conduct systematic reviews of state agencies as part of its second review cycle. Below is the suggested review schedule for 2024.

Ongoing Studies, which will continue in 2024
South Carolina Forestry Commission
South Carolina Workers Compensation Commission
State Law Enforcement Division
Tuition Grants Commission
Department of Consumer Affairs
Commission on Higher Education

III. Agencies which were identified for review as part of the first review cycle but did not receive a review. (*Agencies in this section are listed in alphabetical order.)

Administrative Law Court
Board of Financial Institutions
State Conservation Bank
Education, Department of
Employment & Workforce, Department of
Insurance, Department of
Retirement System Investment Commission
State Museum Commission and Confederate Relic Room
Sea Grants Consortium
State Board for Technical & Comprehensive Education
Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of

Received as information.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

June 19, 2023
The Honorable Charles F. Reid
Clerk of the South Carolina House of Representatives
Blatt Building, Room 213
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Clerk Reid:

I am writing to inform you and the membership of the House that, pursuant to the motion made and agreed to by the full House on Wednesday June 14, 2023, that the extraordinary session is now adjourned effective as of the date of this letter to you.

I have consulted with both Majority and Minority leaders, and we have determined that there is no further need for the House of Representatives to convene in statewide session. I have also conferred with President Alexander and do not believe that the Senate plans to return to statewide session.

Therefore, the South Carolina House of Representatives is adjourned sine die, to meet again in regular session at noon, Tuesday January 9, 2024.

Sincerely,
G. Murrell Smith, Jr.
Speaker of the House

Received as information.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

August 11, 2023
The Honorable Charles F. Reid, Clerk
House of Representatives
Post Office Box 11867
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

Enclosed, please find the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control's (Department) designation of five synthetic benzodiazepines, etizolam, flualprazolam, clonazolam, flubromazolam, and diclazepam, and their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers, in Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act. The Board has taken this action at its meeting on August 10, 2023, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), which authorizes the Department to designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance.

On July 26, 2023, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a temporary scheduling order placing etizolam, flualprazolam, clonazolam, flubromazolam, and diclazepam

and their salts, isomers, and salts of isomers in Schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act. Federal Register, Volume 88, Number 142, pp. 48112-48118; https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/ FR-2023-07-26/pdf/2023-15748.pdf. The Board subsequently signed an order at its August 11, 2023, meeting in compliance with the federal order. See attached.

The Department makes this notification in accordance with S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), which requires the Department to notify the General Assembly of an addition of a controlled substance in conformity with federal law. Schedule I controlled substances are found in S.C. Code Section 44-53-190.

As required by law, the enclosed Board Order has been posted on the agency website. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
M. Denise Crawford
Clerk of the Board

Enclosure

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Placement of Etizolam, Flualprazolam, Clonazolam, Flubromazolam, and Diclazepam in Schedule I for Controlled Substances

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control (Board) shall designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), issued a temporaty scheduling order placing etizolam, flualprazolam, clonazolam, flubromazolam, and diclazepam, including its salts, isomers, and salts of isomers whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of such isomers is possible, in Schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act, effective July 26, 2023. F.R. Volume 88, Number 142, pp. 48112-48118;

WHEREAS, according to its temporaty scheduling order, the DEA has concluded that etizolam, flualprazolam, clonazolam, flubromazolam,

and diclazepam have high potential for abuse, not currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and lack accepted safety for use under medical supervision, and therefore placed these five synthetic benzodiazepine substances in Schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act effective July 26, 2023; and

THEREFORE, the Board of Health and Environmental Control adopts the federal scheduling of the five synthetic benzodiazepines and amends Section 44-53-190 by adding and designating into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act: 4-(2-chlorophenyl)-2-ethyl-9-methyl-6H-thieno[3,2-f][l,2,4]triazolo[4,3-a][l,4]diazepine (commonly known as etizolam); 8-chloro-6-(2-fluorophenyl)-1- methyl-4H-benzo[f][1,2,4]triazolo[4,3- a][1,4]diazepine (commonly known as flualprazolam);6-(2-chlorophenyl)-1-methyl-8-nitro-4H-benzo[fJ]1,2,4 triazolo[4,3- a][1,4]diazepine (commonly known as clonazolam); 8-bromo-6-(2-fluorophenyl)-l- methyl-4H-benzo[f][l,2,4]tiiazolo[4,3-a][1,4]diazepine (alternate chemical name: 8-bromo-6-{2-tluorophenyl)-1- methyl-4H-[1,2,4]triazolo[4,3- a][1,4]benzodiazepine and commonly known as, tlubromazolam); 7-chloro-5-(2-chlorophenyl)- l- methyl- 1 ,3-dihydro-2Hbenzo[e][1,4]diazepin-2-one (commonly known as diclazepam), including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible.

August 10, 2023
Columbia, South Carolina
Seema Shrivastava-Patel, Chairwoman
S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control

Received as information.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

November 16, 2023
The Honorable Charles F. Reid, Clerk
House of Representatives
Post Office Box 11867
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

Enclosed, please find the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control's (Department) designation of zuranolone, including its salts, in Schedule IV of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act. The Board has taken this action at its meeting on November 9, 2023, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53- 160(C), which authorizes the Department to designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance.

On October 31, 2023, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued an interim final rule placing zuranolone, including its salts, in Schedule IV of the federal Controlled Substances Act. Federal Register, Volume 88, Number 209, pages 74347-74352; https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-10-31/pdf/2023-23982.pdf. The Board subsequently signed an order at its November 9, 2023, meeting in compliance with the federal order. See attached.

The Department makes this notification in accordance with S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), which requires the Department to notify the General Assembly of an addition of a controlled substance in conformity with federal laws. Schedule IV controlled substances are found in S.C. Code Section 44-53- 250.

As required by law, the enclosed Board Order has been posted on the agency website. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
M. Denise Crawford
Clerk of the Board

Enclosure

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND
ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Placement of Zuranolone into Schedule IV for Controlled Substances

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control (Board) shall designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), issued an interim final rule placing zuranolone,

including its salts, in Schedule IV of the federal Controlled Substance Act, effective October 31, 2023. F.R. Volume 88, Number 209, pp. 74347-74352;

WHEREAS, zuranolone is a new molecular entity, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have recently approved the use of zuranolone for the treatment of post-partum depression; and

WHEREAS, according to its interim final rule, the DEA has concluded zuranolone has a potential for abuse similar to drugs or other substances in Schedule IV, a currently accepted medical use in the United States, and may lead to limited physical dependence or psychological dependence relative to the drugs or other substances in Schedule III but similar to other substances in Schedule IV; therefore, zuranolone should be placed in Schedule IV of the federal Controlled Substances Act effective October 31, 2023;

THEREFORE, the Board of Health and Environmental Control adopts the federal scheduling of Zuranolone and amends Section 44-53-250 of the South Carolina Code of Laws by adding and designating into Schedule IV of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act: Zuranolone including its salts.

Robert R. Morgan, Jr., Vice-Chairman
S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control
November 9, 2023

Received as information.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

December 11, 2023
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.
House of Representatives
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Gentlemen:

I respectfully request the opportunity to address the General Assembly in joint assembly on Wednesday, January 24, 2023, for the purpose of delivering the 2024 State of the State Address.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster

Received as information.

RESIGNATION

The following was received:

November 17, 2023
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.
Speaker of the South Carolina House
506 Blatt Bldg.
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I hope this correspondence finds you well. It is with a mix of great excitement and sadness that I inform you that effective November 17, 2023, I resign my position as State Representative representing Charleston and Dorchester Counties. As you know, I was a candidate in the Special Election held for the vacant Senate Seat in District 42. On November 7, 2023, I was successful in my Special General Election and on November 10, 2023, the State Election Commission certified me as the winner of the Senate District 42 Special Election.

It has been the most humbling honor of my life to represent the people of House District 109. I will cherish the relationships developed with the Members and staff of the House forever. I enjoyed my time in the House and I am grateful for your leadership.

Although I will no longer be a Member of the House, I will continue to work with you and the other Members as we continue to work to improve the quality of life for all of South Carolina. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,
Representative Deon T. Tedder

Received as information.

INVITATIONS

On motion of Rep. FORREST, with unanimous consent, the following were taken up for immediate consideration and accepted:

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the South Carolina Bankers Association, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Pastides Alumni Center.

Sincerely,
Anne Gillespie
Senior Vice President
South Carolina Bankers Association

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the Bleeding Disorders Association of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Martin
Bleeding Disorders Association of South Carolina

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee

503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the SC Manufacturers Alliance – SC Tire Council, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the Statehouse Grounds.

Sincerely,
Sunny Philips
SC Manufacturers Alliance

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception and Dinner. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the University of South Carolina Alumni Center.

Sincerely,
Bob Morgan
President & CEO
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of The Riley Institute at Furman University, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to the Riley/Wilkins Legislative

Dinner. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Sincerely,
Dawn Brewer
Smoak Public Relations

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the South Carolina Commission for the Blind, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Randy Herald
Foundation for the South Carolina Commission for the Blind

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the Wine and Spirits Wholesalers Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at The Palmetto Club.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Brogdon
Executive Director & General Counsel

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss

Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the Lexington County Development Corporation, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Sincerely,
Annie Wilson
Capitol Consultants

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the SC EMS Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Henry Lewis
Executive Director

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the South Carolina Trucking Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative

Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Rick Todd
SC Trucking Association
January 2, 2024

The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the South Carolina Brewers Guild, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Sincerely,
Pearce Fleming
President, South Carolina Brewers Guild

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the South Carolina Economic Developers' Association, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, from 7:00 p.m.– 9:00 p.m. at the Capital City Club.

Sincerely,
Katie Koon
South Carolina Economic Developers' Association

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss

Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the SC Association of Special Purpose Districts, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, January 18, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Sara Vernon
McGuireWoods Consulting

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the North Eastern Strategic Alliance, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Capital City Club.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Grigg
Director of Investor Relations - NESA

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of Conservation Voters of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on January 23, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at Bourbon.

Sincerely,
Meagan Diedolf
Government Relations Director

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the American Society Cancer Action Network, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Jon Charest
American Society Cancer Action Network

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the SC Student Loan Corporation, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Sara Vernon
McGuireWoods Consulting

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the SC Bar Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Marla Wood
SC Bar Association

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of SCBIO, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, January 25, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Heather Smith
SCBIO

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the City of Columbia, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Capitol Center at 1201 Main Street.

Sincerely,
Whanna Bouknight
Governmental Affairs Administrator
City of Columbia

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the South Carolina Telecommunications and Broadband Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Burr Forman Law Firm, 1221 Main Street, 18th Floor.

Sincerely,
Nola Armstrong
Executive Director

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of MedTrust Medical Transport, LLC, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Lenna Ruth Macdonald
CEO, MedTrust Medical Transport, LLC

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This

event will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the Statehouse Grounds.

Sincerely,
Gary Hollingsworth
Executive Director/Treasurer

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics Foundation, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Capital City Club.

Sincerely,
Stacy Mc Cloghry
SCGSSM

January 2, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss:
On behalf of the MUSC Health, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at 1208 Washington Street.

Sincerely,
Sarah Hearn
MUSC Government Affairs

REGULATIONS RECEIVED

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

Document No. 5112
Agency: State Ethics Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 8-13-320 and 8-13-540
Contested Case Procedure
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2024

Document No. 5113
Agency: State Ethics Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 8-13-320
General
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2024

Document No. 5114
Agency: State Ethics Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 2-17-20, 2-17-25, 2-17-30, 2-17-35, 2-17-40, 2-17-90, 8-13-320, and 8-13-365
Lobbyists, Lobbyists' Principals and Rating Entities
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2024

Document No. 5115
Agency: State Ethics Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 8-13-320, 8-13-365, 8-13-1110, 8-13-1140, 8-13-1306, and 8-13-1356
Statement of Economic Interests and Contract Disclosure Forms
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
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Document No. 5179
Agency: Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 44-20-220
License Requirement for Facilities and Programs
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Document No. 5180
Agency: Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 44-20-220
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Document No. 5181
Agency: Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 44-20-220
Day Programs for Persons with Intellectual Disability
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Document No. 5182
Agency: Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 44-20-220
Unclassified Facilities and Programs
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Document No. 5111
Agency: State Ethics Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 8-13-320, 8-13-365, 8-13-1110, 8-13-1140, 8-13-1306, and 8-13-1356
Campaign Practices and Reports

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Document No. 5183
Agency: Public Service Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 58-3-140 and 58-5-210
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Document No. 5177
Agency: Public Service Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 58-3-140 and 58-27-150
Article 3, Electric Systems
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Document No. 5191
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 2022 Act No. 119, Section 5, effective January 27, 2022
Solid Waste Management Regulation (Solar Projects)
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Document No. 5168
Agency: Public Service Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 58-3-140
Article 8, Practice and Procedure
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Document No. 5176
Agency: State Board of Education
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-1-320, and 4 U.S.C Section 1, et seq.
Displaying the Flag
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Document No. 5184
Agency: Public Service Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 58-3-140 and 58-5-210
Article 7, Water Utilities
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Document No. 5192
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10 and 7-3-20
R.45-1, Definitions
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Document No. 5193
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, 7-13-1490, and 7-13-1655
R.45-2, Instructions and Certification of Managers and Clerks in the Use of Vote Recorders
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Document No. 5194
Agency: State Election Commission

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, 7-13-1490, and 7-13-1655
R.45-3, Tabulating Center Personnel
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Document No. 5195
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, 7-13-1490, and 7-13-1655
R.45-4, Certification of Program Instructions
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Document No. 5196
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, 7-13-1490, and 7-13-1655
R.45-5, Ballot Envelopes and Fold Over Ballot Cards
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Document No. 5197
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, 7-13-1490, and 7-13-1655
R.45-6, Defective Ballot Cards
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Document No. 5198
Agency: State Election Commission

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, 7-13-1490, and 7-13-1655
R.45-7, Ballot Cards, Sealed After Tabulation
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Document No. 5199
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, 7-13-325, 7-13-1490, and 7-13-1655
R.45-9, Write-in-Ballots, Sealed After Tabulation
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Document No. 5204
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, 7-13-1490, and 7-13-1655
R.45-10, Retention and Disposition of Certain Voting Records
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Document No. 5224
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10 and 7-3-20
R.45-8, Defective and Duplicate Ballot Cards, Sealed After Tabulation
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Document No. 5178
Agency: Public Service Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 58-3-140 and 58-5-210
Article 4, Gas Systems

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Document No. 5222
Agency: State Board of Education
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-21-510, 59-33-10, and 59-33-10
Criteria for Entry into Programs of Special Education for Students with Disabilities
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Document No. 5223
Agency: State Board of Education
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60, 59-5-100, 59-5-120, and 59-67-520
Operation of Public Student Transportation Services
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Document No. 5227
Agency: Department of Motor Vehicles
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 56-3-10 et seq.
License Plates
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Document No. 5228
Agency: Department of Motor Vehicles
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 56-9-60
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Document No. 5200
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 48-39-10, et seq.
Statement of Policy; Applying for a Permit; General Guidelines for All Critical Areas; and Specific Project Standards for Beaches and the Beach/Dune System
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Document No. 5221
Agency: Department of Motor Vehicles
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 56-1-5 et seq.
Billing Accounts
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Document No. 5207
Agency: State Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 34-1-60
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Document No. 5208
Agency: State Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 34-26-210
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Document No. 5209
Agency: State Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 34-1-60
Participation in RFC Loans
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Agency: State Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 34-1-110
Borrower's Preference Re Attorney and Insurance
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Document No. 5213
Agency: State Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 34-1-60
Servicemen’s Readjustment Act
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Document No. 5215
Agency: State Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 34-1-60
Home Improvement Loans, Savings and Loan
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Document No. 5216
Agency: State Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 34-1-60 and 34-1-110
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Document No. 5217
Agency: State Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 34-1-60 and 34-1-110
Investment of Surpluses
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Document No. 5219
Agency: State Board of Financial Institutions
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 34-1-110
Limitations and Restrictions on Loans, Savings and Loan
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Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 13-7-10 et seq.
Transportation of Radioactive Waste Into or Within South Carolina
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Document No. 5225
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10, 7-3-20, and 7-13-1640
Retention and Storage of Election Records and Election Equipment
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Document No. 5205
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10 and 7-3-20
Reports to State Election Commission by County Boards of Voter Registration and Elections
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Document No. 5203
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10 and 7-3-20
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Document No. 5202
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10 and 7-3-20
Poll Worker Training; Candidate Withdrawals
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Document No. 5201
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10 and 7-3-20
Emergency Election Procedures
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Document No. 5249
Agency: Department of Natural Resources
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-11-2200 and 50-11-2210
Additional Regulations Applicable to Specific Properties

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Document No. 5250
Agency: Department of Natural Resources
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-11-525 and 50-11-1090
Rules and Regulations Governing the Issuance of Deer Depredation Permits
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Document No. 5251
Agency: Department of Natural Resources
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-1-60, 50-1-200, 50-1-220, 50-9-650, 50-11-10, 50-11-105, 50-11-310, 50-11-315, 50-11-320, 50-11-365, 50-11-390, 50-11-410, 50-11-430, 50-11-500, 50-11-525, 50-11-530, 50-11-580, 50-11-2200, and 50-11-2210
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Document No. 5229
Agency: Department of Social Services
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 63-13-180
Family Day Care Homes
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Document No. 5232
Agency: Department of Social Services
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 63-11-30
Wilderness Therapeutic Camps for Children
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Document No. 5231
Agency: Department of Social Services
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 63-11-30
Residential Group Care Facilities for Children
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Document No. 5259
Agency: Department of Natural Resources
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-9-640, 50-11-300, 50-11-500, 50-11-510, 50-11-525, 50-11-530, 50-11-540, 50-11-544, 50-11-546, 50-11-580, and 50-11-2200
Turkey Hunting Rules and Seasons
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Document No. 5260
Agency: Department of Natural Resources
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-1-200, 50-1-210, 50-11-310, 50-11-350, 50-11-390, 50-11-500, 50-11-530, 50-11-2200, and 50-11-2210
Individual Antlerless Deer Tags, Antlerless Deer Limits for Private Lands in Game Zones 1-4, and Youth Deer Hunting Day
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Document No. 5187
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Registration for Foresters
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70, 48-27-80, 48-27-140, and 48-27-190

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Document No. 5233
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50, 40-1-70, 40-47-650, and 40-47-800
Fee Schedule for the Board of Medical Examiners
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Document No. 5234
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Medical Examiners
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70, 40-47-10, 40-47-110, and 40-47-1720
Athletic Trainers
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Document No. 5235
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 40-45-60
Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
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Document No. 5236
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Office of Occupational Safety and Health
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 41-15-210

Compensation for the Occupational Health and Safety Review Board
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Document No. 5237
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Board of Examiners in Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-67-70
Board of Examiners in Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology
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Document No. 5238
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - South Carolina Real Estate Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 27-50-10(2), 40-1-70, and 40-57-60
South Carolina Real Estate Commission (Residential Property Condition Disclosure Statement Form)
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Document No. 5240
Agency: Department of Insurance
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 1-23-110, 38-3-110, and 38-71-2200 et seq.
Pharmacy Benefits Managers
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Document No. 5241
Agency: Department of Insurance

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 1-23-110, 38-3-110, 38-71-2200, and 38-71-2210 et seq.
Pharmacy Services Administrative Organizations
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Document No. 5243
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50 and 40-1-70
Fee Schedule for the Building Codes Council
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Document No. 5244
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Licensing Board for Contractors
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50, 40-1-70, and 40-11-60
State Licensing Board for Contractors
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Document No. 5245
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - South Carolina Environmental Certification Board
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-23-60
Environmental Certification Board
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Document No. 5246
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - South Carolina State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50, 40-1-70, 40-22-50, and 40-22-60
Professional Land Surveyor Licensure Requirements
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Document No. 5247
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Board of Podiatry Examiners
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70, 40-51-40, 40-51-67, 40-51-70, and 40-51-210
Board of Podiatry Examiners
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Document No. 5248
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Building Codes Council
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 6-8-20, 6-9-40, 6-9-55, 6-9-63, 10-5-250, 23-43-40, 40-1-50, and 40-1-70
Building Codes Council
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Document No. 5252
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Social Work Examiners
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-63-70
State Board of Social Work Examiners
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Document No. 5253
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - South Carolina Real Estate Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50, 40-1-70, 40-57-60, 40-57-135, 40-57-320, 40-57-340, and 40-57-740
Real Estate Commission
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Document No. 5254
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - South Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 40-9-30(D)(3)
South Carolina Board of Chiropractic Examiners
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Document No. 5255
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 41-16-140 and 41-18-120
Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides
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Document No. 5256
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Examiners in Psychology
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-55-40(d)
State Board of Examiners in Psychology
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Document No. 5257
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Pharmacy
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70, 40-43-60(D)(8), 40-43-83(I), and 40-43-86(B)(3)(c)
State Board of Pharmacy
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Document No. 5258
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Office of Occupational Safety and Health
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 41-15-220
Recordkeeping
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Document No. 5190
Agency: Department of Mental Health
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-9-100, 44-11-70, and 56-21-70
Parking Regulations
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R. 102, H. 4300--ORDERED PRINTED IN THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER ordered the following Veto printed in the Journal:

June 20, 2023
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.
Speaker of the House
State House, Second Floor

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the General Assembly:

I am vetoing and returning without my approval certain line items in R-102, H. 4300, the FY 2023-24 General Appropriations Act.

Everywhere we look, South Carolina is growing. Our economy is booming. More and more people are visiting our state – with many deciding to stay for good. Employers are creating new jobs, entrepreneurs are opening new businesses, and companies are deciding to relocate here.

Last year was the most successful year for economic growth in our state's history, with the record for the largest capital investment project broken twice in the same year. This year, we are off to a great start. In just the first six months of 2023, we have announced 46 projects which will create over 9,408 new jobs with $5.48 billion in new capital investment. Some of those projects have the ability to transform local economies forever.

The decision by global automaker Volkswagen to locate their new Scout electric sports utility vehicle manufacturing facility in the Midlands was a great victory for our state. It will bring opportunity and prosperity to the region for generations to come.

State government is in the best fiscal shape ever. We have the largest budget surplus, the largest rainy day reserve fund and the lowest debt – ever – in the history of our state. We've cut taxes on our small businesses, and we have returned money back to the taxpayers.

Until recently, South Carolina had the highest personal income tax rate in the southeast and the 12th highest in the nation. No more. Last year, I was honored to sign into law the largest income tax cut in state history. This year taxpayers will keep an additional $96.2 million of their hard-earned money instead of sending it to state government.

Over the last six years, our successful partnership has produced resounding win after win for the people and prosperity of South Carolina. This year's budget includes a record number 283 proposals

from my executive budget totaling – $3.3 billion – an increase of 24 from last year and 117 from two years ago.

This legislative session may be remembered as one of the most substantial in decades. We have begun the long-overdue restructuring of the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), as well as South Carolina's siloed healthcare delivery agencies. The state's antiquated Certificate of Need (CON) healthcare statutes and regulations were repealed, unleashing entrepreneurship, capital investment, and competition into the free marketplace.

Progress was made toward closing the revolving door for repeat criminals with bond reform, but more remains to be done, including passing graduated penalties for illegal gun possession. Innocent lives will be protected with changes to the Fetal Heartbeat Act, and strong laws against fentanyl trafficking will give law enforcement and prosecutors the tools they need to put the drug dealers in jail.

That spirit is represented in this state budget.

As I have said before, economic growth and the preservation of our shared natural heritage and environment are not opposing objectives which must be balanced as in a competition, one against the other. Instead, they – and our educational successes – are complementary, intertwined, and inseparable, each dependent on the other.

This budget provides $200 million to the Office of Resilience, for the purpose of identifying and preserving culturally or environmentally significant properties and tracts in which public access is in jeopardy of being lost forever due to development, mismanagement, flooding, erosion or from storm damage.

In the area of K-12 education, we continue to make remarkable progress in raising teacher pay. Six years ago the minimum starting salary of a teacher in South Carolina was $30,113 and the average teacher salary was below the Southeastern average. Today, the minimum starting salary of a teacher in South Carolina is $40,000, and the average teacher salary now exceeds the Southeastern average.

This budget increases teacher salaries by $2,500 at every step of the state salary schedule, making the new minimum starting teacher salary

$42,500. My goal by 2026 is a minimum starting salary of at least $50,000.

In addition, new education scholarships will give low-income parents the opportunity to choose the type of education environment and instruction that best suits their child's unique needs, while teachers and their spouses will now be provided parental leave for birth, adoption or fostering a child.

Placing an armed, certified school resource officer (SRO) in every school, in every county, all day, every day, has been one of my top priorities as governor.

At my request, the General Assembly began funding a grant program administered by the Department of Public Safety, to provide school districts with funds to hire more resource officers for our state's 1,283 public schools. The grant program has been very successful, going from 406 SROs in 2018 to 1,170 SROs in 2023, representing almost 94% of all schools in the state.

We also provided the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division with funds to create the Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence. Located at the old Gilbert Elementary School, this partnership with Lexington School District One will provide a state-of-the-art training center for law enforcement and school personnel from around the state.

Access and affordability to higher education for every South Carolinian is essential to ensuring that our state has the trained and skilled workforce to compete for jobs and investment in the future. That means we must invest to make all higher education – our colleges, universities, and technical colleges – accessible and affordable for the sons and daughters of South Carolina.

Our state's booming economy has created 105,000 open jobs, virtually all in high-demand, skilled trades and professions. Working with the South Carolina Technical College System, we created Workforce Scholarships for the Future at our 16 technical colleges – so residents can get the degree or credentials they need to fill one of those open jobs in high-demand careers like manufacturing, healthcare, computer science, information technology, transportation, logistics, or construction.

In the last two years, this very successful program has allowed over 10,000 South Carolinians to earn an industry credential in high-demand careers.

This year marks the fourth consecutive year that we froze college tuition for in-state students, while providing additional funding for needs-based financial aid at any in-state public or private college, university, or at our 16 technical colleges.

Every South Carolinian who qualifies for federal needs-based financial aid – as measured by federal Pell Grants – has sufficient state financial assistance to attend any in-state public college, university, or technical college. Students at private, independent, and historically black colleges and universities will receive an additional $20 million for tuition grants and assistance. And this state budget again provides one-time funds to address repairs needed at the aging, state-owned buildings, and infrastructure on the campuses of our colleges, universities, and technical colleges.

My executive budget proposed freezing tuition with an additional recurring annual appropriation of $43 million, which represented a 5.2% increase to their operating budgets based on the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI) for 2022, and it was allocated based on the number of in-state students enrolled at each public institution.

The General Assembly instead chose to provide colleges and universities with an additional recurring annual appropriation of $124 million which is a 17% increase to their operating budgets. Needless to say, this is many times more than what each institution needs to hold the line on tuition.

While I have no doubt that each institution could make a compelling case as to why these additional recurring funds are necessary, I fear that parents and tuition payers may not share their confidence. Such an unprecedented investment in higher education demands greater accountability. And restraint and economy by the institutions when it comes to the total bill paid by college students and parents.

Therefore, when we begin the executive budget process in November, every college and university will be expected to provide my office with a detailed listing of the institutions plans to reduce tuition, fees, charges and any other items placed on the bill paid by our students and parents.

In addition, every college and university will be expected to provide a detailed listing of programs, degrees or other offerings that the institution will eliminate or consolidate to better align with the state's future workforce needs and to reduce operating costs.

To keep South Carolinians safe, we must maintain a robust law enforcement presence – and properly "fund the police." Our state law enforcement agencies continue to lose valuable and experienced personnel because they are unable to remain competitive with pay and benefits.

Thanks to the comprehensive compensation review conducted by the Department of Administration, our state law enforcement and criminal justice agencies have begun to stem the tide of personnel loss with recruitment and retention pay raises provided. This budget continues that by providing an additional $25.3 million for recruitment and retention pay raises in FY 23- 24.

Finally, I applaud the General Assembly for passing the most transparent and accountable budget in modern times. After decades of overriding the vetoes of successive governors, the leadership of the Senate and House of Representatives now provides for not only the public disclosure of the sponsors and recipients of earmarked appropriations, but they also disclose the activity, function, or project for which the earmark is intended, the public purpose served, the budget, a description of community support, and details on the identity and function of the recipient organization.

I have included examples of some deliberative and meritorious "earmark" appropriations that were sponsored by members of the General Assembly.

Senator Shane Massey sponsored a $14,382,500 earmark to construct a new campus and Advanced Manufacturing Center for Piedmont Technical College in Saluda County. The campus will operate in collaboration with three school districts: Aiken County School District, Lexington County School District 3 and Saluda County School District. The campus will serve as a regional center for high school students attending Ridge Spring- Monetta High School, Batesburg-Leesville High School, and Saluda High School.

This earmark is an example of how a strategic investment can transform a rural community. Rural communities have long played a vital role in our society, contributing to the economic and cultural fabric of our nation. However, they often face unique challenges in terms of citizens' access to education and employment opportunities, particularly in industries that require specialized skills. Technical and advanced manufacturing training can be a powerful catalyst for transforming these communities by empowering their residents and fostering economic growth.

Representatives Chris Murphy and Kambrell Garvin jointly sponsored a $667,000 earmark for Turn90, a community-based charity operating in Charleston and Columbia areas whose mission is to reduce recidivism. According to Turn90, six in ten individuals who leave prison are rearrested within three years. Turn90 combines behavioral therapy, supportive services, transitional employment, and job placement to men returning home from prison. According to the 2022 Annual Report for Turn90, the organization increased from 60 to 135 the number of men who became employed. In addition, over the past two years, 95% of their graduates had no new arrests. The data provided to our office substantiated that this earmark is a worthwhile investment in a program to reduce recidivism.

Representatives Chris Murphy and Jackie Hayes sponsored a $284,239 earmark for Man 2 Man, a father-focused nonprofit serving men in Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marlboro, Marion, and Chesterfield Counties. The program provides education, services and support to fathers in such areas as employability, economic mobility and healthy relationships. Since 2014 the program has served 331 fathers in Dillon County alone. Man 2 Man receives referrals from the Department of Social Service and from family courts for fathers that are behind in child support. Supporting the creation of strong families is good policy.

Representative Jackie Hayes also sponsored a $100,000 earmark for Healthy Learners, a ministry of the Sisters of Charity health system. Healthy Learners partners with schools and health care providers to provide needed health services to low-income children. These services address mental health, vision, hearing and medical needs of children. The $100,000 will support efforts to provide 14,670 services to 2,910 children, an increase of 26% over 2022. Ensuring that South Carolina

has healthier students who can thrive in school is the focus of this worthwhile earmark.

However, I must repeat my proposal for a better way to accomplish this transparency and accountability for the taxpayers. I once again ask the General Assembly to consider my proposal to create a public, merit-based competitive grants process for these types of appropriations. Especially as it relates to non-governmental organizations. Administered by state agencies, funds would be made available only to entities which demonstrate required community support and missions consistent with the policy goals and outcomes intended by the General Assembly. Further, all applications and award criteria would be placed online, allowing for public scrutiny and total transparency.

To my colleagues in the General Assembly, I say: The people of South Carolina have benefited from our ongoing cooperation, communication, and collaboration. Let us continue to work together vigorously, thereby ensuring that future generations of South Carolinians can keep winning and prospering.

In that spirit, I ask that you thoughtfully consider and sustain each of the following vetoes:

Veto 1 Department of Education, Part IB, Section 1A, Page 318, Proviso 1A.63. Item 13, K12 Concussion Protocol, $400,000 – Senator Katrina Shealy

This veto deals with the direct appropriation of non-recurring Education Improvement Act (EIA) revenues to a private corporation that provides educational and health services. While this program may be meritorious, providing state dollars to a private corporation and bypassing the state's procurement and grants processes is not good policy.

In FY 2018-19, the General Assembly created a Grants Committee at the South Carolina Department of Education by proviso, whereby providers of educational programs and services apply for state funds. The objective of the Grants Committee was to replace earmark appropriations with a transparent and accountable process for vetting education programs to be piloted in our public schools. A seven-member Grants Committee evaluates the applications based on suggested criteria. Any application

approved for funding must participate in an independent evaluation as prescribed by the Grants Committee to document its effectiveness.

In this budget the General Assembly has appropriated $18.5 million to the Grants Committee. Application to the Grants Committee is the appropriate way to fund these services rather than by earmark.

Veto 2 Department of Education, Part IB, Section 1A, Page 318, Proviso 1A.63. Item 14, SC Academic Tutorial Services, $300,000 – Senator Vernon Stephens

This veto deals with the appropriation of non-recurring EIA revenues to the South Carolina Retired Educators Academic Tutorial Services, Inc., bypassing the state's procurement and grants process. Information provided for this earmark states that this nonprofit organization provides tutoring in reading and mathematics in the current school year to fifteen students.

In this budget the General Assembly appropriated $15 million for high intensity tutoring. A proviso in the budget specifies how the funds are to be allocated and expended and requires the Education Oversight Committee to evaluate the effectiveness of the academic support programs.

In addition, of the $1.9 billion in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds allocated directly to school districts in South Carolina under the American Rescue Plan Act, up to $1.5 billion remains to be spent by districts. At least 20% of these funds must be spent to address the academic impact of lost instructional time through the implementation of evidence-based interventions.

This non-profit organization, whose primary contact is a current state employee, should request funds through the Grants Committee or enter into a contract with a local school district to provide tutoring services rather than receiving funding through an earmark.

Veto 3 Commission on Higher Education, Part1B, Section 11, Page 336, Proviso 11.20, CHE: Doctoral/Professional University Classification

Act 41 of 2023 creates a new category of institutions of higher learning, Doctoral/Professional Universities. The law went into effect May 16, 2023; therefore, the proviso is no longer needed.

Veto 4 Department of Health and Human Services, Part1B, Section 34, Page 351, Proviso 33.24, DHHS: Personal Emergency Response System

This proviso is no longer needed. The Department of Health and Human Services has previously issued a request for proposals pursuant to this proviso.

Veto 5 Department of Health and Environmental Control, Part 1B, Section 34, Page 363, Proviso 34.50, DHEC: Hazardous Waste Fund County Account

This proviso bypasses local government control over statutorily authorized Hazardous Waste Contingency Fund dollars, allowing funds to be spent for unknown and unaccountable purposes, with no public transparency or fiscal oversight. This is a dangerous invitation for fraud and abuse.

Veto 6 Law Enforcement Training Council, Part 1B, Section 64, Page 412, Proviso 64.3, LET: Center for Excellence in Policing and Public Safety

This proviso is no longer needed. The Center for Excellence in Policing and Public Safety was funded in last year's state budget. All funds have been transferred from the Law Enforcement Training Council to the University of South Carolina School of Law, pursuant to this proviso.

Veto 7 Department of Revenue, Part 1B, Section 109, Page 469, Proviso 109.12, (DOR: Food Manufacturing Equipment)

This proviso creates a temporary one-year sales tax exemption, joining the hundreds of existing piecemeal sales tax exemptions that hurt our state's ability to compete for jobs, investment, and capital. Comprehensive tax reform must happen. Our neighbor states have reformed their tax codes and structure, leaving our state at a competitive disadvantage. Provisions like this should be debated and if warranted, adopted into permanent law.

Veto 8 Statewide Revenue, Part 1B, Section 118, Page 549, Proviso 118.19. (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (68) H030 – Commission on Higher Education (b) New Perspectives Media Local Television Partnership, $250,000 – Senator Vernon Stephens

From the information provided, the funds will be used as "startup" funding to build support for the creation of a local broadcast cable television channel. The stated purpose is to provide television coverage of athletic events at SC State University, Voorhees University and Claflin University, as well as high school athletic events in Orangeburg, Bamberg and Calhoun Counties.

This is not an appropriate use of state funds. Instead, if those in the community are interested in providing expanded television coverage of local athletic events, they should contact the leadership at South Carolina Educational Television (SCETV). SCETV has communications infrastructure, resources and assets in every corner of the state and at every public school that may accomplish the stated goal of this proviso.

Veto 9 Statewide Revenue, Part 1B, Section 118, Page 552, Proviso 118.19. (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (76) J120 – Department of Mental Health (f) Mental Wealth Alliance – Mental Health Gym, $275,000 – Representative JA Moore

This is not an appropriate use of state funds. This earmark provides the California-based Mental Wealth Alliance (MWA), founded by entertainer Charlamagne Tha God, $275,000 for the purchase of two massage chairs, rent, operating costs, personnel costs, and services such as arts and crafts, yoga, mindfulness training, healthy cooking, and financial wellness programs.

An almost identical earmark was included in the FY 2022-23 State Budget for MWA for $250,000, albeit with much less information on the organization. MWA did not submit a request for the distribution of these funds until February of 2023, the invoice for which was not cleared until May of 2023.

Once again, details on this earmark have been difficult to obtain, and representatives of the organization have been less than responsive at times. It is unclear how the current year's funding will be expended, or

what Charleston area entity will be responsible for implementing this program. In addition, it is unclear how funding for this endeavor will be sustained in the future.

Veto 10 Statewide Revenue, Part 1B, Section 118, Page 553, Proviso 118.19. (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (79) L040 - Department of Social Services, (j) M.A.D. USA, $250,000 – Representative Leon Stavrinakis

This earmark is duplicative. There is already $350,400 in state funds earmarked for Men Against Domestic Violence USA. The explanations for both earmarks are the same; therefore, I am vetoing the lesser amount of the two earmarks.

Veto 11 Statewide Revenue, Part 1B, Section 118, Page 553, Proviso 118.19. (SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (79) L040 - Department of Social Services, (n) Nicholtown Child and Family Collaborative – Parent Café, $30,000 – Representative Chandra Dillard

To maintain the public's confidence in the budgeting process, I am vetoing this earmark due to the fact that the sponsor is the Chair of the Board of Directors for the Nicholtown Child and Family Collaborative.

For the foregoing reasons, I am vetoing and returning without my approval the above provisions in R-102, H. 4300, the FY 2023-24 General Appropriations Act.

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4692 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan and Magnuson: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 1.9 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN BY THE RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE TWO-YEAR TERMS ON A PARTICULAR COMMITTEE.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4693 -- Reps. S. Jones, Magnuson and Nutt: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT H.R. 2 OR SIMILAR LEGISLATION TO SECURE THIS NATION'S BORDERS.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4694 -- Reps. Blackwell and Guffey: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 1.9 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMEN BY THE RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MAY NOT SERVE MORE THAN THREE CONSECUTIVE TERMS ON THE COMMITTEE.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4695 -- Reps. Blackwell, Carter, Pope, Guffey and Chapman: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 9 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY ADDING RULE 9.7 SO AS TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE MAY FILE AS THE PRIMARY SPONSOR ON SECOND READING, AND TO REQUIRE PRIMARY SPONSORS TO BE IN ASSIGNED SEATS FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE AMENDMENT'S DISCUSSION AND DEBATE.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4721 -- Reps. McCravy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey,

Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE NINETY SIX HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND AND BAND DIRECTOR ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO APPLAUD THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4722 -- Rep. Bannister: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RESCIND THE ADOPTION OF H. 3675, A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND GREENVILLE NATIVE KATHLEEN JENNINGS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4723 -- Reps. Hewitt, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE WACCAMAW HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE CLASS AAA SOUTH CAROLINA GIRLS GOLF STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4724 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PALMETTO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (PAC) PANTHERS

VARSITY AND JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAMS AND COACHES FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTHEASTERN INDEPENDENT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4725 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PELION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 NASP/IBO OUTDOOR 3D WORLD CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4726 -- Reps. Bradley, Ott and Bauer: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CHESSYE BAUGHMAN POWELL OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4727 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RODNEY MCMILLIAN, A COLUMBIA-BORN ARTIST, FOR HIS NATIONAL ACCLAIM, TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON THE ACQUISITION AND DISPLAY OF TWO OF HIS WORKS BY THE COLUMBIA MUSEUM OF ART, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE KEY TO THE CITY OF COLUMBIA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4728 -- Rep. Rutherford: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COLUMBIA NATIVE THE LATE BRIAN DEQUINCEY NEWMAN FOR HIS DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CELEBRATE HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4729 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ROGER BRASLEY, JR., FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL CAREER AND FOR HIS PHILANTHROPIC WORK THAT HAS BLESSED SO MANY IN HIS COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4730 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan,

Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ANGELA GAY BROWN OF COLUMBIA FOR HER DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CELEBRATE HER DISTINGUISHED CAREER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4731 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR NATIVE SOUTH CAROLINIAN AND AMERICAN FASHION DESIGNER SERGIO HUDSON, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS CELEBRATED CAREER, AND TO APPLAUD HIM ON THE NOVEMBER 18, 2023, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, RUN OF THE SERGIO HUDSON: FOCUSED ON THE FIT EXHIBITION AT THE COLUMBIA MUSEUM OF ART.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4732 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. GARY BETHEA OF COLUMBIA FOR HIS DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CELEBRATE HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4733 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel,

McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAMAL BRADLEY, PRESIDENT AND A FOUNDER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA JUNETEENTH FREEDOM FEST, FOR HIS PASSIONATE LEADERSHIP IN HIS COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4734 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BONITA CLEMONS, THE FOUNDER OF SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS FOCUSED ON COMMUNITY WELLNESS, HEALTH, NUTRITION, AND FOOD ACCESS, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING NAMED THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA WOMAN FARMER OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4735 -- Reps. Thayer, Rutherford, Hiott, Kirby, B. Newton and Thigpen: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULES 6.3 14. AND 15., AND 8.9 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ALL RELATING TO THE MOTION PERIOD, SO AS TO DELETE THE MOTION PERIOD AND ALL REFERENCES TO IT; AND TO AMEND RULE 8.6, RELATING TO WHEN THE PREVIOUS QUESTION MAY BE INVOKED (CLOTURE), SO AS TO REVISE THE PROCEDURE FOR INVOKING CLOTURE.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4736 -- Reps. Beach, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KANDY C. KELLEY, A CORONER IN THE PICKENS COUNTY CORONER'S OFFICE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CORONERS ASSOCIATION'S CORONER OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4737 -- Reps. Mitchell, Connell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MIDWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF KERSHAW COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY, TO COMMEND THE SCHOOL ON ITS ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST CENTURY, AND TO WISH ITS STUDENTS, FACULTY MEMBERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND ALUMNI WELL AS THEY CONTINUE TO HOLD HIGH THE FOUNDING STANDARDS OF MIDWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4738 -- Reps. Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MR. AND MRS. HEYWARD PRESTON DIXON OF DARLINGTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF BLESSING AND FULFILLMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4739 -- Reps. Mitchell and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TAMMY DELANE CATOE WITHROW, THE TOWN CLERK OF JEFFERSON, SOUTH CAROLINA, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4740 -- Reps. May, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CAROL ANN "ANNIE" HENDERSON AND CAROLYN L. HENDERSON, TO CELEBRATE THE LIVES OF THIS LOVING DAUGHTER AND MOTHER, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THEIR FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4741 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO URGE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS AS ARE NECESSARY TO ENACT A POLICY THAT SUPPORTS UNITED STATES BUSINESSES AND WORKERS WHILE PENALIZING GLOBAL POLLUTERS.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4742 -- Reps. Ott, Wooten, Caskey, Gilliam, Garvin, T. Moore, Rutherford, G. M. Smith, Murphy, B. J. Cox, Brewer, Cobb-Hunter, Stavrinakis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott,

Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF STANLEY L. MYERS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4743 -- Reps. B. Newton, Mitchell, Neese and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE LANCASTER DIXIE BASEBALL 6U ROOKIE ALL-STARS ON WINNING THE 2023 EAST REGIONAL DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL COACH PITCH CLASS A WORLD SERIES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4744 -- Reps. McCabe, Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett,

Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ALIZK RODRIGUEZ UPON BEING NAMED THE 2023-2024 SANDHILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR, TO THANK HER FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4745 -- Reps. McCabe, Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MICHELLE ROBINSON OF FOOD SERVICES UPON BEING NAMED 2023-2024 LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUR GOLDEN SPATULA

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR, TO THANK HER FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4746 -- Reps. McCabe, Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE KELLY HARTLEY UPON BEING NAMED 2023-2024 LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO THANK HER FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE AS SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL'S HEALTH SCIENCE INSTRUCTOR, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4747 -- Reps. McCabe, Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter,

Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE TERESA HILL UPON BEING NAMED 2023-2024 LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUR DISTRICT OFFICE SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR, TO THANK HER FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4748 -- Reps. McCabe, Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore,

Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE TIFFANY SPRADLEY UPON BEING NAMED THE 2023-2024 FRANCES MACK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR, TO THANK HER FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4749 -- Reps. May, McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CAPTAIN JOHN MCMAHAN, SUPERVISOR OF THE FIREARMS AND DRIVING RANGE AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, FOR HIS SUPERLATIVE PERFORMANCE WHILE REPRESENTING THE PALMETTO STATE AT NUMEROUS SHOTGUN SHOOTING EVENTS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4750 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Erickson, W. Newton, Stavrinakis, Bradley and Rivers: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE HONORABLE HENRY D. MCMASTER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, DECLARE AN ECONOMIC DISASTER OF THE DOMESTIC SHRIMPING INDUSTRY AND REQUEST A FISHERY RESOURCE DISASTER DETERMINATION BE MADE BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, PURSUANT TO THE FISHERY DISASTER IMPROVEMENT ACT.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4755 -- Reps. Carter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE D.W. DANIEL HIGH SCHOOL LIONS PRIDE MARCHING BAND AND BAND DIRECTOR ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO APPLAUD THEM ON WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND

DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4756 -- Reps. Carter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE D.W. DANIEL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES FOR A SPECTACULAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON TAKING HOME THE 2023 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4757 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Murphy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott,

Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR R. KEITH SUMMEY, MAYOR OF NORTH CHARLESTON, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS A COMMUNITY CONSENSUS BUILDER, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4608 -- Reps. Hayes and Atkinson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE LUMBER RIVER ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 AT THE BORDER OF MARION AND HORRY COUNTIES "PLAN LANNEAU ELVINGTON, SR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4632 -- Rep. J. E. Johnson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF CULTRA ROAD AND OAK

STREET IN THE CITY OF CONWAY IN HORRY COUNTY "JAMES ODELL COCHRAN INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4751 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024, IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4752 -- Reps. Ballentine, Kilmartin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4753 -- Reps. Ballentine, Kilmartin, Calhoon, Caskey, Forrest, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White, Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN UNDEFEATED SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2023 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4533 -- Reps. Beach, Magnuson and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "DEFEND THE GUARD ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-1930 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD MAY NOT BE RELEASED FROM THE STATE INTO ACTIVE-DUTY COMBAT UNLESS THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HAS TAKEN CERTAIN ACTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4534 -- Reps. Beach, Trantham and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1172 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A FIRST RESPONDER RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES OF FIRST RESPONDERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A QUALIFIED SURVIVING SPOUSE ALSO MEANS CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2510, RELATING TO CERTAIN SALES TAX CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ISSUE AN HONOR CARD TO A QUALIFIED SURVIVING SPOUSE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4535 -- Reps. Beach, Trantham, Haddon, Burns, Chumley and Nutt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SAFETY IN PRIVATE SPACES ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COVERED ENTITY THAT MAINTAINS A WATER CLOSET OR CHANGING FACILITY MUST HAVE FACILITIES FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF MALES AND FACILITIES FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF FEMALES OR A UNISEX FACILITY,

TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4536 -- Rep. Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-300 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF JULY EACH YEAR AS "JUVENILE ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH".

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4537 -- Rep. B. L. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 61-2-270 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK AND BEER AND WINE BY THE DRINK AT CERTAIN GOLF COURSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4538 -- Reps. Cromer, Trantham, Oremus, Magnuson, Pope, Guffey, Vaughan, Kilmartin, Beach, O'Neal, Nutt, Haddon, Burns and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT PHYSICAL PRIVACY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 59 SO AS TO STATE PURPOSES, PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, PROVIDE THAT EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL RESTROOM AND CHANGING FACILITY THAT IS ACCESSIBLE BY MULTIPLE PERSONS MUST BE DESIGNATED FOR USE ONLY BY MEMBERS OF ONE SEX, AND TO PROVIDE CIVIL PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4539 -- Reps. Gilliard, Clyburn, Henegan and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 31-3-60 SO AS TO REQUIRE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN HOUSING TO DISPLACED RESIDENTS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4540 -- Reps. Guffey, Trantham, Pope, Henegan, Taylor and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CHILDREN'S DEFAULT TO SAFETY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS

TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR CHILDREN AGAINST UNFILTERED DEVICES; TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO REQUIRE MANUFACTURERS OF SMART PHONES AND TABLETS TO AUTOMATICALLY ENABLE AND PASSCODE-PROTECT THE FILTERS BLOCKING MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINORS ON DEVICES ACTIVATED IN THIS STATE; TO SUBJECT MANUFACTURERS TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; AND TO SUBJECT INDIVIDUALS TO CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-490, RELATING TO CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR, SO AS TO PROHIBIT PROVIDING A PASSCODE TO REMOVE THE PORNOGRAPHY FILTER FOR AN INTERNET-ACCESSIBLE DEVICE BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN A MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4541 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope, Henegan, Chapman and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CHILD DATA PRIVACY AND PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ENTITIES MAY NOT COLLECT, RETAIN, PROCESS, OR SELL CERTAIN PERSONAL DATA, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ENTITIES SHALL UTILIZE PRIVACY BY DEFAULT, TO PROVIDE THAT USERS MUST HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR ACCOUNTS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL SUBPOENAS AND WARRANTS MUST BE EXPEDITED, TO PROVIDE THAT PRIVACY POLICIES MUST BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED, TO PROVIDE FOR METHODS FOR NOTIFICATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN, TO REQUIRE A REPORT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4542 -- Reps. Guffey, Trantham, Magnuson and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A COVERED PLATFORM

OPERATOR MAY NOT UPLOAD OR ALLOW A USER TO UPLOAD CERTAIN PORNOGRAPHIC IMAGES WITHOUT CERTAIN VERIFICATION, TO PROVIDE THAT A COVERED PLATFORM OPERATOR MUST ESTABLISH CERTAIN PROCEDURES, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN IMAGES MAY NOT BE UPLOADED WITHOUT CONSENT, TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE FOR CRIMINAL PENALTIES, TO ESTABLISH A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL CREATE CERTAIN CONSENT FORMS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4543 -- Reps. Haddon, McCravy, Trantham, Magnuson, Guffey, Taylor, Oremus, Burns, Chumley, Beach, Kilmartin, Cromer and O'Neal: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COMPANIES OWNED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY MAY NOT OWN, LEASE, POSSESS, OR EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OVER ANY REAL ESTATE IN THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4544 -- Reps. W. Jones, Clyburn, Taylor, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Pendarvis and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 31-1-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION MAY BUILD CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND MAINTAIN ITS PROPERTY TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4545 -- Reps. King, McDaniel and J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-5-110 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A FULL-TIME STATE EMPLOYEE IS ENTITLED TO ONE PAID HOLIDAY DURING THE MONTH OF THE EMPLOYEE'S BIRTH.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4546 -- Reps. Magnuson, A. M. Morgan, May, Beach, Burns, Chumley, Cromer, S. Jones, Kilmartin, Harris, McCabe, T. A. Morgan, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Trantham and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "NO OPEN-ENDED POWERS OF EMERGENCY (NOPE) ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-440, RELATING TO THE ADDITIONAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL JUSTIFY THE CONDITIONS WHICH LEAD TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY EXTEND A STATE OF EMERGENCY THROUGH A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION IN CERTAIN INSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4547 -- Reps. B. Newton, Dillard, Hyde, Henegan, Oremus and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 67, TITLE 12 OF THE S.C. CODE, UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2035; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM CREDIT AMOUNT MUST BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4548 -- Reps. Oremus, Hayes, McCravy, Trantham, Atkinson, Clyburn, Henegan, Taylor and West: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-1-1790, RELATING TO THE EARNINGS LIMITATION FOR A RETIRED MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM UPON THE RETURN TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS LIMITATION DOES NOT APPLY TO MEMBERS WHO RETURN TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT AS A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4549 -- Reps. Pedalino, Guffey, Taylor and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA PROTECTION

ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 4-1-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY NOT ENACT OR ENFORCE CERTAIN ORDINANCES THAT DO NOT CONFORM TO THE AMATEUR RADIO PREEMPTION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MAY NOT PROHIBIT AN OWNER OF A PROPERTY WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION FROM INSTALLING OR USING AN AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA ON THE PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4550 -- Reps. Pedalino, Trantham and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN EMERGENCY PERSONNEL.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4551 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Cobb-Hunter and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TAXPAYER IS ALLOWED AN INCOME TAX CREDIT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT THE TAXPAYER CLAIMED ON HIS FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN FOR THE CHILD TAX CREDIT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4552 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Clyburn and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4553 -- Reps. Rutherford and J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A LANDLORD FROM TAKING CERTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS OF A TENANT'S PERSONAL BELONGINGS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4554 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT RATIOS ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO ALLOW A TAXPAYER'S SPOUSE TO CLAIM THE FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO ON A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4555 -- Reps. Rutherford, King, Rivers, J. L. Johnson, Clyburn and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 53-5-10, RELATING TO STATE LEGAL HOLIDAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NINETEENTH DAY OF JUNE - JUNETEENTH IS A STATE LEGAL HOLIDAY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4556 -- Reps. Trantham, Pope, Henegan, Oremus, Vaughan, Haddon, Burns and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA BY ENACTING THE "VULNERABLE ADULT MALTREATMENT REGISTRY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 35, TITLE 43 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY, TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN REPORTS OF VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR EXPLOITATION ARE INDICATED AND WHETHER THERE IS A KNOWN PERPETRATOR OF THE MALTREATMENT AND TO ESTABLISH A RIGHT OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL AND JUDICIAL REVIEW; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN PERSONS DETERMINED TO HAVE ABUSED, NEGLECTED, OR EXPLOITED A VULNERABLE ADULT ON THE MALTREATMENT REGISTRY; TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITED ACCESS TO THE VULNERABLE ADULT MALTREATMENT REGISTRY; AND TO PROHIBIT THE RELEASE OF REPORTS OF VULNERABLE ADULT MALTREATMENT, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO CREATE A CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR THE UNAUTHORIZED RELEASE OF INFORMATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-35-10, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE "OMNIBUS ADULT PROTECTION ACT", SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONAL TERMS AND CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF

"INVESTIGATIVE ENTITY"; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 43-35-15 AND 43-35-40, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF CERTAIN INVESTIGATIVE ENTITIES TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF VULNERABLE ADULT MALTREATMENT, SECTION 43-35-45, RELATING TO VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION HEARINGS, AND SECTION 43-35-85, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR COMMITTING VULNERABLE ADULT MALTREATMENT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4557 -- Rep. Trantham: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT SMALL ARMS AND SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4558 -- Reps. Wooten and J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 20-3-132 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE USE OF CERTAIN SPOUSAL BENEFIT PAYMENTS TO OFFSET ALIMONY OWED BY THE PAYOR SPOUSE; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 20-3-120, 20-3-130, 20-3-150, 20-3-160, AND 20-3-170, ALL RELATING TO ALIMONY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR ALIMONY IN ACTIONS FOR SEPARATE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT, TO CREATE TRANSITIONAL ALIMONY AND FIXED-TERM ALIMONY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MODIFYING AND SUSPENDING OF CERTAIN KINDS OF ALIMONY, TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "CONTINUED COHABITATION", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4559 -- Reps. Bernstein, Rose and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-108, RELATING TO PROBATE, TESTACY, AND APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS AND THE ULTIMATE TIME LIMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS REGARDING AN INDIVIDUAL'S ESTATE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A CLAIM TO BE MADE PURSUANT TO THE "HONORING OUR PACT ACT OF 2022" REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S DEATH.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4560 -- Reps. Hixon, Atkinson, Chapman and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-9-495 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COURT MAY ORDER PAYMENT FOR DAMAGES INVOLVING AN UNDERINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE TO BE GARNISHED FROM THE DEBTOR'S WAGES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES GARNISH THE WAGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE JUDGMENT UTILIZING THE PROCESS ESTABLISHED IN CHAPTER 56, TITLE 12 OF THE S.C. CODE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-56-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO THE DEFINITION OF "CLAIMANT AGENCY" FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 56-9-495.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4561 -- Reps. Wetmore, Dillard, Collins, Erickson, B. Newton, Schuessler, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1348, RELATING TO USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO USE CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR DEPENDENT CARE OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO DEFINE "DEPENDENT CARE".

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4562 -- Reps. Beach, Clyburn and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-1-630, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES FOR SPOUSES OF ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES STATIONED IN THIS STATE SO AS TO MAKE THE LICENSES PERMANENT, AND TO REMOVE THE TEMPORARY DESIGNATION AND DURATION OF SUCH LICENSES, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4563 -- Reps. Bernstein, J. L. Johnson and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING

SECTION 6-11-345 SO AS TO CLARIFY THE POWER OF SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS TO OWN, ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, USE, LEASE, CONVEY, SELL, TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF PROPERTY IN FURTHERANCE OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS, TO PROVIDE THESE POWERS ARE IN ADDITION TO POWERS AND AUTHORIZATIONS PREVIOUSLY VESTED IN SUCH DISTRICTS, AND DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4564 -- Rep. Chumley: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW ORDINANCES FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES UNTIL JULY 1, 2026.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4565 -- Reps. Chumley, McCravy and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-158 SO AS TO PROVIDE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CARRIERS THAT OFFER OPTIONAL NEW CAR REPLACEMENT COVERAGE SHALL MAKE AN OFFER OF SUCH COVERAGE ON THE OPTIONAL COVERAGES FORM.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4566 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Clyburn and West: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-15-80, RELATING TO COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES WHO MAY BE DEPLOYED IN EMERGENCIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME FOR FIRST RESPONDERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES WHO MAY BE DEPLOYED IN EMERGENCIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO FIRST RESPONDER SURVIVING SPOUSES QUALIFIED TO RECEIVE CERTAIN TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE SURVIVING SPOUSES OF COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES KILLED WHILE DEPLOYED IN EMERGENCIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 42-7-90, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "FIRST RESPONDERS" FOR PURPOSES OF RECEIVING WORKERS' COMPENSATION AWARD

PAYMENTS BY THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND, SO AS TO INCLUDE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES WHO MAY BE DEPLOYED IN EMERGENCIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-130-20, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "FIRST RESPONDERS" IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA OVERDOSE PREVENTION ACT, SO AS TO INCLUDE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES WHO MAY BE DEPLOYED IN EMERGENCIES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4567 -- Rep. Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-7-20, RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION OF INSURANCE PREMIUM TAXES, SO AS TO DIRECT TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RESILIENCE FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4568 -- Reps. Cromer, Trantham, Magnuson and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-9-35, RELATING TO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE TRUSTEES MAY BE REMOVED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4569 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 34-3-105 SO AS TO LIMIT FEES THAT CERTAIN BANKS OR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THIS STATE MAY CHARGE FOR CASH TRANSFERS, DEPOSITS, OR WITHDRAWALS CONDUCTED AT AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4570 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-75 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES MAY NOT DELEGATE THEIR AUTHORITY OR APPOINT PROXIES TO VOTE OR OTHERWISE ACT ON THEIR BEHALF, TO PROVIDE ANY ACTIONS TAKEN BY SUCH DELEGATIONS OR PROXIES

ARE NULL AND VOID AB INITIO, AND TO PROVIDE TRUSTEES WHO DELEGATE THEIR AUTHORITY OR APPOINT PROXIES TO VOTE OR OTHERWISE ACT FOR THEM ARE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL BY THE GOVERNOR.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4571 -- Reps. Gilliard, Cobb-Hunter, J. L. Johnson and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 19 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE REPORTING OF MEDICAL DEBT INFORMATION AND CERTAIN OTHER INFORMATION THAT IS NOT RELEVANT TO THE CREDIT OR PAYMENT HISTORY OF A CONSUMER, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR INVESTIGATING VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4572 -- Reps. Guffey, Trantham and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-485 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REVIEW AND APPROVE ALL INTERNET WEBSITES, COMPUTER APPLICATIONS, AND OTHER COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROPOSED FOR USE ON SCHOOL-ISSUED DIGITAL DEVICES TO ENSURE THEIR ALIGNMENT TO CURRICULUM APPROVED FOR USE IN SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND STUDENTS, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A PROCEDURE FOR DISTRICT PERSONNEL TO OBTAIN SUCH APPROVAL.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4573 -- Reps. Hewitt and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT OF 2024"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-195 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE FROM ENACTING OR ENFORCING AN ORDINANCE, RESOLUTION, OR REGULATION THAT PROHIBITS THE RENTAL OF A RESIDENTIAL

DWELLING TO A SHORT-TERM GUEST, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, AND TO DEFINE TERMS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4574 -- Reps. Hyde and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-77-15, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHER EDUCATION EXCELLENCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING SINGLE-GENDER WOMEN'S INSTITUTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4575 -- Reps. Jefferson, J. L. Johnson and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-20-51 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING IN SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025, A NEW TEACHER MUST RECEIVE A STARTING ANNUAL SALARY OF NO LESS THAN FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND A CURRENT TEACHER WHO EARNED LESS THAN FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR MUST RECEIVE A SALARY OF NO LESS THAN FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4576 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROSECUTORS PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 30, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE CURRENT AND FORMER PROSECUTORS HAVE THE OPTION OF MAKING PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION HELD BY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE, TO PROVIDE LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED PROCEDURES FOR EXERCISING THIS OPTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION SHALL CREATE A FORM FOR USE BY PROSECUTORS WHEN REQUESTING NONDISCLOSURE OF

PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION, AND TO SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FORM.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4577 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Carter, Clyburn and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-20-50, RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULES, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL PAY EACH CERTIFIED SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER WHO IS TEACHING SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSES FULL-TIME IN THE DISTRICT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF AT LEAST FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS BEGINNING WITH THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4578 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "HAIR BRAIDING" FROM BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY, AND TO REMOVE CERTAIN EXCLUDED ACTIVITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-390, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING HAIR BRAIDING AND PERSONS PROVIDING MAKE-UP ARTISTRY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-360, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING HAIR BRAIDING AND PERSONS PROVIDING MAKE-UP ARTISTRY; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 40-7-255 RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF HAIR-BRAIDING PRACTITIONERS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4579 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 11-7-20, RELATING TO ANNUAL AUDITS OF STATE AGENCIES AND OTHER PUBLICLY FUNDED ENTITIES BY THE STATE AUDITOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE AUDITOR ALSO SHALL ANNUALLY AUDIT EACH COUNTY, COUNTY AGENCY AND OFFICE, MUNICIPALITY, MUNICIPAL AGENCY AND OFFICE, JUDICIAL OFFICE, AND SCHOOL DISTRICT; BY

REPEALING SECTION 4-9-150 RELATING TO COUNTY AUDITS; BY REPEALING SECTION 5-7-240 RELATING TO MUNICIPAL AUDITS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-17-100 RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDITING REPORTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-25 RELATING TO PERIODIC AUDITS OF CERTAIN COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL OFFICES BY THE STATE AUDITOR.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4580 -- Reps. McDaniel, Clyburn and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-13-265 SO AS TO PROVIDE LICENSED COSMETOLOGISTS, ESTHETICIANS, AND NAIL TECHNICIANS MAY PROVIDE SERVICES PERMITTED FOR WHICH THEY ARE LICENSED ON LOCATION IN THE HOME OF A CLIENT OR AT CERTAIN EVENT VENUES; AND TO PROVIDE SUCH LICENSEES SHALL ENSURE ALL EQUIPMENT IS APPROPRIATELY SANITIZED WHEN PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES OUTSIDE OF A SALON; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-110, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, OR RESTRICTION OF LICENSE, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4581 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF BARBERING, SO AS TO DEFINE "BLOW-DRY STYLING"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-390, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING BLOW-DRY STYLING SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO DEFINE "BLOW-DRY STYLING"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-360, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM REGULATION BY THE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING BLOW-DRY STYLING SERVICES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4582 -- Reps. Oremus and Trantham: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-67-460, RELATING TO CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS OR CONTRACTORS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO DELETE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH CONTRACTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-67-540, RELATING TO SUPPLIES AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE-OWNED BUSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY INCLUDE SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE IN SUCH PRIVATE CONTRACTS BY ENTERING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT RELEASES THE DISTRICT TO INCLUDE SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4583 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Cobb-Hunter, J. L. Johnson and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-158-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNING ACTIONS, SANCTIONS, BYLAWS, AND RULES OF ATHLETIC CONFERENCES OR COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS MAY NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ABILITY OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO EARN COMPENSATION FOR THEIR NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS OR PARTICIPATE IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC EVENTS UNLESS THE ATHLETE HAS COMMITTED CERTAIN RULES VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-40, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING PREVENTING OR UNDULY RESTRICTING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES FROM EARNING COMPENSATION FOR USE OF THEIR NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4584 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-5-20, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SUPREME COURT TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SUPREME COURT MAY PROMULGATE RULES AND

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

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4585 -- Reps. Trantham and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-17-15, RELATING TO PROHIBITIONS ON PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS FROM SERVING AS LOBBYISTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE WAITING PERIOD FOR ELIGIBILITY FROM ONE YEAR TO TWO YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE SUCH ELECTED OFFICIALS MUST HAVE SERVED THE FULL TERM TO WHICH THEY WERE LAST ELECTED BEFORE THEY OR THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS MAY SERVE AS LOBBYISTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-70, RELATING TO PROHIBITIONS ON MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM ELECTION TO JUDICIAL OFFICE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE WAITING PERIOD FOR ELIGIBILITY FROM ONE YEAR TO TWO YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE THEY MUST HAVE SERVED THE FULL TERM TO WHICH THEY WERE LAST ELECTED BEFORE THEY MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO JUDICIAL OFFICE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4586 -- Reps. Wooten, Carter, J. L. Johnson and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS BY ENACTING THE "PRIVATE LANDOWNER PROTECTION ACT";

BY ADDING SECTION 5-3-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE COUNTIES MAY DEANNEX AREAS OF EXISTING MUNICIPALITY CORPORATE LIMITS PURSUANT TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-90, RELATING TO MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION NOTICE FILING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNEXING CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND TO PROVIDE COUNTY COUNCILS HAVE LEGAL STANDING TO CHALLENGE MUNICIPAL ANNEXATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 5-31-1520, RELATING TO EXTENSIONS OF MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS BEYOND CITY LIMITS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE CONDITIONING OF SUCH EXTENSIONS ON PROPERTY ANNEXATION, TO PROHIBIT MUNICIPALITIES FROM CONDITIONING THE CONTINUATION OF SUCH SERVICES ON ANNEXATION, AND TO PROVIDE EXISTING CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS THAT CONDITION THE PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICES OR OTHER MUNICIPAL SERVICES ON ANNEXATION ARE VOID AND UNENFORCEABLE.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4587 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-59-235 SO AS TO PROVIDE HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURERS SHALL CONFIRM RECEIPT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS-RELATED INFORMATION BY UNITED STATES MAIL, EMAIL, OR FAX UPON REQUEST AND IN A CERTAIN MANNER; TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT PREVAIL OVER CONFLICTING PROVISIONS IN INSURANCE POLICIES OR OTHER INSURANCE CONTRACTS; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4588 -- Reps. Beach, Cromer, Thayer, Gagnon, West, Trantham, Guffey and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-320, RELATING TO CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORMS SUBMITTED FOR PURPOSES OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE ALSO SERVING AS NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION

PURPOSES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES REGARDLESS OF FORM, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE, OR AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF A QUALIFIED ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE, AS APPROPRIATE, ALONG WITH CHANGE OF ADDRESS INFORMATION TO THE APPROPRIATE ELECTIONS OFFICE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4589 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-120, RELATING TO VOTE COUNTING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE PROVIDING THAT INCUMBENTS HOLD OVER PENDING FINAL DETERMINATION OF ANY CONTESTS FILED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-140, RELATING TO APPEALS FROM DECISIONS REGARDING MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONTESTS, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE PROVIDING THAT A NOTICE OF APPEAL ACTS AS A STAY OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT APPEALS ARE TO BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY OF CONSIDERATION BY THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4590 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Carter, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Taylor and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-25, RELATING TO EARLY VOTING, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF EARLY VOTING CENTERS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4591 -- Reps. Taylor and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-870 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING OR INSTANT RUNOFF BALLOTS IN THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS IN THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4592 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-190,

RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN OFFICE, SO AS TO ELIMINATE RUNOFFS FOR SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4593 -- Reps. Taylor and West: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1885, RELATING TO OVERTAKING AND PASSING ANOTHER VEHICLE IN THE FARTHEST LEFT-HAND LANE OF A CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION, AS WELL AS THE ASSESSMENT OF POINTS AGAINST A PERSON'S MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING RECORD.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4594 -- Reps. Ballentine, Pope, Clyburn and West: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2023 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4595 -- Reps. Blackwell and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2023 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-50, RELATING TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS SPECIFICALLY NOT ADOPTED BY THE STATE, SO AS TO ADOPT INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 168(K) RELATING TO BONUS DEPRECIATION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4596 -- Reps. Guffey and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-499 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO PROHIBIT THE ELECTRONIC DEVICES IT MANAGES FROM ACCESS AND USE OF WEBSITES AND APPLICATIONS THAT THREATEN CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE FROM FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC THREATS, SUCH AS TIKTOK.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4597 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-6-37 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR NONPROFIT ENTITY THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDS, AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH INVESTIGATIONS MAY BE INITIATED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-6-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "AGENCY", SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4598 -- Reps. Burns, Carter, Clyburn and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT SALES MADE TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH FEDERAL TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4599 -- Reps. B. Newton, Pope and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4200, RELATING TO THE DISBURSEMENT OF BINGO TAX REVENUES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE THAT IS CREDITED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT FUND AND DECREASE THE PERCENTAGE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 51-23-20, RELATING TO ALLOCATION OF PROCEEDS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION FUND, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT THAT MUST BE CREDITED TO EACH COUNTY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4600 -- Reps. Thayer, Cobb-Hunter and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3710, RELATING TO THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR TAXPAYERS THAT HIRE FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CREDIT IS NOT EARNED IF THE HIRED INDIVIDUAL IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER ON THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4601 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4100, RELATING TO PREVENTING ESCAPE OF MATERIALS LOADED ON VEHICLES AND CLEANING THE HIGHWAYS OF ESCAPED SUBSTANCES OR CARGO, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 56-5-4110 TO CLARIFY THE EXCEPTIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN FARM PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 56-5-4110 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT LOADS AND COVERS MUST BE FIRMLY ATTACHED.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4602 -- Reps. Hardee, Carter and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-22-915 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR EXPUNGEMENT OF FIRST OFFENSE NONVIOLENT OFFENSES AND DRUG TREATMENT COURT OFFENSES AFTER CERTAIN TIME PERIODS WITHOUT PENDING CHARGES OR ADDITIONAL CONVICTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 17-22-910, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR EXPUNGEMENT, SO AS TO REFERENCE EXPUNGEMENT PROVISIONS IN SECTION 17-22-915; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-22-940, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY BY THE COURT FOR PARTICIPANTS IN DRUG TREATMENT COURTS BEFORE EXPUNGEMENT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4603 -- Reps. Hartnett and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-65 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF RECKLESS

ENDANGERMENT, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE OFFENSE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4604 -- Rep. Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-25-20, RELATING TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENSES IN THE SECOND DEGREE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PRETRIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAMS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4605 -- Reps. Wooten and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-65 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE OFFENSE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4606 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 68 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BUS PRIVATIZATION ACT OF 2024", INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA SHALL NOT OWN, PURCHASE, OR ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL BUSES ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2028, AND ITS PRESENT FLEET OF SCHOOL BUSES BE SOLD OR DISPOSED OF ON A PHASED-IN BASIS BEGINNING IN 2025, TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON A PHASED-IN BASIS INDIVIDUALLY OR TOGETHER WITH OTHER DISTRICTS SHALL PROVIDE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OR BY CONTRACT MAY ENGAGE A PRIVATE ENTITY TO PROVIDE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH THE PRIVATE ENTITY PROVIDING ALL SCHOOL BUSES, PERSONNEL TO OPERATE, AND AUXILIARY SERVICES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR TERMS, CONDITIONS, PROCEDURES, AND REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE PROVISION OF THESE SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT STATE SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE FACILITIES, ON A PHASED-IN BASIS BEGINNING IN 2025, SHALL BE LEASED OR SOLD TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR

PRIVATE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS OR IN THE ABSENCE OF A SALE OR LEASE CLOSED, TO ESTABLISH A "SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT FUND" CONSISTING OF SPECIFIED FUNDS WHICH MUST BE USED TO REIMBURSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE COST OF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ON A FORMULA BASIS AND TO INCREASE TEACHER SALARIES FROM SAVINGS RESULTING FROM PRIVATIZATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO PRIVATE ENTITIES PROVIDING SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND FOR SCHOOL BUS, DRIVER, PASSENGER, AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS IN REGARD TO THESE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-67-460, RELATING TO CONTRACTS BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH PRIVATE CONTRACTORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR A GROUP OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IS AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT TO HAVE THEIR SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY A PRIVATE ENTITY WHICH FURNISHES ITS OWN BUSES, PERSONNEL, AND AUXILIARY SERVICES PRIOR TO THE REQUIRED IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF THE DISTRICT'S ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 68, TITLE 59; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-67-460 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028, RELATING TO SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WHEN THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES IS TRANSFERRED FULLY TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4607 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-450 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP AND MANAGE A STATEWIDE SEXUAL EXTORTION INVESTIGATION AND OUTCOME DATABASE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4609 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-2-105, RELATING TO GOLF CART PERMITS AND THE OPERATION OF

GOLF CARTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ENACT ORDINANCES TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS TO OPERATE IN DESIGNATED AREAS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS AT NIGHT.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4610 -- Reps. Hixon, Carter, Clyburn and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-70, RELATING TO HIGHWAY TRANSFERS TO THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUST PROPERLY MAINTAIN ROADS TRANSFERRED INTO THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4611 -- Reps. Hixon, Pope, Chapman and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-785 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE UNLAWFUL REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF ELECTRONIC COLLARS OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES PLACED ON DOGS BY THEIR OWNERS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4612 -- Reps. Hixon, Magnuson, Pope, Chapman, Taylor and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 55-3-110, RELATING TO HUNTING FROM AN AIRCRAFT, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS POSSESSING A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY LAWFULLY HUNT FROM AN AIRCRAFT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-1190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY ISSUE PERMITS FOR THE TAKING OF FERAL HOGS WHILE AIRBORNE IN A HELICOPTER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4613 -- Rep. Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1520, RELATING TO GENERAL RULES AS TO MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERAN MUST BE ISSUED A WARNING TICKET FOR A FIRST-OFFENSE SPEEDING VIOLATION.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4614 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-1-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE A CHARGE OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE WHERE GREAT BODILY INJURY OR DEATH OCCURS MAY NOT BE NOLLE PROSSED OR DISMISSED WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4615 -- Reps. King and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-850 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EQUIPMENT MUST BE MAINTAINED ON FUNERAL ESCORT AND LEAD VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE RIGHT OF WAY CONDITIONS FOR FUNERAL PROCESSIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES IN FUNERAL PROCESSIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION OF LIABILITY FOR INJURIES THAT OCCUR IN FUNERAL PROCESSIONS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-950, RELATING TO OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE DRIVERS OF FUNERAL LEAD VEHICLES, FUNERAL ESCORT VEHICLES, AND VEHICLES IN FUNERAL PROCESSIONS ARE EXEMPT FROM PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4616 -- Rep. McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-21-950, RELATING TO GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR PARDON, SO AS TO MAKE GRAMMATICAL AND TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES AN INMATE BE CONSIDERED FOR A

PARDON BEFORE A PAROLE ELIGIBILITY DATE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4617 -- Reps. Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Bannister, Pope, Wooten, Haddon, Brewer, Burns, Thayer, Kirby, Oremus, Hager, Hyde, Sessions, Carter, McDaniel, Magnuson, Hayes, W. Newton, Bauer, Trantham, J. L. Johnson, Henegan, Guffey, Chapman, Leber and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-230, RELATING TO SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ADD XYLAZINE AS A SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, WITH EXCEPTIONS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-372 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE PRODUCTION, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, OR POSSESSION OF XYLAZINE, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH ASSOCIATED CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4618 -- Reps. King, Cobb-Hunter and J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-17-70, RELATING TO PATERNITY COURT ORDERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ORDER TO FACILITATE THE CORRECTION OF PATERNITY REFERENCES ON THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE IF THE PUTATIVE FATHER IS DETERMINED NOT TO BE THE FATHER OF THE CHILD, TO REVOKE PREVIOUS ORDERS ESTABLISHING CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS FOLLOWING SUCH A DETERMINATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4619 -- Reps. Oremus, Trantham, Magnuson, Pope, Guffey and S. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA'S CHILDREN DESERVE HELP NOT HARM ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 47, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PHYSICIANS, OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES FROM PROVIDING OR FACILITATING THE PROVISION OF GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN, TO PROHIBIT THE

USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR SUCH GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES, TO PROVIDE FOR PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, TO CREATE A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE AND TO ESTABLISH DAMAGES THAT MAY BE AWARDED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-295 SO AS TO PROHIBIT HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS AND HEALTH CARRIERS FROM REIMBURSING FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4620 -- Reps. Robbins, Carter, Cobb-Hunter, Trantham, Pope, Guffey, Hartnett and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-820, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE AS A GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN PRIVATE FAMILY COURT CASES, SO AS TO REQUIRE A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK TO SERVE AS A GUARDIAN AD LITEM.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4621 -- Reps. Robbins, Carter, Cobb-Hunter, Trantham, J. L. Johnson and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-17-20, RELATING IN PART TO AN UNMARRIED FATHER'S VISITATION RIGHTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO AWARD VISITATION TO THE FATHER IF PATERNITY IS ACKNOWLEDGED OR ADJUDICATED, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4622 -- Reps. Sessions, J. L. Johnson, Pope and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-327 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO ITEMIZED PATIENT BILLING FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND SUPPLIES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4623 -- Reps. Haddon, Cobb-Hunter, Trantham, Magnuson, Pope, Clyburn and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-462 SO AS TO EXCUSE ABSENCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHEN PARTICIPATING IN CERTAIN WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES INCLUDING ORGANIZED COMPETITIONS OR EXHIBITIONS OF FFA ORGANIZATIONS OR 4-H PROGRAMS, AND TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING AND COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS MISSED DURING SUCH EXCUSED ABSENCES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4624 -- Reps. Hiott, G. M. Smith, McCravy, Davis, Vaughan, Trantham, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Oremus, Hartnett, Leber, Long, Nutt, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Murphy, Mitchell, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, West, Gilliam, Cromer, Kilmartin, O'Neal, Yow and S. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO DEFINE GENDER, SEX, AND OTHER TERMS, TO PROHIBIT THE PROVISION OF GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES TO A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-32-36 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF AND OFFICIALS FROM WITHHOLDING KNOWLEDGE OF A MINOR'S PERCEPTION OF THEIR GENDER FROM THE MINOR'S PARENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4625 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope and West: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "FAITHFUL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION COMMISSIONERS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-1520 SO AS TO ESTABLISH OFFENSES FOR CERTAIN ACTS RELATED TO THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF COMMISSIONERS TO AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4626 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope and West: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE SELECTION AND OVERSIGHT OF COMMISSIONERS TO AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING AMENDMENTS AS AUTHORIZED IN ACT 241 OF 2022.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4627 -- Reps. Bernstein and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-7-85 SO AS TO PROVIDE MOTOR VEHICLE AND MOTORCYCLE OWNERS MAY BE CHARGED WITH VIOLATING LOCAL ORDINANCES THAT RESTRICT THE PRODUCTION OF EXCESSIVE NOISE BY A MOTOR VEHICLE OR MOTORCYCLE WHEN THEIR VEHICLES VIOLATE THE ORDINANCES AND TO DEFINE THE TERMS "MOTOR VEHICLE OWNER" AND "MOTORCYCLE OWNER".

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4628 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 56 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING HEMP-DERIVED CANNABINOID.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4629 -- Reps. Magnuson, A. M. Morgan, Pace, Cromer, Beach, Oremus, Kilmartin, S. Jones and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-410, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15, 2027, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL SERVE AS SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, TO PROVIDE IN SELECTING A CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR SHALL EXAMINE WHETHER THE PERSON POSSESSES CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION'S COMPENSATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4630 -- Reps. Gilliard, Cobb-Hunter, J. L. Johnson and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH SKILLED NURSING FACILITY, NURSING HOME, COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY, OR AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY SHALL PROVIDE AN AUDIO/VIDEO CAMERA IN PATIENTS' ROOMS FOR THE FAMILY OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A RESIDENT IN THE FACILITY TO USE FOR PURPOSES OF REMOTELY MONITORING THE CARE OF THE RESIDENT, AND TO PROVIDE ANY RECORDINGS MADE BY THE MONITOR MUST BE SECURED AND AVAILABLE ONLY TO THE PATIENT, HIS FAMILY MEMBER, OR HIS LEGAL GUARDIAN, IN ORDER TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4631 -- Reps. Gilliard and J.L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-20-51 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING IN SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025, A NEW TEACHER MUST RECEIVE A STARTING ANNUAL SALARY OF NO LESS THAN SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND A CURRENT TEACHER WHO EARNED LESS THAN SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR MUST RECEIVE A SALARY OF NO LESS THAN SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4633 -- Reps. Murphy, Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Hewitt, Trantham, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Chapman, Hartnett, Leber, West, W. Newton, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLAWFULLY LURING ANOTHER PERSON, TO PROVIDE FOR A MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE WHEN THE VICTIM IS A MINOR, TO PROVIDE FOR PUNISHMENT FOR ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING OFFENSES, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "MINOR".

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4634 -- Reps. Taylor and West: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE AGENCY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT SHALL PROVIDE AN ITEMIZED LIST OF ANY MATCHING FUNDS AND A SUMMARY OF ANY CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRANT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4635 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE APPRAISERS AND INSURERS MAY NOT REQUIRE INSUREDS TO USE CERTAIN FACILITIES TO REPAIR OR REPLACE DAMAGED AUTOMOBILE SAFETY GLASS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4636 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-7-90, RELATING TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVE MILITARY FORCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THIRTY DAYS OF PAID MILITARY LEAVE EACH YEAR.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4637 -- Rep. Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY FESTIVAL THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDING OR INCENTIVES MUST PROVIDE FREE ADMISSION TO ALL SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS WHO PRESENT A VALID PROOF OF RESIDENCY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4638 -- Rep. Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE AS BOARD MEMBERS OR TRUSTEES IF THEY ARE MEMBERS OF ANOTHER ORGANIZATION THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDING OR INCENTIVES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4639 -- Reps. Dillard and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 31-21-40, 31-21-50, AND 31-21-60, ALL RELATING TO HOUSING DISCRIMINATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST DUE TO SOURCE OF INCOME.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4640 -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-40, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL APPOINT ONE COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR EACH COUNTY IN THE STATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR TWO FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES IN EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4641 -- Reps. Mitchell, Guffey, Leber and West: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT, BY ADDING SECTION 38 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY LAW MAY ESTABLISH MILITARY COURTS TO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN GOOD ORDER AND DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE STATE'S ORGANIZED MILITIA; AND BY PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11, ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO PRESENTMENTS AND INDICTMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MILITARY COURTS, AS MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY LAW BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PRESENTMENT AND INDICTMENT REQUIREMENT IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE MAGISTRATE COURTS OF THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4642 -- Rep. Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-20, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF ACT OF CONGRESS, SO AS TO DISALLOW CONFLICTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-40, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2420, RELATING TO THE MILITARY CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "MILITARY FORCES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2430, RELATING TO PERSONS SUBJECT TO CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR WHAT JURISDICTION DUTY STATUS INCLUDES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2520, RELATING TO NONJUDICIAL DISCIPLINARY PUNISHMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PERSONS MAY NOT DECLINE NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2530, RELATING TO TYPES OF COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR WHOM A SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL CONSISTS OF; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2550, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF GENERAL COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO REMOVE FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2560, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF SPECIAL COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO REMOVE FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2570, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PUNISHMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2620, RELATING TO DETAIL AND DESIGNATION OF MILITARY JUDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY CONVENING A SUMMARY COURT-MARTIAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2765, RELATING TO VOTING AND RULINGS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN REFERENCES TO THE PRESIDENT OF A COURT MARTIAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2780, RELATING TO RECORD OF TRIAL, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2795, RELATING TO FORFEITURE OF PAY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE SENTENCE OF FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2805, RELATING TO THE REDUCTION IN PAY GRADE AND THE RESTORATION OF BENEFITS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2865, RELATING TO THE REMISSION OR SUSPENSION OF A SENTENCE, SO AS TO REPLACE FORFEITURES WITH FINES;

BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2985, RELATING TO THE IMPROPER USE OR DISCLOSURE OF PAROLE OR COUNTERSIGN, SO AS TO INCLUDE WHEN THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3140, RELATING TO WRIT WHEN FINE HAS NOT BEEN PAID, SO AS TO UPDATE DATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3145, RELATING TO WRIT OF SENTENCE OF CONFINEMENT, SO AS TO UPDATE DATES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3160, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OF CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE IS NOT BINDING ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4643 -- Reps. Oremus, Magnuson and Nutt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "TAXPAYER TRANSPARENCY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 15 TO CHAPTER 9, TITLE 4 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE A SEARCHABLE BUDGET DATABASE WEBSITE, TO PROVIDE FOR UPDATES TO THE DATABASE WEBSITE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DATABASE MUST BE SEARCHABLE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN MEETINGS MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING IN REAL TIME BY LIVE VIDEO STREAM.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4644 -- Reps. Oremus and Nutt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN CHURCH PROPERTY BEING USED FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF CHILDREN FROM PRESCHOOL TO TWELFTH GRADE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4645 -- Reps. Pace and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE A CHILD WHO ATTENDS A

QUALIFYING PRIVATE SCHOOL, PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, OR HOME SCHOOL.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4646 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Carter and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "FIRST RESPONDERS COMMUNICATION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 8-15-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MAY NOT BE PROHIBITED FROM COMMUNICATING WITH AN ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIAL FOR ANY JOB-RELATED PURPOSE.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4647 -- Reps. Cromer and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1123 SO AS TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL AND HIS FAMILY MEMBERS AND TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION FOR THREE YEARS AFTER THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL CEASES SERVICE IN PUBLIC OFFICE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4648 -- Rep. Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-701 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC OFFICIAL AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL FROM RECEIVING ANY FINANCIAL GAIN RESULTING FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL MATTER OR BUSINESS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4649 -- Reps. Bannister, Carter, Leber, Vaughan and West: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE CERTAIN SECURITY PERSONNEL TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND SECURITY ON SCHOOL PREMISES IF LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS, AND TO

PROVIDE DISTRICTS REMAIN OBLIGATED TO USE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS LICENSURE, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO SECURITY OFFICER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION AGENCY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4650 -- Reps. Forrest, Oremus and Hartnett: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF NATURAL GAS, LIQUID NATURAL GAS, PROPANE, AND BUTANE AS ELECTRIC GENERATION RESOURCES AND TO DEEM THESE RESOURCES AS "GREEN ENERGY" RESOURCES, AND TO ENCOURAGE INTERESTED PARTIES TO IDENTIFY AND IMPLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE USE OF THESE RESOURCES FOR ELECTRIC GENERATION, AND TO REQUIRE STATE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES TO INCORPORATE THESE RESOURCES TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4651 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ANNEXATION FAIRNESS ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 5-3-95 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY HAS LEGAL STANDING TO CHALLENGE AN ANNEXATION/DEANNEXATION BY A MUNICIPALITY IN THE APPROPRIATE JURISDICTION AND TO SEEK APPROPRIATE RELIEF; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-10, RELATING TO POWER TO EXTEND CORPORATE LIMITS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE POWER TO REDUCE CORPORATE LIMITS, AND TO PROVIDE NO REDUCTION MAY RESULT IN THE FORMATION OF UNINCORPORATED ISLANDS OR NONCONTIGUOUS INCORPORATED AREAS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-100,

RELATING TO THE ALTERNATE ANNEXATION METHOD WHEN THE ENTIRE AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED IS OWNED BY THE ANNEXING MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-120, RELATING TO THE ANNEXATION ALTERNATE METHOD WHEN THE ENTIRE AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED IS OWNED BY A CORPORATION, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-130, RELATING TO THE ALTERNATE METHOD FOR ANNEXATION WHEN THE ENTIRE AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED IS OWNED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-140, RELATING TO THE ALTERNATE METHOD WHEN THE ENTIRE AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED IS OWNED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-150, RELATING TO THE ALTERNATE METHOD FOR ANNEXATION WHERE PETITIONED BY SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OR MORE OF RELEVANT LANDOWNERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO DELETE ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-210, RELATING TO SUBSEQUENT ANNEXATION ELECTIONS AFTER DEFEAT OF AN ANNEXATION ELECTION, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-235, RELATING TO LIMITS ON THE ASSESSED VALUE OF A SINGLE FREEHOLDER'S REAL PROPERTY AT THE TIME OF PROPOSED ANNEXATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-300, RELATING TO AN ADDITIONAL ANNEXATION PROCEDURE FOR AREAS CONTIGUOUS TO A MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-315, RELATING TO PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE PROVISIONS RELATING TO PROPOSED ANNEXATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS, TO MAKE PUBLIC HEARINGS MANDATORY, AND TO REMOVE PROVISIONS CONCERNING NONCOMPLIANCE WITH NOTICE PUBLICATION

REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-31-1520, RELATING TO EXTENSIONS OF MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS BEYOND MUNICIPAL LIMITS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT CONDITIONING THE PROVISION OR CONTINUED PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICES ON ANNEXATION STATUS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 5-3-280 RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR THE REDUCTION OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATE LIMITS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4652 -- Reps. Burns and Nutt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN LOCAL PLANNING AND PERMITTING ENTITIES SHALL REVIEW AND RENDER DECISIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR BUILDING PERMITS, CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY, ZONING VARIANCES AND APPEALS, OR OTHER LICENSES WITHIN FORTY-FIVE CALENDAR DAYS AFTER SUBMISSION OR THE APPLICATION MUST BE DEEMED APPROVED, AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4653 -- Rep. Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-5-66 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL CONDUCT CERTAIN AUDITS AND ON-SITE INSPECTIONS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH STATEWIDE MODEL SAFE SCHOOL POLICIES AND RELATED REGULATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4654 -- Reps. Cromer and Nutt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-31-5 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-31-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY COLLECTION STANDARDS THAT PROHIBIT THE ACQUISITION OR RETENTION OF MATERIALS THAT ARE SEXUALLY EXPLICIT OR HARMFUL TO CHILDREN,

TO MAKE THE ACQUISITION AND RETENTION OF SEXUALLY RELEVANT MATERIALS DISCRETIONARY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL BOOK VENDORS, THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-31-47 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL NOT PROVIDE STUDENTS ACCESS TO SEXUALLY RELEVANT MATERIALS WITHOUT WRITTEN PARENTAL CONSENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-31-10, RELATING TO THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE SHALL, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DEVELOP CERTAIN VOLUNTARY STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY SERVICES AND MANDATORY STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PERIODIC REVIEW AND UPDATE OF SUCH STANDARDS; TO PROVIDE DATES BY WHICH CERTAIN INITIAL REVIEW AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT MUST OCCUR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-31-45 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF TEXTBOOKS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4655 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MANDATORY MINIMUM PERIODS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECESS IN FOUR-YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE EACH YEAR IN ADDITION TO OTHER CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RECESS PERIODS MUST BE HELD INDOORS DURING TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER; TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 AS "PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY"; TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL TAKE CERTAIN MEASURES TO CONFORM THEIR RESPECTIVE REGULATIONS AND RULES TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE

PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT PREVAIL TO THE EXTENT THEY CONFLICT WITH ANY SUCH REGULATIONS AND RULES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4656 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Carter and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-11-720, RELATING TO ENTITIES WHOSE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4657 -- Rep. S. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 41-8-125 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE COPIES OF E-VERIFY DOCUMENTATION MAINTAINED BY EMPLOYERS, TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS SHALL PROVIDE SUCH COPIES UPON REQUEST, AND TO PROVIDE SUCH REQUESTING PARTIES SHALL RELY ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO VERIFY THE EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY OF AN EMPLOYEE AND MAY NOT INDEPENDENTLY MAKE A FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING SUCH A VERIFICATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4658 -- Reps. King and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-55-190 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE INSURERS SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN LIFE INSURANCE POLICY INFORMATION OF A DECEDENT TO FUNERAL DIRECTORS, FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS, OR CREMATORIES CONTACTED ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY OF THE DECEDENT, TO PROVIDE RELATED PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4659 -- Rep. McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-930, RELATING TO DEVELOPMENTAL IMPACT FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A MUNICIPALITY, A COUNTY, OR BOTH,

RESPECTIVELY MAY IMPOSE AN IMPACT FEE THAT APPLIES ONLY TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS, ONLY TO COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS, OR BOTH; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-920, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ACT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4660 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-25-230 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DISTRIBUTION OF DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT DEEPFAKE MEDIA OF A CANDIDATE WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF AN ELECTION UNLESS THE MEDIA INCLUDES REQUISITE DISCLOSURE LANGUAGE, AND TO AUTHORIZE A CANDIDATE WHOSE LIKENESS IS DEPICTED IN MEDIA DISTRIBUTED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION TO SEEK INJUNCTIVE OR OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF AS WELL AS AN ACTION FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE DISTRIBUTOR OF THE MEDIA.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4661 -- Reps. Pace and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REFERENDUM ON A PROPOSAL BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR SCHOOL DISTRICT TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, INCUR GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT OR LEVY TAXES OR FEES MUST BE HELD AT THE TIME OF A STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER OF AN EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4-10-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "GENERAL ELECTION" FOR PURPOSES OF LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REFERENDUMS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4662 -- Reps. Pope, Chapman and Nutt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-85, RELATING TO HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE OF A CHILD UNDER THIS SECTION FROM

UNDER THE AGE OF ELEVEN TO UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4663 -- Reps. Beach, Mitchell, Guffey, B. L. Cox, Lawson, Nutt and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 27 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT EVERY OFFICE, DIVISION, OR OTHER UNIT BY ANY NAME OF EVERY OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE, AND ALL OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING ALL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FROM PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4664 -- Rep. Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO ENSURE A BUSINESS WILL GIVE SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS PRIORITY IN EMPLOYMENT BEFORE OFFERING ECONOMIC INCENTIVES TO RECRUIT THE BUSINESS TO THIS STATE, AND TO REQUIRE A BUSINESS TO CERTIFY CERTAIN STAFFING REQUIREMENTS BEFORE RECEIVING AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4665 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-260 SO AS TO REQUIRE EVERY MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SERVE AS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, OR OTHERWISE VOLUNTEER, AT A SOUTH CAROLINA K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4666 -- Reps. Magnuson, Trantham, S. Jones and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SAVE OUR PROPERTY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 12-45-440 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE AN ASSESSOR TO DEFER PROPERTY TAXES UNTIL THE NEXT YEAR ON CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL OR AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY IF AN

APPLICANT'S INCOME IS LESS THAN A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THE COUNTY MEDIAN INCOME.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4667 -- Reps. Caskey and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-40, RELATING TO FAMILY COURT JUDGES ELECTED FROM EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SO AS TO INCREASE BY TWO THE NUMBER OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES IN THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4668 -- Rep. S. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-15-30, RELATING TO BOND AND MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CONDITIONS OF RELEASE, SO AS TO REQUIRE A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE TO SET OR DENY BOND AND DETERMINE CONDITIONS OF RELEASE OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH CRIMES THAT CARRY MAXIMUM SENTENCES OF THREE YEARS OR MORE AND WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING ILLEGAL ALIENS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4669 -- Reps. Pace, Magnuson and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-655, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR, PENALTIES, AND DEATH PENALTY AVAILABLE FOR CERTAIN REPEAT OFFENDERS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEATH PENALTY FOR PERSONS WHO COMMIT CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A VICTIM UNDER ELEVEN YEARS OF AGE AND DELETE THE REPEAT OFFENDER REQUIREMENT, AND TO CLARIFY THAT BOTH MITIGATING AND AGGRAVATING FACTORS PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-3-20, MURDER, ARE APPLICABLE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4670 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-23-430, RELATING TO HEARINGS ON A PERSON'S FITNESS TO STAND TRIAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CIRCUIT COURT TO

ORDER INPATIENT TREATMENT OF PERSONS DETERMINED UNFIT TO STAND TRIAL IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4671 -- Rep. Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1230, RELATING TO THE PRODUCTION AND PERIODIC ISSUANCE OF NEW PLATES, AND THE ISSUANCE OF REVALIDATION STICKERS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO THE PORTION OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE FEES PLACED IN A SPECIAL RESTRICTED ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR THE PRODUCTION AND ISSUANCE OF NEW LICENSE PLATES, TO PROVIDE LICENSE PLATES MUST BE ISSUED ANNUALLY FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE NO REVALIDATION STICKERS MAY BE ISSUED FOR PLATES ON INTERSTATE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE REVALIDATION STICKERS MAY BE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4672 -- Reps. Erickson and Elliott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE VARIOUS TERMS RELATING TO DRIVERS' LICENSES, PERMITS, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-555 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ESTABLISH A SYSTEM FOR ISSUING OPTIONAL ELECTRONIC OR DIGITALLY ISSUED CARDS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4673 -- Reps. Erickson and Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-50, RELATING TO BEGINNERS' PERMITS, HOURS AND CONDITIONS OF VEHICLE OPERATION, RENEWAL AND FEES, DRIVERS' TRAINING COURSES, AND ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL LICENSURE, SO AS TO EXEMPT ADDITIONAL PERSONS FROM OBTAINING BEGINNERS' PERMITS BEFORE OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD MAY TAKE THE DRIVING TEST AFTER

MAINTAINING A BEGINNERS' PERMIT FOR AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4674 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1240, RELATING TO THE DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY, TO PROVIDE HOW LICENSE PLATES MUST BE FASTENED TO VEHICLES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPLAY OF TEMPORARY LICENSE PLATES ON LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4675 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-550, RELATING TO THE FEE FOR EXPEDITING REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF DOCUMENTS OR RECORDS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE FEE, TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION RELATES TO THE EXPEDITED DELIVERY OF BEGINNERS' PERMITS, DRIVERS' LICENSES, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DELIVERY OF THE CARDS, TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, AND TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS COLLECTED MUST BE RETAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-420, RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION OF FEES COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MAY COLLECT FEES FOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE PRINTED AND PROVIDED IN PERSON AT ITS BRANCH OFFICES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THESE FEES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4676 -- Reps. S. Jones and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-440, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR DRIVING WITHOUT LICENSE AND SUMMARY COURT JURISDICTION FOR THIS OFFENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR PERSONS

WHO VIOLATE THIS PROVISION AND ALSO ARE FOUND TO BE UNDOCUMENTED ILLEGAL ALIENS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4677 -- Reps. S. Jones, Carter, Magnuson and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING "MADDIE'S LAW"; BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2915 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF "RECKLESS DRIVING WITH GREAT BODILY INJURY" AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2910, RELATING TO RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4678 -- Rep. S. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-520 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A DRIVER'S LICENSE NOT RECOGNIZED IN THIS STATE AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4679 -- Reps. Pope and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-13-40, RELATING TO THE COMPUTATION OF TIME SERVED BY PRISONERS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS PRISONERS TO USE TIME SPENT UNDER MONITORED HOUSE ARREST AGAINST THEIR SENTENCE WHEN COMPUTING TIME SERVED BY A PRISONER.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4680 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Henegan and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197, RELATING TO THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "FIREFIGHTER" TO PROVIDE THE TERM INCLUDES CERTAIN NONRESIDENTS OF THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4681 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Henegan, Chapman and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-1-230, RELATING TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM NINE TO TEN BY ADDING A PERSON WHO REPRESENTS THE SOUTH CAROLINA CORONERS' ASSOCIATION AS A MEMBER.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4682 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-765 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PARK VEHICLES IN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF HIGHWAYS MAINTAINED BY GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THESE VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-700, RELATING TO PROHIBITIONS ON DUMPING LITTER ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS REMOVAL, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE MOTOR VEHICLES ARE CONSIDERED LITTER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4683 -- Reps. White and Nutt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-310, RELATING TO OPEN SEASONS FOR HUNTING ANTLERED DEER, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE OPEN SEASON IN GAME ZONES 1 AND 2 FOR HUNTING ANTLERED DEER WITH ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AND FIREARMS IS OCTOBER 11 THROUGH JANUARY 15.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4684 -- Reps. Burns and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PRESSLEY CAVIN STUTTS, JR., PATIENT AND HEALTH PROVIDER PROTECTION ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-364 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESCRIBING OF OFF-

LABEL MEDICATIONS AND, IF PRESCRIBED, TO REQUIRE THEIR DISPENSING, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4685 -- Reps. Bustos and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-1-320 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE CONSTRUCTION OR INSTALLATION OF SEPTIC TANKS WITHIN A CERTAIN PROXIMITY TO WATERWAYS OR THE COAST OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4686 -- Reps. Bustos, Chapman and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-6-90 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF CERTAIN CHEMICALS INTO THE STATE'S WATERWAYS AND DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4687 -- Reps. Dillard, Henegan and S. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-40, RELATING TO INFANT SAFE HAVENS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE USE OF NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4688 -- Reps. S. Jones and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-55 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO COLLECT DATA ON THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF PATIENTS, TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO REPORT SUCH INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AND THE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE DATA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4689 -- Reps. T. Moore, Guffey, Carter, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hartnett and West: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CHILDREN'S DEVICE PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 63 SO AS TO REQUIRE SMARTPHONES AND TABLETS TO CONTAIN CERTAIN FILTERS AND OTHER FEATURES TO PREVENT MINORS FROM ACCESSING OBSCENE MATERIALS THROUGH THE INTERNET; TO CREATE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR MANUFACTURERS OF THESE DEVICES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SOLICITORS TO BRING ACTIONS TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE; TO CREATE A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF MINORS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO ESTABLISH DAMAGES THAT MAY BE RECOVERED; AND TO DESIGNATE SECTIONS 63-1-10 THROUGH 63-1-50 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "STATE POLICY AND GENERAL PROVISIONS"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-490, RELATING TO THE CRIME OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4690 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, Magnuson and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-29-180, RELATING TO SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE VACCINATION AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DETERMINE ANY MANDATED VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4691 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Pope, Guffey, Nutt, Taylor, Hartnett and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 23 TO TITLE 63 SO AS TO RECOGNIZE THAT PARENTS HAVE THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR CHILDREN;

TO PROHIBIT THE STATE FROM SUBSTANTIALLY BURDENING THOSE PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO OBTAIN PARENTAL CONSENT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR VIOLATION OF THE CHAPTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4696 -- Reps. Guffey and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY MAY NOT COMMUNICATE WITH A SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM IN CERTAIN INSTANCES, TO PROVIDE APPLICABILITY, TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN CONSUMER RIGHTS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXERCISING OF CERTAIN RIGHTS, TO ESTABLISH AN APPEALS PROCESS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS THAT WAIVE RIGHTS ARE VOID, TO PROVIDE THAT A CONTROLLER SHALL ESTABLISH METHODS TO SUBMIT REQUESTS, TO PROVIDE FOR DUTIES FOR CONTROLLERS, TO PROVIDE FOR A PRIVACY NOTICE, TO PROVIDE FOR DUTIES OF A PROCESSOR, TO PROVIDE FOR A DATA PROTECTION ASSESSMENT, TO PROVIDE FOR DUTIES OF A CONTROLLER IN POSSESSION OF DEIDENTIFIED DATA, TO PROVIDE THAT A CONTROLLER MAY NOT ENGAGE IN THE SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL DATA, TO PROVIDE FOR ACTIONS THAT ARE NOT RESTRICTED, TO PROVIDE FOR THIRD-PARTY DATA DISCLOSURE, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PERSONAL DATA MAY NOT BE PROCESSED, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A VIOLATION IS AN UNFAIR AND DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4697 -- Reps. Kilmartin and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1172 SO AS TO EXEMPT THE RETIREMENT INCOME OF FIRST RESPONDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND TEACHERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4698 -- Reps. Leber and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-125 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LICENSED MANUFACTURER OF HARD CIDER OR MEAD TO PROVIDE TASTINGS OF HARD CIDER OR MEAD MANUFACTURED IN THIS STATE ON ITS PREMISES AND UP TO THREE OFF-SITE LOCATIONS AND TO ALLOW THE PRODUCER OF MEAD TO DISTRIBUTE THE MEAD PRODUCTS TO LICENSED RETAILERS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4699 -- Reps. Magnuson, Pace, Cromer, A. M. Morgan, May, Beach, Burns, Chumley, Harris, S. Jones, Kilmartin, McCabe, T. A. Morgan, O'Neal, Oremus, Trantham, White, Guffey and Nutt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS MAY NOT OFFER INCENTIVES OR SUBSIDIES TO CERTAIN COMPANIES THAT ENGAGE IN THE PROMOTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, OR GOVERNANCE OBJECTIVES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4700 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope, Guffey, Chapman and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY MAY NOT PERMIT CERTAIN MINORS TO BE ACCOUNT HOLDERS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL RESTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS TO MINORS DURING CERTAIN HOURS; TO PROVIDE FOR CONSUMER COMPLAINTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION HAS AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT; TO PROVIDE FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN WAIVERS AND LIMITATIONS ARE VOID.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4701 -- Reps. Caskey, Guffey, Pope and Nutt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "RESTRICTING EXPLICIT AND ADULT-DESIGNATED EDUCATION RESOURCES (READER) ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 59-31-5 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-31-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY COLLECTION STANDARDS THAT PROHIBIT THE ACQUISITION OR RETENTION OF MATERIALS THAT ARE SEXUALLY EXPLICIT OR HARMFUL TO CHILDREN, TO MAKE THE ACQUISITION AND RETENTION OF SEXUALLY RELEVANT MATERIALS DISCRETIONARY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL BOOK VENDORS, THE STATE LIBRARY, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-31-47 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL NOT PROVIDE STUDENTS ACCESS TO SEXUALLY RELEVANT MATERIALS WITHOUT WRITTEN PARENTAL CONSENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-31-10, RELATING TO THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD SHALL, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DEVELOP CERTAIN MANDATORY STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT, TO PROVIDE THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD SHALL CONSULT WITH THE COMMITTEE TO ADOPT VOLUNTARY STANDARDS FOR OTHER SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PERIODIC REVIEW AND UPDATE OF SUCH STANDARDS; TO PROVIDE DATES BY WHICH CERTAIN INITIAL REVIEW AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT MUST OCCUR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-31-45 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF TEXTBOOKS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4702 -- Reps. Davis and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGH

THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION PLAN AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERS AT LEAST ONE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE THAT MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4703 -- Reps. Davis and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STEM OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) COALITION, THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION FUND WITHIN THE STATE TREASURY, AND THE SC STEM COALITION ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND TO PROVIDE THEIR RESPECTIVE PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4704 -- Rep. Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-13-20, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE POSSESSION OF A DOCTORAL DEGREE MAY NOT BE REQUIRED AMONG THE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE OR CERTIFICATION AS A SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-3-10, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO REVISE ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS TO INCLUDE A MINIMUM OF A BACHELOR'S DEGREE INSTEAD OF A MASTER'S DEGREE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4705 -- Reps. Kilmartin and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-69-280 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS MAY NOT USE FUNDS APPROPRIATED FOR SCHOOL OPERATING PURPOSES TO DIRECTLY OR

INDIRECTLY PAY OR OTHERWISE DEFRAY THE COSTS OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OR OTHER ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FEES OR DUES ON BEHALF OF ITS EMPLOYEES OR TRUSTEES, OR REIMBURSE ITS EMPLOYEES OR TRUSTEES FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH FEES OR DUES, AND TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES WHO PAY FEES OR DUES FOR MEMBERSHIP IN AN ASSOCIATION DIRECTLY RELATED TO THEIR PROFESSION MUST RECEIVE AN INCREASE IN SALARY IN THE AMOUNT OF SUCH FEES OR DUES PAID UP TO A TOTAL OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR EACH SCHOOL YEAR, UPON PROVIDING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH DOCUMENTATION OF THE PAYMENT AND ITS PURPOSE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4706 -- Rep. Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-395 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES WHO HOLD ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICE ARE ENTITLED TO THE EQUIVALENT OF FIVE PAID WORKDAYS DURING EACH SCHOOL YEAR TO ATTEND MEETINGS OR TRAINING RELATED TO THEIR OFFICE, AND TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4707 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-430 SO AS TO ESTABLISH STATEWIDE POLICIES CONCERNING SEX IDENTIFICATION AND PERSONAL PRONOUN USAGES IN K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE RELATED RIGHTS OF SCHOOL EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, AND STUDENTS CONCERNING PERSONAL PRONOUN USE THAT DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO THE SEX OF A PERSON, AND TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-32-30, RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, SO AS TO IMPOSE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF MALES AND FEMALES IN THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-31-610, RELATING TO PUBLIC REVIEW AND HEARINGS CONCERNING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

PENDING ADOPTION BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO IMPOSE RELATED REQUIREMENTS ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT MUST BE ALLOWED IN PUBLIC MEETINGS, TO PROVIDE MATERIAL ADOPTED IN VIOLATION OF THESE PROVISIONS IS VOID AND PROHIBITED FOR USE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO PROVIDE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED MATERIALS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4708 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SCHOOL PROTECTION OFFICER ACT"; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 66, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, THE GOVERNING BOARDS OF GOVERNMENT K-12 SCHOOLS AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION MAY DESIGNATE EMPLOYEES AS SCHOOL PROTECTION OFFICERS TO PROVIDE ARMED PROTECTION AND OTHER RELATED PUBLIC SAFETY FUNCTIONS ON THEIR CAMPUSES, TO DEFINE RELATED TERMINOLOGY, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-112 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COUNCIL MUST DEVELOP GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOL PROTECTION OFFICER TRAINING THAT MUST BE OFFERED BY THE CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY, TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS TRAINING, AND TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 16-23-420, RELATING TO THE EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROHIBITION OF POSSESSING FIREARMS ON GOVERNMENT SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO EXEMPT SCHOOL PROTECTION OFFICERS; TO REDESIGNATE CHAPTER 66, TITLE 59 AS "SCHOOL SAFETY", AND TO REDESIGNATE SECTIONS 59-66-20, 59-66-30, AND 59-66-40 AS ARTICLE 1 ENTITLED,"GENERAL PROVISIONS".

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4709 -- Reps. Rivers, Atkinson and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-29-15, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CURSIVE WRITING BE TAUGHT IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE CURSIVE WRITING

INSTRUCTION MUST BEGIN IN SECOND GRADE AND CONTINUE IN EACH GRADE THROUGH FIFTH GRADE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4710 -- Reps. West, G. M. Smith, Bannister, Davis, Guest, Forrest, Hewitt, M. M. Smith, Long, B. Newton, Thayer, Hager, Leber, Mitchell, Brittain, Gatch, Hixon, Pope and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-35-50, RELATING TO MAXIMUM UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS ALLOWED, SO AS TO SET THE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS BASED ON SEASONAL ADJUSTED STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4711 -- Reps. Guffey and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-25-180, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF CAMPAIGN LITERATURE, SO AS TO DECLARE UNLAWFUL CERTAIN OTHER CONDUCT WITHIN THE PROXIMITY OF AN ENTRANCE TO A POLLING PLACE OR EARLY VOTING LOCATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4712 -- Reps. Ott, Atkinson, Henegan and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 57-23-810 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DEPOSIT YARD DEBRIS ON TO A PUBLIC HIGHWAY, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4713 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-17-55 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS TO CONTRACT WITH A PERSON WHOSE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE LOBBYING.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4714 -- Rep. Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 4-9-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAXES

MUST BE ADOPTED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL AND TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETINGS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4715 -- Reps. Ott, Pope and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-45, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO APPROPRIATE MONIES TO PAY THE FULL SALARY AND FRINGE BENEFITS OF THE COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICER.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4716 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-30-30, RELATING TO THE INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS BY EMPLOYEES OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION AND BY PERSONS ACTING UNDER COLOR OF LAW OR OTHERWISE, SO AS TO PROVIDE INTERCEPTION OF WIRE, ORAL, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS BY PERSONS IS LAWFUL IF ALL PARTIES CONSENT PRIOR TO THE INTERCEPTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4717 -- Reps. Haddon, Chapman and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-59-150 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "YOUNG FARMER LOAN PROGRAM" UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK ACT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 48-59-50, RELATING TO BANK POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE BANK SHALL ADMINISTER THE "YOUNG FARMER LOAN PROGRAM".

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4718 -- Reps. Stavrinakis and Wetmore: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS UNDER THE STATE'S CONSTITUTION, BY ADDING SECTION 26 SO AS TO CREATE A

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO MAKE AND CARRY OUT ONE'S OWN REPRODUCTIVE DECISIONS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO AN ABORTION, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4719 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL SHALL DEVELOP A MINIMUM SET OF STANDARDS THAT A STATE OR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MUST FOLLOW WHEN ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A MEDIATION PROGRAM AS AN ALTERNATE METHOD OF RESOLVING LAW ENFORCEMENT MISCONDUCT COMPLAINTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4720 -- Rep. Bannister: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT IF THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR BEGINS WITHOUT A GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THAT YEAR IN EFFECT, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

On motion of Rep. BANNISTER, with unanimous consent, the Joint Resolution was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 4754 -- Reps. Sandifer and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 57, TITLE 40 SO AS TO OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDERS OF PRELICENSING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-57-725 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND PENALTIES AND APPEALS; AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 57, TITLE 40, RELATING TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINE TERMS, MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, DEFINE THE USE OF APPLICATION FEES, OUTLINE THE PROCEDURE FOR A LICENSE CLASSIFICATION CHANGE, ALLOW FOR RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS, PROHIBIT BAD

FAITH AGREEMENTS, REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF REQUIRED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION FOR BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, PROHIBIT ENGAGING IN, REPRESENTING OTHERS IN, OR ASSISTING OTHERS IN THE PRACTICE OF WHOLESALING, REGULATE TEAM MARKETING, AND ADDRESS LICENSING AFTER REVOCATION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

ROLL CALL

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

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal

Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--119

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. TRANTHAM a leave of absence due to prior commitments.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. M. Mayes DuBose of Sumter was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on

second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3015
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	W. NEWTON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3424
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	LONG, VAUGHAN, HADDON, BURNS, CHUMLEY, KILMARTIN, CROMER, O'NEAL, YOW, GILLIAM and W. NEWTON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3467
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3616
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	HADDON, BURNS, CHUMLEY and KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3933
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3989
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	JEFFERSON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4121
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4125
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4187
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	W. NEWTON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4529
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	OREMUS and O'NEAL

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4535
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	HADDON, BURNS, CHUMLEY and NUTT

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4538
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	VAUGHAN, KILMARTIN, BEACH, O'NEAL, NUTT, HADDON, BURNS and CHUMLEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4543
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	BURNS, CHUMLEY, BEACH, KILMARTIN, CROMER and O'NEAL

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4544
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	HADDON, BURNS, CHUMLEY, PENDARVIS and DILLARD

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4547
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4548
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	WEST

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4556
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	VAUGHAN, HADDON, BURNS and CHUMLEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4566
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	WEST

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01/09/24	KILMARTIN

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01/09/24	S. JONES

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

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Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	LONG, NUTT, HADDON, BURNS, CHUMLEY, MURPHY, MITCHELL, BREWER, ROBBINS, GATCH, WEST, GILLIAM, CROMER, KILMARTIN, O'NEAL, YOW and S. JONES

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

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Bill Number:	H. 4633
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	WEST, W. NEWTON, MITCHELL and YOW

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4634
Date:	ADD:
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CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4641
Date:	ADD:
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CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4649
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01/09/24	VAUGHAN and WEST

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4665
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4687
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	S. JONES

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4689
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	WEST

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4690
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4691
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	VAUGHN, LONG, HADDON, CHUMLEY, BEACH, KILMARTIN, CROMER, OREMUS, O'NEAL, WEST and GILLIAM

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4698
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	HARTNETT

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4700
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	BEACH, KILMARTIN, CROMER, OREMUS, O'NEAL, VAUGHAN, NUTT, HADDON, BURNS, CHUMLEY and WEST

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4703
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	WEST

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4710
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	MURPHY, BREWER and CALHOON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4717
Date:	ADD:
01/09/24	WEST

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:49 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. HERBKERSMAN, adjourned in memory of Douglas Corken, to meet at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 2:00 p.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalms 126:2B: "The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoice."

Let us pray. Good and gracious Lord, You have provided for these Representatives and Staff good things to carry out Your love for us. Thank You for Your many blessings. Bestow Your grace upon our first responders and defenders of freedom. Gracious God, thank You for Your many acts of goodness and mercy. Grant to these Representatives and Staff the opportunity You have given them to provide needful things for this House and the people they serve. We pray for this divided World that You may protect our homeland. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. Look in favor upon our men and women who serve to keep us safe. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. OTT moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Stanley Myers, which was agreed to.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4617 -- Reps. Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Bannister, Pope, Wooten, Haddon, Brewer, Burns, Thayer, Kirby, Oremus, Hager, Hyde, Sessions, Carter, McDaniel, Magnuson, Hayes, W. Newton, Bauer, Trantham, J. L. Johnson, Henegan, Guffey, Chapman, Leber, Kilmartin,

Robbins and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-230, RELATING TO SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ADD XYLAZINE AS A SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, WITH EXCEPTIONS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-372 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE PRODUCTION, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, OR POSSESSION OF XYLAZINE, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH ASSOCIATED CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4624 -- Reps. Hiott, G. M. Smith, McCravy, Davis, Vaughan, Trantham, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Oremus, Hartnett, Leber, Long, Nutt, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Murphy, Mitchell, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, West, Gilliam, Cromer, Kilmartin, O'Neal, Yow, S. Jones, Landing, Ballentine, Sandifer, Crawford and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO DEFINE GENDER, SEX, AND OTHER TERMS, TO PROHIBIT THE PROVISION OF GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES TO A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-32-36 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF AND OFFICIALS FROM WITHHOLDING KNOWLEDGE OF A MINOR'S PERCEPTION OF THEIR GENDER FROM THE MINOR'S PARENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4758 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder,

Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEBBY STIDHAM FOR HER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OFFICE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4759 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SAINT PAUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF WINNSBORO FOR A

CENTURY AND A HALF OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO EXTEND WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE CHURCH'S HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4760 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF RANDY CRAIG SIMS OF WINNSBORO AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4761 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF BARBARA WILLINGHAM JONES OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4762 -- Reps. Felder, Guffey, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR PEGGY UPCHURCH OF YORK COUNTY FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN AND TO WISH HER WELL AS SHE CONTINUES TO SERVE FEDERATED

REPUBLICAN WOMEN AT THE NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVEL.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4763 -- Reps. Ligon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHIEF ANDREW H. MARTIN OF THE WEST CHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON A HALF CENTURY OF HELPING THE CHESTER COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4764 -- Reps. Wooten, Ballentine, Calhoon, Caskey, Forrest, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox,

B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE GRAY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY CHEER SQUAD, COACHES, AND ADMINISTRATION FOR AN EXCELLENT SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4765 -- Reps. Wooten, Kilmartin, Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore,

Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH PHIL SAVITZ OF RIVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER AS BOTH COACH AND EDUCATOR, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS APPROACHING RETIREMENT AS A COACH, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4766 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE PINEVIEW RURITAN CLUB AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4767 -- Reps. Howard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BISHOPVILLE NATIVE DRINK SMALL, AMERICAN SOUL BLUES AND ELECTRIC BLUES GUITARIST, PIANIST, SINGER, AND SONGWRITER, FOR HIS LONG AND SUCCESSFUL CAREER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4768 -- Reps. Howard, Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber,

Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A FABULOUS SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4769 -- Reps. Rivers, Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MOTHER MAGGIE BARNETT MAGWOOD OF GREEN POND, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND

TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4770 -- Reps. Rivers, Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ESSIE MAE HOLMES ON THE OCCASION OF HER EIGHTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4771 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott,

Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WHITE KNOLL HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH NEAL SMITH AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING NAMED THE AAAAA LOWER STATE ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4772 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SANDY

GERONOMI OF LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE UPON BEING NAMED 2023-2024 WHITE KNOLL HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR, TO THANK HER FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4773 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE WHITE KNOLL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2023 CLASS AAAAA LOWER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM ON BEING NAMED CLASS AAAAA STATE RUNNER-UP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4774 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Calhoon, Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer,

Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA LOWER STATE CLASS AAA CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4775 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford,

Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TOMEKA LOVE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF RED BANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FOR HER YEARS AS AN EXCELLENT EDUCATOR IN THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON BEING NAMED THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA ELEMENTARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4776 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WHITE KNOLL HIGH SCHOOL HEAD FOOTBALL COACH NICK PELHAM AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING NAMED THE AAAAA LOWER STATE HEAD COACH OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4777 -- Reps. Thayer, West, Gagnon, Beach, Chapman, Cromer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE PALMETTO HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2023 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4778 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones,

W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BENJAMIN KEAGBOREKUZI IKENCHUKU GBENOBA, DEIN OF THE AGBOR KINGDOM IN NIGERIA, AND EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH AMERICA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4779 -- Reps. Henegan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., FOR ITS PHILANTHROPIC WORK AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2024, "ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA DAY" AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4780 -- Reps. Henegan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF NELLIE "JEAN" STREATER OF CHERAW, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4781 -- Reps. Henegan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes,

Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR ELDER JOHNNY GREEN OF VICTORY WALK MINISTRIES FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS IN SERVICE AND TO WISH HIM GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4782 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CYNTHIA LOUISE JAMES WALTERS, THE DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT PRISMA HEALTH, AND TO CONGRATULATE

HER AS SHE RETIRES AFTER FORTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE WITH PRISMA HEALTH.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4783 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS OF KILLIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO, UPON THE OCCASION OF THE SCHOOL'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4784 -- Rep. May: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SHOW ITS UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S DEFENSE OF ITS

TERRITORY AND CITIZENS AND TO CONDEMN THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY HAMAS AGAINST ISRAEL.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4785 -- Rep. May: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO URGE THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT TO CONSIDER AMENDING ITS RULES TO PERMIT MILITARY VETERANS WHO RESIDE IN SOUTH CAROLINA BUT ARE LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN ANOTHER STATE TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR WITHOUT THE NECESSITY OF TAKING A BAR EXAM WHILE PROTECTING THE INTEGRITY OF BAR ADMISSIONS.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4786 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. BENDITO PAULO MANUEL FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND TO WELCOME HIM TO THE UNITED STATES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4787 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CONGREGATION AND PASTOR OF NEW MT. OLIVET AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH, FOR ONE HUNDRED FIFTY YEARS OF WORSHIPING THEIR GOD AND SERVING THEIR COMMUNITY, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SESQUICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4788 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF CHARLES S. CHESTNUT III, CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER, FORMER ALACHUA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, AND ALACHUA COUNTY COMMISSIONER, AND TO HONOR HIS REMARKABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CAUSE OF CIVIL RIGHTS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4789 -- Rep. Sandifer: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JAMEY GOLDIN AND JULIE GOLDIN ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER, GEORGIA GRACE GOLDIN, ON NOVEMBER 3, 2023.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4790 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore,

Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MS. BERNIE BELL OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4791 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE LAURA CADY OF JAMES ISLAND FOR HER QUICK THINKING AND CALM DEMEANOR UPON DISCOVERING A SEVERELY INJURED PERSON IN HER NEIGHBORHOOD AND TO THANK HER FOR THE SWIFT ACTIONS THAT HELPED SAVE THE LIFE OF THAT PERSON, JENNIFER DRUMMOND.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4792 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Brewer, Bustos, Gatch, Gilliard, Hartnett, Hewitt, Landing, Leber, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE DAVID J. MACK III AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4793 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin,

King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GLEN RECTOR, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR OF WILSON HALL, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING INDUCTED INTO THE HILTON HEAD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4794 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JENNIFER WOLFE, EBENEZER MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARIAN, ON BEING NAMED 2023 PEE DEE REGIONAL SCHOOL LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL

LIBRARIANS; TO COMMEND HER FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE; AND TO WISH HER MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4795 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOEY DUGGAN, CHIEF OF THE CITY OF SUMTER FIRE DIVISION, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4796 -- Reps. S. Jones, Gilliam, Willis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos,

Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LAURENS ACADEMY VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4797 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins,

Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21-27, 2024, AS NATIONAL CORONER AND MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATOR WEEK IN HONOR OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CORONERS' ASSOCIATION, CORONERS, DEPUTY CORONERS, AND MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4798 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THEODIUS OATES, JR., OF HOPKINS, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4799 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR NATALIE SENN, SUPPORT STAFF AT NEWBERRY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEWBERRY COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2023-2024 SUPPORT STAFF EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4800 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones,

W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARIE WISE, A TEACHER AT MID-CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE SCHOOL'S 2023-2024 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND NEWBERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2023-2024 TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4801 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF LIEUTENANT MICHAEL CHARLES WOOD, JR., OF NEWBERRY COUNTY AND

TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4802 -- Rep. Magnuson: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 4.6 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO REQUESTS BY MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FOR COMMITTEES TO TAKE UP THEIR BILLS, SO AS TO ADD THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE SET BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS WITH THIRTY OR MORE SPONSORS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE MEASURE BY THE FULL COMMITTEE OR SUBCOMMITTEE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF ITS REFERRAL TO THE COMMITTEE; AND TO AMEND RULE 5.1, RELATING TO INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS AND THEIR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SPONSORED BY A MAJORITY OF THE HOUSE TO BE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4803 -- Reps. McCabe, Forrest, Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford,

Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ZAMAYA GARY, ELLA LEAPHART, CAMERON NORMAN, ADDISON PEAGLER, KATIE REED, STARLYNN ROBERTSON, AND KAYLA PIZZUTI, THE GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL ALL-REGION COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADERS FOR 2023.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4804 -- Reps. Bernstein, Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE TRENHOLM LITTLE LEAGUE MAJORS 12U SOFTBALL TEAM AND COACHES FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA LITTLE LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4805 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MONUMENTAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLORENCE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR A HALF-CENTURY OF SERVICE AS A "MONUMENT TO GOD AND TO NORTH FLORENCE".

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4806 -- Reps. Rivers and Gilliard: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF THE SEA ISLAND PARKWAY IN BEAUFORT COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH COWEN CREEK BLUFF TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH COWEN CREEK BRIDGE "MONTFORD POINT MARINES WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4807 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SUMTER NATIVE JORDAN MONTGOMERY ON HIS DEBUT AS A STARTING PITCHER FOR THE 2023 WORLD SERIES AND TO APPLAUD HIS TEAM, THE TEXAS RANGERS, ON CAPTURING THEIR FIRST WORLD SERIES TITLE IN TEAM HISTORY.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 894 -- Senator Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MICHAEL A. LOCKLIEAR UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF MONCKS CORNER, TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS TWENTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 898 -- Senator Verdin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF MICHAEL DEL PRIORE, TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS, AND TO HONOR HIS MEMORY ON WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN HIS SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 937 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER AND HONOR HARRIETTE EUGENIA "HETTIE" ANDERSON, THE MODEL FOR THE STUNNING SAINT-GAUDENS DOUBLE EAGLE COIN MINTED FROM 1907 TO 1933.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 938 -- Senators Rice, Cash and Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BUTCH WOMACK, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EASLEY, FOR OVER FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4808 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT SALES MADE TO INDIVIDUALS EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2646, RELATING TO RETAILERS POSTING NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4809 -- Rep. May: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-1-315 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON MAY ENTER AND REMOVE A MINOR, VULNERABLE ADULT, OR AN ANIMAL FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE IF THE MINOR, VULNERABLE ADULT, OR ANIMAL IS EXPERIENCING A LIFE THREATENING OR EXTREME HEALTH THREATENING SITUATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO REMOVES A MINOR, VULNERABLE ADULT, OR AN ANIMAL PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS IMMUNE FROM CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LIABILITY; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 15-3-700 RELATING TO IMMUNITY FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE INCURRED IN RESCUE OF A MINOR OR VULNERABLE ADULT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4810 -- Reps. Bannister and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN CLOTHING REQUIRED FOR USE IN PERISHABLE PREPARED FOOD MANUFACTURING FACILITIES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4811 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1230 SO

AS TO PROVIDE THAT OVERTIME INCOME IS EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN TAXES.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4812 -- Rep. Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-40-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A QUALIFYING CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL RECEIVE A CERTAIN INCREASE IN FUNDING.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4813 -- Reps. Wooten and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-23-60, RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE ISSUED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL, SO AS TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING CERTIFICATION MUST UNDERGO CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, TO PROVIDE SLED AND THE FBI MAY RETAIN THE INDIVIDUALS' FINGERPRINTS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES, AND TO PROVIDE THE INDIVIDUALS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COSTS OF THE RECORDS CHECKS.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4814 -- Reps. Gilliard, Henegan, Pendarvis and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 31-3-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A VALID LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION IN ORDER TO PERFORM WORK FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4815 -- Reps. Gilliard, Henegan, Pendarvis and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-39-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LANDLORD MAY NOT REQUIRE A CREDIT SCORE FROM A POTENTIAL TENANT.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4816 -- Reps. Gilliard, King, Pendarvis, Henegan, J. Moore and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 31-3-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO A TENANT REMOVED

FROM A PUBLIC HOUSING UNIT MUST BE STORED FOR SIX MONTHS AND TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO MEET CERTAIN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4817 -- Rep. West: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-500, RELATING TO THE SALE OR PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS WITHOUT PROOF OF AGE AND THE LOCATION OF VENDING MACHINES, SO AS TO INCLUDE ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS TO PRESENT PROOF OF AGE UPON DEMAND, AND TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS FROM VENDING MACHINES IN CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4818 -- Reps. Felder, Bernstein and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-105 SO AS TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES TO BRING WATER BOTTLES TO SCHOOL WITH EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4819 -- Reps. Felder, Bernstein and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1960, RELATING IN PART TO PARKING PLACARDS FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, SO AS TO ALLOW APPLICANTS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING PLACARDS TO PROVIDE A PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE PLACARD SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE'S APPROVAL.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4820 -- Reps. Forrest, Hixon, Hayes, Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Magnuson, Chapman and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING

FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4821 -- Reps. May, Wooten, Caskey, White, McCabe and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-1710, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS REPRESENTING LEXINGTON COUNTY BY ONE MEMBER AND TO CORRESPONDINGLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS REPRESENTING RICHLAND COUNTY BY ONE MEMBER; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FIRST MEMBER OF THE MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE COMMISSION REPRESENTING RICHLAND COUNTY WHOSE TERM EXPIRES AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT MUST BE REPLACED BY A MEMBER REPRESENTING LEXINGTON COUNTY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A MAJORITY OF THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION REPRESENTING LEXINGTON COUNTY.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4822 -- Reps. May and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-29-80, RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND ALTERNATE EQUIVALENT INSTRUCTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE PARTICIPATION FOR ONE FULL SEASON ON HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS, LOCAL RECREATIONAL DEPARTMENT TEAMS, OR TEAMS SPONSORED BY NONPROFIT YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS MUST SATISFY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK REQUIREMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4823 -- Reps. Blackwell and Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-200 SO AS TO MANDATE EXPEDITED REVIEW OPTIONS FOR

CERTAIN LICENSES AND PERMITS REQUIRED FOR BUSINESSES AND OCCUPATIONS, TO REQUIRE TIMELY APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES, AND TO PROHIBIT STATE AGENCIES FROM IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING POLICIES, GUIDELINES, OR OTHER INTERPRETIVE STATEMENTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PROMULGATED AS REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4824 -- Reps. McDaniel, Henegan, Gilliard, Hosey, Henderson-Myers, Thigpen, Bauer, Garvin, J. Moore, White, Jefferson, King, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers, Williams and Clyburn: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF STATE EMPLOYEES WHOSE INCOME LEVEL QUALIFIES THE STATE EMPLOYEE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUNDS FROM THE STATE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4825 -- Reps. Hewitt, Murphy, W. Newton, Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Kirby, Mitchell, Crawford, Yow, Bailey, Pope, Guest, Hartnett, West, Oremus and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLAWFULLY LURING ANOTHER PERSON, TO PROVIDE FOR A SENTENCING ENHANCEMENT WHEN THE VICTIM IS A MINOR, TO SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE FOR PUNISHMENT FOR ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING OFFENSES, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "MINOR".

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman

Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--119

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. TRANTHAM a leave of absence due to a prior commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BANNISTER a leave of absence due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BRITTAIN a leave of absence due to medical reasons.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Wesley Frierson of West Columbia was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3294
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	WETMORE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3618
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	POPE, JEFFERSON and VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3676
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	POPE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3832
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	LAWSON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3989
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	WHEELER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4436
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4533
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	S. JONES

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4540
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	FELDER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4541
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	FELDER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4542
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	FELDER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4543
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	S. JONES

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4544
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	WILLIS, JEFFERSON, J. L. JOHNSON and WETMORE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4547
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	PENDARVIS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4549
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	FELDER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4561
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	PENDARVIS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4572
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	FELDER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4596
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	FELDER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4614
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	FELDER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4617
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	ROBBINS and FELDER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4620
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	FELDER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4624
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	LANDING, BALLENTINE, SANDIFER, CRAWFORD and GUEST

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4633
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	CASKEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4635
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	FELDER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4639
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	PENDARVIS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4655
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	J. L. JOHNSON and COBB-HUNTER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4662
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	FELDER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4680
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	LAWSON and MOSS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4689
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	FELDER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4694
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	FELDER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4696
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	FELDER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4698
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	BUSTOS, S. JONES, LANDING and BREWER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4700
Date:	ADD:
01/10/24	FELDER

H. 3989--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3989 -- Reps. Ott, G. M. Smith, Cobb-Hunter, Ligon, Kirby, Haddon, Oremus, Brewer, Gagnon, Sandifer, Weeks, Williams,

Henegan, Bauer, Forrest, Jefferson and Wheeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOLAR, AGRICULTURAL, FARMLAND, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACT"; TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; TO ESTABLISH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES; TO ESTABLISH THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION PROCESS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEARINGS REGARDING THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION; TO ESTABLISH THE PARTIES TO A CERTIFICATION PROCEEDING; TO REQUIRE A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO CONSOLIDATE THE REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS; TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S DECISION REGARDING AN APPLICATION; TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ISSUE AN ORDER WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS FROM THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS FILED; TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A FILED APPLICATION; AND TO CREATE THE AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND VIABILITY PROTECTION FUND.

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

H. 4720--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 4720 -- Rep. Bannister: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT IF THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR BEGINS WITHOUT A GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THAT YEAR IN EFFECT, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

R. 102, H. 4300--GOVERNOR'S VETO --DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Veto on the following Act was taken up:

(R. 102, H. 4300) -- Ways and Means Committee: AN ACT TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. - ratified title

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Veto until Tuesday, January 23, which was agreed to.

S. 406--RECOMMITTED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 406 -- Senators Campsen, Senn and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-420(D) AND (E), RELATING TO THE TABULATION OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BALLOTS CAST DURING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD MAY BEGIN TO BE TABULATED AT THE SAME TIME AS ABSENTEE BALLOTS.

Rep. JORDAN moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Judiciary, which was agreed to.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4751 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024, IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

H. 4752 -- Reps. Ballentine, Kilmartin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

H. 4753 -- Reps. Ballentine, Kilmartin, Calhoon, Caskey, Forrest, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White, Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder,

Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN UNDEFEATED SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2023 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:52 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. OTT, adjourned in memory of Stanley Myers, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, January 11, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 119:11: "I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin against you."

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You hold together all things in heaven and earth. In Your great mercy, receive the prayers of all Your children, and give to all the World the Spirit of Your truth and peace. Cause Your blessings to be upon our defenders of freedom and first responders. Bless and keep our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort for the good of this State. Look in favor upon our women and men who serve in the Armed Forces, especially those who suffer from wounds, those seen and those hidden. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. MITCHELL moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Gloria Bell, which was agreed to.

Ms. Gloria Bell

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that we adjourn in memory of a great Hartsvillian, Ms. Gloria Bell. Affectionately known as Ma Bell, she was a pillar of the Greater Hartsville community. Ms. Bell worked at Sonoco Products Company for thirty-seven years and retired in 2015 as Vice President of Internal Audit. She was a trailblazer as one of the first African American women to hold an executive position at Sonoco, carving a path for future generations of women in leadership roles. Ms. Bell served on numerous boards to include the Board of Trustees of

Coker University, The Byerly Foundation, and her church, Agape Fellowship Church in McBee. She was loved by all who knew her.

Ms. Bell passed away on January 1, 2024, after battling a brief illness. We remember her loving sons, Monty and Michael, as well as the rest of her family in our prayers.

Rep. Cody Mitchell

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Representative Bannister and his family during his recovery.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

January 10, 2024
The Honorable Charles F. Reid, Clerk
House of Representatives
Post Office Box 11867
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

Enclosed, please find the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control's (Department) designation of nine specific fentanyl-related substances, including their isomers, esters, ethers, and salts, in Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act. The Board has taken this action at its meeting on January 4, 2024, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), which authorizes the Department to designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance.

On December 7, 2023, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a scheduling order placing these nine fentanyl-related substances, including their isomers, esters, ethers, and salts, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act. Federal Register, Volume 88, Number 234, pages 85104-85109; https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-12-07/pdf/2023-26694.pdf. The Board subsequently signed an order at its January 4, 2024, meeting in compliance with the federal order. See attached.

The Department makes this notification in accordance with S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), which requires the Department to notify the General Assembly of an addition of a controlled substance in conformity

with federal law. Schedule I controlled substances are found in S.C. Code Section 44-53-190.

As required by law, the enclosed Board Order has been posted on the agency website. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
M. Denise Crawford
Clerk of the Board

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Placement of Nine Specific Fentanyl-Related Substances in Schedule I for Controlled Substances

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control ("Board") shall designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), issued a scheduling order placing these nine fentanyl-related substances, including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act, effective December 7, 2023. Federal Register Volume 88, Number 234, pp. 85104-85109; and

WHEREAS, the DEA final rule of December 7, 2023, applied to nine fentanyl-related substances that were the subject of a February 6, 2018, temporary scheduling order, which the Board adopted by order of February 8, 2018, placing fentanyl-related substances, as defined in that order, into schedule I for controlled substances; and

WHEREAS, according to its December 7, 2023, scheduling order, the DEA has concluded that meta- fluorofentanyl, meta-fluoroisobutyryl fentanyl, para-methoxyfuranyl fentanyl, 3-furanyl fentanyl, 2',5'-dimethoxyfentanyl, isovaleryl fentanyl, ortho-fluorofuranyl fentanyl, a/pha'-methyl butyryl fentanyl, andpara- methylcyclopropyl fentanyl have high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in

treatment in the United States, and lack accepted safety for use under medical supervision, and therefore permanently placed these nine fentanyl-related substances in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act effective December 7, 2023;

THEREFORE, the Board of Health and Environmental Control adopts the federal scheduling of the nine fentanyl-related substances and amends Section 44-53-190(B) by adding and designating into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act: meta-fluorofentanyl (N-(3-fluorophenyl)-N-(1- phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)propionamide), meta-fluoroisobutyryl fentanyl (N-(3-fluorophenyl)-N-(l- phenethylpi peridin-4-yl)isobutyramide), para-methoxyfuranyl fentanyl (N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-(l- phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)furan-2-carboxamide), 3-furanyl fentanyl (N-(l-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N- phenylfuran-3-carboxamide), 2',5'-dimethoxyfentanyl (N-(1-(2,5-dimethoxyphenethyl)piperidin-4-y1)-N- phenylpropionamide), isoval eryl fentanyl (3-methyl-N-(l-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-phenyl butanamide), ortho-fluorofuranyl fentanyl (N-(2-fluorophenyl)-N-(l -phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)furan-2-carboxamide), alpha'-methyl butyryl fentanyl (2-methyl-N-(l-phenethylpiperidin-4-yl)-N-phenylbutana mide), and para- methylcyclopropyl fentanyl (N-(4-methylphenyl)-N-(l-phenethylpiperidin-4- yl)cyclopropanecarboxamide).including their isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, and salts is possible.

Seema Shrivastava-Patel, Chairwoman
S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control
January 4, 2024
Columbia, South Carolina

Received as information.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

January 10, 2024
The Honorable Charles F. Reid, Clerk
House of Representatives
Post Office Box 11867
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

Enclosed, please find the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control's (Department) designation of six synthetic cannabinoid substances, including their optical and geometric isomers and salts, in Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act. The Board has taken this action at its meeting on January 4, 2024, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), which authorizes the Department to designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance.

On December 12, 2023, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a scheduling order placing MDMB–4en–PINACA, 4F–MDMB–BUTICA, ADB– 4en–PINACA, CUMYL– PEGACLONE, 5F–EDMB–PICA, and MMB–FUBICA, including their optical and geometric isomers, salts, and salts of isomers, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act. Federal Register, Volume 88, Number 237, pp. 86040-86046; https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2023-12-12/pdf/2023-27243 .pdf. The Board subsequently signed an order at its January 4, 2024, meeting in compliance with the federal order. See attached.

The Department makes this notification in accordance with S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), which requires the Department to notify the General Assembly of an addition of a controlled substance in conformity with federal law. Schedule I controlled substances are found in S.C. Code Section 44-53-190.

As required by law, the enclosed Board Order has been posted on the agency website. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
M. Denise Crawford
Clerk of the Board

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH
AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Placement of Placement ofMDMB-4en-PINACA, 4F-MDMB-BUTICA, ADB- 4en-PINACA, CUMYL-PEGACLONE, 5F-EDMB-PICA, and MMB-FUBICA in Schedule I for Controlled Substances

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control ("Board") shall designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), issued a temporary scheduling order placing MDMB-4en-PINACA, 4F-MDMB-BUTICA, ADB- 4en-PINACA, CUMYL- PEGACLONE, 5F-EDMB-PICA, and MMB-FUBICA, including their optical and geometric isomers, salts, and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such isomers and salts is possible, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act, effective December 12, 2023. Federal Register Volume 88, Number 237, pp. 86040-86046; and

WHEREAS, according to its temporary scheduling order, the DEA has concluded that MDMB-4en-PINACA, 4F-MDMB-BUTICA, ADB-4en-PINACA, CUMYL-PEGACLONE, 5F-EDMB-PICA, and MMB-FUBICA have a high potential for abuse, no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, and lack accepted safety for use under medical supervision, and therefore placed these six synthetic cannabinoid substances in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act effective December 12, 2023;

THEREFORE, the Board of Health and Environmental Control adopts the federal scheduling of the six synthetic cannabinoids and amends Section 44-53-l 90(D) by adding and designating into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act: Methyl 3,3-dimethyl-2-(1-(pent-4-en-1-yl)-lH-indazole-3- carboxamido)butanoate (Other name: MDMB-4en-PINACA); Methyl 2-[[1-(4-fluorobutyl)indole-3-carbonyl]amino]-3,3-dimethyl-butanoate (Other names: 4F-MDMB-BUTICA; 4F-MDMB-BICA); N-(l- amino-3,3-dimethyl-1-oxobutan-2-yl)-1-(pent-4-en-l-yl)-lH-indazole-3-carboxamide (Other name: ADB-4en-PINACA); 5-Pentyl-2-(2-phenylpropan-2-yl)pyrido[4,3-b]indol-1-one (Other name: CUMYL- PEGACLONE; SGT- 151); Ethyl 2-[[1-(5-fluoropentyl)indole-3-carbonyl]amino]-3,3-dimethyl-butanoate (Other names: 5F-EDMB-PICA; 5F-EDMB-2201); Methyl 2-(1-(4-fluorobenzyl)-lH-indole-3- carboxamido)-3-methyl butanoate (Other name: MMB-FUBICA), including their optical and geometric isomers, salts, and salts of isomers, whenever the existence of such isomers and salts is possible.

Seema Shrivastava-Patel, Chairwoman
S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control
January 4, 2024
Columbia, South Carolina

Received as information.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4826 -- Reps. Chumley, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DANIEL HUGHES "DAN" TATE AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4827 -- Reps. Brewer, Anderson, Bustos, Cobb-Hunter, B. L. Cox, Davis, Gatch, Gilliard, Hartnett, Hewitt, Jefferson, Kirby, Landing, Leber, J. Moore, Murphy, Pace, Pendarvis, Robbins, M. M. Smith,

Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARY THORNLEY, THE TRANSFORMATIVE PRESIDENT OF TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER FIFTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4828 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CLARENCE ANDERSON, JR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4829 -- Rep. McCravy: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THOMAS CLYDE BURROUGHS, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FOUR, RETIRED, FOR AN OUTSTANDING CAREER AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON

HIS VALOR IN SERVICE FOR WHICH HE WAS AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4831 -- Reps. Elliott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024, AS "CLEMSON DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4830 -- Reps. Taylor, Blackwell, Oremus, Hixon and Clyburn: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AIKEN EVENTING TEAM MEMBERS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE UNIVERSITY'S FIRST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN ANY SPORT.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4833 -- Rep. Burns: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLACE APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THE STATE-MAINTAINED ROAD ENTRANCES TO THE TOWN OF SLATER-MARRIETTA IN GREENVILLE COUNTY CONTAINING THE WORDS "HOME OF THE SLATER-MARIETTA HIGH SCHOOL GREEN WAVE FIVE-TIME SOUTH CAROLINA BOYS STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS: 1953, 1962, 1964, 1966, AND 1971".

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4832 -- Reps. Hardee and Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH FAMILY LEAVE BENEFITS, OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS OF FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE POLICIES, AND PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4834 -- Reps. McCabe, Haddon, May, Burns and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-14-40, RELATING TO CERTAIN LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITIES EXEMPT FROM PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 14, TITLE 48, SO AS TO INCLUDE AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES USED TO HOUSE LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, CROPS, OR OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, MATERIAL OR EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS OTHER TYPES OF

AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES OF ONE OR MORE ACRES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4835 -- Reps. McCabe, Haddon, May, Burns and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-11-360, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR OWNERS CONSTRUCTING FARM BUILDINGS OR PORTABLE STORAGE BUILDINGS WITH LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR SPACE USED ONLY FOR LIVESTOCK OR STORAGE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SQUARE FOOTAGE LIMITATION TO FIFTY THOUSAND SQUARE FEET AND TO INCLUDE POULTRY AMONG THE QUALIFYING USE PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan

Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--114

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BANNISTER a leave of absence due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence due to work conflict.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. NEWTON a leave of absence due to prior family commitments.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Robert Ridgeway III was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3895
Date:	ADD:
01/11/24	G. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4364
Date:	ADD:
01/11/24	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4544
Date:	ADD:
01/11/24	VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4617
Date:	ADD:
01/11/24	JEFFERSON, CASKEY, LIGON and VAUGHAN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4624
Date:	ADD:
01/11/24	WILLIS, LIGON and FORREST

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4640
Date:	ADD:
01/11/24	WHITE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4646
Date:	ADD:
01/11/24	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4653
Date:	ADD:
01/11/24	PEDALINO

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4680
Date:	ADD:
01/11/24	KILMARTIN and WHITE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4784
Date:	ADD:
01/11/24	CHUMLEY and LONG

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4824
Date:	ADD:
01/11/24	HOWARD

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. COLLINS a temporary leave of absence.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Joint Resolution was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 4720 -- Rep. Bannister: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO PAY THE EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT IF THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR BEGINS WITHOUT A GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THAT YEAR IN EFFECT, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

H. 4617--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4617 -- Reps. Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Bannister, Pope, Wooten, Haddon, Brewer, Burns, Thayer, Kirby, Oremus, Hager, Hyde, Sessions, Carter, McDaniel, Magnuson, Hayes, W. Newton, Bauer, Trantham, J. L. Johnson, Henegan, Guffey, Chapman, Leber, Kilmartin, Robbins, Felder, Jefferson, Caskey, Ligon and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-230, RELATING TO SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ADD XYLAZINE AS A SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, WITH EXCEPTIONS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-372 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE PRODUCTION, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, OR POSSESSION OF XYLAZINE, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH ASSOCIATED CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer

Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4617. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jordan Pace

H. 4617--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. M. M. SMITH, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4617 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4624--REQUEST FOR DEBATE AND POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4624 -- Reps. Hiott, G. M. Smith, McCravy, Davis, Vaughan, Trantham, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Oremus, Hartnett, Leber, Long, Nutt, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Murphy, Mitchell, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, West, Gilliam, Cromer, Kilmartin, O'Neal, Yow, S. Jones, Landing, Ballentine, Sandifer, Crawford, Guest, Willis, Ligon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO DEFINE GENDER, SEX, AND OTHER TERMS, TO PROHIBIT THE PROVISION OF GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES TO A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-32-36 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF AND OFFICIALS FROM WITHHOLDING KNOWLEDGE OF A MINOR'S PERCEPTION OF THEIR GENDER FROM THE MINOR'S PARENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Reps. DAVIS requested debate on the Bill.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. OTT.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. TAYLOR moved that the House recur to the morning hour.

REPORT RECEIVED

The following was received:

Judicial Merit Selection Commission
Report of Candidate Qualifications
2023

Date Draft Report Issued: Thursday, January 11, 2024
Date and Time Final Report Issued: Noon, Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Judicial candidates are not free to seek or accept commitments until Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at Noon.

Judicial Merit Selection Commission

Rep. Micajah P. "Micah" Caskey IV, Chairman
Sen. Luke A. Rankin, Vice Chairman
Sen. Ronnie A. Sabb
Sen. Scott Talley
Rep. J. Todd Rutherford
Rep. Wallace H. "Jay" Jordan, Jr.
Hope Blackley
Lucy Grey McIver
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Dear Members of the General Assembly:

Enclosed is the Judicial Merit Selection Commission's Report of Candidate Qualifications. This Report is designed to assist you in determining how to cast your vote. The Commission is charged by law with ascertaining whether judicial candidates are qualified for service on the bench. In accordance with this mandate, the Commission has thoroughly investigated all judicial candidates for their suitability for judicial service.

The Commission's finding that a candidate is qualified means that the candidate satisfies both the constitutional criteria for judicial office and the Commission's evaluative criteria. The attached Report details each candidate's qualifications as they relate to the Commission's evaluative criteria.

Judicial candidates are **prohibited** from asking for your commitment until **12:00 Noon on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Further, members of the General Assembly are not permitted to issue letters of introduction, announcements of candidacy, statements detailing a candidate's qualifications, or commitments to vote for a candidate until 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. In summary, no member of the General Assembly should, orally or in writing, communicate about a candidate's candidacy until this designated time after the release of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission's Report of Candidate Qualifications.** If you find a candidate violating the pledging prohibitions or if you have questions about this report, please contact Erin B. Crawford, Chief Counsel to the Commission, at (803) 212-6689.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
Representative Micajah P. "Micah" Caskey IV

Judicial Merit Selection Commission

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Dear Fellow Members of the General Assembly:

This letter is written to call your attention to issues raised during the December 2003, Judicial Merit Selection hearings concerning a judicial candidate's contact with members of the General Assembly, as well as

third parties contacting members on a candidate's behalf. It is also to remind you of these issues for the current screening.

Section 2-19-70(C) of the South Carolina Code contains strict prohibitions concerning candidates seeking or legislators giving their pledges of support or implied endorsement through an introduction prior to 48 hours after the release of the final report of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission ("Commission"). The purpose of this section is to ensure that members of the General Assembly have full access to the report prior to being asked by a candidate to pledge his or her support. The final sentence of Section 2-19-70(C) provides that "the prohibitions of this section do not extend to an announcement of candidacy by the candidate and statements by the candidate detailing the candidate's qualifications" (emphasis added). Candidates may not, however, contact members of the Commission regarding their candidacy. Please note that six members of the Commission are also legislators.

In April 2000, the Commission determined that Section 2-19-70(C) means no member of the General Assembly should engage in any form of communication, written or verbal, concerning a judicial candidate before the 48-hour period expires following the release of the Commission's report. The Commission would like to clarify and reiterate that until at least 48 hours have expired after the Commission has released its final report of candidate qualifications to the General Assembly, only candidates, and not members of the General Assembly, are permitted to issue letters of introduction, announcements of candidacy, or statements detailing the candidates' qualifications.

The Commission would again like to remind members of the General Assembly that a violation of the screening law is likely a disqualifying offense and must be considered when determining a candidate's fitness for judicial office. Further, the law requires the Commission to report any violations of the pledging rules by members of the General Assembly to the House or Senate Ethics Committee, as may be applicable.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or any other matter pertaining to the judicial screening process, please do not hesitate to call Erin B. Crawford, Chief Counsel to the Commission, at (803) 212-6689.

Sincerely,
Representative Micajah P. "Micah" Caskey IV
Chairman

INTRODUCTION

The Judicial Merit Selection Commission is charged by law to consider the qualifications of candidates for the judiciary. This report details the reasons for the Commission's findings, as well as each candidate's qualifications as they relate to the Commission's evaluative criteria. The Commission operates under the law that went into effect on July 1, 1997, and which dramatically changed the powers and duties of the Commission. One component of this law is that the Commission's finding of "qualified" or "not qualified" is binding on the General Assembly. The Commission is also cognizant of the need for members of the General Assembly to be able to differentiate between candidates and, therefore, has attempted to provide as detailed a report as possible.

The Judicial Merit Selection Commission is composed of ten members, four of whom are non-legislators. The Commission has continued the more in-depth screening format started in 1997. The Commission has asked candidates their views on issues peculiar to service on the court to which they seek election. These questions were posed in an effort to provide members of the General Assembly with more information about candidates and the candidates' thought processes on issues relevant to their candidacies. The Commission has also engaged in a more probing inquiry into the depth of a candidate's experience in areas of practice that are germane to the office he or she is seeking. The Commission feels that candidates should have familiarity with the subject matter of the courts for which they offer, and feels that candidates' responses should indicate their familiarity with most major areas of the law with which they will be confronted.

The Commission also used the Citizens Committees on Judicial Qualifications as an adjunct of the Commission. Since the decisions of our judiciary play such an important role in people's personal and professional lives, the Commission believes that all South Carolinians should have a voice in the selection of the state's judges. It was this desire for broad-based grassroots participation that led the Commission to create the Citizens Committees on Judicial Qualifications. These committees are composed of individuals who are both racially and gender diverse, and who also have a broad range of professional experiences (*i.e.,* lawyers, teachers, businessmen, bankers, and advocates for various organizations). The committees were asked to advise the Commission on the judicial candidates in their regions. Each regional committee interviewed the candidates from its assigned area and also interviewed other individuals in that region who were familiar with the candidate either personally or professionally. Based on those

interviews and its own investigation, each committee provided the Commission with a report on their assigned candidates based on the Commission's evaluative criteria. The Commission then used these reports as a tool for further investigation of the candidate if the committee's report so warranted. Summaries of these reports have also been included in the Commission's report for your review.

The Commission conducts a thorough investigation of each candidate's professional, personal, and financial affairs, and holds public hearings during which each candidate is questioned on a wide variety of issues. The Commission's investigation focuses on the following evaluative criteria: constitutional qualifications, ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, physical health, mental health, and judicial temperament. The Commission's investigation includes the following:

(1) survey of the bench and bar through BallotBox online;
(2) SLED and FBI investigation;
(3) credit investigation;
(4) grievance investigation;
(5) study of application materials;
(6) verification of ethics compliance;
(7) search of newspaper articles;
(8) conflict of interest investigation;
(9) court schedule study;
(10) study of appellate record;
(11) court observation; and
(12) investigation of complaints.

While the law provides that the Commission must make findings as to qualifications, the Commission views its role as also including an obligation to consider candidates in the context of the judiciary on which they would serve and, to some degree, govern. To that end, the Commission inquires as to the quality of justice delivered in the courtrooms of South Carolina and seeks to impart, through its questioning, the view of the public as to matters of legal knowledge and ability, judicial temperament, and the absoluteness of the Judicial Canons of Conduct as to recusal for conflict of interest, prohibition of ex parte communication, and the disallowance of the acceptance of gifts. However, the Commission is not a forum for reviewing the individual decisions of the state's judicial system absent credible allegations of a candidate's violations of the Judicial Canons of Conduct, the Rules of

Professional Conduct, or any of the Commission's nine evaluative criteria that would impact a candidate's fitness for judicial service.

The Commission expects each candidate to possess a basic level of legal knowledge and ability, to have experience that would be applicable to the office sought, and to exhibit a strong adherence to codes of ethical behavior. These expectations are all important, and excellence in one category does not make up for deficiencies in another.

Routine questions related to compliance with ethical Canons governing ethics and financial interests are now administered through a written questionnaire mailed to candidates and completed by them in advance of each candidate's staff interview. These issues are no longer automatically made a part of the public hearing process unless a concern or question was raised during the investigation of the candidate. The necessary public record of a candidate's pledge to uphold the Canons is his or her completed and sworn questionnaire.

This report is the culmination of lengthy, detailed investigatory work and public hearings. The Commission takes its responsibilities seriously, believing that the quality of justice delivered in South Carolina's courtrooms is directly affected by the thoroughness of its screening process. Please carefully consider the contents of this report, which we believe will help you make a more informed decision. **Please note that the candidates' responses included herein are restated verbatim from the documents that the candidates submitted as part of their application to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission. All candidates were informed that the Commission does not revise or alter the candidates' submissions, and thus, any errors or omissions in the information contained in this draft report existed in the original documents that the candidate submitted to the Commission.**

This report conveys the Commission's findings as to the qualifications of all candidates currently offering for election to the South Carolina Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Circuit Court, Family Court, and the Administrative Law Court.

SUPREME COURT
QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

The Honorable John W. Kittredge
Supreme Court, Chief Justice

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Supreme Court, Chief Justice, one candidate applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the name and qualifications of one candidate is hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Justice Kittredge meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as Supreme Court, Chief Justice.

Justice Kittredge was born in 1956. He is 67 years old and a resident of Greenville, South Carolina. Justice Kittredge provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1982.

(2) Ethical Fitness:

The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Justice Kittredge.

Justice Kittredge demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Justice Kittredge reported that he has made $607.26 in campaign expenditures for stamps, paper, envelopes, typing assistance, scanning costs, and clerical assistance.

Justice Kittredge testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Justice Kittredge testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Justice Kittredge to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Justice Kittredge reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I have also spoken to diverse groups across the state. I have spoken to school children, including middle and high school students. I have further spoken to college level students and law school students. I have spoken to many civic organizations, such as Rotary, Civitan, and Kiwanis. In speaking to students and civic groups, the primary focus has been an understanding of the legal system and the importance of the rule of law. I have spoken to other groups as well, such as law enforcement officers.

(b) I have spoken at many CLE programs. While the topics have varied, I am generally asked to present on the topics of civility and professionalism. This is the result of my service as chair of the Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession. For example, when the Bridge the Gap program existed, I was the speaker for many years on civility and professionalism. I have also spoken at the South Carolina Bar Convention on numerous occasions, including CLE programs and the Plenary Luncheon. In January 2023, I presented the "State of the Judiciary" talk to the House of Delegates.

Justice Kittredge reported that he has published the following:

(a) Around 1978, I wrote a paper entitled The Inevitability of Police Discretion, which was published in the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers Association magazine.

(b) An article on juvenile justice was published in the Greenville News in December, 1992.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Justice Kittredge did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Justice Kittredge did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Justice Kittredge has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Justice Kittredge was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Justice Kittredge reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, was AV.

Justice Kittredge reported that he has not served in the military.

Justice Kittredge reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Justice Kittredge appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Justice Kittredge appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Justice Kittredge was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1982.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) I served as a law clerk to the Honorable William W. Wilkins, Jr., then United States District Judge, from August 1982 through August 1984.

(b) From September 1984 until July 1991, I worked at the law firm of Wilkins, Nelson and Kittredge. I had a

litigation practice. I was involved in the administrative management of our law firm.

(c) I also worked as a part-time assistant solicitor from 1984 until mid-1985, and then again for several months in 1986 to try several cases at the request of the Solicitor. As an assistant solicitor, I prosecuted many criminal cases.

(d) I was elected by the General Assembly to the Family Court bench in 1991.

(e) In 1996, I was elected by the General Assembly to the Circuit Court bench.

(f) In 2003, I was elected by the General Assembly to the Court of Appeals.

(g) In 2008, I was elected by the General Assembly to the Supreme Court.

Justice Kittredge reported the frequency of his court appearances prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Federal: two times per year;
(b) State: weekly.

Justice Kittredge reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Civil: 30%;
(b) Criminal: 10%;
(c) Domestic: 60%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Justice Kittredge reported the percentage of his practice in trial court prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) The vast majority of my practice was in the trial court

(b) The majority of my jury trials came from my service as an assistant solicitor. I do not recall exact numbers concerning cases tried and cases settled. As an assistant solicitor, I was a part-time prosecutor; I was assigned specific cases that were viewed as “definite trials.” Very few of my assigned cases were resolved by guilty plea. On the civil side in private practice, at any given time, I was handling between fifty and one hundred cases.

(c) As a prosecutor, I was specifically assigned cases that had to be tried. As a result, most criminal cases went to trial and resulted in a jury verdict. Concerning civil and domestic cases, as was (and is) customary, most cases were

resolved by settlement before or during trial. My best guess is that eighty percent (80%) of the cases were resolved by agreement and twenty percent (20%) were tried.

(d) I probably did have a case or cases settle immediately after jury selection, but I cannot recall a specific instance.

Justice Kittredge provided that during the past five years prior to his service on the bench, his time was equally divided between sole counsel and co-counsel.

The following is Justice Kittredge's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *State v. Floyd McDuffie.* (approximately 1985, Greenville County General Sessions Court.) I prosecuted many cases as an assistant solicitor, and this case was significant to me. It involved a highly publicized murder and robbery. Interesting legal questions arose during the trial. The defendant was convicted of armed robbery and manslaughter and sentenced to jail.

(b) *State v. Donnie Robinson.* (approximately 1986, Greenville County General Sessions Court.) I prosecuted this defendant for armed robbery and kidnapping. This was a highly publicized case in which the defendant kidnapped the victim at gunpoint in the parking lot of Haywood Mall in Greenville. The defendant then forced the victim to withdraw money from her bank account. The victim eventually escaped from the defendant. The jury convicted the defendant on all counts, and he received a life sentence.

(c) *Stogner v. City of Mauldin.* 84-CP-23-680. I, along with my law partner, represented the defendant. Plaintiff filed a myriad of claims (including a 42 USC §1983 cause of action) arising from a challenge to the zoning ordinance of the City of Mauldin. The case was tried to a jury. Judgment for defendant at the close of evidence.

(d) *Collins Music v. Terry et al.* 87-CP-23-2982. I represented plaintiff in this common pleas action. The case received substantial publicity. Plaintiff alleged breach of contract, tortious interference with

contractual relations and unfair trade practices. Plaintiff prevailed. Judgment was entered in the approximate amount of $18,000 actual damages and $100,000 punitive damages. The case was appealed and affirmed by the Court of Appeals. (303 S.C. 358, 400 S.E.2d 783 (1991)). I also handled the appeal.

(e) *First Baptist Church of Mauldin v. City of Mauldin.* 90-CP-23-955. I represented the church (on a pro bono basis) in its petition to close a road on its property. The road closing was necessary to enable the church to expand its facility to accommodate its growing membership. This was far more than a typical road closing case. For political reasons, the church's petition was adamantly opposed by the City of Mauldin. Significant publicity surrounded the case and trial. Following a lengthy trial, judgment was entered in favor of the church and the road was closed, thus enabling the church to expand its facilities. I was elected to the Family Court bench while the case was on appeal to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court affirmed, 308 S.C. 226, 417 S.E.2d 592 (1992).

The following is Justice Kittredge's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *Collins Music v. Terry,* 303 S.C. 358, 400 S.E.2d 783 (Ct. App. 1991).

(b) *S.C. Tax Commission v. S. C. Tax Board of Review,* 305 S.C. 183, 407 S.E.2d 627 (1991). I argued the case before the Supreme Court, but I did not write the brief.

(c) *Watson v. Watson,* 291 S.C. 13, 351 S.E.2d 883 (Ct. App. 1986).

(d) *Burns v. Burns.* 293 S.C. 1, 358 S.E.2d 168 (Ct. App. 1987).

(e) *Lineberger v. Lineberger.* 303 S.C. 248, 399 S.E.2d 786 (Ct. App. 1990).

Justice Kittredge reported that he has not personally handled any criminal appeals. He also reported the following:

I have not, as an attorney, personally handled a criminal appeal. However, as an appellate judge, I have authored hundreds of opinions. Attached to this application is a list of all opinions I

have authored while serving on the Court of Appeals and to date on the Supreme Court.

Justice Kittredge reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):

(a) I was elected by the General Assembly to the Family Court bench on May 8, 1991, and reelected in May 1995. The Family Court is a court of limited jurisdiction.

(b) In 1996, I was elected by the General Assembly to an At-Large Circuit Court judgeship (Seat 11).

(c) In 1998, I was elected to a Resident Circuit Court judgeship (Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4). The Circuit Court is South Carolina's general jurisdiction court, civil and criminal.

(d) In 2003, I was elected to the Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals is an intermediate, error-correction appellate court.

(e) In 2008, I was elected to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court is the highest court in South Carolina. While the Supreme Court primarily serves as an appellate court, it has authority to hear matters in its original jurisdiction. *See* Article V of the South Carolina Constitution.

Justice Kittredge provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) *Moore v. Moore*, 414 S.C. 490, 779 S.E.2d 533 (2015).

(b) *Adoptive Couple v. Baby Girl*, 395 S.C. 625, 731 S.E.2d 550 (2012) (Kittredge, J., dissenting), *rev'd* 133 S.Ct. 2552 (2013) (reversing majority decision and adopting Justice Kittredge's view that Indian Child Welfare Act did not bar adoption of child where Indian parent abandoned Indian child prior to birth).

(c) *Abbeville Cnty. Sch. Dist. v. State*, 410 S.C. 619, 767 S.E.2d 157 (2014) (Kittredge, J., dissenting); see also Abbeville Cnty. Sch. Dist. v. State, 414 S.C. 166, 777 S.E.2d 547 (2015) (order) (Kittredge, J., dissenting), *superseded by* 415 S.C. 19, 780 S.E. 2d 609 (2015) (Kittredge, J., dissenting).

(d) *Bd. of Trustees of School Dist. of Fairfield County v. State*, 395 S.C. 276, 718 S.E.2d 210 (2011).

(e) *State v. Moore*, 429 S.C. 465, 839 S.E.2d 882 (2020).
(f) I have been an appellate judge since 2003. I have authored hundreds of opinions. I am attaching to my application a list of all appellate opinions I have authored.

Justice Kittredge reported no other employment while serving as a judge:

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Justice Kittredge's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Justice Kittredge "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Justice Kittredge is married to Lila Graham Hewell Kittredge. He has three children.

Justice Kittredge reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar – 1982 to present;
(b) Greenville County Bar – 1982 to present.

Justice Kittredge provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Upstate Warrior Solutions - Board of Directors, Greenville, S.C.;
(b) Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies –
National Commissioner;
(c) Greenville Country Club, Greenville, S.C.;
(d) Poinsett Club, Greenville, S.C.;
(e) First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, S.C. – previously served as an Elder;

(f) Haynsworth-Perry Inn of Court, Greenville, S.C.

Justice Kittredge further reported:

(a) I believe I am well qualified to serve as Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court. My academic background includes summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Order of the Coif; and Wig and Robe.

(b) This June concluded by thirty-second year of judicial service to South Carolina. I am the first and only person ever in South Carolina to serve on the four major courts—Family Court, Circuit Court, Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. My service at every level has prepared me well to serve as Chief Justice. I am no stranger to hard work.

(c) As a trial judge, I (1) served as chief administrative judge on numerous occasions on Family and Circuit Court; (2) formed Bench-Bar committees in Family and Circuit Court to facilitate productive and positive communications between judges and practicing attorneys on matters affecting the court: (3) assembled and participated in the committee which resulted in the implementation of the successful Alternate Dispute Resolution Program in Greenville County; (4) was assigned and tried many complex cases, including medical malpractice, products liability, constitutional challenges to state statutes, etc.; (5) was responsible for the organization, scheduling and presentation of many JCLEs at Family Court and Circuit Court conferences; (6) was assigned numerous death penalty cases by the Supreme Court, including death penalty post-conviction relief; (7) served on numerous occasions as an Acting Associate Justice of the Supreme Court; and (8) was appointed many times by the Supreme Court as a special referee in matters in the Supreme Court's original jurisdiction, and in all such cases the Supreme Court unanimously adopted my Report and Recommendation in published opinions.

(d) For the past approximately twenty years, I have served as an appellate judge, the last fifteen on the Supreme Court. I enjoy the challenges of novel and difficult issues we frequently encounter at the appellate level. I hope my work product (legal opinions) is

acceptable to the Bench and Bar. It has been and remains my goal to write understandable and meaningful opinions for the Bench and Bar. My judicial philosophy is that judges adjudicate and legislators legislate.

(e) I have served on the Chief Justice's Commission on the Profession since approximately 2003. In 2008, I was appointed as Chairman of the Commission on the Profession and have served in that capacity since. The Commission on the Profession has led the way on numerous improvements to the system of justice, including the mentoring program and numerous rule changes.

(f) In 2015, I received a lifetime achievement award from Chief Justice Toal for my contributions to the legal profession. I was the first recipient of this award.

(g) I wish to add a final comment. I have no agenda, other than to honor my oath as a judge and uphold the rule of law. I bring neither a bias nor an agenda to the discharge of my judicial duties. I am faithful to the rule of law, and my record of almost thirty-two years in the state judiciary so reflects. Moreover, beyond my uncompromising commitment to the rule of law, I have tried my best to treat everyone with kindness and respect.

I thank the JMSC for its consideration of my application for election to the position of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission noted Justice Kittredge's remarkable experience, having served on each of the statewide courts in South Carolina and being the only person to have done so. The Commission also took note of the exceptional amount of positive feedback it received concerning all areas of Justice Kittredge's qualifications.

The Commission found that Justice Kittredge is an exemplary candidate to be Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Justice Kittredge qualified, and nominated him for election to the Supreme Court, Chief Justice.

COURT OF APPEALS
QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

The Honorable Jerry Deese Vinson Jr.
Court of Appeals, Seat 8

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Vinson meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Court of Appeals judge.

Judge Vinson was born in 1960. He is 63 years old and a resident of Florence, South Carolina. Judge Vinson provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1985.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Vinson.

Judge Vinson demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Vinson reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Vinson testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Vinson testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Vinson to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Vinson reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners 9/12/97
(b) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners 8/28/98
(c) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners 9/24/99
(d) Family Law Ethics Seminar 12/4/99
(e) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners 9/15/00
(f) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners 9/21/01
(g) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners 9/20/02
(h) Ethical Issues in Appointed Cases 10/18/02
(i) Guardian Ad Litem Certification 1/10/03
(j) SC Bar Cool Tips Seminar 4/25/03
(k) Children's Law Seminar 10/14/05
(l) SC Bar CLE – Panel Discussion – New Tools for the Family Court 1/27/06
(m) SC Bar CLE - Children's Issues in Family Court – Relocation: A New Approach 3/17/06
(n) 2006 Orientation School for New Judges 7/10/06
(o) Charleston County Family Law Seminar – Observations from the Bench 11/17/06
(p) Children's Issues in Family Court – Guardian ad litem Reports What's in It for Me? 3/23/07

(q) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners – Ten Things Lawyers Need to Know about Temporary Hearings 9/21/07
(r) Children's Law Project Seminar on Abuse & Neglect 11/16/07
(s) SC Bar CLE - Tips from the Bench – Divorce and Separation – The Devil is in the Details: Checklists as Tools 2/15/08
(t) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners – Best Legal Practices in Abuse and Neglect Cases –a Work in Progress 9/19/08
(u) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners –Thoughts from the Bench – Top Ten Basics All Lawyers Need to Know 9/19/08
(v) Children's Law Center Conference – Best Legal Practices in Abuse and Neglect Cases 10/31/08
(w) SC Bar Convention - Family Law Section-Advantages of the New Financial Declaration 1/23/09
(x) SCDSS CLE - Attorney Training – Best Legal Practices in Abuse and Neglect Cases -Panel Discussion 2/27/09
(y) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners - Common Evidentiary Issues: Oops! I Did It Again 9/18/09
(z) Training for Attorneys Appointed in Abuse & Neglect Cases 1/15/10
(aa) SC Bar - Children's Law Committee Seminar– Best Legal Practices in Abuse and Neglect cases 1/23/10
(bb) SCCFCJ Conference – Best Legal Practices 4/22/10
(cc) Guardian ad Litem training on Best Legal Practices in Abuse and Neglect Cases 5/17/10
(dd) SC Bar – Solo & Small Firm Seminar – What Every Lawyer Should Know About Family Court 9/24/10
(ee) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners –Trial Tips from the Bench 10/1/10
(ff) Child Support Enforcement CLE – Best Legal Practices in Abuse and Neglect Cases 10/29/10

(gg) Family Court Judges Mini Summit on Justice for Children –Best Legal Practices in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases 12/2/10
(hh) Orientation School for New Family Court Judges - Alimony 6/8/11
(ii) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners 9/16/11
(jj) SC Bar Family Court Judges Bench/Bar – Effective Pre-Trial Practice in a Small Market 12/2/11
(kk) Orientation School for New Family Court Judges - Alimony 5/31/12 (ll) VIP SCNYTD – SCDSS Independent Living Conference Youth Speak Workshop – Panel Discussion 6/8/12
(mm) SC Supreme Court Institute – Panel Discussion – Overview of the South Carolina Courts 6/19/12
(nn) Forum on Judicial Independence & Diversity LWVSC 8/7/12
(oo) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners –Show Your Love: Ten Suggestions for a Happier Relationship with Your Judge 9/28/12
(pp) Francis Marion University Criminal Justice Class –Lecture on Juvenile Justice 11/20/12
(qq) SCAJ Annual Conference – Rules of Procedure – Order of Protection 8/1/13
(rr) Orientation School for New Family Court Judges - Alimony 5/31/13
(ss) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners –New Rule on Temporary Hearings: Page Limitations, Time Limitations, Exceptions to the Rule 9/27/13
(tt) Orientation School for New Family Court Judges - Alimony 6/19/14
(uu) SC Bar Hot Tips Seminar – Just the Factors Ma'am: Attorney Fees 9/26/14
(vv) SCCA Orientation School for New Judges - Alimony 6/4/15
(ww) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners – Relationships: the Practitioners Professional Responsibility 9/25/15
(xx) SCCA Orientation School for New Family Court Judges - Alimony 6/2/16

(yy) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners –Ain't Mishebavin: Conduct, Lawyers Oath, Rule 9 9/23/16
(zz) South Carolina Summit on Access to Justice for All –Self-Represented Litigants 10/24/16
(aaa) Twelfth Circuit Tips from the Bench 10/28/16
(bbb) Children's Law Seminar 11/4/16
(ccc) Orientation School for New Family Court Judges - Alimony 5/4/17
(ddd) SC Bar Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners – And It Is So Ordered: Order Details 9/22/17
(eee) SC Bar Family Court Judges Bench/Bar – Standardizing "Standard"Visitation: A View from the Bench 12/1/17
(fff) Children's Law Center – Raising the Bar for Children 4/13/18
(ggg) SCCA Orientation School for New Judges - Alimony 5/17/18
(hhh) SC Bar Hot Tips Seminar – Amuse Bouche 9/21/18
(iii) Orientation School for New Family Court Judges – Alimony 5/29/19
(jjj) SC Bar Hot Tips Seminar – Seven Habits of Highly Effective Family Court Litigators 9/20/19
(kkk) SC Bar CLE – Panel for Improving Temporary Hearings 10/6/19
(lll) Orientation School for New Family Court Judges – Alimony 6/9/20
(mmm) View from the Bench – Indigent Defense – via WebEx 6/12/20
(nnn) SC Bar Hot Tips Seminar – The New Normal: Disposition by Packet 9/25/20
(ooo) Mediation Symposium – Charleston Law School – Family Law & ADR – Panel Discussion 2/26/21
(ppp) USC School of Law – Family Court System 3/10/21
(qqq) Orientation School for New Family Court Judges – Alimony 5/25/21
(rrr) SC Bar Hot Tips Seminar – It Bears Repeating 9/24/21

(sss) USC School of Law – Family Court System 3/1/22
(ttt) SC Bar Hot Tips Seminar – Up the Road: Your Case on Appeal 9/23/22
(uuu) Practicing before the Appellate Courts – Panel 11/5/22
(vvv) USC School of Law – Family Court System 1/24/23
(www) SC Family Court Judges Conference – From the Family Court to the Court of Appeals: Opinions & Observations 4/27/23
(xxx) SC Bar LRE Mock Trial Competitions, Presiding Judge for regional, state and national 7/04 – present

Judge Vinson reported the following about publishing article and books:

I have prepared seminar materials for a majority of the seminars at which I have spoken.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Vinson did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Vinson did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Vinson has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Vinson was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Vinson reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, was BV.

Judge Vinson reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Vinson reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Vinson appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Vinson appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Vinson was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1985.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) From August 1985 until April 1986, I practiced as an associate with Haigh Porter in Florence, South Carolina. My responsibilities primarily involved mortgage foreclosure actions and real estate transactions.
(b) From April 1986 until July 1987, I served as a law clerk to the Honorable John H. Waller, Jr., Circuit Judge for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. My responsibilities involved assisting Judge Waller with research and reviewing Orders and other documents presented for execution by Judge Waller.
(c) From July 1987 until April 1992, I practiced as an associate with Turner, Padget, Graham and Laney, P.A. in Florence, South Carolina. My practice involved civil litigation in State and Federal Court, primarily related to defense of insureds in personal injury, premises liability and business litigation.
(d) From April 1992 until December 1992, I practiced as an attorney with the Fallon Law Firm in Florence, South Carolina. My practice involved civil litigation, primarily representing plaintiffs in personal injury cases.
(e) From January 1993 until January 2001, I was a shareholder with the Vinson Law Firm, PA, in Florence, South Carolina. My practice involved civil and domestic litigation, including personal injury cases and business litigation, as well as divorce and custody actions. I also represented the Department of Social Services as a contract

attorney for four (4) years during this period of time, litigating all abuse and neglect cases.
(f) From January 2001 until June 30, 2004, I was a partner at McDougall and Self, L.L.P. practicing in the Florence, South Carolina office. My practice was limited to Family Court litigation.
(g) On February 4, 2004, I was elected by the Legislature to the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Family Court, Seat Three. I served in that position from July 1, 2004 until December 31, 2021.
(h) On February 3, 2021, I was elected by the Legislature to the South Carolina Court of Appeals, Seat Eight. I began service in this position since January 1, 2022.

Judge Vinson reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
From July 1, 2004 to December 2021, I served on the Family Court for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. I was elected three times by the Legislature for that position. From January 1, 2022 to present, I have served on the Court of Appeals, Seat 8. I was elected by the Legislature for this position.

Judge Vinson reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Vinson further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
Court of Appeals, Seat 3, 2019.
(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Vinson's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee-Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Vinson to be "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The

Committee did not provide a summary statement or related comments.

Judge Vinson is married to Flora Sue Lester Vinson. He has no children.

Judge Vinson reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar
-Judicial member (Current)
-House of Delegates (Past member)
-Family Law Section Council - Chair (2001 - 2002) (Past member)
-Law Related Education Committee (Current member) - Chair (2010 – 2012)

(b) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association (Current member)

(c) National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (Past member)
-Served on Board of Trustees from 2008 to 2011
-Finance Committee member from 2010 to 2016

(d) South Carolina Family Court Judges Association (Past member)
-President (2012 – 2013)
-President Elect (2011 - 2012)
-Secretary/Treasurer (2010-2011)

(e) Bench/Bar Committee (2005-2017)
-Chair (2012-2014)
-Best practices Subcommittee – Chair and Co-Chair (2009 to 2017)

(f) Governor's Task Force for Adoption and Foster Care (2007 to 2008)

(g) American Bar Association – Judicial Division (Past member)

(h) Family Court Judges Advisory Committee (2010-2013)

(i) Pee Dee Inn of Court (Current member)

(j) John Belton O'Neall Inn of Court (Current member)

(k) South Carolina Appellate Court Judges Association (Current member)

Judge Vinson provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Confirmed Communicant at St. John's Church and former Vestry Member
(b) Member, and Past President, of Francis Marion University Alumni Association
(c) Former member and Vice-Chair of Francis Marion University Foundation Board
(d) Graduate of Leadership Florence
(e) Recipient of Francis Marion University Outstanding Member of Alumni Association
(f) Kiwanian of the Year
(g) Participant at National Security Seminar, United States Army War College
(h) Recipient of Francis Marion University John S. Boyce Award
(i) Pee Dee Inn of Court
(j) John Belton O'Neall Inn of Court

Judge Vinson further reported:

It has been an honor and privilege to have served as a Family Court Judge for the past seventeen years and as a Court of Appeals Judge for the past eighteen months. I am very grateful to have been afforded this opportunity for service to my state and to its citizens. I take my judicial oath very seriously and find that it serves as a constant reminder that my conduct, both inside and outside the courtroom, influences the perception of our judicial system. I remain mindful of the significant impact that the decisions I make as a judge have upon litigants appearing before me.

Before starting law school, I worked as a bag boy, bus driver, theater usher, janitor, and delivery person. In my legal career, I have served as a circuit court law clerk, an associate at a large firm, a member of a small firm, and a Judge. These experiences have broadened my perspective and enhanced my appreciation for those involved in our legal system. I believe these varied life

experiences have helped me be a better person and a better judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
Commission members commented that Judge Vinson is efficient, kind, very experienced, and exudes civility.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Vinson qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Court of Appeals, Seat 8.

Whitney B. Harrison
Court of Appeals, Seat 9

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. Harrison meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Court of Appeals judge.

Ms. Harrison was born in 1985. She is 38 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Ms. Harrison provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2011.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. Harrison.

Ms. Harrison demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. Harrison reported that she has made $442.59 in campaign expenditures for metered postage, palm cards, paper, envelopes, and copying.

Ms. Harrison testified she has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. Harrison testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Ms. Harrison to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. Harrison reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) September 19, 2017: I delivered Presbyterian College's Constitution Day speech, where I discussed the toolbox of rights and protections found in our constitution; afterwards I had Q&A with faculty and staff;
(b) June 14, 2018: I spoke at Palmetto Girls State about my experience with the practice of law;
(c) September 24, 2018; I spoke at the Honorable Michelle Child's Federal Court Mentoring Lunch regarding appellate practice—including briefing, motions practice, and oral argument preparation—with the Deputy Staff Attorney of the Court of Appeals and a fellow appellate practitioner;
(d) August 3, 2019: I was on a panel at the South Carolina Association for Justice (SCAJ) convention for the Consumer Protection Section CLE with co-counsel, an attorney from Office of Regulatory Staff, and a reporter from The State to discuss the VC Summer Litigation;
(e) November 20, 2019: I spoke again at Judge Child's Federal Court Mentoring Lunch regarding appellate practice.
(f) From January 2020 through May 2020, I was part of Cornell Law School's Clinical Program in connection with Moore v. Stirling. This weekly class was a hybrid of legal course work for law students and counsel meetings with

Cornell faculty and students, fellows and staff attorneys from Justice 360, and other criminal practitioners;

(g) November 7, 2021: I spoke on a panel about civil litigation and appellate practice with two fellow practitioners and former appellate clerks for the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals' mentoring program;

(h) March 28, 2022: I taught a three-hour class on appellate practice and procedure in a South Carolina law survey course at Presbyterian College, which stemmed from the weekly constitutional law course I taught at Presbyterian College in Spring 2013;

(i)In June 2022, I spoke at Palmetto Girls State with the practice of law.

(j)August 5, 2022: I presented at the SCAJ convention for the Family Law Section—on supersedeas filings at the Court of Appeals and issue preservation;

Ms. Harrison reported that she has published the following:

(a) Incorporating Service Work Into Your Practice, South Carolina Young Lawyer, February 2011, Volume 2, Issue 2, p. 15. (Co-authored with Professor Amy Milligan of University of South Carolina School of Law).

(b) A Best Friend to All: A Tribute to the Honorable Tanya A. Gee; South Carolina Young Lawyer, December 2016, Volume 9, Issue 2, p. 3; The Docket, December 2016, Volume 10, Issue 10, p. 2; RICHBARNEWS, November/December 2016, p. 6.

(c) Inspired to Dream: Inspired to Give, PC Annual Report, July 2020, p. 19.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Ms. Harrison did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Ms. Harrison did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Ms. Harrison has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Ms. Harrison was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the

Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. Harrison reported that her rating by legal rating organizations as follows:
Super Lawyers, Rising Star (2014-2021),
Super Lawyers, Super Lawyer (2022),
National Trial Lawyers, 40 under 40 (twice).

Ms. Harrison reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. Harrison reported that she has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Ms. Harrison appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Ms. Harrison appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Ms. Harrison was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2011.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

Upon graduating from law school, I clerked for the Honorable Aphrodite K. Konduros, on the South Carolina Court of Appeals. While working for Judge Konduros, I reviewed briefs and records in criminal, civil, family, workers' compensation, and administrative law cases; researched legal issues raised and wrote bench memoranda to assist the judges; presented my analysis and recommendations on my assigned cases to the appellate panel to help prepare them for oral argument; and assisted with the drafting of opinions.

In March 2013, I accepted a job in private practice, working for McGowan, Hood, Felder & Phillips, LLC (MHFP) on anti-trust litigation, along with an agreement that I could establish an appellate practice overtime. During my first year, I worked

primarily on class action litigation brought on behalf of the State through parens patrie, where I served as the primary associate for the team. Over the course of that year, I started handling my firm's appeals at the Supreme Court of South Carolina and South Carolina Court of Appeals.

From March 2014 to July 2015, I continued handling MHFP's appeals to the South Carolina appellate courts and assisted with appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and drafting a writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court. In total, I served as lead counsel on nine appeals and argued five times before our appellate courts during this period. Additionally, I worked with the named partners on medical malpractice cases and personal injury cases—assisting at every stage of litigation by drafting pleadings, arguing motions, and taking depositions, along with handling motions, jury charges, and witnesses at trial.

In Spring 2015, the Honorable Kaye G. Hearn invited me to clerk in her chambers at the Supreme Court of South Carolina. While unexpected, the opportunity to sharpen my appellate skills was significant, and I accepted the position with the conditions that before leaving private practice I could complete two milestones, already calendared: (1) try my first medical malpractice case; and (2) argue for the first time before the Supreme Court.

With both conditions met, in August 2015 I began clerking for Justice Hearn. At the Supreme Court, I worked on novel issues in every area of the law. I also had exposure to original jurisdiction cases, which provided an opportunity to work on cases involving elections, death penalty, utilities, and constitutional issues.

In August 2016, I returned to MHFP with a heightened desire to firmly establish myself as a name in appellate practice. As part of those efforts, I placed an emphasis on gaining as much courtroom experience as possible through motions practice and trial work to master procedural and discovery issues that are often addressed on appeal, while also increasing my appellate work. These matters included: medical malpractice, personal injury, civil rights, first amendment claims, and probate. During 2017, I began taking on appeals and trial work from other law firms while continuing to work with MHFP's trial teams for larger cases and complex appeals. Today, I continue to work

under this rubric, which gives me the incredible ability to continually work on fascinating issues at trial and on appeal.

Ms. Harrison reported the frequency of her court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 5%;
(b) State: 95%.

Ms. Harrison reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 75%;
(b) Criminal: 5%;
(c) Domestic: 15%;
(d) Other: 5% administrative.

Ms. Harrison reported the percentage of her practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial?
(b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict? 25%
(c) What number of cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case? 0
(d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements? 0%

My practice is unique. Generally, I am associated as co-counsel in trial court for two reasons: (1) a case is certain to go to trial or (2) a case includes a novel issue that will likely require an appeal—typically stopping a case after summary judgment or in the days leading up to trial (including the day or week before). I have tried multiple cases to verdict in circuit court and have arbitrated a case.

Ms. Harrison provided the following regarding her role as counsel during the past five years:

For trial matters, I served as co-counsel, where I typically handled motions and legal strategy, and during trial I handled motions, record preservation, and occasional examination of witnesses. In appellate matters, I served as chief counsel—regardless of whether I was co-counsel in the underlying matter or retained to handle the appeal.

The following is Ms. Harrison's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) VC Summer Litigation (*Lightsey v. S.C. Elec. & Gas Co., et al.*, Case No. 2017-CP-25-00335 & *Cook v. S.C. Pub. Serv. Auth., et al.*, Case No. 2019-CP-23-06675).

This litigation stemmed from the abandonment of the VC Summer Nuclear Project (the Project) on July 31, 2017, by South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) and South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper). Class counsel filed a lawsuit against the utility companies for their negligence and mismanagement of the Project.

In stark contrast to traditional utility law, the Base Load Review Act (BLRA), allowed SCE&G to charge customers for construction costs prior to service, i.e. providing electricity to be used by customers, from the new units. In total, SCE&G customers advanced over $2 billion in financing costs at the time of abandonment. The determinative legal issue in this matter was the BLRA's constitutionality. At the hearing, I argued the BLRA was unconstitutional because it violated Article I, Section 22 of the South Carolina Constitution, which contains an express protection of the right of notice and an opportunity to be heard in administrative agency cases, as well violating the Fifth and Fourteenth amendments of the United States Constitution and the delegation doctrine.

Months after I argued this constitutional challenge, the circuit court issued instructions regarding anticipated rulings on the Class's constitutional arguments. These instructions provided the impetus for SCE&G to begin settlement negotiation. This case settled for almost $2.2 billion—$178 million in cash and $2 billion in rate relief administered through the Public Service Commission.

As to Santee Cooper, the determinative legal issues were defining the duties owed to these customers. Generally, a utility company does not owe a duty to its customers regarding rates. Articulating a duty between the company and the customers was heightened because Santee Cooper is a state entity. Additionally, because of the Project's nature as a joint venture with SCE&G, it was necessary to craft a separate and distinct duty between SCE&G and Santee Cooper's customers. By arguing that Santee

Cooper's customers were financing the project for Santee Cooper and in turn SCE&G, it provided an avenue to satisfy elements of both negligence theories.

In the weeks leading up to trial, where a jury would determine whether a duty existed, Santee Cooper moved to strike future damages, valued at nearly $4 billion, as a means of limiting liability/recovery at trial. Santee Cooper and SCE&G argued that the future damages were speculative. Following my argument that they were ascertainable, the Court agreed and found $4 billion could be requested at trial. The case settled shortly thereafter. In total, the settlement provided for $520 million in cash and $510 million in rate relief.

(b) *Kosciusko v. Parham*, 428 S.C. 481, 836 S.E.2d 362 (Ct. App. 2019).

This appeal addressed whether South Carolina law permits issues relating to child custody and visitation to be submitted to binding arbitration without oversight from the family court or appellate review. I represented the mother, who argued that the family court did not have jurisdiction to enforce a custody arrangement decided in arbitration because allowing an arbitrator to decide custody violated multiple state laws—specifically, ones in which the General Assembly vested exclusive jurisdiction in the family court to determine issues with children—as well as court rules. This was a case of first impression and the Court of Appeals found that child custody may not be arbitrated. Two years later, the Supreme Court in *Singh v. Singh*, agreed and relied on this case's reasoning and the mother's arguments. 434 S.C. 223, 225, 863 S.E.2d 330, 331 (2021) ("[O]ur reading of the statutes and court rules is consistent with the analysis of the court of appeals in *Kosciusko*.").

(c) *Moore v. Stirling*, 436 S.C. 207, 871 S.E.2d 423 (2022).

For the first time in almost thirty years, the Supreme Court granted oral argument to a habeas corpus petition in a death penalty case to address an issue of first impression. This case challenged the Court's methodology for conducting a proportionality review on direct appeal. By way of background,

following a death sentence in circuit court, the case is appealed directly to the Supreme Court. While addressing any merit issue raised by the defendant, the Court separately conducts a proportionality review as mandated by the General Assembly—one vested solely with the Supreme Court. Practically, the Court is charged with confirming the sentence is proportionate to the crime based on prior cases in the State. In interpreting this mandate, the Court previously decided it would only compare the case before it to cases where the death sentences were upheld.

My client challenged the Court's limited comparison pool arguing that the pool invited only one outcome because of the pool's limited size. The pool failed to account for cases with similar facts in which: a death sentence was not sought, a death notice was withdrawn, or a death sentence was not imposed—including consideration of the lesser sentences. In the absence of a rule change, my client contended that the Court was failing to carry out its statutory directive from the General Assembly. The Supreme Court agreed and modified its rule to allow a defendant to submit comparison cases that should be taken into consideration during its proportionality review.

(d) *Gartrell v. Aiken Regional Medical Center*, Court of Common Pleas, Aiken County, Civil Action No: 15-CP-02-0794.

My client became a triple-amputee as a result of medical negligence. After a two-week trial alongside MHFP partners, an Aiken County jury awarded a $13.75 million verdict. In anticipation of a large verdict, I was invited to the trial team to preserve the record for appeal, handle motions and jury charges, and prepare for post-trial motions to sustain the verdict, including constitutional challenges to any reduction. In preparation for those constitutional challenges, I utilized primary documents from the 1700 and 1800s, and worked with historians and research librarians in the months leading up to trial. While this matter did not get appealed, this was the first case that blended my passion for complexity and novel law into the circuit court in anticipation of an appeal to the Supreme

Court through original jurisdiction. Following this experience, I saw an avenue to practice in my own unique way.

(e) Shareholder Dispute (*Andrews v. Broom*, Op. No. 2018-002223, 2022 WL 539073, at *1 (S.C. Ct. App. filed Feb. 9, 2022) *Broom v. Ten State St., LLP*, Op. No. 2015-MO-057 (S.C. Sup. Ct. filed Sept. 30, 2015) (reversing *Broom v. Ten State St. LLP*, Op. No. 2015-UP-030 (S.C. Ct. App. filed January 14, 2015).

This business dispute, spanning eighteen years of litigation and counting, involves a partnership dissolution with an assertion of a novel issue surrounding a minority shareholder, along with numerous issues involving preservation, statutes of limitations, and civil procedure. I have been involved with the case's two appeals to the Court of Appeals, two writs of certiorari to the Supreme Court, and a bench trial. Included within this lengthy litigation are a series of firsts for me: first appellate brief—Broom v. Ten State St. LLP, Op. No. 2015-UP-030 (S.C. Ct. App. filed January 14, 2015); first win at the Supreme Court—Broom v. Ten State St., LLP, Op. No. 2015-MO-057 (S.C. Sup. Ct. filed Sept. 30, 2015), and my first bench trial.

Without getting too far into the procedural weeds or business disagreements, Mr. Broom has asserted since 2016 that the case was moot following his 2015 favorable Supreme Court's favorable ruling and remittitur. In 2018, Mr. Broom raised these arguments in a motion to dismiss before the trial court. The trial court disagreed and allowed the matter to proceed to a bench trial. At trial, Mr. Broom was successful on all but one claim, which he appealed. In 2022, the Court of Appeals agreed with Mr. Broom that it was an error of law for the trial to have occurred because the issues were moot on procedural grounds. The case is currently pending before the Supreme Court.

For me, this case highlights the importance of preserving a record on appeal and continually renewing arguments for appeal.

The following is Ms. Harrison's account of five civil appeals she has personally handled:

(a) *Rainey v. S.C. Dep't of Soc. Servs.*, 434 S.C. 342, 344, 863 S.E.2d 470, 471 (Ct. App. 2021);

(b) *Broom v. Ten State St., LLP*, Op. No. 2015-MO-057 (S.C. Sup. Ct. filed Sept. 30, 2015); *Andrews v. Broom*, Op. No. 2018-002223, 2022 WL 539073, at *1 (S.C. Ct. App. filed Feb. 9, 2022);
(c) *Sims v. Amisub of S.C., Inc.*, 414 S.C. 109, 110, 777 S.E.2d 379, 380 (2015);
(d) *Roddey v. Wal-Mart Stores E., LP*, 415 S.C. 580, 583, 784 S.E.2d 670, 672 (2016);
(e) *Michael v. Michael*, Op. No. 2016-001498, 2018 WL 1956476, at *1 (S.C. Ct. App. Apr. 25, 2018).

The following is Ms. Harrison's account of two criminal appeals she has personally handled:

(a) *Moore v. Stirling*, 436 S.C. 207, 211, 871 S.E.2d 423, 425 (2022).
(b) *State v. Robinson*, 438 S.C. 421, 426, 882 S.E.2d 883, 886 (Ct. App. 2023), reh'g denied (Feb. 9, 2023).

Ms. Harrison further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
In November 2022, I was found qualified and nominated by JMSC for the Court of Appeals, Seat 2. Prior to election in February 2023, I withdrew.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Ms. Harrison's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Ms. Harrison to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Midlands Citizens Committee noted, "Exceptionally qualified as she was in 2022."

Ms. Harrison is not married. She does not have any children.

Ms. Harrison reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association (2011 to present); involvement includes: Torts & Insurance Council (2018-2021); Practice and Procedures Committee (2020 to Present);

(b) South Carolina Bar Foundation Board (2018 to Present); involvement includes: Cole Committee Chair (overseeing scholarship donations for CLEs), Finance Committee member, and Grants Committee member (helping interview and propose awards of grants to non-profit organizations); South Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society Co-Chair (2018 to 2021);

(c) South Carolina Association for Justice (2016 to Present); involvement: Rules and Practice Chair (2018 to Present);

(d) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association (2020 to Present);

(e) Supreme Court Historical Society (2018 to Present); involvement: revived Supreme Court Historical Society as co-chair through Bar Foundation and now am a member under new framework;

(f) Supreme Court Common Pleas Docketing Committee (2017 to Present);

(g) American Association of Justice (2022); member.

Ms. Harrison provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations and was recognized with the following awards:

Current Involvement

(a) Presbyterian College Board of Trustees
(b) Downtown Church (PCUSA)
(c) Historic Columbia

Past Involvement:

(a) SC Appleseed Board Member
(b) Femex Columbia

Awards/Recognition:

(a) SC Bar's Trial and Appellate Advocacy Award;
(b) Presbyterian College's Young Alumna Award;

(c) 20 under 40, The State;
(d) Best and Brightest: 35 and Under, Columbia Magazine;
(e) William Plumer Jacobs Society Member.

Ms. Harrison further reported:

I love a courtroom podium. It's where I have always felt most at home in this profession. The law comes alive during an argument when I am peppered with hypotheticals and nuanced questions to test the strength and veracity of my arguments. It's in those moments that the courtroom becomes my stage as I am pushed by the ticking appellate clock to prioritize and persuade seamlessly while balancing the bench's questions. I generally dislike discussing myself and resist a spotlight—a truth I felt with force as I answered the last fifty-seven questions. But in a courtroom, it's never about me. I stand front and center, giving voice to issues that need to be squarely addressed. When I leave court, I know I have given it my all, using my time and talents to make a difference—living out my definition of service.

I grew up with parents who made service an organic part of our family. From hosting Cub Scout meetings in our living room every Monday night for nearly six years to volunteering with every clean-up project, ticket table, or random event that needed more hands, we were there ready to serve. It was instilled in me that when you care about your community you show up—wherever and however you can.

This emphasis on making service a daily practice is what drew me to Presbyterian College, whose motto "while we live, we serve" continues to inspire me twenty-years later. There, my mentor, former PC President Dr. John V. Griffith, often brought our conversations about life and my future back to a paraphrased verse in Deuteronomy, stating: "we are heirs of cities we did not build." His point being that with our grand inheritances comes a responsibility to serve our communities using our unique gifts to ensure that those who follow us will receive not only the same, but better. I left college anticipating that the law would be my vocation and my path to serve.

As you read in my application, my path had obstacles including having to take the bar exam three times. There were moments when I questioned if I would ever practice law. And even after I was admitted, I was certain my bar failures would

be a shameful embarrassment that would follow my career—a blemish used to size up my intellect and talent. Yet, with the passing of time, I have come to see that experience for what it really is: a sign of my strength and determination.

During the fall of my 3L year, I was diagnosed with cancer. I underwent surgery to prevent melanoma from spreading, which involved the removal of a grapefruit-size mass. I declined doctors' advice to take leave from school and returned to law school hooked to a machine with tubes coming out of my clothes. There was nothing normal about the rest of that school year (or the year that followed). But I adapted because I had three goals I was determined to accomplish: finish school, deliver our class speech at graduation as planned, and pass the bar exam that October—almost a year from the date of my diagnosis.

I achieved the first two goals—walking across the graduation stage with my classmates and delivering a speech on service. But it took an extra year of studying when I was not working at the Court of Appeals or focused on healing, to pass the bar exam.

Trusting my inner voice that reminded me "I am strong enough to try" despite the pressure to do otherwise was the most significant decision I will likely ever make. There is no question there were challenging, humbling, and downright awful days that occurred as I faced setbacks both personally and professionally. Yet, those are the days that profoundly shaped me, giving me the perspective that I want a lifetime of days filled with purpose and meaningful service. This, in turn, sharpened my drive and forced me to try harder, embracing late nights and early mornings to fully commit to a task at hand. I learned I am not afraid to be an outlier and the value of following my own compass and its passions. Those two years of choosing to try rather than accepting defeat made me a better lawyer and a better servant.

It is still that inner voice that boldly guides me in all aspects of life. In the law, it has encouraged me to take on challenging novel issues and remain unwavering in my advocacy. In so doing, I have represented South Carolinians from all walks of life including: a businessman, an injured DSS worker, a single mother fighting for her kids, a child abandoned by his family, a utility customer, a triple amputee, a man on death row, and so many others. My vocation has become my service—with an

unassailable conviction and stronger confidence than I could have anticipated.

As I look forward and consider my responsibility as an heir to our State, I believe my legal talents and experiences have uniquely prepared me to serve on the Court of Appeals. Although I will undoubtedly miss my beloved podium, I know serving on the bench offers more opportunity to build on our jurisprudence for the betterment of our heirs, which after everything remains my goal.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

One affidavit was filed against Ms. Harrison by William Keefer Brumbach. The Commission thoroughly reviewed all documents while carefully considering the allegations and the nine evaluative criteria provided in statute. At the public hearing, the Commission heard testimony, questioned the complainant, and allowed Ms. Harrison to reply to the allegations both in writing and orally.

After thoroughly reviewing the complaint and listening to the testimony at the public hearing, the Commission does not find a failing on the part of Ms. Harrison in the nine evaluative criteria. The Commission finds specifically that the complaint lacks merit and should not impede Ms. Harrison's candidacy.

The Commission commended Ms. Harrison on her energy and her wealth of relevant experience.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Ms. Harrison qualified, and nominated her for election to Court of Appeals, Seat 9.

The Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes
Court of Appeals, Seat 9

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Holmes meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Court of Appeals judge.

Judge Holmes was born in 1970. She is 53 years old and a resident of Georgetown, South Carolina. Judge Holmes provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1995.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Holmes.

Judge Holmes demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Holmes reported that she has made $108.24 in campaign expenditures for postage.

Judge Holmes testified she has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Holmes testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Holmes to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Holmes reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I have presented at New Judges School for Newly Elected Family Court Judges on the topic of Domestic Matters in 2021 and on the topics of Child Custody, Visitation and Contempt in 2022 and 2023.

(b) I have presented in the 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2023 Horry County Bar Family Court Seminar-Procedural for Family Court practitioners.
(c) I was a panelist at the Attorney General's Youth Summit on Human Trafficking on June 27, 2018.
(d) I have presented at the National Business Institute One Day Seminar entitled "What Family Court Judges Want You to Know" on October 28, 2011.
(e) I have presented at the Children's Law Center Volunteer Guardian ad Litem Conference entitled Permanency Planning for Children on October 7, 2011 to volunteer guardian ad litems.
(f) I have presented at the Children's Law Center "Training for Attorneys Appointed in Abuse and Neglect Cases in the 15th Judicial Circuit on November 13, 2009.
(g) I presented at the 2013 South Carolina Solicitor's Association Annual Conference on Juvenile Delinquency matter to Juvenile Solicitors on September 22, 2013.
(h) I have presented at the SC Bar CLE entitled Fifteenth Circuit Tips from the Bench: What Your Judges Want You to Know on November 18, 2016.

Judge Holmes reported that she has published the following:

(a) I have prepared written materials for seminars of which I have presented.
(b) Family Court Bench/Bar Best Practices Manual for South Carolina Department of Social Services Abuse and Neglect Cases. As Board Member assisted in editing the manual prior to distribution for use in DSS Abuse and Neglect cases.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Judge Holmes did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Holmes did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Holmes has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Holmes was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Holmes reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Holmes reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Holmes reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Holmes appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Holmes appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Holmes was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1995.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Since my graduation from law school on May 13, 1995, I worked for Morant and Morant Law Firm located at 1022 Prince Street in Georgetown, SC from September 1995 to July 1997. I performed title searches, closed real estate loans, handled social security disability cases, personal injury cases, prepared wills, prepared deeds and handled family court cases. I had no administrative or financial duties.

(b) (b) From July 1997 to June 2007, I ventured out and opened my own law firm, Jan B. Bromell, P.A. Seventy five (75%) of my practice consisted of domestic matters. I prosecuted and defended child support and child custody cases, divorce, alimony, separate maintenance and support, adoption and termination of parental rights, appointed and retained on juvenile cases, appointed and retained on abuse

and neglect matters, name change, annulment, equitable distribution, and orders of protection. Twenty-four percent (24%) of my practice consists of civil matters. I handled real estate transactions, performed title searches, handle social security disability cases, personal injury cases, prepared power of attorney, contracts, wills and deeds. One percent (1%) of my practice consisted of criminal cases. I was responsible for administrative and financial duties.
(c) Elected as Family Court Judge Seat 1, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit on February 7, 2007. Began work July 2, 2007 and working continuously since.
(d) Appointed to sit as Acting Justice on the South Carolina Supreme Court by Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty to hear and dispose of cases on November 15, 2017, December 14, 2022 and April 20, 2023. I reviewed the record of appeal, appellant and respondent briefs, heard oral arguments and determined along with all other justices the outcome of cases scheduled on the particular days.
(e) Appointed to sit as Acting Judge of South Carolina Court of Appeals by Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty beginning July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Judge Holmes reported the frequency of her court appearances prior to her service on the bench as follows:
(a) federal: Only once in 2006. Case scheduled for trial on 09/20/06, but settled.
(b) state: 5 to 10 times per month for domestic hearings/trials, roster meetings for civil matters, civil trials, roll call for criminal matters, criminal trials, probate court chemical dependency or estate hearings, master in equity hearings.

Judge Holmes reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to her service on the bench as follows:

(a) Civil: 24%;
(b) Criminal: 1%
(c) Domestic: 75%
(d) Other:

Judge Holmes reported her practice in trial court as follows:
(a) 25% of cases were in trial court.

(b) 1% of cases went to trail and resulted in a verdict.
(c) 0 cases went to trail and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case.
(d) 0 cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Judge Holmes provided that during the past five years prior to her service on the bench she most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Holmes's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Gallant-Taylor vs. Taylor*, 2002 DR 22 156 was an annulment action based on non-consummation of marriage and fraud. The parties met in 1995 and never engaged in sexual intercourse while dating. Plaintiff Wife was a Christian and Defendant Husband was a Minister. The parties believed that sexual intercourse was an act reserved for married couples. Thus, the couple agreed not to engage in intercourse until married. The parties were married on December 29, 2001 in Georgetown County. Throughout the marriage, Defendant Husband offered excuses as to why he could not engage in sexual intercourse with Plaintiff Wife. Defendant Husband's continuous refusal to engage in sexual intercourse with Plaintiff Wife led to the parties' separation on May 3, 2002 in Columbia, SC. Plaintiff Wife filed an action for annulment. The court found based on the testimony of Plaintiff Wife that: (1) the parties agreed that intimacy was appropriate when two parties were married; (2) the Plaintiff Wife expected that the parties would consummate their relationship once they were married; (3) the Plaintiff Wife was reasonable in expecting that the parties would consummate their relationship once they were married; (4) the parties never engaged in sexual relations during marriage; (5) the Plaintiff is entitled to have her marriage annulled based on non-consummation of marriage and (6) the Plaintiff is entitled to have her marriage annulled based on fraud.

(b) *Stephens, Respondent vs. Stephens*, Appellant Unpublished Opinion No. 2002-UP 077 was significant because the Court of Appeals agreed with my position that the trial court erred in apportioning the marital debts of the

parties. At the time of the commencement of marital litigation, the total credit card debt of the parties was $24,927.30. Of this total debt, the trial court ordered Husband to pay $22,065.07 and ordered Wife to pay $2,862.23. The trial court, in its order, failed to address any of the factors as they relate to apportionment of marital debt. The Court found the Husband at fault in the break up of the marriage and Wife was granted a divorce on the grounds of physical cruelty. Although fault is one factor for the court to address in equitably dividing marital property, it does not justify a severe penalty. Morris vs. Morris 335 S.C. 525, 517 S.E.2d 720 (Ct. App. 1999). The Wife argued that because she was given the marital home by the Husband and there exists a mortgage of $13,000.00 on the home, the award is fair. However, the Wife received the marital home as part of the settlement agreement. There was no indication that the Court considered this debt in apportioning the debt. The Court of Appeals was unable to discern from the record the family court's basis for its apportionment of the credit card debt. The case was remanded for further consideration and discussion of the factors set forth in S.C. Code of Laws Ann. § 20-7-472 (Supp). The Court of Appeals further stated that the court may adjust the apportionment of the debt if it deems such an adjustment is appropriate.

(c) *Moore vs. Moore* 2002 DR 22 156 was a two day contested trial concerning custody of the parties' minor children, alimony and attorney fees. A guardian was appointed to represent the interests of the minor children. I represented the Defendant Father. The Court awarded custody of the parties two minor children to the Father. In determining custody, the Family Court considered the character, fitness, attitude and inclination on the part of each parent as they impact or relate to the child. Paparella v. Paparella 340 S.C. 186, 531 S.E.2d 297 (Ct. App. 2000). The Court found the Father to be more actively involved in the children's daily life. The Court also found the Father to be the primary caretaker of the minor children. The Court was guided in awarding custody to the primary caretaker by the cases of Smith v. Smith 294 S.C. 194, 363 S.E.2d 404 (Ct. App. 1987) and Epperly v. Epperly 312 S.C. 411,

440 S.E.2d 884 (1994). Mother was denied alimony. The factors were not proven. Mother was also ordered to pay a portion of Father's attorney's fees based on the factors in Glasscock vs. Glasscock , 304 S.C. 158, 403 S.E. 2d 313 (1991) and clarified in EDM v. TAM 307S.C. 471, 415 S.E.2d 812 (1992): the difficulty of the matter, favorable results obtained, reasonableness of time and costs incurred, ability of the Mother to pay attorney fees and inability of the Father to pay attorney fees if no assistance is provided.

(d) *Harrell vs. Gubicza* 2004 DR 26 2251 was a two day contested trial concerning custody of the parties' minor child. A guardian was appointed to represent the interests of the minor child. I represented the Plaintiff Father. The Father brought this action to save his daughter from the immoral environment of the Defendant and Defendant's Mother home. The parties were never married and the child was born out of wedlock. The law states that custody of a child born out of wedlock is with the mother. However, an acknowledged father may petition the court for custody or visitation. At such proceeding, the best interest of the minor child is the determining factor S.C. Code of Laws Ann. § 20-7-953 (B) (1976). Absent an agreement or court order regarding child custody, both parties are equally entitled to the custody of the minor child. S.C. Code of Laws Ann. § 20-7-100 (Supp). In this case we had a child born out of wedlock to young parents who had not had the issue of custody decided between them. At the temporary hearing, custody of the minor child was awarded to the Plaintiff because of the affidavits submitted on his behalf as well as the fact that the Defendant did not appear. At the conclusion of the merits hearing, the Court undertook the awesome task of looking into the past of each party and predicting which of the two available environments would advance the best interest of the child and bring about the best adjusted mature individual. Cook v. Cobb 271 S.C. 136, 142, 245 S.E.2d 612, 615 (1978). The Court awarded custody of the minor child to the Father.

(e) *Pushia vs. Pushia* 2005 DR 22 470 was a divorce matter wherein the Plaintiff Wife sought alimony. The parties were married for twenty years. For most of the marriage, the Plaintiff Wife was a homemaker. The

Defendant Husband's monthly income was $5869. The Plaintiff Wife's imputed monthly income was $893. The Defendant Husband was ordered to pay child support for the parties' two minor children in a semi-monthly amount of $392.50 plus the 5% court costs. The Court found that although the Plaintiff Wife was a homemaker, she had a high school education, nursing degree, was very computer literate, skilled in word processing and had the probability of good opportunity. The court considered the following in awarding rehabilitative alimony: (1) the duration of the marriage; (2) the age, health, and education of the supported spouse; (3) the parties' accustomed standard of living; (4) the ability of the supporting spouse to meet his needs while meeting the needs of the supported spouse; (5) the time necessary for the supported spouse to acquire job training or skills; (6) the likelihood that the supported spouse will successfully complete retraining; and (7) the supported spouse's likelihood of success in the job market. Plaintiff testified that she desired to go back to school to obtain a dual degree in Medical Office Clerical Assistant and Office Systems Technology at Horry Georgetown Technical College. While pursuing this career, Plaintiff Wife would need financial support to assist her with the college expenses and the household expenses. The Court further considered the additional schooling required by the Plaintiff Wife as well as the time necessary for the Plaintiff Wife to look for and obtain employment after school to sufficiently support herself. The Court awarded the sum of $1000 per month for 5 years, beginning June 15, 2006 and continuing the 15th of each month thereafter. The Court believed this amount to be sufficient rehabilitative alimony for the Defendant Husband to pay and for the Plaintiff Wife to receive. The amount would allow the Plaintiff Wife to meet her expenses at approximately the same level during the marriage. The Defendant Husband was the principal wage earner and provided the family with a comfortable standard of living. Defendant Husband earned $60,000 per year most of which was earned at his principal employment with International Paper Company. The Court found that Defendant Husband would have no difficulty maintaining his standard of living by payment of $1000.00

to Plaintiff Wife on a monthly basis. The award was intended to encourage Plaintiff Wife to become self-supporting after the divorce from Defendant Husband. I believe this to be the trend of the court in these type cases.

The following is Judge Holmes 's account of two civil appeals she has personally handled:

(a) *Sheryl L. Stephens, Respondent v. Michael Anthony Stephens, Appellant*. Appeal from Georgetown County Haskell T. Abbott, III, Family Court Judge. Unpublished Opinion No. 2002-UP-077. submitted November 14, 2001-Filed February 11, 2002. Affirmed in Part; Remanded in Part. In this case, I represented the Appellant.

(b) *Ralph Hoffman, Appellant vs. Lola Watts, Respondent*, Appeal from Georgetown County Master in Equity, Benjamin H. Culbertson. Affirmed. Unpublished Opinion. In this case, I represented the Respondent.

Judge Holmes reported that she has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

(a) Judge Holmes reported that she has held the following judicial office(s): Elected by SC General Assembly February 7, 2007 as Family Court Judge , Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1. Re-elected February 2013 and February 2019 to same position.

(b) Appointed to sit as an Acting Justice on the Supreme Court of South Carolina to hear and dispose of matters on November 15, 2017, December 14, 2022 and April 20, 2023.

(c) Appointed to sit as an Acting Judge on the South Carolina Court of Appeals from July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

Judge Bromell Holmes provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) *High v. High*, 697 S.E.2d 690 (S.C. Court of Appeals) Decided July 28, 2010.

This was a divorce action with an agreement on equitable distribution of marital property and debt. The contested issues were child custody and attorney fees. The matter was appealed. The Father appealed my order granting Mother sole custody of the couple's two children, arguing the family court erred in: (1) refusing to qualify Teressa Harrington, LPC as an expert witness; (2) prohibiting the introduction of statements made by the couple's minor daughter to Harrington; (3) refusing to admit Harrington's records into evidence; (4) making certain findings of fact relevant to the issue of custody which were not supported by the record; (5) failing to consider important factors contained in the record in its award of primary custody to Mother; (6) awarding Mother sole custody based on the fact that Mother was historically the caregiver of the minor children; and (7) granting Mother custody based on the primary caretaker factor. The Mother cross-appealed arguing that the family court erred in (1) hearing Father's untimely motion to alter or amend, and (2) failing to award her attorney's fees and costs. The Court of Appeals affirmed my ruling.

(b) *In the Interest of Spencer R. a juvenile under the age of seventeen*, 692 S.E.2d 569 (S.C. Court of Appeals) Decided April 25, 2010.

This was a juvenile delinquency matter in which Spencer R. was charged with pointing and presenting a firearm. This case was my first juvenile trial as a family court judge. What was difficult about this case is that the State charged the juvenile in one petition for pointing and presenting a firearm at three different people. I didn’t understand why the State didn’t file three petitions, one for each person. It was clear to me that the juvenile intended to point and present a firearm at one of the individuals, but not the other two. However, because of how the petition was filed, I thought that I had to find the juvenile delinquent on the petition. The juvenile appealed his conviction for presenting a firearm, alleging the family court erred in finding sufficient evidence to support his conviction. The Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction of one of the individuals and reversed the conviction of the other two individuals. I am particularly proud of this case because prior to my ruling, there was no case

law in the State of South Carolina which defined presenting a firearm.

(c) *Simmons vs. Simmons*, 392 S.C. 412 (2011), 709 S.E.2d 666 Decided May 9, 2011.

This was a difficult case for me. The parties divorced in 1990 and entered into a family court-approved settlement agreement that was determined to be void in part. A central part of the parties' agreement required Husband to give Wife one-third of his Social Security benefits if he began receiving them at age 62 or one-half of those benefits if he began receiving them at age 65. The Social Security benefits were to "be construed only as a property settlement, and shall not in any way be considered or construed as alimony." Husband attained the age of 62 in 1994 and 65 in 1997, but he failed to pay Wife any portion of his Social Security benefits. In December of 2003, Wife filed a petition for a rule to show cause, seeking to compel compliance with the agreement. Husband responded by filing a Rule 60(b)(4), SCRCP,[2] motion, asserting that the family court lacked subject matter jurisdiction to order division of his Social Security benefits. The family court dismissed Husband's subject matter jurisdiction challenge, and Husband appealed. The court of appeals reversed. Simmons v. Simmons, 370 S.C. 109, 634 S.E.2d 1 (Ct. App. 2006). The court found that the Social Security Act, specifically 42 U.S.C. § 407(a) (2010), preempted and expressly precluded the parties' agreement to divide Husband's Social Security benefits. As a result, the court voided that portion the agreement. The appeal presented the question of whether the family court may revisit, in whole or in part, the now partially voided agreement. I ruled in 2008 that I lacked subject matter jurisdiction to reconsider the 1990 court- approved agreement. The Supreme Court reversed and remanded for reconsideration of the court-approved agreement.

(d) *Scott Meyers v. SCDSS* 2022–UP-141 filed March 17, 2022

Scott and Catherine Meyers appealed my order dismissing their petition to adopt their niece based on the fact that they did not satisfy the requirements of the ICPC. On appeal, they argued the

family court erred in finding the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
(ICPC) applied to the action because they are related to minor child. The Court of Appeals found that the ICPC applies and statutorily bars the Meyers from adopting the minor child. My ruling was affirmed.

(e) *In the Interest of Justin B., a Juvenile Under the Age of Seventeen*, 747 S.E.2d 774 (S.C. Sup. Ct. decided August 28, 2013)

This case was also significant to me in that it involved sexual abuse committed between siblings. On May 3, 2009, Justin B's adoptive mother witnessed him sexually molest his adoptive sister and notified police. In August 2009, he was indicted for CSC–First in violation of section 16-3-655(A)(1) of the South Carolina Code. S.C. Code Ann. § 16-3-655(A) (Supp. 2012). Pursuant to a negotiated plea deal in which the juvenile agreed to plead guilty if allowed to do so in family court, the juvenile was brought before me on a juvenile petition in November 2009. He admitted guilt and was subsequently adjudicated delinquent. I committed the juvenile for an indeterminate period to the Department of Juvenile Justice, not to exceed his twenty-first birthday, and required him to undergo counseling. He was also ordered to register as a sex offender as required by section 23-3-460 of the South Carolina Code, and to comply with section 23-3-540's electronic monitoring requirements. Id. §§ 23-3-460, -540. The Juvenile appealed challenging the active electronic monitoring requirements of section 23-3-540 of the South Carolina Code Section 23-3-540 that individuals convicted of certain sex-related offenses, including criminal sexual conduct with a minor in the first degree (CSC–First), submit to electronic monitoring for the duration of the time the individual is required to remain on the sex offender registry. S.C. Code Ann. § 23-3-540(A)–(H) (Supp.2012). An individual found guilty of CSC–First is required to register as a sex offender bi-annually for life. Id. §§ 23-3-430, -460 (Supp. 2012). Section 23-3-540 also provides that ten years from the date electronic monitoring begins, an individual may petition the chief administrative judge of the general sessions court for the county in which the offender resides for an order of release from the monitoring requirements.

Id. § 23-3-540(H). However, those persons convicted of CSC–First may not petition for this review. Id. Thus, these sex offenders must submit to monitoring for the duration of their lives.

Justin B argued that, because he is a juvenile, this imposition constitutes cruel and unusual punishment in violation of the federal and state constitutions. The Supreme Court found that electronic monitoring is not a punishment, and rejected Justin B's claim. However, the Supreme Court allowed the juvenile to have periodic judicial review to determine the necessity of continued electronic monitoring. My decision was affirmed as modified.

Judge Holmes reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Holmes further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies: 2022 Judicial Merit Selection Commission Screening, Court of Appeals, Seat 2.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Holmes 's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Holmes to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Judge Holmes is married to Cleveland Bernard Holmes. She has two children.

Judge Holmes reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges (President, 2022-2023, Vice President, 2021-2022) and (Secretary/Treasurer, 2020-2021)
(b) Family Court Advisory Committee (2020-Present)
(c) South Carolina Bar Association (1997-Present)
(d) Georgetown County Bar Association (1997-Present)
(e) Coastal Women Lawyers
(f) South Carolina Bar Pro Bono Board (Past Member)
(g) Coastal Inn of Court (2017-Present)
(h) South Carolina Family Court Inn of Court (2021-Present)
(i) Family Court Bench/Bar (2009-2017)

Judge Holmes provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (Parliamentarian 2016-2018) Member of the Year for 2009
(b) St. Paul AME Church, Steward (2005-Present), Finance Committee(2005-Present) Christian Education Department (2004-Present), Women's Missionary Society (1995-Present) Youth Choir Director (2016-Present).

Judge Holmes further reported:

I have come into contact with thousands of people over the past fifteen years as a Family Court Judge as well as the preceding twelve years prior to my judgeship as an attorney. Throughout my life, I have lived by the golden rule "do unto others as you would have them do unto you". I have treated all individuals with the utmost respect. These individuals came from many walks of life. I am naturally inclined to attentively and objectively listen to all parties in a dispute. I am inherently fair, courteous, diligent, patient, humble and compassionate. I possess the intellectual capacity to interpret legal principles, apply them to the facts of each case and clearly and logically communicate the reasoning leading to my conclusions. I have been patient, dignified, open-minded and diligent in disposing of my cases. I have handled the pressure of a rigorous schedule. I have maneuvered the uncertainties of returning to our new normal by being flexible in accommodating a different

courtroom format such as continuing the use of virtual hearings when warranted. The totality of my life experiences has equipped me to become an outstanding Court of Appeals Judge. I'm looking forward to expanding my horizons.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
Five affidavits were filed against Judge Holmes by the following complainants: Shanda Nicol, Karon Mitchell, Iris B. Bullard, John Gallman, and Tucker S. Player. Additionally, each of the complainants provided oral testimony before the Commission. The Commission thoroughly reviewed the affidavits and any accompanying documents provided from the complainants, as well as a written response and oral testimony from Judge Holmes. After careful consideration of the testimony, complaints, response, and accompanying documents, the Commission does not find a failing on the part of Judge Holmes in the nine evaluative criteria. Further, and of note, none of these complaints were filed against her in her prior candidacy for election to the Court of Appeals. Moreover, the Commission concluded that the complaints lacked credibility.

The Commission commented that Judge Holmes is a well-respected member of the judiciary. They noted she is a dedicated and thoughtful jurist who treats others with dignity and respect.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Holmes qualified, and nominated her for election to Court of Appeals, Seat 9.

The Honorable Matthew Price Turner
Court of Appeals, Seat 9

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Turner meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Court of Appeals judge.

Judge Turner was born in 1978. He is 45 years old and a resident of Laurens, South Carolina. Judge Turner provided in his

application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2003.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Turner.

Judge Turner demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Turner reported that he has made $257.09 in campaign expenditures for resume paper, postage, and campaign cards.

Judge Turner testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
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Judge Turner testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Turner to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Turner reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) In 2018, I spoke at the "Lessons from the Bench" CLE presented by the Newberry County Bar. My topic was "Getting to know the New Judge" which was a question and answer session to allow practitioners in my Circuit the opportunity to ask questions regarding my preferences for handling cases, etc.

(b) I spoke at the 2018 Bench Bar seminar on the topic of "Problematic Practice in Family Court."

Judge Turner reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Turner did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Turner did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Turner has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Turner was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Turner reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale Hubbell, was BV Distinguished (2010).

Judge Turner reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Turner reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Turner appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Turner appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Turner was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2003.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Turner and Burney, P.C., Associate, August 2003-2007
(b) Turner and Burney, P.C., Partner, 2007 –March 2018
(c) Family Court judge-March 2018-present

Turner and Burney was a general practice firm. During my time as a practicing attorney, we had offices in Laurens and Simpsonville. I represented clients in cases in Common Pleas, General Sessions, Probate Court, Family Court, and Magistrate's Court. I also represented clients in appellate matters and argued several appeals to the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. I was involved in the management of the practice, including the staff and finances. I was also the attorney responsible for overseeing the firms' trust account for many years prior to my election to the Family Court bench.

Judge Turner reported the frequency of his court appearances prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Federal: None;
(b) State: During my time in practice, my schedule varied from week to week. I may have one (1) court appearance one (1) week, and three (3)-four (4) appearances the next. There were also some weeks that I did not have any court appearances.

Judge Turner reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Civil: 20%;
(b) Criminal: 20%;
(c) Domestic: 50%;
(d) Other: 10%.

Judge Turner reported that during the five years prior to his election to the bench, 80% of his practice was in trial court, including matters that settled prior to trial.

The following is Judge Turner's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Kevin Bragg v. Morgan Bragg*, 2011 WL 11735683 (Ct. App. 2011)- I represented the mother in this post-divorce action. Father filed an action alleging that there was a substantial change in circumstances which he claimed warranted an order granting him sole custody. This case involved several temporary and/or emergency hearings and a two (2) day final hearing. Father asked for temporary custody on three (3) separate occasions during the pendency of the action. Father alleged that Mother had exposed the minor child to the use of illicit drugs and the excessive consumption of alcohol. Father further alleged that mother was involved in relationships with younger men and exposed the child to these relationships overnight. Father presented several witnesses who testified that mother was exposing the child to numerous young men and having them spend the night with the child present. Father's witnesses also testified that mother supplied these underage men with alcohol and that she excessively consumed alcohol while the child was in her care. We were able to establish that father's witnesses were either not credible or were biased. After the two-day trial, the court found that the child was doing well in school, was in no danger while in mother's care, and was well taken care of by mother. As such, the court awarded sole custody to mother.

Father appealed the Family Court's decision alleging that the court erred in failing to find a substantial change in circumstances. I also represented mother in the appeal. The Court of Appeals affirmed the Family Court's decision.

(b) *State of South Carolina v. Hunter* – This was a DJJ action. I represented the juvenile who was charged with lynching. The juvenile was a fine, young man who was in the eighth (8th) grade at the time of the charge. He was in Honors classes and played on the school football team. The juvenile and several other young men were accused of attacking a friend in the locker room. The victim's mother worked for a local law firm and was extremely upset with my client. She was very involved in the case and sought full prosecution. The juvenile was suspended for ten (10) days as a result of the allegations. The case went to trial. At

trial, I was able to establish that there was no proof my client was involved in the attack despite the State witness's prior testimony to the contrary. The trial judge granted my motion for directed verdict and dismissed the case. It was extremely rewarding to be able to assist this nice, young man.

(c) (c) *Richard Aiken v. World Finance Corp*., 373 S.C. 144, 644 S.E.2d 705 (2007)- This was a civil action against World Finance. Mr. Aiken borrowed money from World Finance, and after his loan was paid in full, a World Finance employee misused the personal financial information of Mr. Aiken and others. My former partner represented Mr. Aiken at the trial level. World Finance filed a motion to compel arbitration based upon the arbitration agreement contained in the loan application. The trial judge denied the motion to compel arbitration and World Finance appealed. My former partner asked me to handle the appeal. I conducted the research, drafted the briefs, and argued at the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court. Both appellate courts affirmed the trial judge. This case was featured in South Carolina Lawyers Weekly.

(d) *Jarred Linton v. Chelsea Calvert*, 2013-DR-30-461- This case involved the custody of a young child who was born out of wedlock. The parents were also very young. I represented the father who filed this action seeking custody. The child was less than one (1) year old at the time the case was filed and had lived with mother since birth. Father alleged that mother could not provide a stable home for the child, that she had no routine for child, that she was exposing the child to different men, and that she was putting her personal interests above the child's. The parents lived several hours apart. Mother alleged that father only wanted custody so that he didn't have to drive hours to visit his child. She also alleged that father was not capable of taking care of the young child. At the temporary hearing, mother submitted an affidavit which included many false and/or misleading allegations. Based upon the same, mother was granted temporary custody and father was granted one (1) weekend per month visitation. The final hearing was tried over the course of two (2) days. As a result of the deposition of the mother and other discovery

obtained, father was able to establish that mother was not credible. Mother acknowledged on cross-examination that she made numerous misrepresentations and false statements in the affidavit she submitted at the temporary hearing. We were also able to establish that father was a fit parent who was capable of caring for the child on a full-time basis. The court awarded father sole custody and attorneys fees. This case was very rewarding for me due to the fact that we were able to obtain sole custody for a young, single father. It was also rewarding to be able to disprove the many false and misleading allegations mother made at the temporary hearing which led to her obtaining sole custody on a temporary basis.

(e) *James Richard Miles v. Theodora Miles*, 393 S.C. 111, 711 S.E.2d 880 (2011)- This was a modification action in which my firm represented the former husband ("Husband"). Husband sought a modification of the previously approved agreement which required him to maintain health and dental insurance on his ex-wife ("Wife"). The agreement also contained a provision stating that the parties waived alimony. My former partner represented husband at the trial level. The trial court found the fact that wife waived alimony in the agreement unambiguously showed the intent of the parties that the health insurance maintenance provision was not support, and therefore, not modifiable. I was asked to handle the appeal. I handled all aspects of the appeal, including arguing the case at the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court without oral argument. The Supreme Court reversed, holding not only that the health insurance maintenance provision was a modifiable incident of support, but that husband established a substantial change in circumstances warranting a modification of the provision.

The following is Judge Turner's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *James Richard Miles v. Theodora Miles*, 393 S.C. 111, 711 S.E.2d 880 (2011)

(b) *Duckett v. Goforth*, 374 S.C. 446, 649 S.E.2d 72 (Ct. App. 2007)

(c) *Simpson v. World Finance Corporation of South Carolina*, 373 S.C. 178, 644 S.E.2d 723 (2007)
(d) *Kevin Bragg v. Morgan Bragg*, 2011 WL 11735683 (Ct. App. 2011)
(e) *Kathleen Lollis and Linda Campbell v. Lisa Dutton, et. al.*, 421 S.C. 467, 807 S.E.2d 723 (Ct. App. 2017)

The following is Judge Turner's account of the criminal appeal he has personally handled:
State of South Carolina v. Raymond Franklin. Unpublished Opinion No: 2014-UP-110 (Ct. App. Filed March 12, 2014)

Judge Turner reported that he has held the following judicial office:

I currently serve as Family Court Judge for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1. I was initially elected on February 7, 2018 and began serving on March 26, 2018. I was re-elected to this position in 2019.

The Family Court, in general, has jurisdiction to hear the following types of cases: actions for divorce, legal separation, separate support and maintenance; actions for the annulment of marriages; actions for child support and alimony, as well as actions to enforce the same; actions for name changes of children and adults; actions for paternity; actions for custody and/or visitation of children; actions related to the abuse of children and vulnerable adults; actions involving juveniles charged with criminal offenses; actions for the termination of parental rights and adoption.

Judge Turner provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) *Reginald Swain v. Daniel Bollinger*, 435 S.C 280, 866 S.E.2d 923 (2022). This case involved a request by grandfather to terminate the rights of the child's father and to allow him to adopt his grandchild. Grandfather and his wife had custody of their grandchild and raised the child for years as both parents were abusing drugs. The grandparents did not want to terminate their own daughters' rights so only grandfather sought to adopt the child. Granting the adoption would lead to grandfather and

his daughter being listed as the child's parents on the birth certificate. I denied the request for termination of father's parental rights and adoption by grandfather. Grandfather appealed and the Court of Appeals affirmed my decision. Grandfather then appealed to the Supreme Court who reversed my decision in an opinion authored by Justice Hearn.

(b) *Elena Glinyanay v. William Tobias*, 437 S.C. 137, 871 S.E.2d 193 (Ct. App. 2022). This was a highly contested custody modification action brought by the mother based on serious allegations of misconduct by father. It was tried over the course of four (4) days. I granted mother sole custody and suspended father's custody. Father appealed my decision. The Court of Appeals affirmed in part and reversed in part.

(c) *Amanda Murphy v. Monte Murphy*, 2023 WL 3093093 (Ct. App. 2023). This was a custody modification action that was tried over the course of three (3) days. The original order granted the parties joint custody with alternating weekly visitation. I modified the prior order granting the parties joint custody with mother being designated primary custodial parent. I also modified the alternating weekly visitation schedule. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision in an unpublished opinion.

(d) *Katie Buist v. Michael Buist*, 2007-DR-01-254. This case was complicated from a factual and procedural standpoint. The case was initially tried by the Honorable Billy A. Tunstall, Jr. in 2009. Husband appealed, arguing that the trial court erred in the apportionment of the marital estate and the award of attorney's fees. In 2012, the Court of Appeals reversed the trial court's order regarding the apportionment of the marital estate and remanded the issue. Husband then appealed the issue of attorney's fees to the Supreme Court. In 2014, the Supreme Court found that the issue regarding attorney's fees was not preserved for appeal. Therefore, this matter was remanded to the trial Court in 2014 for further proceedings solely on the issue of the apportionment of the marital estate. Judge Tunstall passed away while this case was on appeal. The case came before me for a contested trial in 2019. Neither party appealed my decision despite insinuation from both sides

that any decision issued by the trial court would be appealed again.
(e) *South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Caressa Norris, et. al.*, 2023 WL3451531 (Ct. App. 2023). This was a highly contested termination of parental rights action that resulted in a three (3) day trial. I issued an order terminating the parental rights of both parents. Both parents appealed. The Court of Appeals affirmed my decision in an unpublished opinion.

Judge Turner reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Turner's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Piedmont Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Turner to be "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee stated in summary, "Judge has a fine record as a Family Court judge and was an experienced and well-regarded practitioner before he ascended to the bench. The Committee is confident that his experience, ability and character make him a fine candidate for the Court of Appeals."

Judge Turner is married to Megan Wadford Turner. He has two children.

Judge Turner reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) Laurens County Bar; President 2006-2018
(c) South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges

Judge Turner provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) First Baptist Church, Laurens
1) Board of Deacons: 2009-2012; 2014-2017, 2019-2022
Board Chair (2016-2017; 2022)
2) Former Vice-Chair of Pastor Search Committee
(b) YMCA of Greater Laurens- member and former Board Member

Judge Turner further reported:

I have always been a driven, goal-oriented person. When I commit to do something, I put in one hundred percent (100%) effort. I pride myself on having a strong work ethic. To that end, I have no problem working long hours to ensure that the task is completed thoroughly and precisely. I have continued that practice on the bench. I am relatively young and have the energy and motivation needed to be an effective judge.

I have served on various boards in my community and my church, and have volunteered with many organizations and ministries in my community. My experiences serving on these boards, coaching, and volunteering have given me the opportunity to work with adults and children from all walks of life which has taught me to always be open minded.

During my fifteen (15) years in private practice, I had the pleasure of working with clients through some of the most difficult times they ever faced. It was truly a rewarding experience to help my clients navigate through those tough times.

It has been an absolute honor and privilege for me to serve as Family Court judge for the past five (5) years. Although some days can be sad and/or challenging, I have thoroughly enjoyed my experience so far.

Throughout my life, I have made a conscience effort to be kind and respectful to others, and to treat them the way I want to be treated. I have continued that practice on the bench. I truly believe that I have been as fair and patient with lawyers and litigants as anyone can be and I will continue to be fair and patient if elected to the Court of Appeals.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Judge Turner has vast experience in all areas of law from his time in private practice as well as his time as a Family Court judge. The Commission also noted that Judge Turner has a great reputation regarding his treatment of attorneys and litigants who appear in his courtroom.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Turner qualified, and nominated him for election to Court of Appeals, Seat 9.

CIRCUIT COURT
QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Grant Gibbons
Circuit Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Gibbons meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Gibbons was born in 1963. He is 60 years old and a resident of Aiken, South Carolina. Mr. Gibbons provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1991.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Gibbons.

Mr. Gibbons demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Gibbons reported that he has made $635.26 in campaign expenditures for postage, informational cards, and a webpage.

Mr. Gibbons testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Gibbons testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Mr. Gibbons to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Gibbons reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

The South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense created the South Carolina Indigent Defense Academy in 2014. I am a founding member of the faculty. The courses include PD 101, PD 102, and PD 103. Each course lasts for two and a half days. This training is done over three chambers weeks each year and is mandatory for new defenders.

(a) PD 101 – Holistic Defense, Client and Family Relationships, and Initial Contact with Clients.

(b) PD 102 – Cross-Examination Planning and Techniques, I also serve as a group leader to review and critique the students on all PD 102 exercises. This session includes Case Theme and Strategy, Opening Argument, Direct Examination, Cross-Examination, and Closings.

(c) PD 103 – Group leader for reviewing critiquing and coaching the students on all topics covered in PD 103. This session includes Advanced Cross-Examination, Exhibits, Experts, Evidence, Impeachment, and Pre-Trial Motions.

Mr. Gibbons reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Gibbons did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Gibbons did not indicate any evidence of disqualifying financial issues.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Gibbons was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Gibbons reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Gibbons reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Gibbons reported, regarding the holding of public office:
I do not believe Circuit Public Defender is considered a public office. However, if it is one, I have served in that capacity from July 9, 2008 until present.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Gibbons appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Gibbons appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Gibbons was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1991.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 1991-1993: Assistant Solicitor, Second Judicial Circuit, assigned to Barnwell and Bamberg Counties.
(b) 1993-1995: Deputy Solicitor, Second Judicial Circuit, violent crime, and sex crime prosecutor for the entire circuit.
(c) 1995-2008: Deputy Solicitor, Second Judicial Circuit, teaching, hiring, and training of attorneys, above caseload in the entire circuit, co-counsel on seven capital prosecutions.
(d) 2008-Present: Circuit Public Defender, Second Judicial Circuit. Manage and negotiate office budgets on state, county, and city levels. These routinely involve over 3 million dollars per year. I also serve as personnel manager for an office of thirteen attorneys along with thirteen support staff. I oversee and review financial audits of the operation yearly. I maintain a caseload of violent crimes, and I have defended one capital case.

Mr. Gibbons further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

I have been involved in the General Sessions Court in the entire Second Judicial Circuit continuously for over thirty years. I have been a prosecutor, defender, or supervising attorney for nearly every term of court. As Deputy Solicitor I was responsible for creating trial rosters and dockets and supervising and assisting other attorneys on their cases. I did this while also carrying a full caseload myself. I have worked closely with violent crime victims and helped them navigate the criminal process. I have cultivated and maintained close working relationships with law enforcement and court personnel. As a young prosecutor, I routinely tried ten to twelve jury trials per year. These cases ranged from minor offenses up to death penalty cases. In 2008 I was approached by local attorneys and encouraged to seek the position of Circuit Public Defender. I have now held this position for over fifteen years. I have carried a caseload my entire tenure. I handle at least five matters during each term of court. Our circuit has at least twenty terms of General Sessions Court per year. I have defended everything from minor offenses up to a death penalty defense. I routinely serve as co-counsel with new attorneys when they try serious cases.

State v. Dahkir Anderson, murder trial July 10, 2023; (2022-GS-02-00569)
Mr. Anderson was tried for murder, trafficking meth, kidnapping, and other charges. He was alleged to have abducted the victim along with four co-defendants. Evidence was produced that indicated they took him at gunpoint, tied his hands, and drove around Aiken County looking for a dog he stole from Mr. Anderson. Mr. Anderson admitted to assaulting the victim but denied the murder. He went to trial as the sole defendant in the case. The medical examiner testified that death was the result of homicidal beating. The body was burned at some point, but the examiner could not testify if it was before or after death. There were several issues associated with this trial. There was a horrendous seven-second video of the victim gasping for breath on the ground with a pistol stuck to his chin. There were also gruesome photos of the burned body being taken from a shallow grave. The jury returned a guilty verdict on Murder and Kidnapping, but was unable to reach a unanimous verdict on the drug and weapon charges. Mr. Anderson was given a life sentence.

State v. Marcus Turner, murder trial December 5, 2018; (2018-GS-02-00440)
This case involved a charge of Murder and Robbery. Mr. Turner, along with two co-defendants, called a cab for a ride home. The cab driver and his girlfriend responded to the request. Upon arriving the passengers exited the vehicle and refused to pay the fare. An argument ensued and the elderly cab driver was struck in the head by the defendant. The other two men then reached in and took items from the driver and the passenger. The cab driver then fled the scene. The following day, the victim had some issues and sought medical attention. He was found to have a subdural hematoma and was rushed into surgery. After surgery, he lapsed into a coma. Approximately a month later he died in the hospital. This case was complicated by the fact that the victim suffered a fall shortly before this incident and did injure his head. Medical experts were consulted, and the proximate cause of death was somewhat unclear. We proceeded to trial and during the course of the trial, the state approached me with a plea offer. Mr. Turner elected to plead guilty to voluntary

manslaughter. This case was a prime example of so many legal disputes. As attorneys we must learn, study, and come to understand a wide variety of information. I had to give myself a crash course on brain injuries and the associated medical terms and processes. I believe this will be similar to my experiences as a judge in dealing with the myriad of legal issues associated with civil and criminal matters.

State v. Denzil Jordan, burglary 1st, kidnapping, armed robbery, A&B 1st August 9, 2018; (2018GS0200083)
Mr. Jordan was tried on the above charges. The allegations were that he, along with co-defendants, entered the victim's residence, tied him up, pistol-whipped him, and forced him to turn over his debit cards and PINs. They then held him there while a co-defendant went and withdrew funds and made purchases ensuring that they had been given the correct PIN. Entry was made into his residence after a female co-defendant, who went to school with the victim, convinced the victim that she was romantically interested in him. The female let her compatriots into the residence when the victim was out of the room. There were the usual technicalities associated with a multiple-defendant trial. The female defendant became a witness for the state. The defendant was convicted and received a sentence of twenty-five years to run concurrently.

In the civil realm, my experience consists of civil matters ancillary to the criminal system. I have dealt with PCR issues and have always reviewed the civil process and paperwork associated with these cases. As a young prosecutor, I argued appeals to the circuit court which had civil procedure aspects. During that time, I spent a short stint doing civil drug forfeiture actions and bond estreatments which have civil components. Our circuit jurists have always scheduled civil motions and hearings during criminal court. I have watched hundreds of these matters over my three decades in court. I am sure I will have much to learn and adapt to as I deal with civil cases. However, part of being a trial lawyer is being a fast study of new and unfamiliar material. I am confident that with hard work and determination, I can get up to speed quickly. I will also try to cultivate relationships with more experienced judges who can

act as mentors when I need them. I plan on utilizing civil CLE courses whenever possible to further my assimilation.

Mr. Gibbons reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 0
(b) State: Over twenty terms every year, approximately five matters per term.

Mr. Gibbons reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 0%
(b) Criminal: 100%
(c) Domestic: 0%
(d) Other: 0%

Mr. Gibbons reported his practice in trial court as follows:
(a) 85% settled prior to trial
(b) 5% of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict
(c) 5% cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case
(d) 5% cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements

Mr. Gibbons provided the following regarding his role as counsel during the past five years: In my office we don't try cases solo. Most often I was co-counsel training younger attorneys. I was often chief counsel on cases but selected less experienced attorneys to serve as co-counsel as a means of helping them learn.

The following is Mr. Gibbons's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *State v. Joshua Jones*, 2012-GS-02-01854 (no appeal or PCR action was filed). This was a capital murder case. The defendant killed his pregnant girlfriend in her bed in Georgia, he then took his father's car and fled to Aiken, South Carolina. He was parked in a parking space in a neighborhood park in

the middle of the night. A neighbor reported a suspicious vehicle to law enforcement. An officer responded to check on the vehicle. When the officer approached Mr. Jones, he shot and killed her. A high-speed chase ensued when her backup officers responded. Mr. Jones eluded the officers but was arrested without incident when he was located at a relative's home. At the bond hearing on this case, Mr. Jones entered the courtroom gnashing his teeth and growling. He was somewhat unresponsive to the court's questions. This hearing was aired by local television stations and quickly went viral. I was appointed to represent Mr. Jones. We immediately arranged for a private mental evaluation to be performed by a renowned psychiatric expert. We also performed an exhaustive social, mental, and family background. Although this was clearly the murder of a law enforcement officer, we were able to establish that Mr. Jones was suffering from acute schizophrenia at the time of the offense. We found a family history of mental conditions going back generations. Based on these findings the state agreed not to seek a death sentence and Mr. Jones was found guilty but mentally ill and was given a life sentence. This case confirmed my belief that it is extremely important to actively work on every case as soon as possible.

(b) *State v. Marcus Turner*, 2018-GS-02-00440. This case involved a charge of Murder and Robbery. Mr. Turner, along with two co-defendants, called a cab for a ride home. The cab driver and his girlfriend responded to the request. Upon arriving the passengers exited the vehicle and refused to pay the fare. An argument ensued and the elderly cab driver was struck in the head by the defendant. The other two men then reached in and took items from the driver and the passenger. The cab driver then fled the scene. The following day the victim was having some issues and decided to seek medical attention. He was found to have a subdural hematoma and was rushed into surgery. After surgery, he lapsed into a coma. Approximately a month later he died in the hospital.

This case was complicated by the fact that the victim suffered a fall shortly before this incident and did injure his head. Medical experts were consulted, and the proximate cause of death was somewhat unclear. We proceeded to trial and during the trial, the state approached me with a plea offer. Mr. Turner elected to plead guilty to voluntary manslaughter. This case was a prime example of so many legal disputes. As attorneys we must learn, study, and come to understand a wide variety of information. I had to give myself a crash course on brain injuries and the associated medical terms and processes. I believe this will be similar to my experiences as a judge in dealing with the myriad of legal issues associated with civil and criminal matters.

(c) *State v. Clarence Ashby*, 1979-GS-02-00268. On May 6, 1979, Clarence Ashby, who was seventeen years of age at the time, robbed an elderly gentleman. His co-defendant, who was nineteen years of age, shot and killed the victim. On July 11, 1979, the pair entered a plea of guilty and were sentenced to life for the murder and a consecutive twenty-five years for armed robbery. At the time of sentencing, murder convictions allowed for parole eligibility after the service of twenty years. If parole was granted it would remain for the defendant's remaining life. Aiken v. Byars, 410 S.C. 534, 765 S.E.2d 572 (SC 2014), was decided and provided a possible resentencing for any defendant who received a life without parole sentence while under the age of eighteen. Mr. Ashby filed for relief. I was appointed to address his motion. The law was clear that he could not obtain relief under the current case law. I joined other attorneys who were attempting to argue that Mr. Ashby, along with similarly precluded persons, had received a de facto life without parole sentence, and should be granted similar relief. This was not a probable remedy. As an alternative, I also started creating a history of Mr. Ashby's situation. I was very surprised to see that this case was pled to a life sentence barely over two months after the incident in question. Mr. Ashby was

sent to maximum security prison at the age of seventeen. He described the horrors associated with the early years of his incarceration. He also informed me that he had contracted AIDS. I was able to track down the victim's daughter. I called and spoke with her by phone. She told me that their family had never been contacted when the case went to court. They found out about the sentence much later. They never heard any details of the crime, nor any details about the sentence itself. Nor had they ever been contacted about prior parole requests or hearings. When I shared the details of Mr. Ashby's involvement, and the details of his life while serving the thirty-seven years of his incarceration, the daughter was graciously in agreement that he should be paroled. I filed the appropriate documents and was able to get Mr. Ashby released on parole. This was one of the most satisfying cases of my career. Had Mr. Ashby not filed his ineffective motion, we never would have met, and he would likely still be incarcerated.

(d) *State v. Scott Merkerison*, 2011-GS-02-01651. Mr. Merkerison went to trial for the offenses of kidnapping, criminal sexual conduct first degree, and attempted murder. He was accused of kidnapping, raping, and assaulting his girlfriend's daughter. The daughter was an adult. On the night in question, the victim alleged that she went to the defendant's house and was watching a movie with him. She claimed he forced her to perform oral sex. She indicated that she bit his penis causing a cut and also lodging some of his skin in her teeth. She then said he vaginally raped her twice immediately after the bite. She showed broken blood vessels in her eyes and bruising on her neck. Before trial, I met with the investigating officer and reviewed some glaring problems with the victim's statement. I shared my investigator's findings about a huge fight going on between the victim's mother and the defendant. It appeared this may have been a planned event to harm the defendant. He felt that he needed to interview her again due to issues he had with the allegations. He decided to re-interview the victim.

Before he could meet with her, he got a call from the prosecutor on the case forbidding him from having any contact with the victim. These facts came out during cross-examination. Other facts caused serious doubts about the prior statement. I strongly urged my client not to testify. I told him that I thought her credibility had been thoroughly shredded. He insisted on testifying. He described the event and indicated that he did grab the woman around the neck when she refused to let go of his penis. He also said after she finally let go, he restrained her for a few seconds. The jury returned a verdict of guilty on the kidnapping charge, and not guilty of the other offenses. I argued at sentencing that the jury had found that this was not a sexually related kidnapping event. The judge agreed and gave the defendant seven years and did not require sex offender registration. Jurors were approached after the trial and indicated that they only found him guilty of the kidnapping because he said he did not immediately release the woman after she let go of him. My client said he was at peace because he just wanted the truth to be told.

(e) *State v. Wise*, 359 S.C. 14, 596 S.E.2d 475, 2004 S.C. LEXIS 112. This was a death penalty trial after Hastings Wise, a disgruntled employee, entered a manufacturing plant and opened fire on employees and security personnel. Hastings Arthur Wise was convicted of four counts of murder, three counts of assault and battery with intent to kill, one count of second-degree burglary, and four counts of possession of a weapon during the commission of a violent crime. The jury found two aggravating circumstances: a murder was committed during the commission of a burglary, and two or more persons were murdered by one act or pursuant to one scheme or course of conduct. The appellant was sentenced to death on the jury's recommendation for each count of murder, twenty years consecutive on each count of assault and battery with intent to kill, fifteen years concurrent for burglary, and five years concurrent on each weapon possession conviction. I was co-counsel to the elected solicitor on this trial. Mr. Wise

> was represented by two very capable attorneys who made every effort to defend him. Venue was changed from Aiken, SC to Beaufort, SC, numerous motions were filed and argued, and the case went to trial. Throughout the process, Mr. Wise refused to allow his counsel to use defenses or arguments they desired to employ. He refused to allow them to speak with his family, or to address any mental issues. Following his conviction, Mr. Wise attempted to waive all appeals and proceed with execution. What impressed me about this case was the example I saw of defense attorneys continuing to ably defend and represent a client in a horrible situation, who was continuously working against their efforts. These attorneys remained professional and dedicated even though they had been appointed to this task.

Mr. Gibbons reported he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Gibbons's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Gibbons to be "Well-Qualified" as in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, character, and reputation; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, professional and academic ability, physical health, mental stability, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee stated in summary, "Lack of civil experience."

Mr. Gibbons is married to Bonnie Carol Bass Gibbons. He has four children.

Mr. Gibbons reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar - member
(b) National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers – member

(c) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers - member
(d) South Carolina Association of Justice – member
(e) Aiken County Bar Association - member

Mr. Gibbons provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Southern Wolves Wrestling Club – Volunteer Assistant Coach 2020 to present.

Mr. Gibbons further reported:
I began my legal career as a young husband and father. I took a position with the Second Judicial Circuit Solicitors Office and was asked to work in Bamberg and Barnwell counties. I was determined to give this position every effort. There had never been a prosecutor who actually lived in Barnwell or Bamberg, so I decided that I would move my small family to Barnwell County and live in the community that I was going to serve.

I cherish the eight years that I lived and worked in Barnwell. I was a one-man operation, so I learned every facet of the criminal system. I formed lasting relationships with law enforcement and the local community that continue to this day. I had the opportunity to prepare and try a very large number of serious cases early in my career. In the first few years of my tenure, I tried several murder cases.

After a few years of being the sole attorney, another prosecutor was assigned to the Barnwell office. There had been some turnover in the Aiken office, and I was asked to assume responsibilities in all three counties. I had successfully prosecuted a number of child sexual abuse cases in the satellite counties, and I was asked to be the sex crime prosecutor for the circuit in addition to my violent crime caseload. At that time, I was promoted to Deputy Solicitor.

During the 1990s our Circuit had a string of death penalty crimes. I assisted our elected Solicitor as co-counsel on seven capital cases. As more and more of my responsibilities moved to Aiken, I decided to relocate my family. However, I continued

to run the satellite office and carry caseloads in all three counties.

Another opportunity presented itself during this time. A horrific murder and robbery occurred in Denmark, South Carolina. Investigation revealed that the persons responsible had ties to a drug ring the federal government was pursuing. I was designated as a Special Assistant United States attorney. I was co-counsel in the federal murder trial of the four defendants involved in the murder. This gave me a chance to experience how different the federal court system is regarding resources and caseloads.

In 2007 the Circuit Public Defender legislation was enacted. I was approached by local bar members about applying for this position. I enjoyed my job as a prosecutor, and I enjoyed working with everyone in the system. After much contemplation and many prayers, I decided to apply for Circuit Public Defender.

I felt that the existing system was severely broken and that I could organize the office and bring a higher sense of professionalism to the operation. Some of the accomplishments that I have made in my current position are:

(a) I created teams within the office so most conflict cases could stay in the office, rather than being assigned to private attorneys;
(b) I designated an attorney to work solely in the juvenile court, alleviating the conflict of being required to be in two courts at once;
(c) I worked closely with county officials to bring public defender salaries more in line with solicitor salaries;
(d) I was eventually able to convert our case management system to a nearly paperless operation;
(e) My office has one of the lowest attorney turnover rates in the state;
(f) My office has one of the best county funding ratios in the state.

Work has always been a very important part of my life. My parents encouraged me to work in many different fields starting at a very young age. I learned how to work hard and how to work

with people from all walks of life. These jobs included the following:

(a) Surveyor's Assistant for a Mining Engineer - We surveyed property borders for uranium mining claims.
(b) Lab Assistant at a Medical Clinic - Developed X-rays, prepared specimens for testing, and assembled and sterilized medical instruments.
(c) Laborer for a Fence Building Company - Prepared sites and built residential fences.
(d) Rig Worker for a Commercial Drilling Company - We drilled test holes to map uranium deposits for miners.
(e) Explosives Crew Member for Uranium Processing Mill - I set explosive charges used to excavate a 10-acre retaining reservoir for liquid waste.

Integrity:
There are also things that I have not experienced. I think they are important considerations regarding my career.

(a) I have never been sued in state or federal court by either a defendant I was prosecuting or a client.
(b) I have never had a case overturned on Post Conviction Relief.
(c) I had cases overturned on appeal due to evolving legal issues, but never for inappropriate actions, words, or conduct on my part.
(d) I have never been censured or admonished by any court.
(e) My conduct has never been questioned by any legal watchdog groups such as the ACLU or NAACP.

Demeanor:
As Deputy Solicitor and as Circuit Public Defender, I worked with many past and present judges. I quickly learned that they all do things a little differently. I gained a unique perspective on their different policies and personalities. I learned by observation what techniques worked best and what practices created problems.

I have observed judges who were respectful yet firm, and judges who did what needed to be done, even when it was not easy. I

have also witnessed judges who were fair and courteous to everyone in the system and yet upheld the decorum and respect their courtroom deserved while meting out justice accordingly. Unfortunately, I have experienced opposite behaviors as well.

I believe that my work history, my life experience, and my personal demeanor would make me an effective, efficient, and productive jurist.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commended Mr. Gibbons on his excellent demeanor and temperament, as reflected in the BallotBox survey responses. The Commission noted Mr. Gibbons's vast experience with criminal law.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Gibbons qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

David W. Miller
Circuit Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Miller meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Miller was born in 1972. He is 51 years old and a resident of Aiken, South Carolina. Mr. Miller provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2001.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Miller reported that he has made $130.66 in campaign expenditures for cards.

Mr. Miller testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Miller testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Mr. Miller to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Miller reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I have lectured at the S.C. Prosecution Commission's Prosecution Boot Camp each year from 2012 through 2022. At the Boot Camps, Senior Assistant and Deputy Solicitors are given specific topics to cover during instructional periods and all instructors participate in discussion and performance workshops. Instructors critique students on their performances with assigned fact patterns and lead group discussions. I taught the following individual classes to the participants over the years listed: Hearsay (2013, 2014, 2015) Sentencing Fundamentals (2013, 2014), Guilty Pleas: Negotiations, Agreements and Procedure (2016, 2017, 2018).

(b) I made two presentations for the S.C. Bar's pro bono project, Legal Lessons: A series for the Public in 2012. The Legal Lessons series was a program to introduce

members of the public to specific areas of the law by providing classes taught by lawyers with experience in that practice area. The courses were scheduled at the local technical college over the course of several consecutive weeks and included a one-hour class on each subject along with a question and answer period afterward. I presented an "Overview of the South Carolina State Courts" (09/17/2012) and "Criminal Law" (10/29/2012).

(c) I have lectured at the S.C. Solicitor's Association Annual Conference since 2017. I have conducted classes covering several evidence-related topics. In 2017, I presented a lecture titled "Obtaining Evidence Lawfully" that focused on unusual or technical situations where prosecutors are called upon to obtain evidence in cases using specific types of court orders. This lecture was presented in coordination with Senior Deputy Attorney General Don Zelenka, who presented a companion lecture titled "Getting and Using Evidence- Problems, trends, and the Appellate Courts".

(d) In 2018, I presented a lecture titled "Investigating and Prosecuting Animal Abuse Cases" that focused on the unique aspects of investigating and prosecution of animal abuse cases including societal attitudes that impact presentation of evidence to juries and the impact of social media and public outcry on courts' sentencing. I also presented a "follow-up" to the 2017 lecture called "Using Search Warrants, Subpoenas, and Court Orders". This lecture discussed the appropriate use of search warrants and court orders to obtain evidence in criminal prosecutions, focusing on ethical and procedural concerns and how those concerns impact communication with law enforcement agencies.

(e) Following my lecture at the SCSA Annual Conference, I was invited to be a guest facilitator for a workshop on Investigating and Prosecuting Animal Abuse cases at the Southeast Animal Alliance Annual Conference in Augusta, Georgia. The workshop took law enforcement personnel through the process of investigating and documenting a complaint to testifying at trial, where I served alternately as the prosecutor and the defense attorney for various witnesses.

(f) In 2019, I was a co-presenter in a two-hour block of training focused on issues concerning animal cruelty for the South Carolina Summary Court Judges' annual training.

Mr. Miller reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Miller did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Miller did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Miller has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Miller was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Miller reported that his rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, is AV.

Mr. Miller reported the following military service:
1991-95 U.S. Marine Corps Active Duty, Corporal, Honorable Discharge
1995-96 USMC Reserve, Corporal, Honorable Discharge

Mr. Miller reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Miller appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Miller appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Miller was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2001.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 2001-2002 Law Clerk for The Honorable Rodney A. Peeples
(b) 2002-2004 Robert J. Harte, P.C. Associate attorney involved in general litigation matters representing plaintiffs and criminal and civil defendants.
(c) 2004-2009 Smith, Massey, Brodie, Guynn & Mayes, P.C. Associate attorney involved in general litigation matters representing plaintiffs and criminal and civil defendants.
(d) 2009-2013 Office of the Solicitor, 2nd Judicial Circuit - Assistant Solicitor prosecuting felonies and misdemeanors in the General Sessions and Magistrate courts, and handling appeals from magistrate and municipal courts.
(e) 2013-2015 Office of the Solicitor, 2nd Judicial Circuit - Deputy Solicitor for Aiken County prosecuting felonies and misdemeanors in General Sessions, coordinating prosecution/docket management for Aiken County, and working special Information Technology projects for the Office. In this position my administrative tasks included management of staff and oversight of dockets for individual court terms.
(f) 2015-Present Office of the Solicitor, 2nd Judicial Circuit - Deputy Solicitor for Barnwell and Bamberg Counties prosecuting felonies and misdemeanors in the General Sessions and Magistrate courts, continuing to work as needed on cases in Aiken County, and continuing implementation of technology initiatives throughout the Second Judicial Circuit. Administrative duties in this position increased to include input with the elected Solicitor on office personnel, budgetary needs, equipment and space issues, preparation of performance appraisals of employees, complete management of criminal dockets in both counties, and coordination of terms of court with incoming judges

and other court personnel. Additionally, I coordinate training for law enforcement personnel throughout the circuit and in other jurisdictions while continuing to train other lawyers under my supervision.

Mr. Miller further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

My first job as a member of the South Carolina Bar was working as a law clerk for The Honorable Rodney A. Peeples. I then practiced as a private attorney for seven years before becoming an Assistant Solicitor and, later, a Deputy Solicitor in charge of two counties in our circuit. Through this experience, I have handled many different types of cases, both civil and criminal. Before joining the Solicitor's Office, I defended numerous criminal cases involving defendants charged with everything from murder and criminal sexual conduct to driving under the influence. Additionally, I represented both plaintiffs and defendants in civil matters while in private practice. As an associate attorney in a medium sized firm, I handled diverse civil litigation matters ranging from personal injury cases to contract disputes in Common Pleas and Magistrate courts. I was personally involved in the litigation involving the Estate of James Brown before leaving private practice. My civil practice was necessarily diverse because of my firm's limited market. Our firm did not advertise for personal injury cases, and most of the civil matters I handled were taken on an hourly fee basis. I handled contract disputes between businesses, land disputes and nuisance claims, will contests, mechanic's lien cases, and condemnation claims. I was also occasionally appointed by the Circuit Court as a Special Referee to hear non-jury civil claims. I have prosecuted hundreds of cases as an Assistant, and now Deputy Solicitor, in the Second Judicial Circuit. Many of these cases were violent felonies including multi-defendant armed robbery cases, murders and home invasions. In the past five years, I have practiced exclusively in criminal court. During that time I have handled over one thousand cases, including several jury trials. In those cases, and cases that resulted in resolutions prior to trial, I have dealt with motions to suppress evidence, Neil v. Biggers hearings, Jackson v. Denno hearings, motions in limine, as well as other motions. I have been responsible for

presenting expert witness testimony and have been called upon to cross examine expert witnesses called by the defense. I have frequently been asked to draft Orders for the Court following rulings on complex factual or legal issues.
My experience as a criminal defense attorney has shaped the way I prosecute cases throughout my career as a prosecutor. Lengthy, sometimes life-long prison sentences can be necessary to protect society from a particular person, but those situations are, fortunately, extremely rare. I pride myself in my ability to work with the defense bar and judges to come up with fair and just resolutions to cases. I also take pride in my reputation as a capable trial attorney if a resolution cannot be reached.

Mr. Miller reported the frequency of his court appearances as follows:
(a) federal: 0%
(b) state: 100%

Mr. Miller reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters as follows:

(a) Civil: 1% (Post Conviction Relief Actions)
(b) Criminal: 85%
(c) Domestic: 0%
(d) Other: 14% (Administrative)

Mr. Miller reported their practice in trial court as follows:
(a) 85% was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial;
(b) 30 (estimated) cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict;
(c) 0 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case;
(d) 0 cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Mr. Miller provided that during the past five years he most often served as chief counsel, but also frequently appeared as associate counsel when one of the junior lawyers under his supervision was trying a case.

The following is Mr. Miller's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *David Mark Hill v. State of SC*, 377 S.C. 462, 661 S.E.2d 92 (2008). This case was a Capital PCR where the Petitioner ultimately waived his rights to appeal and was put to death. This case is significant to me for many reasons. It was the first and only time I argued a case before the South Carolina Supreme Court. I was criticized for helping Hill waive his appeals and proceed with imposition of the death sentence by other lawyers that handled capital litigation. Although I disagreed with Hill's decision to waive his appeals, I had no doubt Hill was competent to make that decision, so I was obligated to assist him seeking the waiver. But the most impactful thing about the case was that my client requested that I be one of his witnesses when the sentence was carried out, so I ultimately watched my client be put to death on June 6, 2008.

(b) *State of SC v. Honorio Gurrero*, 382 S.C. 620, 677 S.E.2d 603. This was an extremely complex case logistically because it involved four defendants (none of whom spoke English) and four different defense attorneys. All of the defendants were tried together. This case is also significant to me because it was the first criminal case I ever defended in General Sessions Court. It was also the first case that I had overturned on appeal when the South Carolina Supreme Court agreed with me that a directed verdict in favor of my client should have been granted at the close of the State's case.

(c) *State of SC v. Michael Paul Buckmon*. Michael Paul Buckmon and Matthew Bolen sexually assaulted and killed Donna Dempsey in Barnwell County on November 1, 2013. Her home was set on fire in an attempt to conceal the sexual assault and subsequent burglary of the residence. The SLED investigation of the crime spanned from Allendale County to Pickens County and resulted in a nearly 800 page investigative report. The SLED arson investigator and several SLED analysts were qualified as experts in the case and offered testimony concerning the evidence collected during the investigation. There were very few lay

witnesses in the case because many people were fearful of Buckmon. He had previously been convicted of murder and sentenced to life but later had his conviction overturned by the Supreme Court. The case was very difficult to organize and present to the jury in a logical fashion because of the sheer volume of evidence to be presented. Buckmon was convicted of murder, arson in the first degree, and criminal sexual conduct in the first degree at trial and sentenced to life.

(d) *State of SC v. Leon Amos Jason James*. This was a multi-defendant armed robbery in Bamberg County. I tried the case against two of the most respected lawyers in Bamberg and was able to obtain a conviction on all charges. The Defendant was sentenced to life pursuant to S.C. Code 17-25-45 because he had prior convictions for armed robbery. I also convicted one of the co-defendants in a separate trial. He was given a life sentence because he had several prior armed robbery convictions. The third co-defendant in the case pled guilty but did not testify in either trial for the State.

(e) *State of SC v. Demetrius Boyd*. This was a home invasion case where I was appointed to represent the Defendant. He was charged with Burglary 1st Degree, Kidnapping, and Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill. The case is significant to me because the Defendant was one of the most difficult criminal defendants I ever represented, but I was convinced he was not guilty of the crimes he was charged with. Less than two weeks before the trial, I received the State's notice of intent to seek life without parole. We tried the case and the jury found the defendant not guilty on all charges.

The following is Mr. Miller's account of one civil appeal he has personally handled:

David Mark Hill v. State of SC, 377 S.C. 462, 661 S.E.2d 92 (2008). South Carolina Supreme Court, April 28, 2008.

Mr. Miller reported that he has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Mr. Miller further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
I was a candidate for Circuit Judge, At-Large Seat 14, in the Fall of 2012. I was found to be qualified but not nominated by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.
I was a candidate for Circuit Judge, At-Large Seat l, in the Fall of 2016. I withdrew from the race before the Judicial Merit Selection Commission reported on my candidacy.
I was a candidate for Resident Circuit Court Judge for the Second Judicial Circuit, Seat l, in the Spring of 2019. I withdrew from the race after being found qualified and nominated by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.
I was a candidate for Circuit Judge, At-Large Seat 12, in the Fall of 2020. I was found to be qualified but not nominated by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The issue of temperament was raised in the complaints filed against Mr. Miller, and several of the BallotBox surveys questioned the suitability of Mr. Miller's temperament for the bench. The Commission reviewed the BallotBox survey responses for Mr. Miller and there were multiple concerns regarding his temperament. However, overall, the BallotBox comments regarding Mr. Miller's judicial temperament were more positive than negative.

Mr. Miller was questioned about temperament extensively at the public hearing and he testified that he is passionate about the positions he takes in the courtroom, and, as a solicitor, he is the end of the line. He stated that sometimes when trying to find a reasonable compromise, there are times when he has to "draw a line in the sand", which can sometimes be interpreted poorly. He recognizes that when sitting on the bench, you're not an advocate for either side, and have better control over what's going on in in the courtroom. The Commission believes that Mr. Miller's temperament is adequate for someone seeking election as a judge.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee reported Mr. Miller to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional

qualifications, ethical fitness, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Very qualified and with his past experience will be an asset to the judiciary!"

Mr. Miller is not married and has no children.

Mr. Miller reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Aiken County Bar, 2001 - Present, President 2004-06;

(b) South Carolina Trial Lawyers Association, 2001 - 2008, Member, Board of Governors 2005-08;

(c) South Carolina Association for Justice, 2014-Present (Public Sector Member)

Mr. Miller provided that he was recognized by the following awards:

(a) Ernest Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution (2020)

(b) J. Strom Thurmond Prosecutor of the Year for the Second Judicial Circuit (2011)

Mr. Miller further reported:

There are several moments in my career that have helped shape who I am. In 2006, I was appointed lead counsel on the Post-Conviction Relief Application for David Mark Hill, who was sentenced to death after he murdered three people in Aiken County in 1996. Ultimately, Hill decided to waive his appeals and asked that his death sentence be imposed. Following our appearance on the case before the South Carolina Supreme Court, Hill asked that I be present as his witness at his execution. I spent the last twelve hours of David Hill's life with him in a small cell at the Capital Punishment Facility of the South Carolina Department of Corrections. I witnessed his execution that evening.

In November of 2008, Strom Thurmond was elected Solicitor of the Second Judicial Circuit. In late December, he asked me to become an Assistant Solicitor for his office. It was a difficult decision for me because I had gotten married just a few weeks

after his election. In less than ninety days, I went from a single, relatively successful private attorney living in a rented townhouse, to a married Assistant Solicitor living in my first home with my new wife and two children. In retrospect, there is no question I made the right decision when I joined Solicitor Thurmond's staff. Working as an Assistant Solicitor allowed me to be in the courtroom where I always dreamed I'd be. In addition to my prosecutorial duties, I was allowed to work with new attorneys in the office and formally mentor several of our lawyers through the SC Bar's lawyer mentoring program.

In December of 2011, Aiken Department of Public Safety Master Public Safety Officer Edward Scott Richardson was shot and killed by Stephon Carter. Two months later, Aiken Department of Public Safety Master Corporal Sandra Rodgers was shot and killed by Joshua Jones. These murders devastated our community. Solicitor Thurmond assigned me as the lead counsel in the Stephon Carter case and assigned Deputy Solicitor Beth Ann Young as the lead counsel in the Joshua Jones case. In November of 2012, Solicitor Thurmond determined our office would seek the death penalty against Stephon Carter.

For the next two and a half years, I was the lead attorney dealing with all matters involved in the case. Ultimately, we offered a plea agreement to Caner that would require him to spend life in prison without the possibility of parole. The decision to make the plea offer, and the defense's decision to accept the offer, was only possible because of the countless hours spent working the case and communicating with the officers at ADPS and family members of Officer Richardson.

During my time as an Assistant Solicitor and now as a Deputy Solicitor, I have taken on more administrative functions. Since May of 2015, I have been in charge of our "lowcountry" offices in Barnwell and Bamberg Counties. I have developed strong relationships with the defense bar, court personnel, and law enforcement agencies there. I have also managed the criminal dockets in both counties.

When I ran for Circuit Court Judge previously, I was asked many questions about my tenure as the law clerk for Judge Rodney Peeples. Judge Peeples was an incredible judge and remains an amazing person. I continue to love and respect him; he is like a father to me, as he is for all of his former clerks. He

had a style that was not unique when he came to the bench, but the world changed a lot in the three decades on the bench. Unfortunately, he did not always change the way he did things with the times. As much as I love and respect him, I would have a different demeanor on the bench. Academically, Judge Peeples had few equals. Some of the most influential and ground-breaking cases in South Carolina over the last half century have his name attached to them. In my experience, he dispassionately applied the facts to the law, and when the result wasn't fair, he said so, but he still followed the law. Occasionally, that resulted in the law changing, but his decision was going to be based on the law and the facts of the case as he understood them. This is the influence I hope Judge Peeples would have on me as judge. I know that I will be faced with tough decisions, but I will always do what I believe the law requires, even if I am not happy about the result. Judges should apply the law, not seek to change it.

Many other Judges have influenced the demeanor I would hope to have on the bench and are a model for judges. For example, Judge Thomas W. Cooper of Manning is the ultimate "lawyer's judge" to me. He commands control of the courtroom without anger or intimidation. He is fair to all litigants, and their lawyers. He makes informed, timely decisions without unnecessarily commenting on the matters before him. He is kind and courteous, and that civility extends from him to the opposing parties in the courtroom. As I have worked as a solicitor, and before in private practice, I have had the opportunity to appear before dozens of circuit court judges. The best of them have similarities that I have noticed and hope to emulate. Of particular note is the judicial demeanor of Judge William Keesley, Judge Clifton Newman, Judge Early and Judge Casey Manning. Each of them, in their own way, display the best of judicial demeanor and temperament and watching them has prepared me for the challenge of becoming a circuit court judge.

My desire to ascend to the Circuit Court bench is driven by my desire to improve the judicial system in South Carolina. I have learned and always tried to emulate the best attributes of the lawyers and judges I have known. Being a solicitor has allowed me a great opportunity to observe many judges in the courtroom. In each judge, I looked for the things they did that I would want to do if I was in their position. I feel I am ready to take on that challenge, and to become an example to the lawyers that will

follow in my footsteps. My desire to be a Circuit Court Judge is not "the next step", it is the culmination of the career of a trial attorney. That certainly does not mean I don't have room to grow, just that I have never been and do not seek to be an appellate lawyer or judge. I want to be the best circuit court judge in South Carolina.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
Two complaints against Mr. Miller were heard by the Commission. The first from Sarah Ford, attorney for the victims in the underlying case. The second from Karl Stoller, the father of one of the victims in the underlying case. The complaints allege, in relative part, that Mr. Miller failed to properly communicate with victims as required by law. The Commission reviewed the complaints, Mr. Miller's written response, and heard testimony from the parties. Based on the testimony, the Commission requested, received, and reviewed emails between Complainant Ford and Mr. Miller.

The evidence as well as the testimony of the complainants shows that the victims were represented by counsel during the time in question, and there is no evidence or testimony of consent from the victims' lawyer or authorization as a matter of law or court order allowing Mr. Miller to communicate directly with the victims. The Commission concludes that Mr. Miller only communicated with the victims through their lawyer (Complainant Ford), and that his communication is consistent with Rule 4.2 of the South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, which prohibits direct communication with any person the lawyer knows to be represented by another lawyer without the consent of that other lawyer or authority to do so by law or a court order.

Multiple emails as well as testimony at the hearing show that the victims' counsel made sure the victims were informed throughout the case by arranging meetings, coordinating calls and conversations, and informing the victims of hearings and other pending matters. Communication seemed consistent between Mr. Miller and Complainant Ford, the victims' attorney, throughout the pendency of the matter and this same

communication seemed consistent with the rules of professional responsibility.

In the nine days leading up to the final hearing, Mr. Miller wrote multiple emails to Complainant Ford explaining the desire to dispose of the entire case, the plea deal and its exact terms, and even the rationale behind the plea. The email evidence indicates that Mr. Miller communicated fully and completely with Complainant Ford, as was his obligation. One victim had a zoom call on the Tuesday before the hearing to discuss the case. The other victim had a zoom call on Wednesday to explain that the State would be dropping the indictment, but not until after the hearing on Friday to ensure they had the opportunity to be heard in court. The victims and their counsel, Complainant Ford, were present at the hearing on Friday. The emails show that Mr. Miller communicated openly and candidly with Complainant Ford regarding the plan to dispose of the case.

Testimony from Complainant Stoller indicates that he was unaware of the plea arrangement until arriving in the Courtroom on the Friday of the hearing. The Commission unanimously found his claims in his complaint to be credible; however, the evidence also clearly and indisputably indicates that the victims' counsel (Complainant Ford) was fully aware of the existence of a plea arrangement and its precise terms prior to Friday. The evidence also indicates that Mr. Miller had no ability under the rules of professional responsibility to communicate with the victim, but only through their counsel, which he did on multiple occasions. The Commission is unable to determine why Complainant Ford, who was the victims' counsel, did not communicate the information that was clearly in her possession to Complainant Stoller prior to Friday's hearing, despite her having more than adequate notice, explanation, and information from Mr. Miller to do so. Given the clear and irrefutable record of emails between Mr. Miller and the Complainant well before the Friday hearing, the Commission found Complainant Ford's testimony at the public hearing claiming otherwise to be both misleading and extremely troubling.

In conclusion, in assessing the veracity of the complaints and all the evidence before the Commission, the claims that Mr. Miller

failed to communicate with the victims as required by law are baseless, unreliable, and without merit.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Miller qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Dissenting Opinion by Rep. Micah Caskey and Mr. Pete Strom

We write to dissent in the opinion of the majority of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission finding Mr. Miller qualified and nominated for service on the Circuit Court Bench. There is no question that Mr. Miller is an excellent and ethical attorney and prosecutor as evidenced by the glowing recommendations of giants in his local bar. However, we must respectfully dissent in the finding of the majority; because, although we find that he meets and exceeds the standards of several evaluative criteria, we do not believe that he has the requisite judicial temperament to serve on the Circuit Court bench. We believe that now is the time for the Judicial Merit Selection Commission to send a strong and consistent message to judges, those who want to be judges, and to each member of the General Assembly, as well as the public at large, that there is no place in our state for judges who have poor temperament.

The sole issue here for us is Mr. Miller's temperament. Although a complaint was filed against Mr. Miller, we agree with the others on the Commission that the complaint was meritless and that instead of indicating issues with Mr. Miller, it instead highlighted his adherence to ethical rules of lawyers and his professional ability. However, a recurring theme in his current and past screenings has been that he has a poor temperament, which mirrors concerns by members of the bench and bar that his temperament negatively impacts his ability to be a judge. Mr. Miller has himself acknowledged that his temperament has on some occasions been poor because of his need to be a zealous advocate as a prosecutor on behalf of the State of South Carolina, and he promises that it will be better in the future in his different role as an impartial judge. Unfortunately, we cannot buy into his promise that electing him will place a different man

inside the black judicial role. Do occasional bad days or isolated episodes showing a failing in temperament warrant a finding that the candidate is unqualified for judicial service? Perhaps not. We are all human, and we all make mistakes. However, we are not confronted with a temporary lapse in temperament or a single bad day. We are instead faced with a recurring theme, over several screenings and over many years, of poor temperament. We cannot rely on a candidate's election promise when we firmly believe that a person's past actions are the best predictor of his future ones. Mr. Miller has had years to correct the concerns raised about him, and it appears, by the same concerns still being made, that he has either chosen not to correct them or he cannot correct them. If Mr. Miller is elected as a judge and we accept the majority's belief that he will be a better judge than he was a lawyer, then we are stuck with that decision for at least six years if the majority are wrong. That risk is simply too great to take.

Most South Carolinians are rarely if ever part of our judicial system. But a judge with a bad temperament could result in a litigant or party who only has one interaction with our judicial system, losing faith in it because of the actions of a bad judge. Judges are trustees of the legal system, and their actions which carry so much weight must always be above reproach. Because of this, we must be extraordinarily careful with whom we entrust this power over our friends and neighbors. We must set very high standards for those who want to be judges and we must hold them to those standards consistently and without regard to who they are. Our stringent review needs to send a signal to those who want to be judges that they cannot have a bad day and lose their temper or have a substantive lapse in concentration, because of what that means for those who appear before the judge. If the judge is short or rude to a litigant or their attorney, a litigant can reasonably worry that the judge is not going to be fair to their case. If there is doubt about the impartiality of a judge, there will be no faith in the verdict meted out by that judge. Our society is based on people trusting in the administration of justice. It is only the trust in the process and in those who carry it out that allows us to be governed by the stroke of the pen rather than the point of the bayonet.

Our guiding directive, in keeping faith with those who are given the responsibility to screen candidates for the bench, is that people can rely on the quality and integrity of judges. This candidate fell short of the standard we must expect from someone who seeks to be a judge and wield the enormous power given to them. Instead of making excuses, it is time that we make a stand that those with poor temperament will not be allowed to serve our state as judges. We feel compelled to make our stand here. Because of the continued failure in his temperament and the failure to correct that shortcoming over the years despite knowing of those concerns, we must conclude that Mr. Miller is not qualified for judicial office. Therefore, we respectfully dissent from the Commission's decision that he is qualified and nominated.

Martha M. Rivers Davisson
Circuit Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. Rivers Davisson meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Ms. Rivers Davisson was born in 1972. She is 51 years old and a resident of Aiken, South Carolina. Ms. Rivers Davisson provided in her application she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1996.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. Rivers Davisson.

Ms. Rivers Davisson demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to a judge, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. Rivers Davisson reported that she has not made $112.20 in campaign expenditures for stamps.

Ms. Rivers Davisson testified she has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. Rivers Davisson testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Ms. Rivers Davisson to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. Rivers Davisson reported that she has taught the following law-related course:

In April 2019, I presented the Law School for Non-Lawyers class sponsored by the South Carolina Bar in Aiken, South Carolina on the topic of Child Protection Hearings. This series of lectures is designed to provide an overview of the judicial system and its impact on citizens.

Ms. Rivers Davisson reported that she has published the following book:

"The Leaner and Meaner Youthful Offender Act," South Carolina Lawyer, Volume 9, Number 3, November/December 1997.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Ms. Rivers Davisson did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Ms. Rivers Davisson did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Ms. Rivers Davisson has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Ms. Rivers Davisson was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. Rivers Davisson reported that her rating by a legal rating organization Martindale-Hubbell is Distinguished 4.4/5.0.

Ms. Rivers Davisson reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. Rivers Davisson reported that she has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Ms. Rivers Davisson appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Ms. Rivers Davisson appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Ms. Rivers Davisson was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1996.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

After graduation from the USC School of Law in 1996, I clerked for one year for the Honorable Thomas L. Hughston, Jr. of the Eighth Judicial Circuit. I then became an associate attorney at Bedingfield & Williams in Barnwell, SC. From 1997 to 2000, I assisted the partners, Daniel W. Williams and Walter Bedingfield, in the general practice of law. I developed my own caseload consisting of domestic litigation, civil litigation, real estate closings and continued to assist the partners in criminal defense and civil litigation. I was assigned a paralegal but had no management duties for the firm or its finances.

In 1999, my husband entered what was then known as the Masters in International Business (MIB) program at the Darla Moore School of Business at USC. In August 2000, I left Bedingfield & Williams to live with Doug in Zurich, Switzerland, during a portion of his required international internship. We returned in December 2000. I then began my practice as a sole practitioner in January 2001 in Williston, South Carolina. My practice developed much like my associate work. As a sole practitioner, I established and managed the trust accounts and operating accounts. I hired a part time assistant to help with the financial management. When I managed the closing of real estate loans, I maintained two trust accounts, one for real estate matters and one for general practice. In 2018, my solo practice was converted to a limited liability corporation, Rivers Law LLC. In 2020, I opened an office in Aiken, South Carolina.

My office has consistently had staff of one to three persons. I am the administrative manager as well as the financial manager.

In 2018, I ended my real estate practice and now focus on criminal defense, Family Court, and civil litigation. I have been a 608 (appointed defense attorney) in criminal and Family Court abuse and neglect cases for several years. I did not renew my criminal defense contract in 2022.

Ms. Rivers Davisson further reported regarding her experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

My first job was as a law clerk to a circuit court judge. I then began working at a small law firm, primarily for the local criminal defense lawyer in the Second Judicial Circuit. I assisted in preparing and defending clients with him for three years. For a multitude of reasons, we held trials during almost every term of court. Therefore, I quickly became experienced at researching case law, interviewing defendants, and assisting in felony trials from the beginning of my career. Being a small county and small town, I learned a respect for law enforcement, the judicial process and the families of both the victims and the defendant.

Until last year, I maintained a contract with the South Carolina Office of Indigent Defense and was appointed criminal cases through the public defender's office. Typically, these cases involved burglary, armed robbery, murder, and drug offenses. As the defense attorney, I collected and reviewed discovery information, attended preliminary hearings, filed and argued motions before the court, negotiated and attended pleas in criminal court and represented clients in trials. With the COVID protocols, the number of trials held within the past five years has been limited. I did not renew my contract after 2021.

In my career, I have represented defendants in felony and non-felony arrests that involve violent and non-violent crimes. The last criminal cases I handled involved the identification issues for a murder on a store camera recording. The defendant had also stated to multiple people in the legal system that he did not intend to shoot the victim. Had the trial proceeded, the issues of the case would have been malice aforethought and specific versus general intent. I also represented a gentlemen accused of multiple break ins and thefts while potentially using illicit drugs. The multiple arrests presented a challenge in determining potential pleas and sentencing issues. The alleged drug use also presented challenges to his ability to assist in his defense. As a criminal defense attorney, I have represented persons in cases involving Driving Under the Influence, Armed Robbery, Murder, Possession of drugs, Possession of Firearms, Firing into a Dwelling, Trafficking in drugs, Possession with Intent to Distribute, and/or Assault and Battery (of various degrees and offenses).

As a small town general practitioner, I have also maintained a civil practice. My civil practice has primary been plaintiff's oriented and has involved contract disputes, land disputes, and personal injury. For the past decade, my practice became more family court oriented. Family Court has some unique procedural rules and does not allow for a trial by jury. Otherwise, I have utilized similar trial preparation and trial techniques for civil and family court. As a civil attorney in my career, I have been involved in class action litigation, wrongful death litigation, wreck cases, property disputes, evictions, slip and fall cases and unfair trade practices. The majority of personal injury cases

settle, however, I have represented parties through motions practice, discovery, investigations, depositions, and trials in the civil court.

I may appear before a circuit judge once a quarter to once a year depending on the status of cases. The frequency of appearances has reduced since 2020. I have a strong base of knowledge in both civil and criminal law, but intend to continue to strengthen and update that knowledge for service on the bench.

Ms. Rivers Davisson reported the frequency of her court appearances as follows:
(a) federal:
(b) state: 100%

Ms. Rivers Davisson reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters as follows:

(a) Civil: 10%
(b) Criminal: 25%
(c) Domestic: 50%
(d) Other: 15%

Ms. Rivers Davisson reported their practice in trial court as follows:

(a) 75 % of practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial;
(b) I am in the trial court in family court on an almost weekly basis. South Carolina Indigent Defense contracts with attorneys to handle matters on behalf of qualifying defendants for a set fee. This is pursuant to Rule 608. I was a 608 contract attorney for criminal cases in Bamberg County and Barnwell County for approximately ten years. I did not renew that contract in July 2022. Those cases are trial court cases. The vast majority plea. We did attempt to hold a trial in 2022 on a murder charge, but I developed Covid type symptoms during jury selection. I have not held any other trials in criminal court since then. Although I no longer hold a contract for appointments, I still have clients from the prior years and recently accepted additional cases from the Office of Indigent Defense for a client I was

appointed to represent in 2021. All other jury trials in criminal court were more than five (5) years ago.

Since 2014, I have been a 608 contract attorney for cases involving the SC Department of Social Services. These cases are regularly called to court and result in many trial phases as parents or other caregivers have one to two years to reunite the family after removal of their children. Trials may be held at the merits stage, the permanency planning stage, or upon various other events in the case. I would estimate that I am involved in some type of trial in a DSS action once a month between the three counties (Aiken, Bamberg and Barnwell). These trials involve the Rules of Civl Procedure as well as the various statutes and rules that are applicable to this unique area of law.

I also handle litigation in my non-appointment or private case load. In the past five (5) years, I have managed at least 2 trials in my civil practice. All other litigation or potential litigation settled prior to trial.

(c) No cases resolved after presentation of the plaintiff's case;

(d) No cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Ms. Rivers Davisson provided the following about her role as counsel during the past five years:

I am the only attorney in my firm, Rivers Law LLC. I handle all cases directly. In the past five years, my practice has continued to be a general practice offering simple estate planning, family law services, civil personal injury advocacy, and criminal defense. In 2020, I opened an office in Aiken, South Carolina. This has helped me serve clients throughout the Second Judicial Circuit. I was asked to assist another attorney on a limited basis for one case in the past five years. I participated in one hearing with him. I have not been associated by any other attorney and have not associated another attorney for my cases in the past five years. I have taken referrals from an attorney who had a recent illness as a courtesy to her and her clients. She is not currently involved in these cases, and litigation is ongoing.

The following is Ms. Rivers Davisson's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Deloach v. Norfolk Southern and Roosevelt v. Norfolk Southern* (2005). My clients and their child were harmed individually and as the heirs of Mr. Tony Deloach who died during the Norfolk Southern train derailment in Graniteville, South Carolina. The mixture of chemicals release in the derailment resulted in mustard gas settling into the historic mill area known "The Valley." Mr. Deloach, his infant daughter, and his father were at home. His father died while he struggled to keep himself and his daughter alive. His wife was able to get through the emergency barricades and remove them from the affected area for medical treatment. Mr. Roosevelt was working at the Graniteville mill the night of the derailment. He and several co-workers were able to crowd into a car to leave the area. I, with co-counsel, handled this case from the day I was hired through the negotiations with Norfolk Southern and ensured that all settlements were properly approved. The derailment was caused when a prior train crew failed to manually reset a track switch.

(b) *Pennicuff v. Pennicuff* (2005). I served as the guardian ad litem for two minor children who were in the physical custody of their mother. The mother moved from Georgia to Ohio without making provisions for father's visitation. The father brought an action for change in custody or to address his visitation. During the investigation, questions arose regarding the stability of the children in mother's custody. With the assistance of an attorney in Ohio, we were able to present a full and accurate report of the status of these children to the South Carolina court which led to a change in custody. As the guardian, I pushed for court time to bring this matter to a hearing and brought out issues that neither attorney addressed for the mental and physical health of the children. The parties were limited financially and the docket was very limited. This case demonstrated the need for a guardian advocate for the minor children to move the case forward for the benefit and protection of the children. The attorneys are representing their individual clients and may have other issues to consider. This year, the father visited my office unexpectedly. He thanked me for my work and showed me pictures of his children who are now adults.

(c) *SC v. Workman*, (2012). My client, Mr. Workman, was accused of robbing a local convenience store with two other young men. One of them pointed a gun at the store clerk's face. I found my client to be calm and intelligent. His case is remarkable to me not because of him personally but because I also came to know his siblings through a family court action. The family had a history of state involvement throughout their childhood. They were very capable young men and women, but their futures appeared limited. It was disturbing to see the course of their young lives, especially as each was involved with governmental systems designed to assist. Upon the jury's verdict, Hon. Clifton Newman sentenced Mr. Workman to thirteen years in the SC Department of Corrections. Mr. Workman's case is a reminder of the interplay and impact of different courts on a family.

(d) *Williams v. Walling, et al*. (2019) I represented Ms. Walling who was a defendant following her purchase of a mobile home. The case involved a tax sale in Bamberg County. Another man bought the home through the county Forfeited Land Commission. He then sold it to Ms. Walling. This case shows the impact of civil disputes. For the plaintiff, it involved keeping a home where she had lived for several years. It was very clear that the taxes had gone unpaid although the home was very important to her. The property taxes associated with the land were paid, so she may have had a misconception of the legal result for non-payment of the mobile home taxes. For Ms. Walling, the home represented a future for her and her family. As an immigrant, she sought a non-traditional path to home ownership. Her cash purchase from the tax sale owner was a way for her and her family to live more securely. There are many instances where the matter in dispute seems legally straightforward and has great consequences for the lives of the litigants. I have represented clients in such litigation involving boundary disputes, mobile home purchase, land contracts, automobile purchases, and contract disputes throughout my career. This case also highlights the issues of delays in the court system. The case was filed in the fall of 2019. It was affected by the

shutdown of court in 2020 and was not heard until February 2023.

(e) *State v. David M. McClure, Jr.*, SC Opinion No. 25193, 537 SE 2d 273 (2000). While I was an associate at Bedingfield & Williams, Walter Bedingfield was appointed lead defense counsel for the first death penalty trial in Barnwell County. As his associate, I assisted in all pre-trial matters, met with expert witnesses, met with the client, conducted research, and assisted in trial preparations. Even though I was not a named attorney on this case, I cannot think of a more significant case in my career. The defendant was a young man convicted of killing his father and his father's girlfriend. As a litigator, this case was significant for me in learning the preparation required for such a case and the voluminous legal issues presented. Mr. McClure had confessed and was convicted by the jury. During the death penalty phase, he was sentenced to death. As an associate, I attended all client meetings, conducted research, prepared motions, attended all hearings, and assisted at trial. I met with experts and reviewed all evidence in this case. The penalty verdict was later overturned for improper comment upon the defendant's right to remain silent. Several years later, the appeal was resolved with Mr. McClure sentenced to life without parole. I did not work on the appeal in any manner. After practicing for twenty years, there are a number of Family Court cases or other criminal defense cases I could list as my fifth case, but this experience was unlike anything else I will encounter in my career. Although I am not an attorney of record in Mr. McClure's defense,I cannot list my significant trials or litigation without mentioning this case.

Ms. Rivers Davisson has not reported any accounts of civil appeals that she has personally handled.

Ms. Rivers Davisson reported she has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

Ms. Rivers Davisson further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

I was a nominated candidate for SC Family Court At Large #5 in January 2013 following the Fall 2012 judicial screening. I withdrew as a candidate. The seat went to an election between the Hon. Melissa Buckhannon and Hon. Randall E. McGee. Judge McGee still holds that seat.

In 2016, I was a nominated candidate for SC Family Court At Large # 8. I withdrew as a candidate. Hon. Rosalyn Frierson-Smith was elected to that seat in 2017.

In 2019, I was a nominated candidate for SC Family Court At Large #1. I withdrew as a candidate. Hon. Kimaka Nichols Graham was elected.

I ran for the South Carolina House of Representatives District 91 seat in the special election held in April 1999. I lost to the Honorable Lonnie Hosey, who still serves in that seat. In 2014, I ran for Barnwell School District #29 school board and was defeated by Ms. Ferlecia Cuthbertson.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Ms. Rivers Davisson's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Ms. Rivers Davisson to be "Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, physical health, mental stability, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Some concern about her experience."
Ms. Rivers Davisson is married to Douglas R. Davisson. She has three children.

Ms. Rivers Davisson reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) SC Bar, Family Law Council (currently hold position)
(b) SC Women's Law Association
(c) Barnwell County Bar

(d) Aiken County Bar.

Ms. Davison provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Aiken Rotary Club
(b) Aiken Symphony Orchestra Board Member
(c) St. John's Methodist Church
(d) SC Guardian ad litem Program Volunteer for Barnwell County

Ms. Rivers Davisson further reported:

For more than twenty years, I have sat beside clients in South Carolina courtrooms. I stood beside young men for sentencing and have given clients upsetting news about their civil cases. I have watched the court system evolve to address the population influx of our state and to tailor the system for efficient processing of cases by creating drug courts, business courts, and adopting alternative resolution practices. In the past few years, I have watched the effects of the opioid crisis in South Carolina ravage families who have loved ones incarcerated, must care of children of incarcerated parents, and/or are victims of the crimes drug addicts may commit. I have represented one family member in criminal court for possession of drugs while I assist another family member in family court trying to keep her family together in a DSS action.

This litany of experiences shows how my broad legal practice allows me to look at the legal system of South Carolina in a broad sense. Today, I believe it is imperative to preserve the rule of law, uphold the procedural standards of the court, and maintain the public trust in this branch of government. If elected as a trial judge, my goal would be to always maintain those pillars, confidence in the rule of law by striving for fair rulings and maintaining the public trust by working for a high standard of professionalism and integrity.

Serving as a South Carolina judge would be a privilege and an honor.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission noted Ms. Rivers Davisson's positive reputation in the criteria of character and temperament.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Ms. Rivers Davisson qualified, and nominated her for election to Circuit Court, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

The Honorable S. Bryan Doby
Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Doby meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Doby was born in 1963. He is 60 years old and a resident of Bishopville, South Carolina. Judge Doby provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1989.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Doby.

Judge Doby demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Doby reported that he has made $580.48 in campaign expenditures for handout cards, letters of introduction, Christmas cards, and postage.

Judge Doby testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Doby testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Doby to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Doby reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
I served as moderator for Master-in-Equity Bench Bar CLE for one year and served on a panel for a discussion at a CLE for Master-in-Equity Bench Bar concerning partition actions.

Judge Doby reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Doby did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Doby did not indicate any evidence of disqualifying financial issues.

The Commission also noted that Judge Doby was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Doby reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, was BV.

Judge Doby reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Doby reported that he has not held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Doby appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Doby appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Doby was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1989.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) McDonald, McKenzie, Fuller, Rubin & Miller, 1989-1992; General practice with an emphasis on litigation. I was an associate with primary responsibility being litigation and specifically insurance defense. I was not involved with management of the firm in any manner.

(b) Jennings & Jennings, PA, 1992-present; General practice with emphasis on litigation. I have been partner charged with administrative and financial management of Jennings & Jennings, PA for approximately the past twelve years. I hold direct management responsibility for all trust accounts.

Judge Doby further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

I have extensive experience in both criminal and civil matters and have litigated both types of cases for the majority of time I have practiced law.
As to criminal matters, my experience included being a public defender for Lee County for approximately 16 years and have been retained to represent defendants in criminal matters since 1992. My experience as a public defender includes trying cases involving murder, kidnapping, rioting, burglary and other serious crimes.

As to civil matters, my experience is primarily representing plaintiffs but I have also defended cases as well. My experience includes trials involving personal injury, real property disputes, probate matters, family court trials and other matters which involve issues encountered in general practice.
I have also been Master-in-Equity for Lee County since 2008 and feel this experience has been invaluable in preparing me as a potential Judge of the Circuit Court.
I have, in the last five years, appeared regularly before Circuit Courts with an average of approximately one time per month.

Judge Doby reported the frequency of his court appearances prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Federal: None;
(b) State: Extensive including on average appearances of at least once per month

Judge Doby reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Civil: 25%;
(b) Criminal: 25%;
(c) Domestic: 25%;
(d) Other: 25% (real property, probate, Magistrate's Court)

Judge Doby reported his practice in trial court as follows:
(a) 25% settled prior to trial
(b) Approximately 20 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict
(c) 0 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case
(d) 0 cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements

Judge Doby provided that during the past five years prior to his service on the bench he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Doby's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Josey v. Josey*, Appellant Case No. 2011-197626 Memorandum Opinion No. 2013- MO-024 (S.C. September 11, 2013). The issues in this case were numerous and dealt with issues of interpretation and application of partition statutes.
(b) *State v. Freddie Gardner*, not reported. The defendant, my client, was charged with murder and the case was tried by a jury. The defendant was found guilty.
(c) *State v. Adrian Branham*, not reported. The defendant, my client, was charged with armed robbery and murder and was tried twice with a verdict of not guilty on the retrial.
(d) *State v. Tyrone Singletary*, Unpublished opinion No. 2008-UP-506. I was appointed to represent the defendant, Tyron Singletary at his trial, for charges of rioting, taking a hostage, assaulting a correctional officer, carrying a weapon, and inciting a riot. I did not represent the defendant in the appeal. This case was tried by a jury for approximately one week and resulted in a guilty verdict. The appeal was handled by another attorney.
(e) *Strickland v. Strickland*, 375 S.C. 76, 650 S.E.2d 465 (2007). A novel case involving principals of enforcement of an order and estoppel. I represented the wife at the trial and at the appellate level.

The following is Judge Doby's account of four civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *Josey v. Josey*, Supreme Court of South Carolina, decision dated September 11, 2013, Appellate Case No. 2011-797626, Memorandum Opinion No. 2013-MO-024.
(b) *Snow v. City of Columbia*, Court of Appeals of South Carolina, decision dated September 23, 1991, 305 S.C. 544, 409 S.E.2nd. 797 (Court of Appeals 1991).
(c) *Strickland v. Strickland*, Supreme Court of South Carolina, decision dated August 27, 2007, 375 S.C. 76, 650 S.E.2nd 465 (2007).

(d) *Dinkins-Robinson v. Ratner*, South Carolina Court of Appeals, decision dated March 15, 2022, Unpublished Opinion No. 2023-UP-094.

Judge Doby reported that he has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Judge Doby reported that he has held the following judicial office:

Lee County Master in Equity
January 2008 - December 2012;
January 2013 – December 2018;
January 2019 – present.

Judge Doby provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:
Attached

(a) *Progressive Church of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, Inc. by the Board of Bishops v. Elder Roscoe Black, et al individually & as Trustees of Progressive Church of Bishopville*, which involved ownership of property. Not reported.
(b) *Ernestine N. Palmer, as Trustee of the Article IV Trust created under the will of Mary Denman Newman, deceased et al v. Hatcham Grove, Inc and David H. Lucas*, which involved a complicated mortgage foreclosure. Not reported.
(c) *United State of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, et al v. Maxie Lee Thomas, Jr., et al*, which involved mortgage foreclosure. Not reported.
(d) *Wateree Timberland Company v. Wilson, et al*, which involved recovery of real property after a tax sale. Served as Special Referee for Sumter County. Not reported.
(e) *ArborOne v. Drayton*, which involved issues of foreclosure, receiver, and homestead exemption. Not reported.

Judge Doby reported the following regarding his employment while serving as a judge:

Jennings & Jennings, PA, 1992 to present; General practice of law with responsibility of being managing partner for approximately the past twelve years. Practice is best described as a general practice.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Doby's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Doby to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee provided no summary statement.

Judge Doby is married to Anna Margaret McDaniel Doby. He has one child.

Judge Doby reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association, no offices

Judge Doby reported that he was not a member of any civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations within the past five years.

Judge Doby further reported:
My experience as Master-in-Equity for Lee County since 2008 has been invaluable in teaching the values and demeanor necessary to be a Circuit Court Judge. The value of treating everyone with respect and courtesy would be an important part of my being a Judge in Circuit Court.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commended Judge Doby for his excellent BallotBox survey results. Further, they noted that his judicial temperament while serving as the Lee County Master-in-Equity

has been praised as excellent, and that he is well suited for the Circuit Court bench.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Doby qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Christopher R. DuRant
Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. DuRant meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. DuRant was born in 1982. He is 41 years old and a resident of Gable, South Carolina. Mr. DuRant provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2008.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. DuRant.

Mr. DuRant demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. DuRant reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. DuRant testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. DuRant testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. DuRant to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. DuRant reported the following about teaching law-related courses:

On two (2) occasions, I have led free estate planning clinics in the community.

Mr. DuRant reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. DuRant did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. DuRant did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. DuRant has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. DuRant was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. DuRant reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. DuRant reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. DuRant reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. DuRant appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. DuRant appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. DuRant was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2008.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable R. Ferrell Cothran, Jr., Judge of the Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit; August 2008 – August 2009;
i. Performed legal research; drafted, edited and reviewed proposed orders.

(b) Assistant Solicitor, Eighth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office; August 2009 – July 2011;
i. Served as a special drug crimes prosecutor, handling the prosecution of all General Sessions level drug cases arising in Laurens and Newberry Counties; caseload later expanded to include a broader range of offenses.

(c) Assistant Solicitor; Third Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office; August 2011 – March 2019;
i. Served as the senior prosecutor and manager of the Clarendon County office, responsible for scheduling, docket management, case assignments, and prosecution of an extensive General Sessions level caseload, including all homicides and most violent / serious offenses.

(d) Associate, Law Office of William H. Johnson, LLC, Manning, SC; October 2011 – March 2019;
i. Concurrent with service as Assistant Solicitor.
ii. Developed a diverse law practice in civil litigation, family law, personal injury, real estate litigation, real estate transactions, estate planning, and probate.

(e) Associate, Johnson DuRant, LLC, Manning, SC and Santee, SC; April 2019 – present.
i. Together with law partner, William H. Johnson, merged practice with Nester & Jackson, P.A. in Santee, SC, thereby adding a second office; Attorney Nester retired December 2021.
ii. Have maintained and expanded practice in civil litigation, family law, personal injury, real estate litigation, real estate transactions, estate planning, and probate, operating in and dividing time between two offices.
iii. Have expanded practice to include criminal defense, which now accounts for approximately 25% of overall practice.
iv. Participate in administrative and personnel / management decisions.
v. Responsible for individual fees and costs billing and utilization of real estate and litigation trust accounts.

Mr. DuRant further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

During my nearly ten (10) years of service as an assistant solicitor, including eight (8) years as the senior prosecutor for Clarendon County, I gained valuable criminal trial experience, having tried dozens of cases through to jury verdict. I have served as the sole attorney or first chair during jury trials for the following criminal offenses: murder; attempted murder; armed robbery; reckless homicide; felony driving under the influence resulting in death / great bodily injury; hit and run involving death; criminal sexual conduct with a minor, 2nd and 3rd degree; threatening the life of a public official; intimidation of a court official; assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature; assault and battery, 1st and 2nd degree; assault and battery by mob; kidnapping; burglary, 1st, 2nd and 3rd degree; bank robbery; grand larceny; forgery; financial transaction card fraud; shoplifting; receiving stolen goods; drug trafficking; possession with intent to distribute drugs; drug possession; failure to stop for blue light; and resisting arrest.

As a criminal prosecutor, I routinely encountered and litigated evidentiary and other legal issues arising during trial, including

but not limited to, and Duncan / Protection of Persons and Property Act hearings, 4th amendment / search and seizure issues, Jackson v. Denno hearings regarding the admissibility of a defendant's statement, Neil v. Biggers hearings regarding the admissibility of eyewitness identification, Bruton issues, etc.

Having left the Solicitor's Office in March 2019, the bulk of my criminal trial experience predates the five-year modifier of the above inquiry. As a result, I include and ask the Commission to consider the following trial experience beginning in January 2018:

(a) State v. Jeremiah Smith, Jr.; 2015-GS-14-189; January 2018. Mr. Smith was charged with and convicted of attempted murder following trial. This matter involved the application of Rule 613(b), SCRE as to the introduction of extrinsic evidence of a testifying codefendant's prior recorded statement, due to variations in such individual's testimony at trial.
(b) State v. Tammy Dianne Brown, 436 S.C. 505, 873 S.E.2d 445 (Ct. App. 2022); May 2018. Ms. Brown was charged with and convicted of felony driving under the influence resulting in death and a second count resulting in great bodily injury. This matter involved complicated expert witness testimony regarding accident reconstruction, and issues regarding the sufficiency of an indictment, admissibility of a defendant's blood sample, and the video recording requirements of the implied consent statute.
(c) State v. Justin Cameron; 2016-GS-14-161; August 2018. Mr. Cameron was charged with and convicted of criminal sexual conduct with a minor, 1st degree. I assisted another prosecutor during this trial which involved the utilization of a blind expert witness regarding child sex abuse and late disclosures.
(d) State v. Ramell Thompson; 2016-GS-14-48, December 2018. Mr. Thompson was charged with murder. Following pretrial matters, jury selection, opening statements and testimony from several witnesses, this matter ended in a mistrial.

In addition to the above, since leaving the Solicitor's Office in 2019 in favor of the full-time private practice of law, I have

developed a growing criminal defense practice. In furtherance of this practice, I have or am currently representing criminal defendants charged with a wide range of criminal offenses, up to and including murder (three such pending cases).

As indicated above, in addition to my service as a prosecutor, I have been engaged in the private practice of law since 2011, during which time I have developed a diverse civil litigation practice, primarily in representation of plaintiffs. This representation has included varied personal injury matters, including automobile accidents and premises liability matters, actions for defamation, contractual disputes, interference with contract, breach of fiduciary duty, actions to set aside deeds, and other real estate litigation, including foreclosures, heirs' property matters, quiet title and partition actions. In furtherance of this practice, I have gained valuable experience in civil discovery and motions practices.

As an example of a complex legal issue encountered, my law partner and I represented the Plaintiffs in a negligent entrustment action against a sporting goods store that sold a firearm to a mentally defective person, who, the following day, used the firearm to shoot a hospital staff member. At the summary judgment stage, that action involved the application of the federal Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which prohibits, subject to certain exceptions, civil liability actions against manufacturers and sellers of firearms.
As to the frequency of my appearances before a Circuit Court judge, while working as an assistant solicitor, I regularly appeared throughout the entirety of each monthly term of court. Since leaving the Solicitor's Office, I have had required appearances at least monthly, most often for guilty pleas and/or bond hearings in the Court of General Sessions, and motion and/or non-jury hearings in the Court of Common Pleas.

Mr. DuRant reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 2-3 total appearances
(b) State: 5-10 appearances per month, including criminal, civil and domestic..

Mr. DuRant reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 20%;
(b) Criminal: 25%;
(c) Domestic: 20%;
(d) Other: 35%.

Mr. DuRant reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial? Approximately 60%.
(b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict? Approximately 75 cases. In the interest of transparency, I offer the following breakdown:

i. General Sessions jury: 3 cases (January 2018 to present).
ii. Common Pleas non-jury (e.g., quiet title/partition actions, foreclosure, breach of contract) and Magistrate's Court non-jury (e.g., eviction actions, criminal, breach of contract) requiring the presentation of testimony and documentary evidence: Approximately 40-50 cases.
iii. Family Court: 5 cases resolved by judgment following final evidentiary hearings, including one in which I served as the guardian ad litem, but excluding temporary hearings, contempt hearings, and final hearings for the approval of a settlement agreement.
iv. Administrative, Social Security and Workers' Compensation: Approximately 5 – 10 cases.
v. Probate: Approximately 10-15 cases.

(c) What number of cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case? (Resolved may include settlement, plea, by Judge's order during a motion hearing, etc.) Approximately 3-4 cases.
(d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements? Approximately 3-4 cases.

Mr. DuRant provided that during the past five years he has most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. DuRant's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State v. Justin Jermaine Johnson, 422 S.C. 439, 812 S.E.2d 739 (Ct. App. 2018). This case arose out of a double murder in Clarendon County in which the Defendant brutally killed his nine-month-old son and the child's great grandmother. Solicitor Ernest A. Finney, III and I represented the State at trial over the course of two weeks in March 2014, following which the Defendant was convicted and sentenced to life in prison. The most significant issue presented involved the admissibility of the Defendant's confession, which was received near the end of approximately 11 hours of videotaped interviews by law enforcement and was complicated by the investigators' misrepresentations of evidence to the Defendant, and by the alleged exertion of improper influence.

(b) State v. Tammy Dianne Brown, 436 S.C. 505, 873 S.E.2d 445 (Ct. App. 2022). As noted above, Ms. Brown was charged with felony driving under the influence resulting in death as well as felony driving under the influence resulting in great bodily injury following a two-car automobile accident which resulted in the death of one victim and significant injuries to another. I served as the lead prosecutor for the State at trial in May 2018. While the most significant appellant issues were that of the sufficiency of the indictment and the video recording requirements of the implied consent statute, significant trial issues included the presentation of complex expert witness testimony regarding accident reconstruction and the sufficiency of a search warrant probable cause affidavit bearing on the admissibility of the Defendant's blood sample.

(c) State v. Chad Morris; 2014-GS-14-329. Mr. Morris was charged with reckless homicide by operation of boat and failure to render aid resulting in death, following a boating accident on Lake Marion in Clarendon County on July 4, 2014, which resulted in the death of a 21-year-old college student. I served as the lead prosecutor for the State during this approximately 25-witness trial in July 2016.

(d) State v. Jeffrey Eady; 2013-GS-14-164. Mr. Eady was charged with two counts of murder and other charges following the killings of two women in Clarendon County, and a third murder in Charleston County, before he was eventually arrested in Florida. Mr. Eady was noticed for the death penalty but was eventually permitted to plead guilty to life without parole in consideration of mental health mitigating circumstances.

(e) Austin v. Phillips Sporting Goods, LLC; 2021-CP-38-1405. As referenced above, my law partner and I represented the Plaintiffs in this negligent entrustment action against a sporting goods store that sold a firearm to a mentally defective person, who, the following day, used the firearm to shoot a hospital staff member. Of significance, I handled the response to the Defendant's motion for summary judgment, which involved the application of the federal Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, which prohibits, subject to certain exceptions, civil liability actions against manufacturers and sellers of firearms.

The following is Mr. DuRant's account of two civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) Estate of Ellen Hillery v. Michael We. Pettigrew, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Webber Pettigrew; 2022-CP-08-2722. While not an appeal *from* the Court of Common Pleas, I represented the Appellant in this appeal from the Probate Court of Berkeley County *to* the Court of Common Pleas. The judgment of the Probate Court was overturned and the matter remanded for a new hearing. I have attached the Final Brief of Appellant as a writing sample pursuant to question 24

(b) Martha M. Coleman v. Jeffrey W. Coleman and Brooks Walters; Appellate Case No. 2022-001209. I currently represent the Respondent, Martha M. Coleman, in this appeal from the Sumter County Family Court which is pending before the Court of Appeals. I have attached the Initial Brief of Respondent as a writing sample pursuant to question 24.

Mr. DuRant reported that he has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. DuRant's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Mr. DuRant to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability.

Mr. DuRant is married to Ansely Toole DuRant. He has three children.

Mr. DuRant reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar;
(b) Clarendon County Bar;
(c) Orangeburg County Bar
(d) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

Mr. DuRant provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Board of Directors; Clarendon County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse d/b/a Clarendon Behavioral Health Services;
(b) Top 20 Professionals under 40 – Sumter, Lee, & Clarendon; Sumter ITEM; 2019-2020

Mr. DuRant further reported:
I am fortunate to have been raised in a multigenerational farming family where hard work and long hours were the norm. Amongst the principles and values instilled through this experience that I appreciate most now is that of a strong work ethic. Any success that I have found in the practice of law has been a function of a related principle, that is, "there is no substitute for preparation."

I believe my broad legal experience would prove to have prepared me well to serve as a circuit court judge.

While working as the senior assistant solicitor in Clarendon County, it was not only my responsibility to see that justice was done as to an annual caseload of approximately 500 warrants, but to manage the overall county docket, and to ensure that each term of court was utilized efficiently and effectively. Having had this experience, I appreciate the challenge of balancing these seemingly competing interests, but nevertheless value the effort required in doing so in order to maintain a healthy judicial system.

I believe my experience is unique in, first of all, having worked on both sides of the aisle in criminal matters. As a result, I have not only encountered the full gamut of constitutional and evidentiary legal issues but can appreciate the variety of factors that might impact just resolution. Secondly, I believe my experience is unique in having been engaged in private practice concurrent to my service in the Solicitor's Office. When asked in what area of law I specialize, I often respond that "it's hard to specialize in a small town." The benefit to this type of practice, however, is in becoming well-rounded in one's legal experience.

In my legal career, I have had the great pleasure of appearing before many different Circuit Court judges, often during the tense and adversarial midst of trial. Through this experience, I have grown to appreciate not only the wisdom and knowledge exuded by most in their application of the law, but also the patience, courtesy and dignity with which those who appear before them are treated. If elected, I would consider the latter values to be equally as important as the former

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. DuRant has a breadth of experience that would serve him well on the bench. They further noted that Mr. DuRant's work ethic makes him well-suited to the demands of a Circuit Court judge.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Mr. DuRant qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Samuel L. Floyd
Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Floyd meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Floyd was born in 1969. He is 54 years old and a resident of Kingstree, South Carolina. Mr. Floyd provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2001.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Floyd.

Mr. Floyd demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Floyd reported that he has made $299.81 in campaign expenditures for handout cards, note cards, and envelopes.

Mr. Floyd testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Floyd testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Floyd to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Floyd reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

I taught Business Law from 2005 to 2007 at Williamsburg Technical College, Kingstree, SC.

Mr. Floyd reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Floyd did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Floyd did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Floyd has handled his financial affairs responsibly.
The Commission also noted that Mr. Floyd was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Floyd reported that aside from a peer review in Martindale-Hubbell, he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Floyd reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Floyd reported that he has held the following public office:

(a) I was elected to Williamsburg County Council in November, 2010 and currently serve as Council Member for District Six.

(b) On June 28, 2013, I paid a penalty for the following late filing dates:

October10, 2010
January 10, 2011
April 10, 2011
July 10, 2011
January 10, 2012
January 10, 2013

If I remember correctly, we had filed the reports on time, but they were done incorrectly. The matter came to my attention when I contacted the Ethics Commission on another matter. The reports were then corrected, and I paid the fee for my mistake.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Floyd appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Floyd appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Floyd was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2001.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) I served as Clerk for the Honorable M. Duane Shuler, 1999.

(b) I worked for Williamsburg County from 2001 to 2002 as a Magistrate Judge.

(c) I worked at Jenkinson, Jarrett & Kellahan, P.A. law firm as an Associate, beginning April, 2002 and ending in 2007. I was not responsible for the administrative or financial management of the firm. I handled civil and criminal cases in the Court of Common Pleas, General Sessions, and Magistrate/Municipal Courts. I handled Family Court cases as well as real estate cases involving partitions, foreclosures, and loan closings.

(d) I have engaged in private practice for my own firm, Samuel L. Floyd, LLC, from January, 2007 to the present. My practice includes civil and criminal cases in the Court of Common Pleas, General Sessions, and Magistrate and Municipal courts, and Family Court litigation (plaintiff and defendant), and real estate cases involving partitions, foreclosures, and loan closings.

(e) I am responsible for the administrative and financial management of my practice, including the management of trust accounts.

Mr. Floyd further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

(a) Over the past five years, I have handled various criminal matters in

(b) Magistrate, Municipal and General Sessions Court ranging from traffic violations to murder. These cases involved working out a plea defense and active defense at trial.

(c) My civil case experience includes, but is not limited, personal injury cases (plaintiff and defendant), real estate litigation such as partitions, foreclosure and right of way actions, landlord tenant cases, collections cases (plaintiff and defendant) in all SC Courts.

Mr. Floyd reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: None;
(b) State: Weekly.

Mr. Floyd reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five yearsas follows:

(a) Civil: 40%;
(b) Criminal: 40%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 20%.

Mr. Floyd reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) 50% settled prior to trial
(b) 0 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict

(c) 0 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case
(d) 1 case settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements

Mr. Floyd provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Floyd's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *State vs. Marty Baggett Case* # 2010-GS-45-269 and 2010-GS-45-270. Case was tried in Williamsburg County General Sessions Court. I was court appointed to defend Mr. Baggett who was charged with Felony DUI and Reckless Homicide. He was convicted in Circuit Court on 7-22-2011. At the conclusion of testimony, I made a motion for a directed verdict which the trial Court denied. A motion to appeal was filed by me but handled by the Office of the Indigent Defense based on denial of the directed verdict motion. The motion was affirmed by a three member panel at the Courts of Appeals. Later the SC Supreme Court on October, 2015 affirmed the trial Court ruling.

(b) *State vs. Lou Ann Robinson*, Case # 2007GS4500152. Case was tried in Williamsburg County General Sessions Court. I served as co-counsel with W. E. Jenkinson, III to represent defendant. Defendant was charged with murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime. She was convicted on the lesser included charge of involuntary manslaughter thereby significantly reducing her sentence.

(c) *Jason Bynum vs. South Carolina Department of Corrections, Robert H Blease, DDS and Robert H. Blease, DDS*, P.A., Case # 2003CP1400482. Case was tried in Clarendon County Circuit Court. Mr. Bynum was my client. I associated J. Ed Bell for trial purposes. The Plaintiff was an incarcerated inmate who suffered a personal injury claim as a result of mistreatment for a tooth infection. A verdict of $825,000 was rendered in plaintiff's favor.

(d) *Janie Rabon vs. Derrick Scott Patrick and Clark's Transport Co., LLC*, Case # 2012CP2100840. I associated

Ronnie Sabb and Kimberly Barr to assist at trial. We obtained a favorable jury verdict for plaintiff for damages.

(e) *State vs. Robert Stack*. Case number not available as case was expunged. This was a trial in the Williamsburg County Magistrate Court. I represented the Defendant who was charged with Criminal Domestic Violence. The case was tried three times. The defendant was finally found not guilty and he was able to keep his job.

Mr. Floyd reported he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

Mr. Floyd further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) I was an unsuccessful candidate for the SC Senate race, seat #32 Special Election in 2014.

(b) I was an unsuccessful candidate for Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat Two in 2017.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Mr. Floyd's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Mr. Floyd to be "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Mr. Floyd is married to Tammy Davis Floyd. He does not have any children.

Mr. Floyd reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) SC Bar Association None
(b) Williamsburg County Bar Association 2005
Secretary/Treasurer

Mr. Floyd provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Rotary Club
(b) Williamsburg Regional Hospital Foundation Board

Mr. Floyd further reported:

I was fortunate to be raised in a good Christian home. From the time I could speak, my parents insisted and demanded that I be courteous, polite and respectful to all people. As a teenager, my father required that I work on our family tobacco farm each summer. From this I learned to appreciate hard work as well as the importance of being able to work daily with people from all walks of life.

My college experience was where I began interacting with people other than ones from my hometown. By joining a fraternity and serving in the student body Senate, I began to appreciate the value of what my parents and community had instilled in me.

Since graduating law school, I have participated in numerous volunteer efforts in my hometown of Kingstree. I have been active in the political area and have always strived to exercise professionalism when facing the most difficult or adverse situations. I believe my parents and community installed a humble and hard-working attitude in me that is commonly found in small towns across this state.

I meet the professional and academic ability criteria for this seat due to my broad exposure to the judiciary and my diverse experience practicing law. After law school I clerked for the Honorable M Duane Shuler. During this time, I learned the importance of proper courtroom demeanor and true professionalism. I served as a full time Williamsburg County Magistrate thereafter, where as I participated in all aspects of the judicial process. I worked as an associate with a well-respected law firm in Kingstree for five years. I have been the sole proprietor of my own law firm since 2007.

I have handled criminal cases ranging from speeding tickets to murder. I have litigated civil cases, some of which settled amicably, and some of which resulted in trial. I have handled family court cases, DSS cases, real estate matters including

loans, partition actions and foreclosure. I was retained in 2016 as in-house counsel for Santee Electric Cooperative. I have been elected and currently serving as Williamsburg County Councilman, District Six. I have run unsuccessfully for the South Carolina State Senate District Thirty-two in 2014. I have always done my best to display professionalism in victory and defeat.

With the understanding that I do not know everything and have much left to learn and to be desired, I would like to use these values to ensure a fair, equitable and meaningful remedy in any situation that may present itself before me.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented that Mr. Floyd has a great deal of experience in both civil and criminal law. The Commission also noted his excellent temperament and demeanor in dealing professionally and personally with people in his community.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Mr. Floyd qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable Kristi Fisher Curtis
Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Curtis meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Curtis was born in 1969. She is 54 years old and a resident of Sumter, South Carolina. Judge Curtis provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1995.

(2) Ethical Fitness:

The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Curtis.

Judge Curtis demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Curtis reported that she has paid $1.89 in campaign expenditures for postage.

Judge Curtis testified she has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Curtis testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Judge Curtis to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Curtis reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I have spoken on the topic of "Real Estate & Landlord/Tenant Law" & on Appellate Practice at Law School for Non-Lawyers, sponsored by the S.C. Pro Bono Program.

(b) I have spoken on "Landlord/Tenant Law" to the Sumter County Board of Realtors.

(c) I served on a panel of judges speaking on "Best Courtroom Practices" for a CLE in Richland County sponsored by the S.C. Bar.

Judge Curtis reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Judge Curtis did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Curtis did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Curtis has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Curtis was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Curtis reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Curtis reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Curtis reported that she has held the following public office:
I was appointed to serve on the Sumter County Zoning Board of Appeals from 2009 until I resigned to serve as Sumter County Magistrate in 2011.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Curtis appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Curtis appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Curtis was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1995.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Staff Attorney, South Carolina Court of Appeals, August 1995 to August 1996.

Prepared legal memoranda and conducted legal research for the judges of the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

(b) Law Clerk to the Honorable Kaye G. Hearn, South Carolina Court of Appeals, August 1996 to August 1998. Read briefs and transcripts for each case assigned to Judge Hearn's panel each month. Conducted legal research, prepared memoranda of law, and drafted opinions as directed.

(c) Associate Attorney, Bryan Law Firm, August 1998 to 2004

Partner, Bryan Law Firm, 2003 to 2004

Business litigation, appellate practice before the South Carolina Court of Appeals and South Carolina Supreme Court, represented Sumter County and the Sumter County Treasurer's Office, prosecuted criminal cases for the Sumter County Sheriff's Office in Magistrate's Court.

(d) Trust Officer, Synovus Trust Company, September 2004 to February 2011

I was responsible for the administration of trust accounts and probate estates where Synovus was named as Trustee and/or Personal Representative of the Estate.

(e) Magistrate Judge, Sumter County Summary Court, April 2011 to February 2018.

Appointed Chief Magistrate in July of 2011. Jurisdiction over traffic and criminal cases punishable by up to thirty days in jail and a $500 fine. Civil jurisdiction over restraining order actions, evictions, public sales, and small claims civil cases where the amount in controversy does not exceed $7,500.00. We conducted bond hearings for Sumter County 365 days per year, and held preliminary hearings on a monthly basis. Jury trials were conducted monthly for criminal and traffic cases. Jury trials were conducted quarterly for civil cases. As Chief Magistrate, I was responsible for the administration and financial management of the Court, and supervised a staff of twelve employees.

(f) Circuit Court Judge for the Third Judicial Circuit, 2018 to present. Jurisdiction over Common Pleas and General Sessions Court.

Judge Curtis reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):

(a) Appointed Magistrate Judge, Sumter County Summary Court, April 2011 to February 2018. Appointed Chief Magistrate for Sumter County July 2011 to February 2018. Jurisdiction over traffic and criminal cases punishable by up to thirty days in jail and a $500 fine. Civil jurisdiction over restraining order actions, evictions, public sales, and small claims civil cases where the amount in controversy does not exceed $7,500.00. Conducted bond hearings and preliminary hearings for General Sessions matters. Summary Court has no jurisdiction to hear cases involving any interest in real property.

(b) Elected Circuit Court Judge for the Third Judicial Circuit, Seat Two, on February 7, 2018. Jurisdiction over all civil matters pending in the Court of Common Pleas and all criminal cases in the General Sessions Court. No jurisdiction over family court matters.

Judge Curtis provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) *Hood v. United Services Automobile Ass'n*, 2023 WL 155073. Plaintiff sued her insurance company for bad faith in connection with payment of her UIM claim. The Court of Appeals affirmed my order granting JNOV in favor of the defendant. In a special interrogatory, the jury found the defendant did not violate its duty of good faith and fair dealing. I granted JNOV as to the Plaintiff's negligence cause of action, holding that there was no separate duty owed by the Defendant Insurer above and beyond the duty of good faith and fair dealing.

(b) *Meswaet Abel, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Zerihun Wolde v. Lack's Beach Service*, 2019-CP-26-07075, Order on Post-Trial Motions filed April 10, 2023, Horry County Court of Common Pleas. In this tragic wrongful death action, I affirmed the jury's significant verdict following a week-long trial. The case is currently on appeal to the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

(c) *Atkinson v. SSC Sumter East Operating Co., LLC*, 2022 WL 17484345. In this nursing home negligence case,

the Court of Appeals affirmed my order denying the Defendant's motion to dismiss and compel arbitration.
(d) T*he Station, Inc. d/b/a Company Two, Inc. v. Hampton County*, 2017-CP-25-00170. Final Order dated October 8, 2021, Hampton County Court of Common Pleas. In this case, The Station, Inc. relocated its business to Hampton County in conjunction with negotiations with the County for use of the airport facilities. This case involved numerous issues of contract construction, as well as equitable principles. It is currently on appeal to the South Carolina Court of Appeals.
(e) *In re: The Murkin Group, LLC*, 429 S.C. 618, 840 S.E.2d 926 (2020). This case was filed in the South Carolina Supreme Court pursuant to its original jurisdiction to hear cases alleging the unauthorized practice of law. The Supreme Court assigned the case to me as Special Referee to conduct a hearing, take testimony, and issue a report and recommendation. The Supreme Court followed my recommendation and adopted my order in large part as the published opinion.

Judge Curtis reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Curtis's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Curtis to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualification, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Judge Curtis is married to Warren Stephen Curtis. She has two children.

Judge Curtis reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Member, South Carolina Bar, 1995 to present
(b) Third Circuit Delegate to the S.C. Bar House of Delegates, 2000 to 2001
(c) Member, Sumter County Bar, 1998 to present
(d) Sumter County Bar Executive Committee, 2003 to 2004
(e) Member, South Carolina Summary Court Judges Association, 2011 to 2018
(f) Member, South Carolina Summary Court Judges Advisory Board, 2015 to 2018
(g) Member, South Carolina Commission on Continuing Legal Education, 2022 to present
(h) Member, South Carolina Commission on Judicial Conduct, 2023 to present.

Judge Curtis provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Sumter Rotary Club. Avenue of Service Award Recipient 2014 – 2015. Program Chair 2010 to 2012, 2014 to 2018. Newsletter editor 2006 to 2008. Membership Committee 2005.
(b) Member, Alice Drive Baptist Church, 2001 to present. Building Committee, Personnel Committee, Sunday school teacher for children and youth.
(c) Sumter Assembly, Debutante Club.
(d) The Epicureans, Debutante Club.
(e) Bon Pied, Dance Club.

Judge Curtis further reported:

It has been the greatest honor of my professional life to serve as Circuit Court Judge for the Third Judicial Circuit over the past five years. It is a true pleasure to travel the state and observe the high caliber of attorneys who practice in the civil and criminal courts of South Carolina. It is enormously humbling to appear before this very gifted bar. It has also been the greatest privilege to serve the civil litigants, the victims and their families, and the criminal defendants of this State, and to give them a forum to tell their stories. My experience as a Circuit Court judge has reinforced my belief that the attorneys and litigants of this state

deserve to have their cases heard by a judge who is professional, competent, prepared, courteous, and compassionate. I have tried every day of my tenure to be the judge they deserve.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Curtis has an outstanding reputation as a jurist. They noted that she was exceptionally well-qualified and a credit to the profession.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Curtis qualified, and nominated her for re-election to Circuit Court, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

The Honorable Michael S. Holt
Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Holt meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Holt was born in 1970. He is 53 years old and a resident of Hartsville, South Carolina. Judge Holt provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1996.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Holt.

Judge Holt demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Holt reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Holt testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Holt testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Judge Holt to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Holt reported the following about teaching law-related courses:

I have been an adjunct professor and have taught, among other things, business law.

Judge Holt reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Judge Holt did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Holt did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Holt has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Holt was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Holt reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Holt reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Holt reported that he has held the following public office: I was elected as Mayor of the City of Hartsville, South Carolina from 2005 – 2009. I filed all required reports; however, there were late reports which resulted in fines, all of which were promptly paid.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Holt appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Holt appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Holt was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1996.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) From 1996 to 2006 my practice experience would best be described as a general practice. My areas of focus were primarily in domestic litigation, criminal defense, Social Security disability and real estate, although I handled other matters, as well.

(b) Beginning in 2006 until 2009 when I was elected to the Family Court bench, I operated my own law firm as a sole practitioner. My areas of primary practice did not change. Obviously, in managing my own firm, I was responsible for handling all financial matters and business functions of my firm.

Judge Holt reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
I was elected in 2009 to Seat 3, Family Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit. I served in that position until 2021 when I was

elected to Seat 2, Circuit Court of the Fourth Judicial Circuit and have served continuously since that time.

Judge Holt provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) *State of South Carolina v. William A. Stone*: What makes this case unique is this was the first Duncan hearing over which I presided. The facts of the case I also found interesting. The Court found the defendant immune from criminal prosecution or civil liability. The case involved a dispute between a defendant father and his adult son at the defendant father's home. I found the legal analysis interesting, which is why I list it here.

(b) *State of South Carolina v. Joshua D. Manning*: This case involved the murder of a prominent member of the community, which brought significant notoriety to the trial. During the course of the trial, there was a large gathering in the gallery, which included multiple members of the news media. What was memorable was the level of tension in the courtroom due to the raw emotions of the nature of the trial. There was a conviction of murder in the case resulting in a life sentence for the defendant.

(c) *State v. Donald D. Smith*: This case is unique to me because it was my first murder trial. It was held in Florence County while I was sitting with Judge Nettles. It was a week of supervision as required for new judges. Under Judge Nettles' supervision, I handled the trial with the exception of jury qualification and selection. From a factual and legal analysis there was not anything particularly distinguishing, but the experience is something I won't forget. The trial resulted in a guilty verdict requiring the court to issue a prison sentence to the Department Corrections.

(d) *DJJ v. John Henry Bridges*: This case involved a juvenile who was charged with murdering an elderly lady. The matter before the Court was a "waiver" hearing, and it was the first one I had handled on the bench. I ultimately determined the juvenile should be waived up to General Sessions after a contested hearing.

(e) *DSS vs. Tina Roberts, Travis Hayes, Richard Herring, Gene Lashley, Barbara Roberts, Johnny and Cammie Corbett and Catherine Hayes*: This was a DSS Abuse and Neglect case wherein the department had asked the Court to remove the children from the parents due to domestic violence among other things. The parents did not work the treatment plan and the Department chose to move before the Court to have the children placed with the paternal grandmother who had not been involved in the children's lives. The Court gave custody to the parties who had the interim custody of the children. This case was significant due to the number of parties involved; it was a lengthy trial and the children were placed with non-relatives who the Court felt offered the best home to the minor children.

Judge Holt reported the following regarding his employment while serving as a judge:

I have served as an adjunct professor at Coker University in Hartsville, South Carolina, in its evening programs. I began teaching in 2014 and have taught in the areas of business law, political science and business administration.

Judge Holt further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) I was unsuccessful in the South Carolina Senate primary race in 1996.

(b) I was unsuccessful in my attempt to be elected to the Court of Appeals, Seat #1, in 2018. I was technically never a candidate, but it was a position I sought.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Judge Holt's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Holt to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of

ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Judge Holt is married to Sherry Burton Holt. He has two children.

Judge Holt reported that he was a member of the following bar and professional associations:

(a) SC Bar Association
(b) Darlington County Bar Association
(c) Pee Dee Inn of Court

Judge Holt provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Pee Dee Inn of Court
(b) Kappa Alpha Order – Court of Honor
(c) Darlington County Historical Society

Judge Holt further reported:
Serving the judiciary has been the highlight of my professional career. I was raised in a family who stressed the importance of public service.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Judge Holt has a reputation for treating people fairly and kindly. They commended his energy, passion, and his deep concern for the people of this State.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Holt qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Circuit Court, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

James Smith
Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three

candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, two candidates applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Smith meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Smith was born in 1967. He is 56 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Smith provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1995. He was also admitted to the Georgia and North Carolina Bar in 1995 and the New York Bar in 2016.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Smith reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Smith testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Smith testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Smith to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Smith reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) Numerous CLE and Conference appearances to provide a legislative update in various areas of the law.
(b) Co-instructor for Sports and Entertainment Law at the University of South Carolina School of Law.
(c) Veterans Legal Clinic – I provided direction and supervision of law students under the student practice rule handling legal matters for veterans in the areas of family law, landlord / tenant, construction claims, expungement, simple wills, and powers of attorney.

Mr. Smith reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Smith did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Smith did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Smith has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Smith was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Smith reported that his rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, is AV.

Mr. Smith reported the following military service:
Yes.

Mr. Smith reported that he has held the following public offices:
(a) South Carolina House of Representatives – Nov. 1996 through Nov. 2018
(b) Patriots Point Development Authority – May 2023 to Present.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Smith appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Smith appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Smith gave the following account of his legal experience:

(a) 1995 – 1996, Associate Attorney, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP Served as an associate attorney on the Joel Smith Team assisting in complex auto products and worked on the Steve Morrison Team assisting in software defense cases. Not involved in the administrative or financial management of the firm.
(b) 1996 – 2003 US Army Reserves / SC Army National Guard Judge Advocate (JAG) Served in a variety of roles including, trial defense counsel in criminal matters, drafted wills and powers of attorney, prepared family law separation agreements, advised the Commander on operational law, handled 15-6 investigation reviews, reviews of nonjudicial punishment, summary, and general courts martial, and served as the JAG on a civil affairs team. Not involved in the administrative or financial management as a JAG.

(c) 1997 – 1999, Managing Shareholder, James E. Smith Jr., P.A. Solo General Practice handling as lead counsel in plaintiff's personal injury, corporate formation and transactions, commercial litigation, construction litigation, entertainment and intellectual property law, federal and state criminal defense, family law, probate, and estate planning. Handled all administrative and financial management, including management of the trust account.
(d) 2000 – 2009, Shareholder, Smith Ellis and Stuckey, P.A. Shareholder with three other attorneys handling cases as lead counsel in practice areas including those mentioned above and adding plaintiff and defense securities cases, medical malpractice, complex automotive products defense, product liability, premises liability, criminal defense, administrative environmental and regulatory cases. Participated in the administrative and financial management of the firm, including assisting in the management of the trust account.
(e) 2010 – 2017, Managing Shareholder, James E. Smith Jr., P.A. Continued to serve as lead counsel and co-counsel in all of the above-mentioned practice areas. Handled all administrative and financial management, including management of the trust account.
(f) 2019 – 2022, Of counsel with The Finkel Law Firm During this time, I was not involved in the active practice of law. I had a few legacy cases I was bringing to a conclusion. I was employed with the University of South Carolina. Not involved in the administrative or financial management of the firm.
(g) 08/22 – 04/23, University of South Carolina School of Law – Veterans Legal Clinic Provided guidance to clinic students under the student practice rule to appear in SC Courts on behalf of Veteran clients who need assistance in areas of family law, landlord/tenant, consumer law, disability claims and other areas. Assisted clinic students in the administrative management of cases. There was no trust account to manage.
(h) 09/22 – Present, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough, LLP – Partner My current practice focuses on civil litigation. I am responsible for the administration of my practice, but I am not involved in the larger firm

administration, nor am I involved in the management of a trust account.

Mr. Smith further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Much of the past five years I was not involved in the active practice of law as I was employed at the University of South Carolina. Throughout my nearly 28 years as a lawyer, I have handled numerous criminal and civil matters.

Criminal Matter Experience – In the earliest years of my practice, I gained valuable criminal case experience serving on the Federal CJA Panel. I was appointed to represent defendants charged with various federal drug related offenses. Over the years of my practice, I handled many state criminal cases that included charges ranging from traffic offenses, property crimes, disorderly conduct, to assault, domestic violence, and DUI. While as expected most of these cases concluded with a plea agreement, I tried several cases to a verdict. I can recall several successful defense verdicts in a domestic violence case, another in a DUI trial and a multi-count, multi-victim General Courts Martial Trial sexual assault trial case against a young Airman.

Civil Matter Experience – I have extensive civil matter experience on both sides of the bar, plaintiff, and defense, in cases large and small including numerous trials. I have served as lead counsel in election law trials, environmental full evidentiary trial in the administrative law court, construction litigation trials, automotive crashworthiness trial experience, defamation trial experience, motor vehicle accident trial, real property dispute trial experience, procurement, licensing and other administrative tribunal trials and others.

I have had lead counsel civil case experience in plaintiff and defense securities cases, plaintiff and defense employment law matters, plaintiff and defense class actions, plaintiff and defense commercial and business law, plaintiff and defense intellectual property cases, plaintiff medical malpractice cases, defense software cases, plaintiff and defense product liability cases, plaintiff and defense premises liability cases, plaintiff and

defense landlord tenant cases, plaintiff qui tam cases, a variety of LLR licensing and enforcement cases, DOR licensing, and others.

Mr. Smith reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
From January 2019 through May 2022, I worked full time at the University of South Carolina. These percentages reflect the five years prior.

(a) Federal: 10%
(b) State: 90%

Mr. Smith reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
From January 2019 through May 2022, I worked full time at the University of South Carolina. These percentages reflect the five years prior.

(a) Civil: 65%;
(b) Criminal: 10%;
(c) Domestic: 15%;
(d) Other: 10%

Mr. Smith reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
From January 2019 through May 2022, I worked full-time at the University of South Carolina.
(a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial? 75%
(b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict? 1. After reviewing my answer to this question, I thought it might be worth supplementing my response to answer more fully. The original answer is correct in that I had one trial result in a verdict in the past five years when I was working full-time for the University of South Carolina. That answer does not fully share with the Commission my trial experience. Prior to my service at the University of South Carolina I ran my own practice for 24 years and have extensive trial experience in civil, criminal, family and administrative courts which have resulted in verdicts. If needed, I am happy to share with the commission specific examples.

(c) What number of cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case? 0
(d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements? 0

Mr. Smith provided the following regarding his role as counsel during the past five years:
Throughout my nearly 28 years of practice, I served as sole or lead counsel in over 95% of the matters I was engaged in. Nearly four of the past five years I was employed with the University of South Carolina and not in the active practice of law. Since returning to the practice of law last year I have most often served as sole or lead counsel.

The following is Mr. Smith's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) Teresa M. King v. Glenn MacDonald et al.,
Civil Action No. 2012-CP-40-03794
This was an important Defamation case for a variety of reasons. CSM (Ret) Teresa M. King was my client. She was the first female Commandant of the US Army Drill Sergeant School and her situation had gained national attention. This case dealt with some interesting personal jurisdiction issues where an out of state internet blog was subject to personal jurisdiction in South Carolina. The case ended in a verdict in favor of CSM (Ret) King.

(b) Hattie Knuckles et al. v. Toyota Motor Corporation et al.
Civil Action No. 2004-CP-42-00200
Civil Action No. 2004-CP-42-00201
I represented the Defendants along with Joel H. Smith, Esq., of Nelson Mullins in this large complex automotive crashworthiness case. The trial Judge was Judge Mark Hayes who did an incredible job handling this litigation and trial. This was a nearly three-week highly complex trial that because of the size of the demonstrative exhibits was moved to the Spartanburg auditorium for a portion of the trial for expert witness testimony.

(c) *Richland County, SC v. SCDOR et al.*
Civil Action No. 2016-CP-40-3102

I served as outside counsel for the Defendants, Counterclaim and Third-Party Plaintiffs. This was a complex high-profile case of first impression. I personally handled the matter from trial through appeal to the Supreme Court with assistance from SCDOR counsel and John S. Nichols, Esq., on the appeal.

(d) *Troy Burgess v. Race Automotive*,
Civil Action No. 97-CP-32-1556

I represented the Plaintiff in this commercial automotive servicing case brining causes of action for Breach of Contract, Fraud, SC Unfair Trade Practices Act and others. The case ended in a verdict in favor of the Plaintiff. I included it because every lawyer remembers their first trial but also because of the excellent trial judge, Judge William P. Keesley. I learned so much from him during that two-day trial. I gained an appreciation of what a good judge can do for the administration of justice and the confidence all parties can have in the result.

(e) *United States of America v. Kevin Fetrow, SSGT, USAF,*

I served as criminal defense counsel for Staff Sergeant Kevin Fetrow who was charged with multiple counts of sexual assault among five alleged victims. The case was brought as a General Court Martial and held before a military judge and panel (jury) on Shaw Air Force Base. It is significant not only to share the diversity of the cases I have tried but I learned valuable lessons about trial preparation and confirming evidence. I learned in preparation of the case that four of the five alleged victims would, if forced to testify under oath, recant any statement that my client committed any crime. I advised the prosecutor that they have a problem with their proof. Notwithstanding that information the prosecutor insisted on going forward with the trial. The near week long trial was a series of failed witnesses for the prosecution that ended in a very favorable verdict for my client, allowing him to continue to serve our Nation.

The following is Mr. Smith's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *Darrick Jackson, Mayor of the Town of Timmonsville v. Mark Sanford, Governor*
Opinion No. 26918, January 24, 2011.
(b) *Tynaysha Horton v. City of Columbia*,
Appellate Case No. 2012-211168, February 26,2014
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(c) *Richland County, South Carolina et al v. SCDOR et al.*
Appellate Case No. 2017-00010
(d) *Assistive Technology Medical Equipment Sales, LLC v. Phillip DeClemente*,
Appellate Case Nos. 2021-000037; 2021-000038
(e) *IOS, LLC v. Lander University*,
Appellate Case No. 2021-001400

The following is Mr. Smith's account of the criminal appeal he has personally handled:

(a) *United States of America v. Patrick Raymond Peer*, Case No. 6:03-0027-1 United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Mr. Smith further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) Governor – 2018

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Smith's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Smith to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee stated in summary, "Well Qualified – will be an asset on the trial bench."

Mr. Smith is married to Kirkland Thomas Smith. He has four children.

Mr. Smith reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) John Belton O'Neill Inn of Court
(c) SC Bar Military Law Section Committee Member
(d) New York State Bar Association
(e) Georgia Bar Association
(f) North Carolina Bar Association

Mr. Smith provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations, and was recognized by the following honors and awards:

(a) Liberty Fellowship
(b) Riley Diversity Leaders Fellows
(c) Friends of the Edisto FRED, Board Member
(d) Congaree Riverkeeper, Board Member
(e) The River Alliance, Board Member
(f) WREN, Board Member
(g) Big Red Barn Retreat – Warrior PATHH, Board Member
(h) Patriots Point Development Authority, Board Member
(i) Medal of Honor Center for Leadership, Board Member, Executive Committee
(j) US Global Leadership Coalition State Advisory Board and Veterans Advisory Board
(k) SC Humanities Council, Board Member

Law Related Professional Honors and Awards:
(a) 1997 Most Distinguished USC Young Alumni Award
(b) 1999 South Carolina Bar Young Lawyer of the Year
(c) 2008 Richland County Bar Civic Star of the Year
(d) 2010 Distinguished Service Award USC College of Arts and Sciences
(e) 2012 Riley Institute, Wilkins Award for Legislative Leadership
(f) 2017 The Compleat Lawyer Award – Gold Medallion

(g) 2018 Distinguished Service Award USC Veterans Alumni Council

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Mr. Smith has a calm, respectful demeanor. In addition, the Commission commented on his reputation for a great intellect and a strong work ethic.

(12) Conclusion
The Commission found Mr. Smith qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Justin T. Williams
Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, two candidates applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Williams meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Williams was born in 1984. He is 39 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Williams provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2011.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Williams reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Williams testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Williams testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Mr. Williams to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Williams reported that he has not taught or lectured at any bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.

Mr. Williams reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Williams did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Williams did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Williams has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Williams was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Williams reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Williams reported the following military service:
December 9, 2014 – present.
United States Army
Major/O4
United States Army Reserve
Honorable

Mr. Williams reported that he has held the following public office:
Commissioner
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Elected May 11, 2018

I have timely filed all Statements of Economic Interest except the first Statement of Economic Interest. On January 21, 2022, I received notice from the State Ethics Commission that I should have filed a Statement of Economic Interest in May 2018 instead of October 2018. I informed the State Ethics Commission that I did not object to the $100.00 late penalty, but I wanted to offer some extenuating circumstances for their consideration. Even though my term started on July 1, 2018, I was at Camp Humphreys in South Korea for an overseas U.S. Army training exercise from June 27 – July 30, 2018. Also, I was not sworn in until August 15, 2018. At worst, I filed my Statement of Economic Interest two months late as opposed to five months late.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Williams appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Williams appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Williams was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2011.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Assistant Solicitor, May 2011 – August 2013
• Serving as an Assistant Solicitor was my first legal job after graduating from law school. As an Assistant Solicitor, I only practiced criminal law at the trial court level. Initially, my caseload included over 600 warrants. As an Assistant Solicitor, my duties included managing a criminal docket includes appearing in bond court, appearing at preliminary hearings, appearing at first and second appearances, meeting with law enforcement officers and victims, issuing offers to defendants to enter a guilty plea, arguing motions before in General Sessions Court, negotiating terms of a plea agreement with defense counsel, presenting guilty pleas in General Sessions Court, and calling a case to trial in General Sessions Court if plea negotiations were unsuccessful. I prepared and called four cases to a jury trial during my first stint as an Assistant Solicitor. I did not have any administrative or financial management responsibilities in this role.

(b) Associate, Workers' Compensation Defense, August 2013-June 2015
• Working as an associate for an insurance defense firm was all about practicing law in the most effective and efficient manner possible. I recorded all the time I spent working on a legal matter for a client and billed them accordingly. Many of my clients (I represented the employer and their insurance company) preferred quick, low-cost resolutions to claims instead of long, drawn-out litigation. This made initial case evaluation very important. Much of my time was spent reviewing initial filings, taking depositions, developing legal strategies, and making recommendations that mitigated my clients' liability accident claims and job-related injuries. Most of my cases were settled,

but a few went to a hearing before a Workers' Compensation Commissioner. I did not have any administrative management or financial management responsibilities in this role.

(c) United States Army Reserve Judge Advocate, June 2015 – Present

• Serving as the United States Army Reserve Judge Advocate has significantly broadened my legal practice. From June 2015 – June 2016, I served as a legal assistance attorney. As a legal assistance attorney, I helped Soldiers and retirees with wills, powers of attorney, family care plans, debt issues, letter writing, landlord-tenant issues, and referred them to civil counsel to assist with matters that required counsel to appear on their behalf. From July 2016 – July 2018, I served as an administrative law attorney. As an administrative law attorney, I was responsible for serving as the legal advisor for Investigating Officers, conducting legal reviews on administrative investigations into Soldier misconduct, and serving as the recorder (prosecutor) for separation boards. From August 2018 – present, I served as Brigade Commanders' primary or secondary legal advisor on matters of administrative law, contract and fiscal law, military justice, and national security law. Currently, I serve as the Brigade Judge Advocate for the 2d Brigade, 87th Training Division. Not only am I the primary legal advisor to 2d Brigade's Commander, but I advise Commanders at the Battalion and Company level within 2d Brigade's footprint. I also provide legal support at the 87th Training Division's Commanding General as needed. I do not have administrative management or financial management responsibilities in this role.

(d) Assistant Solicitor, June 2015- December 2016

• During my second stint as an Assistant Solicitor, I prosecuted mid-level and major felonies. My caseload was lower than it was when initially started in 2011 because I was assigned more serious and complex cases. I spent much more time reviewing discovery, preparing plea offers, negotiating plea agreements, and preparing for trial. I prepared and called three cases to jury trial during this period. A murder case, a burglary ring, and a case where the State pursued Life Without the Possibility of Parole (I recused myself from arguing the last case because my

wife was the trial judge's law clerk). I had very limited administrative management responsibilities with interns, legal assistants, and paralegals. I had no financial management responsibility.

(e) Associate, Civil Litigation (Plaintiff) and Criminal Defense, January 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018
• As a Plaintiff's Civil Litigation and Criminal Defense Associate, the character and nature of my job was simply to help me. I worked at a high operational tempo law firm with clients throughout the entire state. While I built my practice, I would assist partners with their appearances. There were some days when I would have an appearance in Chester County at 9:00 a.m. and Bamberg County at 2:00 p.m. During this time I learned how important it was to a lawyer in private practice for the court to start on time and for fellow attorneys to be prepared to present their matters so that the court can keep moving. Because of court appearances and client appointments, I prepared for court early in the morning and late in the evening. My primary practice areas were personal injury, workers compensation, and criminal defense. I also appeared in magistrate court for traffic tickets and simple contract disputes. My administrative management responsibilities were limited to managing my legal assistant. I did not have any financial management responsibilities.

(f) Public Service Commissioner, July 1- Present
• Serving as a Public Service Commissioner is the most unique job I have had. While I do not practice law and I am not a judge, I conduct legal research, make legal analyses to support my decisions, and I must comply with the Code of Judicial Conduct. Serving as a Public Service Commissioner is a cerebral academic endeavor in that I spend much of my time reading reports and pre-filed testimony in preparation for hearings. While the Public Service Commission has jurisdiction to regulate electric, natural gas, water and wastewater, transportation, and telecommunication utilities, my tenure on the commission has focused heavily on electric utilities and the renewable energy transition. During my service as Chair of the Public Service Commission, my responsibilities increased greatly because by statute the Chair is the chief executive and administrative officer of the Public Service Commission. While

I was not managing simple day-to-day tasks, I frequently met with executive staff to ensure that all employees were performing to standard and that we were managing our financial resources responsibly and effectively. As Chair (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022), I was ultimately responsible for administrative and financial management; however, I delegated many tasks to the Executive Director and managed her performance.

Mr. Williams further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Since July 1, 2018, I have served as a Commissioner for the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. As such, I have not appeared as counsel for a party to a criminal or civil matter in Circuit Court or any other court since my election to the Public Service Commission.

Prior to my election to the Public Service Commission, I was an associate for Moore Bradley Myers from January 1, 2017 – July 1, 2018. In that capacity, my criminal experience included regular appearances in General Sessions Court in Richland, Lexington, Orangeburg, and Bamberg Counties as defense counsel for the accused. I served as primary and secondary defense counsel for clients charged with murder, kidnapping, assault and battery, criminal sexual conduct, driving under the influence involving death, and trafficking narcotics, among other charges. My representation included arguing for a bond at bond hearings, arguing against probable cause at preliminary hearings, reviewing discovery, negotiating plea agreements, and presenting plea agreements in General Sessions Court. None of my General Sessions Court cases were resolved with a trial. In addition to a robust criminal practice in General Sessions Court, I also represented clients accused of various misdemeanor charges in magistrate court.

Prior to my employment with Moore Bradley Myers, I served as an Assistant Solicitor for the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's office From June 2015 – December 2016. In this capacity, I was immersed in criminal practice in General Sessions Court every day. I advised law enforcement on probable cause for arrest, argued for an appropriate bond at bond hearings, argued in

support of probable cause for arrest at preliminary hearings, argued for bond revocation when defendants were charged with committing a subsequent crime while on bond for a pending criminal charge, negotiated plea agreements and presented plea agreements in General Sessions Court, prepared serious felony matters for jury trial, and presented several serious felony matters, including a murder case, to juries from opening statement to jury verdict. During my first stint with the Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office (February 2011 – August 2013), I worked as a law clerk and performed legal research/writing on criminal matters and observed General Sessions Court while waiting for bar results. Once I was admitted to practice (May 24, 2011), I performed the same tasks that I performed during my second stint, but my docket was primarily misdemeanors and low to mid-level felonies.

My civil experience is limited to my time as an associate with Moore Bradley Myers (January 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018), where I served as primary and secondary counsel for personal injury, employment, contract disputes, and medical malpractice matters. My civil practice included taking depositions, arguing against motions for summary judgment, settlement negotiations, and mediation. Even though none of my civil cases made it to a jury trial, I am adequately prepared to preside over such matters due to my trial experience in General Sessions Court and my experience as Chair of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. In both roles, I had to demonstrate mastery of the South Carolina Rules of Evidence and understand legal procedures and processes. I will use my past experience and dedicate myself to constant study of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure and other applicable Circuit Court Rules to ensure the fair administration of justice. Also, I will engage the parties who appear before me by giving all parties the full and complete opportunity to offer oral and written arguments to support their positions on issues as they arise. I am most concerned with issuing the correct ruling, and I am willing to take all the time necessary to reach the proper decision.

Mr. Williams reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 0.10%;

(b) State: 99.9%

Mr. Williams reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 5%;
(b) Criminal: 90%;
(c) Domestic: not applicable;
(d) Other: 5%.

Mr. Williams reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) Not applicable because I have served on the Public Service Commission for the past five years.
(b) Not applicable because I have served on the Public Service Commission for the past five years.
(c) Not applicable because I have served on the Public Service Commission for the past five years.
(d) Not applicable because I have served on the Public Service Commission for the past five years.

Mr. Williams provided that during the past five years prior to his election to the PSC Commission, he most often served as counsel.

The following is Mr. Williams's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State v. Channen F. Ricks was a murder case prosecuted by the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. I prosecuted the Defendant while I was an assistant solicitor in the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. April Sampson was the first chair, and I was the second chair. This was the most significant legal matter that I personally handled due to the serious nature of the charge, the length of preparation (two years), the length of the trial (four days), and the number of witnesses (30), and the impact on the community (justice for the victim's family and the local community). This case was called to trial on the week of October 10, 2016. The jury found the Defendant guilty, and the judge sentenced him to 40 years in prison.

(b) State v. Khlil Davis was a multi-count first-degree burglary and grand larceny case prosecuted by the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. I prosecuted the Defendant while I was an assistant solicitor in the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. I served as the first chair, and Stephanie Taylor was the second chair. This case was significant due to the number of homes burglarized, the number of co-defendants, the organized nature of the burglary operation, the mandatory minimum fifteen-year sentence for burglary first degree, successfully turning a co-defendant into a witness for the State, and the fact that the Defendant did not have a criminal record. This case was prepared and called to trial the week of September 19, 2016, but the judge granted a continuance. The case was not resolved before I left the Solicitor's Office for a new employment opportunity.

(c) Tyresha Outing, et al vs Oliver P Simmons et al was a medical malpractice, wrongful death, and survival action filed on behalf of the mother of a toddler who died as the result of an improperly written and filed prescription. Stanley Myers, Jake Moore, and I represented the Plaintiff in this matter. Representative Todd Rutherford also assisted in representing the Plaintiff in this matter. This case was significant because it involved highly sophisticated Defendants, was highly technical, and required an immense amount of study and preparation for depositions, arguing against motions for summary judgment, trial, and mediation. This case was ultimately settled for a sum representative of justice for the decedent and his mother.

(d) Margret B. Villegas v. AYG Aiken, LLC was an employment discrimination case based on gender discrimination, hostile work environment, and constructive discharge. I was the sole counsel for the Plaintiff. This case was significant because it was demonstrative of how a pro se litigant's access to justice can be denied even if they follow every step of an administrative process. After defeating a motion to dismiss, this case settled for an appropriate amount representing justice for the Plaintiff.

(e) State v. James Earl Green was a dog-fighting case prosecuted by the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. I prosecuted the Defendant while I was an assistant solicitor in the Fifth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office. I served as the first chair, and Sandra Moser was the second chair. This case was significant because of the significant investment in resources used to investigate and prosecute the Defendant, the number of co-defendants, and the other alleged criminal activity intertwined with the dog fighting ring. This case was called to trial on the week of January 21, 2013. The Defendant accepted a one-year active prison sentence after the State presented its case. This was believed to be the first active prison sentence received by a defendant for dogfighting in Richland County.

Mr. Williams reported he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Williams's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Williams to be overall "Qualified." The Committee found him to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional requirements, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee also commented: "Well Qualified!"

Mr. Williams is married to Stacy Ayers Williams. He has one child.

Mr. Williams reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Richland County Bar Association
(b) South Carolina Black Lawyers
(c) National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners

Mr. Williams provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Richland County Bar Association - Member
(b) South Carolina Black Lawyers Association - Member
(c) National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners
(d)USC Alumni Association – 2022 Young Alumni of the Year
(e) Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated – Zeta Epsilon Advisory Team
(f) Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. Williams has an outstanding reputation, particularly as it relates to his professionalism. The Commission further discussed his experience as a Commissioner on the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, and how that experience could be useful should he be elected to the Circuit Court bench.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Williams qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable Daniel McLeod Coble
Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Coble meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Coble was born in 1987. He is 36 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Judge Coble provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2012.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Coble.

Judge Coble demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.
Judge Coble reported that he has spent less than $50 in campaign expenditures for postage.

Judge Coble testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Coble testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Coble to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Coble reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) 2023 Mandatory Bond Court Program for Magistrates and Municipal Judges: *Bond Court Essentials* (May 2023);
(b) 2022 SCDTAA Annual Meeting: *Hot Button Evidentiary Issues in SC Courts, A Panel Discussion* (November 2022);
(c) He Said She Said: Hearsay - *Justice Clearinghouse* (October 2022);
(d) 2022 SCSCJA Judge's Seminar: *Rules of Evidence* (September 2022);
(e) 2022 SCSCJA Judge's Seminar: *Landlord Tenant* (September 2022);

(f) Search and Seizure Law and Terry Stops - *Justice Clearinghouse* (July 2022);
(g) S.C. Bar Leadership Academy: *Judicial Panel* (May 2022);
(h) Orientation School for Magistrates and Municipal Judges: *DUI – The Defense Perspective* (March 2022);
(i)2022 SCSCJA Staff Seminar: *Ethical Responsibilities of Court Staff* (March 2022);
(j)2022 It's All a Game: Top Trial Lawyers Tackle Evidence: *Course Planner and Moderator (Evidentiary Ethics: Ethical Strategies to Help Your Case) (*February 2022);
(k) The Evidence Primer: A Practical Refresher for Lawyers: *Best Evidence Rule* (January 2022);
(l)Richland County Bar Association, Annual Ethics CLE: *Virtual Courts and Ethical Dilemmas* (presented with former Chief Justice Costa Pleicones) (October 2021);
(m) 2021 SCSCJA Judge's Seminar: *Guilty Pleas* (September 2021);
(n) 2021 SCSCJA Judge's Seminar: *Ethics: Judges and Social Media* (September 2021);
(o) Daubert/Council & Expert Testimony: CLE – S.C. Bar (August 2021);
(p) 2021 Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking and Harassment Training by the S.C. Attorney General's Office: *Restraining Orders in Magistrate* Court (May 2021);
(q) Understanding Evidentiary Issues: Court Education (May 2021);
(r) Judicial Canon 3: Ethical Issues in Magistrate Court: Court Education (May 2021);
(s) Midlands Mediation Center, Guest Speaker: MMC Spring Training 2021;
(t)Ethics and Professionalism: Effective Relationships with the Court, Opposing Counsel, & Pro Se Litigants: *CLE - S.C. Bar* (April 2021);
(u) Magistrate Court Series: Richland County Central Court: *CLE - S.C. Bar* (April 2021);
(v) Residential Landlord Tenant Act: *CLE - S.C. Bar* (April 2021);

(w) South Carolina Trial Evidence in Magistrate Court: *CLE - S.C. Bar* (April 2021);
(x) Driving Under the Influence: DUI in Magistrate Court: *CLE - S.C. Bar* (April 2021);
(y) Fourth Amendment: Search and Seizure Law in Magistrate Court: *CLE - S.C. Bar* (April 2021);
(z) Stanford Legal Design Lab, *Justice by Design*, Panelist (April 2021);
(aa) Orientation School for Magistrates and Municipal Judges: Claim & Delivery (March 2021);
(bb) Midlands Mediation Center, Guest Speaker: MMC Winter Training 2020;
(cc) Ever Evolving Evidence: *CLE – S.C. Bar* (August 2020);
(dd) No-Knock Search Warrants: On-Demand CLE – S.C. Bar (June 2020);
(ee) 2020 SCSCJA Staff Seminar: Evidence (*Postponed due to COVID-19*);
(ff) 2020 It's All a Game: Top Trial Lawyers Tackle Evidence: Evidence in Magistrates Court (February 2020);
(gg) South Carolina Impaired Driving Assessment: Adjudication of DUI Cases (October 2019);
(hh) Leadership Columbia: South Carolina Judicial Systems (October 2019);
(ii) Midlands Tech, Guest Speaker: Judicial Systems CRJ 220 (September 2019);
(jj) A Guide to Prelims: On-Demand CLE – S.C. Bar (Fall 2019);
(kk) S.C. Victims' Rights Week: The Bond Hearing Process – A Creative Approach (April 2019);
(ll) South Carolina Bar Leadership Academy: Attorneys in Public Service (Running for Office) (March 2019);
(mm) Orientation School for Magistrates and Municipal Judges: Landlord/Tenant (March 2019);
(nn) Direct Examination Podcast: Episode 3: Judge Daniel Coble (March 2019);
(oo) Midlands Tech, Guest Speaker: Judicial Systems CRJ 220 (October 2018);
(pp) 2018 SCSCJA Judge's Seminar: Discovery (Brady/Rule 5) (September 8, 2018);

(qq) S.C. Victims' Rights Week: A Walk Through the Criminal Justice System (April 2018);
(rr) 2018 SCSCJA Staff Seminar: Criminal/Civil Trial Objections (March 2018);
(ss) Columbia Homeless Court Training, Panelist (December 2014);
(tt) Columbia Rotary Club, Guest Speaker: Columbia Homeless Court (June 2014).

Judge Coble reported that he has published the following:

1. Published Books
   (a) The General: The Life and Times of Daniel R. McLeod (submitted for publication);
   (b) Pocket Prelims: A Guide Book to Preliminary Hearings in South Carolina (S.C. Bar Publications, 2019);
   (c) Florida Rules of Evidence: Annotated for State and Federal Court (Lawyers & Judges Publishing, 2020);
   (d) Texas Rules of Evidence: Annotated for State and Federal Court (Lawyers & Judges Publishing, forthcoming 2024).
2. Articles, Essays, Book Reviews
   (a) *Rearranging the Apple Cart: Good-Faith Originalism and the Fourteenth Amendment: Review of "The Original Meaning of the Fourteenth Amendment: Its Letter and Spirit"* 15 ConLawNOW 25 (2023);
   (b) *Per Se Inequality: A Review of Judge Richard Gergel's "Unexampled Courage"* 46 Seattle U. L. Rev. SUpra 1 (2023);
   (c) *Expert Testimony and Crawford* S.C. Lawyer (March 2023);
   (d) *What's in a Name, Anyway? Daubert/Council and Expert Testimony* S.C. Lawyer (September 2021);
   (e) *Ever Evolving Evidence S.C.* Lawyer (September 2020);
   (f) *@Posner_Thoughts - The Verified Account: A Review of Judge Posner's The Federal Judiciary: Strengths and Weaknesses* 41 La Verne L. Rev. 2 (2020);

(g) *Not Your Scalia's Textualism* JOTWELL (July 9, 2019) (reviewing Jeffrey Bellin, *Fourth Amendment Textualism*, Mich. L. Rev. (2019), available at SSRN);
(h) *A Prosecutor's Credo, Robed Oracles, and Gideon's Angels: A Review of Doing Justice* Harv. L. & Pol'y Rev. *Notice and Comment Blog* (May 28, 2019);
(i) *Discretionary Life Sentences for Juveniles: Resolving the Split Between the Virginia Supreme Court and the Fourth Circuit* 75 Wash. & Lee L. Rev. Online 101 (2019);
(j) *The Time in Between: A Response to A Theory of Civil Problem-Solving Courts* 67 Buff. L. Rev. D1 (2019);
(k) *Severing the Severability Doctrine: Why It's Time the Supreme Court Finally Acknowledges, Clarifies, and Severs this Doctrine* 88 UMKC L. Rev. 565 (2020);
(l) *Permissible Inference or Impermissible Burden Shift: How the Supreme Court Could Decide State v. Glover* Washburn L.J. Blog (Mar. 18, 2019);
(m) *Following Friendly or Running to Rehnquist? A Review of Joan Biskupic's "The Chief*" 52 Ind. L. Rev. Blog (April 19, 2019);
(n) *Heart-Wrenching, Yet Hopeful: A Review of Judge William Alsup's 'Won Over'* The Recorder on Law.com (April 5, 2019);
(o) *I Recommend: Theodore Roosevelt for the Defense* Judicature, Bolch Judicial Institute, Duke Law School (May 2020).

3. Self-Published Books
(a) South Carolina Trial Evidence: A Reference Guide to Common Evidentiary Issues;
(b) Search & Seizure in South Carolina;
(c) Deconstructing the DUI: A Brief Guide to DUI law in South Carolina, 2nd Edition;
(d) Federal Rules of Evidence: Annotated for the Fourth Circuit;
(e) South Carolina Rules of Evidence: Annotated;
(f) Everyday Evidence: State Court and Federal Court;

(g) Traffic Court in South Carolina: Offenses and Definitions.

4. Other

(a) Federal Rules of Evidence: An Introduction to Trial Evidence (Harvard Law School's Library Innovation Lab H2O, 2020) (Open Casebook);
(b) Constitutional Law Precedents: Annotated and Abridged Cases from the Supreme Court (Harvard Law School's Library Innovation Lab H2O, 2022) (Open Casebook);
(c) The Briefcase Lawyer, 2nd Ed. (*Chapter on Land-Lord Tenant Law*) (S.C. Bar Publications, 2022) (Book Chapter);
(d) *Editor and Updater*, South Carolina Evidence by Danny Collins, 3rd Ed. (*forthcoming* S.C. Bar Publications 2024);
(e) *Editorial Board Member*, A Guide to Civil Practices and Procedures in Magistrate Court by Judge Kenneth Southerlin (S.C. Bar Publications 2021);
(f) *Editorial Board Member*, How to Try a Simple Auto Wreck Case by R. Allyce Bailey and S. Venus Poe (S.C. Bar Publications 2022).

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Coble did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Coble did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Coble has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Coble was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Coble reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Coble reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Coble reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Coble appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Coble appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Coble was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2012.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) From July 2012 to November 2012, I was a law clerk for the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

(b) From November 2012 to July 2017, I was an assistant solicitor for the Fifth Judicial Circuit. I handled a wide range of cases ranging from drug offenses and DUIs to armed robbery and kidnapping. I co-counseled three murder cases and tried several other felony and misdemeanor cases. From 2014 until 2017, I was the lead prosecutor for the Columbia Homeless Court. I also organized a committee of health care professionals to address the chronically homeless in seeking solutions for their recovery, which was called Homeless Coordination.

(c) From July 2017 to July 2021, I was a full-time Magistrate Judge in Richland County. In that capacity, I handled both civil and criminal cases, which included bond settings, preliminary hearings, mediation, civil and criminal jury trials, transfer court, and more. In June 2018, I was appointed as the Associate Chief Judge for Richland County. As the Associate Chief Judge, I handled the majority of administrative issues at the Central Court. I was appointed as the Municipal Judge for Arcadia Lakes in May 2020.

(d) From August 2021 to January 2023, I was the owner of my own solo law firm, The Coble Law Group, LLC. I represented clients in both civil and criminal matters, and I practiced in Summary Courts and Circuit Courts. As the owner of my own law firm, I was solely responsible for the administration of running the business as well as handling all client matters.

(e) I am currently a Circuit Court Judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Judge Coble reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):

I was appointed as a full-time Magistrate Judge for Richland County in July 2017. Magistrates generally have jurisdiction in criminal cases that do not carry more than a $500 fine or 30 days in jail. In civil cases, Magistrates are generally limited to cases not exceeding $7,500 in the amount in controversy.

I am now serving as a Circuit Court Judge for the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

Judge Coble provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

Because I have only sat on the Circuit Court bench for about six months, I have not had any orders or opinions that have been heard by an appellate court at this point that I am aware of.

(a) *South Carolina Automobile and Truck Dealers Association v. South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs*, 2022-CP-40-05552. The Plaintiff (SCADA) filed a lawsuit against the Defendant (S.C. Department of Consumer Affairs) seeking a declaratory judgment regarding closing fee enforcement. The Defendant filed a counterclaim alleging civil conspiracy by the Plaintiff. I granted the Plaintiff's motion to dismiss the counterclaim on two grounds. First, the Defendant's counterclaim exceeded the statutory authority granted to the Department of Consumer Affairs. Second, the Defendant failed to state a claim for civil conspiracy.

(b) *State v. Haggins*, Order 5469-2017-3 (Not Reported). The public defender filed a motion to dismiss for failure to comply with a speedy trial motion, *Langford* violation, and

Rule 5 violation. I held a hearing and ultimately denied the motion to dismiss.
(c) *State v. Andrzejewski*, Order 5469-2018-3 (Not Reported). In this case, I held a castle hearing on an assault charge. I wrote an order denying immunity under the Protection of Persons and Property Act.
(d) *Rodriguez v. McDaniel*, Order 5469-2017-5 (Not Reported). After a civil trial, one party moved for sanctions against the other claiming that they violated ADR Rules. I denied the motion.
(e) *Rowe v. Osbourne*, Order 5469-2018-14 (Not Reported). After a restraining order hearing, I granted the restraining order against the defendant. The defendant moved for a new trial based on new evidence. I denied the motion for a new trial after analyzing the required factors. This order was overturned on appeal by the Circuit Court Judge.

Judge Coble reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Coble further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
In 2012, I ran unsuccessfully for Columbia City Council District Three.
In 2020, I ran unsuccessfully for Circuit Court, At-Large.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Coble's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee found Judge Coble "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria areas of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria areas of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee stated in summary, "Already doing well on the bench."

Judge Coble is married to Kristen Karr Coble. He has two children.

Judge Coble reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association;
(b) Richland County Bar Association;
(c) S.C. Bar: CLE Publications Committee, (*Chair 2020*).

Judge Coble provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Summary Court Judge Mentoring Program (mentored three new judges);
(b) S.C. Bar: CLE Publications Committee;
(c) 1L Mentoring Program (2016 – Present);
(d) UofSC Mock Trial Judge (2019, 2020);
(e) Tarantella Club.

Judge Coble further reported:

I believe that my experience as a prosecutor, defense attorney, Magistrate Judge, and now Circuit Court Judge, makes me well qualified to continue my service on the bench. It has been an honor and privilege to serve in the judiciary. Every day I am humbled to make such weighty decisions that have such a profound impact on people's lives, and I do not take that responsibility lightly. My goal is to always render a fair and just decision and to always listen to both sides before making my final decision. It is a humbling experience to work alongside such talented and experienced attorneys, and I hope that I continue to become a better and wiser judge if I have the opportunity to continue to serve.

As a prosecutor, I had the honor of being involved with South Carolina's first Homeless Court. This diversionary court gave second chances to many of our state's veterans who suffer from mental illnesses and drug abuse. As a prosecutor, my job was usually looking to seek justice which often involved sending people to prison. However, as the lead prosecutor for Homeless Court, our office was able to give people a second chance who deserved it and were turning their lives around.

I gained even more experience when I was sworn in as a full-time Magistrate Judge for Richland County. I was able to take off my hat as an advocate and sit as a neutral and independent arbiter of disputes. In a county as large as Richland, I handled hundreds if not thousands of bench trials and jury trials each year. I dealt with *pro se* litigants as well as extremely experienced attorneys. This experience gave me humility and a deeper understanding of our legal profession by seeing day-to-day operations of our court system.
While in private practice, I had the honor of representing clients and advocating for them in court. It was easy for me to say that I saw both sides as a Magistrate Judge, but by actually representing clients, I lived it every day.

I believe I am well qualified to continue to serve as a Circuit Court Judge and represent our judiciary. It has been an honor to serve the people of South Carolina in this capacity, and it would be an honor to continue to serve in this role.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Judge Coble's enthusiasm for the job, the respect that he shows litigants, victims, and others, as well as his commitment to the rule of law, is something that the Bar has taken note of, and of which he should be very proud.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Coble qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Circuit Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

J. Derham Cole, Jr.
Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, one candidate applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the name and qualifications of one candidate is hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Cole meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.
Mr. Cole was born in 1977. He is 46 years old and a resident of Spartanburg, South Carolina. Mr. Cole provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2003.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Cole.

Mr. Cole demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Cole reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Cole testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Cole testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Cole to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Cole reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) During my tenure in the General Assembly, I provided legislative updates from time-to-time at legal association meetings such as the S.C. Bar Convention and the S.C. Defense Trial Attorneys Association Summer and Annual Meetings.
(b) I participated in teaching an in-house law firm CLE with fellow associates in my first couple of years of practice.

Mr. Cole reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Cole did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Cole did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Cole has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Cole was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Cole reported that his rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, is AV, and that his rating by a legal rating organization, Super Lawyers, is Rising Stars 2016 .

Mr. Cole reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Cole reported that he has held the following public office:

(a) S.C. House of Representatives, 2008-2018, Elected. Reports with the State Ethics Commission were timely filed.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Cole appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Cole appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Cole was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2003.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Wilkes Law Firm, P.A., Spartanburg, SC
Attorney, July 2010 – December 2018
Represented clients in business transactions, business litigation, construction litigation, and torts and insurance defense.

(b) Cole Law Firm, LLC, Spartanburg, SC
Sole Member, July 2009 – July 2010
Represented clients in business transactions and litigation matters.
Managed all administrative and financial functions of the firm.

(c) Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein, LLP, Spartanburg, SC
Associate Attorney, September 2006 – June 2009
Represented clients in corporate and business transactional matters.

(d) Leatherwood Walker Todd & Mann, P.C., Greenville, SC
Associate Attorney, September 2003 – August 2006
Represented clients in corporate and securities matters.

Mr. Cole further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

During my legal career, I have practiced primarily in civil and corporate law in firms ranging from a solo practice to a large regional law firm. In my solo practice, I handled a variety of matters that are best categorized as business litigation matters, including two matters that I personally tried to verdict. During my time at Wilkes Law Firm, P.A., I had a primarily insurance defense practice on the civil litigation side, with an emphasis on construction claims, premises liability, and contractual claims. The matters in which I was involved at Wilkes Law Firm mostly settled at mediation or otherwise, although they involved a significant amount of motions practice and depositions.

I regularly review the Advance Sheets to keep myself abreast of the state of the law across all areas, including criminal law, which is an area in which I have not practiced in my legal career. I intend to emphasize criminal practice in both my formal CLE seminars as well as my informal self-education. I also plan to observe General Sessions terms of court to bolster my knowledge in this area.

Mr. Cole reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: None;
(b) State: 0-1 times per month.

Mr. Cole reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 10%;
(b) Criminal: 0%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 90% (Higher Education Administration)

Mr. Cole reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial? 10%

(b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict? 0%

(c) What number of cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case? 0 % (Resolved may include settlement, plea, by Judge's order during a motion hearing, etc.
(d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements? 0%

Mr. Cole provided that during the past five years he most often served as co-counsel. It was the practice of his firm to have more than one attorney assigned to cases.
The following is Mr. Cole's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) General Wholesale Distributors, LLC v. McArn Enterprises, LLC et al.; 2009-CP-23-8061. Tried this breach of contract case solo before a jury to a defense verdict in favor of my client.
(b) Vaughn Curbing Company v. Handy; 2010-CP-42-1563. Tried this breach of contract action solo to a verdict in favor of my client in a bench trial.
(c) Pinckney v. Fankhauser et. al., 2010-CP-46-2326. Construction defect case with relatively complicated posture and multiple parties and issues that were appealed to Court of Appeals.
(d) DFO, LLC v. High Country Restaurant Holdings, LLC et al., 2014-CP-42-4590. Franchise-related litigation resolved at mediation after significant discovery and motions practice.
(e) Smith v. Turner, 2018-CP-42-02749. Trespass and negligence case in which I developed legal strategy leading to judgment for damages against a party other than my client.

The following is Mr. Cole's account of the civil appeal he has personally handled:

Pinckney v. Epcon Communities et. al, 2012-213730 (Ct. App.). I was primarily involved in the briefing of this appeal and was preparing to argue it until the matter settled on the eve of oral argument.

Mr. Cole reported that he has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Mr. Cole further reported no unsuccessful candidacies.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Cole's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Cole to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health and mental stability.

Mr. Cole is married to the former Suzzanne Curry Boulware. He has two children.

Mr. Cole reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) S.C. Bar Association (Seventh Circuit YLD Representative, 2007-2009)
(b) Spartanburg County Bar Association

Mr. Cole provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Chair, Daniel Morgan District Committee, Palmetto Council, Boy Scouts of America, 2022-Present.
(b) Cubmaster, First Presbyterian Church, Pack 2, Palmetto Council, BSA 2023-Present
(c) Trustee, Spartanburg County Libraries, 2018-Present.
(d) Member, Board of Directors, Healthy Smiles of Spartanburg, Inc., 2019-Present; Chair, 2023-Present.
(e) Member, Board of Governors, Piedmont Club, 2023-Present.
(f) Member, Board of Directors, Piedmont Interstate Fair Association, 2019-Present.
(g) Member, Caroliniana Ball, 2017-Present.
(h) Member, County Club of Spartanburg.
(i) Member, Rotary Club of Spartanburg, 2009-2021; Board of Directors, 2020-2021.

(j) Member, Board of Directors, Chapman Cultural Center, 2008-2018.
(k) Member, Board of Directors, South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association, 2012-2018.
(l) Member, South Carolina Bar Association; Representative for the 7th Judicial Circuit, South Carolina Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, 2007-2009.
(m) Dancer, Dancing with the Spartanburg Stars benefiting Cancer Association of Spartanburg and Cherokee Counties, 2015.
(n) Member, Board of Directors, Children's Shelter of the Upstate, 2009-2012.

Mr. Cole further reported:

I have dedicated most of my post-graduate life to the legal profession and public service. Having the ability to merge these two vocations, passions and interests in service to the state as a circuit court judge would be a high honor for which my experience in private practice as well as my service in the General Assembly has well equipped me. As a public servant, I believe my constituents would say I represented them effectively, diligently, and compassionately. As a lawyer, I have represented my clients zealously and ethically, while maintaining a collegiality with fellow lawyers that I hold as one of the hallmarks of the South Carolina Bar.

In addition, my experience in higher education, including taking over as interim chancellor of a comprehensive university at the onset of a global pandemic, has allowed me to use my legal education and background from the perspective of an executive decisionmaker. My legal background and analytical skills served me well in navigating the myriad legal issues facing a complex organization on a daily basis, all of which were amplified by the challenges posed by operating in a pandemic. From assessing the liability landscape, to negotiating and renegotiating agreements with vendors and community partners on the fly, my ability to see issues and assess risk was invaluable. I also routinely used the skills I developed in pursuit of my Master of International Business Studies degree from the

University of South Carolina. These skills will be useful on the bench, particularly in complex business matters.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Mr. Cole enjoys a reputation as both an excellent attorney and an attorney who is well known for his upstanding character. The Commission further complimented Mr. Cole's temperament as being well-suited to the bench and found his desire to continue serving the citizens of South Carolina laudable.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Cole qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie
Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Knie meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court Judge.

Judge Knie was born in 1964. She is 59 years old and a resident of Campobello, South Carolina. Judge Knie provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1989.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Knie.

Judge Knie demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Knie reported that she has made not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Knie testified she has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Knie testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Judge Knie to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Knie reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I have lectured at the 2002 SCAJ Annual Convention, to the Family Law Section on the subject Family Court Visitation and Custody Issues (Excluding Patel);

(b) I have lectured at the 2003 SCAJ Annual Convention, to the Family Law Section, on the subject What Family Court Judges Want at Temporary Hearings;

(c) I have lectured at the 2004 SCAJ Annual Convention, to the Family Law Section on the subject Family Law-Case Law Update, September 2003 -July 2004;

(d) I have lectured at the 2005 SCAJ Annual Convention, to the Family Law Section on the subject Family Law-Case Law Update, September 2004 -July 2005;

(e) In 2007 I chaired the Family Law Section of the SCAJ and enlisted speakers for the CLE presentation. I presided over and moderated the Family Law presentation at the 2007 Annual Convention;

(f) I have lectured as a judicial panelist at the SC Bar Association CLE held in Spartanburg on the subject of 7th Circuit Tips from the Bench, May , 2018;

(g) I enlisted speakers for the JCLE presentation and moderated the JCLE presentation for the SC Circuit Judges' Association Annual Conference in May 2019;

(h) I served as co-presenter at the SC Judicial Conference September 2019, for the introduction of speaker Karen Korematsu, Director of the Fred T. Korematsu Institute regarding Korematsu v. United States, 323 U.S. 214 (1944);
(i)I made a presentation at the ABOTA SC Chapter Meeting, March 2020, as judicial panelist to discuss Attorney Conducted Voir Dire in South Carolina;
(j)I have lectured as a judicial panelist at the SC Bar Association CLE held in Spartanburg on the subject of 7th Circuit Tips from the Bench, May 2022;
(k) I have participated as a panelist in several presentations by the NCSI (National Courts and Sciences Institute) in my capacity of SC Judicial Representative 2018-present.

Judge Knie reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Knie did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Knie did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Knie has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Knie was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Knie reported that she is rated by the following legal rating organizations:
(a) AV Preeminent Rating Martindale -Hubbell in Legal Ability and Ethical Standards;
(b) Best Lawyers in America, Member;
(c) Super Lawyers, Member;

(d) Litigation Counsel of America Trial Lawyer Honorary Society Fellow.

Judge Knie reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Knie reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Knie appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Knie appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Knie was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1989.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Kermit S. King, Attorney, Columbia, South Carolina, Clerkship August 1988-June 1989;
Upon graduating from law school in the Summer of 1989, while studying to take the bar exam in August, I continued to work for Kermit S. King, Attorney at Law, in Columbia. Mr. King's practice primarily focused on domestic litigation. My job responsibilities were to research aspects of the law as instructed, to assist in organizing files and accompanying him and other lawyers in the firm to court, when necessary. In addition, I performed general clerkship duties. The position ended at the conclusion of the bar exam preparation and upon my taking a position as Law Clerk to The Honorable James B. Stephen, Circuit Court Judge.

(b) The Honorable James B. Stephen, Circuit Court Judge, Spartanburg, South Carolina, Law Clerk, August 1989- August 1990;
I obtained the position of Law Clerk to The Honorable James B. Stephen, Circuit Court Judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Spartanburg, SC, in August 1989. I had the opportunity to shadow Judge Stephen in his court room and

in his office for one year. I traveled with him while he rotated throughout the state when he held court in Beaufort, Charleston, Columbia, Aiken, Cherokee, Spartanburg and other counties. I had a unique and distinct career opportunity which was priceless in gaining valuable experience and insight into the practice of law and in being a Circuit Court Judge. During that year, I sat beside Judge Stephen on the bench, in the courtroom, daily and was able to observe first-hand General Sessions Court and Common Pleas Court. He had me research legal issues, assist in writing decisions and had me serve as the conduit of information between him and counsel appearing before him concerning decisions, calendaring, and scheduling.

(c) Bruce Foster, P.A., Spartanburg, South Carolina, Associate, 1990-1992;

In August of 1990 I became an associate of Bruce Foster, P.A. in Spartanburg. The practice was a general litigation practice with a focus on domestic litigation, and plaintiff's personal injury. As an associate attorney, I initially served as co-counsel with Mr. Foster in on-going, pending litigation. I then accumulated my own clients, representing them in both family court and civil litigation, and some criminal defense, as well as, employment discrimination and sexual harassment litigation. At the conclusion of two years, I continued to share office space with Mr. Foster but, formed my own firm as Grace Gilchrist Dunbar, P.A.

(d) Grace Gilchrist Dunbar, PA, Spartanburg, South Carolina,
Attorney, 1992-2004;

In 1992 through 2004, I had a general litigation practice handling domestic litigation, plaintiff's personal injury, workers' compensation, employment discrimination and criminal defense work. During this time, Mr. Foster's health began to deteriorate, and he retired. I purchased and renovated an office building in Spartanburg and moved my practice to a location approximately one block from Mr. Foster's office. I was a sole practitioner and solely handled the administrative and financial management of the law firm which required that I was in charge of payroll, payroll tax deposits, quarterly and annual tax returns, and I was in charge of the management of the law firm's trust account/s.

A CPA firm calculated payroll, tax deposits, and withholding amounts.

(e) City of Spartanburg, Spartanburg, South Carolina,
City Prosecutor, 1995-2010; part-time position;
In 1995, I took the position as the City Prosecutor for the City of Spartanburg. I held that position until 2010. It was part-time. My job responsibilities included the prosecution of all criminal jury trials for the City of Spartanburg. The cases ranged from minor traffic citations to more serious charges of Criminal Domestic Violence, Driving Under the Influence 1st offense and Driving Under Suspension. There were multi-day terms of court on a monthly basis. I dealt with attorneys representing defendants, as well as, pro-se litigants on a regular basis. Additionally, I served as legal counsel at City Council meetings when the City Attorney could not be present. I handled most of the appeals from the Spartanburg County Municipal Court to the Circuit Court.

(f) Grace Gilchrist Knie, PA, Spartanburg, South Carolina,
Attorney, 2004 – February 23, 2017.
In 2004, although the nature of my practice remained the same, after my marriage, I changed the name of my law practice and professional association to Grace Gilchrist Knie, P.A. Approximately 6-8 years later I transitioned the nature of my practice from contested domestic litigation to Social Security Disability in addition to personal injury. I was a sole practitioner and solely handled the administrative and financial management of the law firm which required that I was in charge of payroll, payroll tax deposits, quarterly and annual tax returns, and I was in charge of the management of the law firm's trust account/s. A CPA firm calculated payroll, tax deposits, and withholding amounts.

Judge Knie reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):

I was elected on February 1, 2017, by the SC General Assembly and took the oath on February 24th, 2017, for the position of Circuit Court Judge for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2. The Circuit Court is a court of general trial jurisdiction and limited appellate jurisdiction from the Probate Court, Magistrate Court

and Municipal Court in South Carolina. I was re-elected to the same position on February 7th, 2018.

Judge Knie provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) *Farr v. Wan, et.al.*, 2013-CP-42-02404

This action was brought as a medical negligence case in which it was alleged that the physician, a pulmonologist due to a failure to diagnose breached the standard of care when she failed to identify an abnormal density in the decedent's right lung. Suit was brought against the physician and her employer medical group. The case was tried by jury trial for one week in the fall of 2020. There were several expert witnesses from various parts of the United States called by both parties. The trial was challenging due to the constraints of the COVID pandemic. There were challenges and complications regarding jury selection, jury management, and travel restrictions for witnesses. Ultimately it was agreed that several expert witnesses would be allowed to testify virtually. The jury trial verdict was for the Defendants.

(b) *State v. Mark Anthony Gilbert,* 2019-GS-42-1035

This criminal jury trial involved allegations by the victim, a daughter against her biological father of criminal sexual conduct. The Defendant was charged with four counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor in the Second Decree. The evidence presented by the State included the testimony of the victim, and other family members. The State presented no physical evidence. The case was tried for four days. The jury found the Defendant guilty on all charges. He was sentenced to 25 years in the SC Department of Corrections and was required to register as a Sex Offender.

(c) *Keith Bookman v. Jason Brian Buffkin,* 2018-CP-40-6147

The parties in this action were involved in a motor vehicle collision on Interstate 77 North in 2018. Plaintiff was working in an interstate construction zone, driving a message board truck, and Defendant, driving under the influence, collided with the attenuator on the back of Plaintiff's truck. Plaintiff suffered personal injuries. Plaintiff brought a claim for negligence and sought actual and punitive damages. Plaintiff resolved his case against the at-fault insurance carrier on a

covenant not to execute and proceeded at trial against the UIM carrier. Plaintiff's demand had been for the limits of coverage. In September of 2021, the case was tried for four days. At trial, Defendant admitted negligence but disputed that Plaintiff was injured or suffered any damages as a result of the collision. The parties presented expert testimony via video conference and in person from an orthopedic surgeon, a toxicologist, and a biomechanical expert. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the Plaintiff for $12.5 million dollars, $3.5 million dollars in actual damages and $9 million dollars in punitive damages.

(d) *State v. Christian Thomas McCall*, 2018-GS-46-03262, 2018-GS-46-03265, 2018-GS-46-03267 and 2018-GS-46-03269

This action arose in 2018 from a domestic dispute between husband and wife in which a 911 call was made from the residence of the victim and the Defendant. The Defendant fled the scene on foot and to apprehend him, a chase ensued by law enforcement. When cornered, the Defendant killed one officer and wounded three others. The Defendant pled guilty to Murder and three counts of Attempted Murder. He received a life sentence, three consecutive thirty-year sentences and a consecutive five-year sentence. This case was further complicated due to the significant public and press interest in this case, and the press coverage of the plea and sentencing hearing which lasted for several hours.

(e) *Carnell Davis v. The State of South Carolina,*1991-GS-42-1126 &1991-GS-42-1723

This matter came before the Court for a bench trial on resentencing pursuant to Aiken v. Byars, 410 S.C. 534, 765 S.E.2d 572 (2014). Petitioner filed his petition and the Circuit Court of Spartanburg County was vested with exclusive jurisdiction to hear the petition by Order of the Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court. A hearing on the petition was conducted in August 2018. In 1991, the Petitioner committed murder and shot a Spartanburg City Police Officer. Petitioner was indicted and pled guilty to Murder and Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill. The Petitioner received a life sentence with parole on the Murder charge and he received a twenty-year consecutive sentence on the Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill charge. At the time of the commission of the crimes, the Petitioner was seventeen years old. Petitioner

> sought relief pursuant to Aiken v. Byars, 410 S.C. 534, 765 S.E.2d 572 (2014). However, the law of South Carolina at the time of Petitioner's conviction provided for possibility of parole being granted for persons sentenced to life terms. Based on information obtained from the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services, since first becoming eligible for parole in 2011, Petitioner had at least four prior parole hearings and subsequent to the time of the re-sentencing hearing the Defendant would again be eligible for parole consideration. Because the Petitioner's original life sentence made him eligible for parole pursuant to South Carolina law, he was not entitled to resentencing pursuant to Aiken v. Byars, 410 S.C. 534, 765 S.E.2d 572 (2014).

Judge Knie reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Knie further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
I ran for the position of Judge of the SC Court of Appeals, Seat 2, in 2022-2023. I withdrew from the race before the election.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Knie's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Knie to be "Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament.

Judge Knie is married to Patrick Eugene Knie. She has no children.

Judge Knie reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Spartanburg County Bar Association;

President, 2012; Vice President, 2011; Executive Committee member, 2009 -2013;
Chairperson, Spartanburg County Bar's Cinderella Prom Dress Project 2008-2013;
(b) SC Bar Association 1989 - Present;
Member, Judicial Qualifications Committee 2012 - January 2016;
Member, Solo and Small Firm Section
(c) American Bar Association;
(d) Association of SC Circuit Judges;
(e) NCSI (National Courts and Sciences Institute) SC Judicial Representative.

Judge Knie provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) First Presbyterian Church;
(b) The YMCA;
(c) The Piedmont Club;
(d) The Spartanburg County Library.

Judge Knie further reported:

As a young person, it was always my goal to complete college and law school. Out of necessity in order to pay the tuition and the necessary costs involved, I worked multiple jobs at the same time while attending school and was able to pay my way through undergraduate school and law school. I believe that I have a strong work ethic that has carried over to my professional practice. I was always willing to put in the long hours necessary to be fully prepared in every case which I handled. As a circuit court judge, I brought that work ethic with me every day to ensure that whatever tasks were assigned to me were fully and timely completed. My work ethic has also made me very independent and I believe that such independence is very important to be a good and ethical jurist.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission noted Judge Knie has a reputation of being an outstanding jurist who serves the State of South Carolina well. Judge Knie has an excellent judicial temperament and intellectual ability.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Knie qualified, and nominated her for re-election to Circuit Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

The Honorable Eugene Cannon Griffith, Jr.
Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Griffith meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Griffith was born in 1964. He is 59 years old and a resident of Prosperity, South Carolina. Judge Griffith provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1991.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Griffith.

Judge Griffith demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Griffith reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Griffith testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Griffith testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Griffith to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Griffith reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

Judge's School: For New Circuit Judges: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023 – teach the criminal law portion to newly elected judges
Back to Basics SCACDL: February 2023 – Provided tips from judicial perspective to criminal defense attorneys
I spoken as a panel member for many CLE's e.g.: Solicitors Conferences, Public Defenders Conferences, and other CLE's on a variety of topics but mostly: Best courtroom practices/ Best Advice from the Bench, etc.

Judge Griffith reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Griffith did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Griffith did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Griffith has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Griffith was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Griffith reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, was BV.

Judge Griffith reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Griffith reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Griffith appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Griffith appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Griffith was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1991.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) March 1991 – July 1991: Clerk to the Honorable James E. Moore, Circuit Court for Eighth Judicial Circuit

(b) July 1991 – June 1992: Clerk to the Honorable John P. Gardner, S. C. Court of Appeals

(c) July 1992 – February 1997: solo practice as Griffith Law Firm – general practice of law. The office handled real estate transactions, mortgage closings, magistrate's trial work, criminal trial defense, civil trial work, both plaintiff and defense counsel, domestic relations trial work, and estate and probate matters. As a sole practitioner, I was entirely responsible for administrative and financial management functions.

(d) February 1997 – February 2009: In February of 1997, Rushing and Griffith, P.C., was formed by Eugene C. Griffith, Jr. and Elizabeth R. Griffith. The scope and type of law practice did not change significantly from the initial five years as a solo practitioner, and was operated as a general practice. Don S. Rushing bought into the corporation, and opened an office in Lancaster, South Carolina. Don S. Rushing has operated a limited practice in the Lancaster office. During the last several years of the practice, the type of work performed in the Newberry

office changed slightly. In January of 2005, I agreed to work as a special prosecutor for the Eighth Judicial Circuit for the court terms of General Sessions Court, held in Newberry County. After agreeing to act as special prosecutor, I was unable to accept cases as a criminal defense attorney. I also handled numerous condemnation actions on behalf of the SCDOT, Duke Energy, and City of Newberry. I was also appointed under the Circuit Court rules to numerous civil cases to act as special referee for non-jury matters, such as partitions and foreclosures. I was part-time city attorney or the City of Newberry for 15 years. I was entirely responsible for administrative and financial management functions of the law firm.

(e) February 27th, 2009 – present: Resident Circuit Court Judge for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

(f) May 2010 – December 2011: Chief Administrative Judge Eighth Judicial Circuit for Common Pleas and General Sessions

(g) January 2013 – December 2013: Chief Administrative Judge Eight Judicial Circuit for Common Pleas and General Sessions

(h) January 2014 – December 2014: Chief Administrative Judge Eight Judicial Circuit for General Sessions

(i)January 2016 – July 2016: Chief Administrative Judge Eighth Judicial Circuit for Common Pleas

(j)July 2016 – June 2017: Chief Administrative Judge Eleventh Judicial Circuit for General Sessions

(k) July 2017 – December 2017: Chief Administrative Judge Eighth Judicial Circuit for Common Pleas

(l)January 2018 – December 2018: Chief Administrative Judge Eleventh Judicial Circuit for General Sessions

(m) January 2019 – December 2020: Chief Administrative Judge Eighth Judicial Circuit for Common Pleas

(n) January 2021 – December 2021: Chief Administrative Judge for Sixth Judicial Circuit

(o) January 2022 – June 2022: Chief Administrative Judge Eighth Judicial Circuit for Common Pleas

(p) July 2022 – December 2023: Chief Administrative Judge Sixteenth Judicial Circuit for General Sessions

Judge Griffith reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
Circuit Court Eighth Judicial Circuit Seat 2: February 27, 2009 to present

Judge Griffith provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:
(a) *Wilson v. Willis* 426 S.C. 326, 827 S.E.2d 167 (2019)
(b) *State v. Tim Jones* ___ S.E.2d ___, WL 2671754 (2023)
(c) *City of Charleston* v. City of North Charleston 439 SC 6, 885 SE2d 151 (Ct. App. 2023)
(d) *State v. Chhith-Berry,* 437 S.C. 527, 878 S.E.2d 352 (Ct. App. 2022)
(e) *Crenshaw v. Erskine College*, 432 S.C. 1, 850 S.E.2d 1 (2020)

Judge Griffith reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Griffith further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
Candidate for House District 40 2002: Unsuccessful
Candidate for Circuit Court At-large Seat 13 2008: Unsuccessful

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Griffith's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Piedmont Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Judge Griffith to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee commented that: "Judge Griffith has been an able and well-regarded judge for years on the Circuit Court bench. The Committee appreciates his record as a fine public servant and believes he will continue to do his community and his State credit during another term."

Judge Griffith is not married. He has three children.

Judge Griffith reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) Newberry County Bar- President, 1994-1999; Secretary-Treasurer 1992-1994

Judge Griffith provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
I am an active member in Macedonia Lutheran Church and am currently serving as Vice Chair on the Church Council. I do not participate in other organizations.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission complimented Judge Griffith's demeanor in the court room and his general reputation among the Bar. They thanked him for his years of service on the bench.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Griffith qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Circuit Court, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

The Honorable Daniel E. Martin, Jr.
Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Martin meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Martin was born in 1963. He is 60 years old and a resident of Charleston, South Carolina. Judge Martin provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1989.

(2) Ethical Fitness:

The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Martin.

Judge Martin demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Martin reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Martin testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Martin testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Martin to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Martin reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

I have been a presenter at the Orientation School for New Family Court Judges for the last six (6) years. In 2018, 2019, and 2019, my presentation covered Court rules. In 2020, my presentation concerned Court hearings. In 2021, 2022, and 2023, my topic focused on domestic hearings.

I have spoken at CLE presentations and also at the South Carolina Judicial Conference.

At the 2020 annual Judicial Conference in Columbia, I spoke on the subject of Court security.

On January 20, 2020, I served on a CLE panel entitled "What Works." The subject I covered was "best practices" for attorneys coming before the family court.

I have spoken numerous times at the Charleston School of Law at the invitation of the Black Law Student Association and several of the professors. The discussions mostly centered on family law and the procedure for seeking judicial office. I recently made a similar presentation to students at Charleston Pro Bono.

On April 28, 2020, I hosted a webinar with the Charleston County Bar Association to discuss new court procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic. More than 100 lawyers tuned in for the event. These are some of the most recent activates in which I lectured or spoke before members of the Bar and judiciary.

Judge Martin reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Judge Martin did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Martin did not indicate any evidence of disqualifying financial issues.

The Commission also noted that Judge Martin was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:

Judge Martin reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Martin reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Martin reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Martin appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Martin appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Martin was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1989.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

1989 - 2011 Private Practice Law
1989 - 1993 Part-time Magistrate (Charleston County)
2011 - present Family Court Judge (Charleston County)

From 1989-2011, I engaged in a general practice of law. During most of that time, I was a sole practitioner. I employed a secretary and at times a paralegal to assist me. I was responsible for all administrative duties including the payment of payroll, insurance, worker's compensation expenses and other business expenses. I also compiled records for filing state and federal taxes, maintained IOTA and other trust accounts and monitored checking accounts. I dictated letters, prepared HUD-1 settlement statement, drafted deeds, notes, mortgages, contracts, wills, powers-of-attorney, accident settlement statements and other instruments necessary for the practice.

I drafted and filed summons, complaints, answers, affidavits, motions, briefs, discovery requests and responses, subpoenas and other such documents necessary in my day to day practice. I deposed witnesses and prepared witnesses for their deposition(s) and in-court testimonies. I conducted voir dire in jury selections, directed and cross-examined witnesses, presented evidence at trial, and made both opening and closing

> statements before juries. I mostly filed actions on behalf of Plaintiffs but occasionally acted as counsel for Defendants. The actions I filed included various tort claims, medical malpractice claims, claims of excessive use of force and claims for wrongful death. I brought quiet title and partition actions, determination of heirs actions, petitions for the appointment of guardians and conservators, breach of contracts actions and non-compete lawsuits. I did hundreds of real estate closings involving the sale of residential and commercial property and the refinancing of mortgages. I was proficient in searching real estate titles and handled many land dispute actions. A significant part of my practice was in the field of domestic law. In addition to representing parties in divorce actions, I handled paternity actions, child custody disputes, abuse and neglect cases, juvenile defense, name changes and correction of birth certificates. I also represented persons charged with crimes, mostly at the magistrate and municipal court level.

Judge Martin further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

> Before being elected to the Family Court bench in 2011, I represented people charged with various criminal offenses, mostly at the municipal and magistrate court level. I had several jury trials where my clients were charged with offenses like assault and battery and DUIs. I also represented people at guilty plea hearings in the Court of General Sessions but very rarely. Over the last 12 years, as a Family Court judge, I've presided over thousands of trials and hearings involving juveniles charged with criminal offenses. As the sole trier of fact(s) and interpreter of the law, I gained a unique perspective concerning the rights of the accused and deciding when the state had met its burden of proof beyond a reasonable doubt. I believe that this experience has prepared me for handing matters in criminal court.
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> The larger part of my private practice was civil in nature. I handled many personal injury, medical malpractice, excessive use of force, dog bite and slander cases over the 22 years in private practice. (see answer to #10 above). Real estate

closings and Family Court matters encompassed a significant portion of day to day practice. While I did represent Defendants from time to time, I mostly represented Plaintiffs in tort actions.

Judge Martin reported the frequency of his court appearances prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Federal: One (1) four-day trial in 2008;
(b) State: I had at least two (2) jury trial in the Court of Common Pleas during the five years prior to me being elected to the family court. I also had at least five (5) bench trials and perhaps a dozen or more motions and non-jury hearings in the Court of Common Pleas. I had well more than 500 appearances in Family Court, Master-in-Equity Court, Probate Courts, Municipal Courts and Magistrate Courts in the five years before I went on the bench. I argued a case before the South Carolina Supreme Court in 2009, and appeared before the South Carolina Election Commission in 2009 and the Administrative Court in Columbia for a trial in May, 2010. I successful argued an appeal before the South Carolina Court of Appeals in 2011. I had scores of hearings in Probate Court for formal appointments of personal representatives, conservators and guardians, determination of heirs actions and will contests. My appearances in the tri-county Family Courts normally averaged between 3 to 8 times each week. It was not unusually for me to have three (3) hearings in one day in more than one Family Court.

Judge Martin reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Civil: 15%;
(b) Criminal: 5%;
(c) Domestic: 50%;
(d) Other: 30%.

Judge Martin reported his practice in trial court as follows:

(a) 75% of cases settled prior to trial
(b) 10+ cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict

(c) 2 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case
(d) 1 case settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements

Judge Martin provided that during the past five years prior to his service on the bench he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Martin's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *USA vs. Larry Blanding* (Operation Lost Trust)
Case No.: CR-90-434-CHH

In this case, Larry Blanding, a member of the South Carolina General Assembly, was charged with violating the Hobbs Act. Mr. Blanding was accused of accepting a cash bribe from a lobbyist working under cover with the FBI in exchange for support a para-mutual betting bill. The criminal trial was tried in federal court in Columbia. Although Mr. Blanding was found guilty, my law partner and I appealed his conviction to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. The conviction was reversed. This case was significant because it allowed me to experience the federal criminal process at an early stage in my legal career. It also exposed me to the criminal appeals process and allowed me to witness oral argument before the US Court of Appeals. The case itself was significant because it involved the alleged corruption of a state official and is credited with making the lobbying process before the South Carolina General Assembly more transparent.

(b) *Connell Brown and Illya Brown vs. Adolpho Cofino, Joseph Gabe and the City of Charleston*
Case Nos.: 2:92-1745-2 and 2:92-1744-2

These cases involved the shooting of a citizen in his own home by a Charleston city police officer and the unlawful arrest of his brother. Illya Brown, while walking home carrying his family's typewriter, was followed onto his front porch by two city officers. Mr. Brown was immediately grabbed by the officers, one of whom placed a handcuff around his wrist. His brother, Connell Brown, came to the front door of the

residence and was immediately shot in the doorway. He survived his injuries but suffered significant injuries and permanent damages. Illya Brown was released without any criminal charges several hours after the shooting. Both brothers filed actions in federal court claiming violations of their civil rights and certain state torts claims. I, along with 2 other attorneys, represented the brothers. The case received significant coverage by the local press. The case was tried before a jury. Verdicts were returned in favor of the Defendants. However, the state court claims were preserved and litigated in the Charleston County Court of Common Pleas. The case involving Illya Brown resulted in a settlement after several days of testimony where I served as lead counsel. This case was significant because it challenged the over aggressive behavior of the Charleston Police Department. Because of the heavy publicity, claims of police brutality were reduced. Subsequently, the city of Charleston placed more emphasis officer training and how better to engage citizens they believe to be suspects.

(c) *Julia T. Gregory vs. Chief John R. Zumult and the City of North Charleston*
Case No.: 2:05-CV-0306-DCV

In this case, Asberry Wilder, a mentally ill adult, was shot to death by a member of the North Charleston Police Department after being accused of stealing a package of meat from a Piggly Wiggly grocery store. It was alleged by the officers that Mr. Wilder had a screw driver and posed a threat to one of the many officers that surrounded him. Mr. Wilder's mother filed an action against NCPD for his wrongful death. The case was tried over the course of several days in the United States District Court. After both parties presented their respective cases and just prior to presentation of closing arguments, the trial judge reversed his prior ruling and granted a directed verdict in favor of the Defendants. During the trial, testimony revealed that the officer who claimed to suffer an injury at the hands of Mr. Wilder was actually struck by a fellow officer. Also, the Defendants' expert witness confirmed that the victim's fatal wounds were inflicted while he was already on the ground. Despite this significant revelation during trial, the

judge ended the case in favor of the Defendants. Although the result was a painful loss for the Wilder family, the North Charleston police equipped their officers with taser guns after the filing of the lawsuit. The use of such a weapon would have most likely prevented the untimely death of Mr. Wilder and has perhaps spared the lives of other mentally challenged people in North Charleston since. I feel that the case was significant for this reason and how it benefitted me in better understanding the complexity between police encounters and the mentally ill community.

(d) *Dana E. Winters and Daniella C. Winters vs. Joyce Fiddie, C.W. Burbage, Barbara Daniels and Prudential Carolina Real Estate*
Case No.: 07-CP-08-0973
S.C. Court of Appeals No.: 2009115366

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In this case, Dana and Daniella Winters purchased a house shown to them by a real estate agent who acted as a dual agent for the sellers and the buyers. The sellers and their agent had prior knowledge that the home contained toxic mold, yet they failed to disclose this information to the buyers. After learning about the dangerous conditions in the home, my clients sued sellers, the agent and Prudential Carolina for failure to disclose and violating other provisions of the state code. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the Winters for $125,000 in actual and punitive damages. The case was significant because it was the first verdict in the country against a real estate agent and real estate company for failure to disclose the presence of mold in a residence. The case has been published in several national publications including Verdict Search. Although the Defendants appealed the verdict, the jury's decision was upheld by the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

(e) *Fred Hamilton, Jr., and Allyne Mitchell vs. Jeff Fulgham, Norman Thomas and the Beaufort County Board of Elections and Voter Registration*
South Carolina Supreme Court Opinion No.: 26747

In November 2008, Fred Hamilton and Allyne Mitchell won the most votes for the two open seats on the Bluffton town council election. The town of Bluffton had no board of elections and commissioned the Beaufort County election board to conduct the election. Jeff Fulgham and Norman Thomas, the other two candidates, failed to win enough votes to win their elections. They filed a protest before the Beaufort County Board of Elections and a new election was ordered. Fred Hamilton and Alleyne Mitchell retained the services of my firm and appealed the decision to the South Carolina State Election Commission. The commission reversed the decision. Fulgham and Thomas then filed an appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court. On May 13, 2009, I presented oral argument on behalf of Hamilton and Mitchell. Because the Bluffton township had not clarified the procedure for appeals in contest elections, the Supreme Court remanded the case to the Beaufort County Court of Common Pleas. Both Allyne Mitchell and Fred Hamilton, Jr., were sworn in and continued to serve as duly qualified members of the Bluffton town council. Mr. Hamilton still remains as a member of the council. This case is significant because it afforded me the opportunity to make an oral argument before the state's highest court. Also, but for the challenge, the town of Bluffton may have been deprived two very able and deserving members of its town council.

The following is Judge Martin's account of two civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) Dana E. Winters and Daniella C. Winters vs. Joyce Fiddie, C.W. Burbage, Barbara Daniels and Prudential Carolina Real Estate

Decision issued on August 13, 2008

S.C. Court of Appeals No.: 2009115366

(b) Fred Hamilton, Jr., and Alleyne Mitchell vs. Jeff Fulgham, Norman Thomas and the Beaufort County Board of Elections and Voter Registration

Decision issued on December 7, 2009

South Carolina Supreme Court Opinion No.: 26747

Judge Martin reported that he has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Judge Martin reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):

From 1989 – 1993, I served as a Magistrate (part-time) for the County of Charleston. I was appointed to this position by the Governor after being recommended by my local state Senator and approved by the local delegation. This was a Court of limited jurisdiction that handled small claims, landlord tenant disputes, claim and deliveries and presided over Bond Court. The jurisdiction of the Court was peninsula Charleston.

Since 2011, I have served as a judge of the Family Court in the Ninth Judicial Circuit. I am a resident judge in Charleston County and occupy seat no. 1. I was elected by the South Carolina General Assembly in February, 2011. The jurisdiction of the Family Court is established by state statute.

Judge Martin provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) *Adoptive Couple vs. Baby Girl, Birth Fathers and the Cherokee Indian Nation*,
Case No. 2009-DR-10-3803
S.C. Appellate Case No.: 2011-205166

This action involved custody of a minor child of Cherokee Indian decent. The mother, a white female, and father, a native of the Cherokee tribe, had a child born out-of-wedlock. (The child has since come to be widely known as "Baby Veronica") The child was placed for adoption without the knowledge of the father. Unbeknownst to the biological father, the adoptive parents obtained physical custody shortly after the child's birth. After later becoming aware of the pending adoption action, the biological father and the Cherokee Indian Nation objected to the adoption. At the adoption hearing, the trial judge granted the biological father's counter petition for

adoption. The child was placed with the father and both left South Carolina and moved to Oklahoma.

The adoptive parents appealed the case. A media storm brewed in South Carolina and Oklahoma. The South Carolina Supreme Court ultimately reversed the lower Court decision and remanded the case to Charleston County. I was assigned the case. At the first hearing, the Court approved the petition for adoption filed by the adoptive parents and issued a Decree of Adoption. The Court ruled that the child was to be returned to South Carolina immediately. Because the father failed to comply with my ruling, it was also necessary to issue orders to enforce the ruling. The unfolding situation drew national attention with governors of both South Carolina and Oklahoma getting involved. The father, after exhausting efforts in the Oklahoma state court system, the Indian tribal court system and the federal court system, ultimately allowed the child to be returned with her legal parents to South Carolina.

(b) Keith Alan May vs. Denise Marie May
Case No. 2015-DR-10-3222
S.C. Appellate Case No.: 2017-000030

The order issued by me in this matter involved a motion to relieve a party from an order which approved the parties' agreement. The agreement contained inconsistent language which impacted whether one party would be obligated to pay the other $60,000 as their share in the marital home. I decided that the parties' agreement should be reformed and made the necessary adjustment to the agreement and final order. The former wife appealed the decision. The decision was affirmed.

(c) Harrison Shelby Nelson vs. Melissa Starr Nelson,
Case No. 2015-DR-10-1870
S.C. Appellate Case No.: 2017-000291

In this divorce case, the parties had resolved the child custody, visitation and support issues. The unresolved

issues involved equitable distribution of significant marital assets and liabilities. After hearing all the testimony, the Court reached certain findings that the husband did not agree with. In his appeal, he challenged the Court's determination of his interest in property valued at more than a million dollars. He also asserted that my valuation of the marital home was incorrect. The wife also appealed my decision to grant a Rule 60(b) motion after the trial. The appellate court made a de novo review of the trial and all the evidence presented.

In South Carolina Court of Appeal's decision, it agreed with my decision to grant the Rule 60(b) motion. In doing so, it directly quoted language that I put in my final order. The Court also agreed that my valuation of the husband's investment property and that the Court's valuation of marital home was within the range of the evidence presented at the final hearing. The final order was affirmed.

(d) SCDSS vs. Nina Ward and Benjamin R. Clayton, Sr.
Case No. 2016-DR-10-2327
S.C. Appellate Case No. 2016-002327

This case involved the termination of the parental rights of Nina Ward and Benjamin Clayton to their minor children. Actions involving the termination of parental rights are some of the hardest for Family Court judges to make. In most cases, the parents truly love their children. However, their love is sometimes not enough to keep the families together. The judge is always governed by the best interest of the children. In this matter, the parents failed to complete their drug treatment and other provisions required in their treatment plan. I determined that the best interest of the children demanded that the Defendant's parental rights be terminated. The parents appealed the case but the South Carolina Court of Appeals confirmed my decision.

(e) SCDSS vs. Teoshi Etoya Manigault White and Jawaan Frederick

Case No. 2018-DR-10-1582
S.C. Appellate Case No.: 2018-000888

In this case, the father, Jawaan F. White, appealed my final order terminating his parental rights to his minor daughter. Again, determinations in such cases are always difficult. Based upon the evidence, I determined that the Father had failed to make any material contribution toward the support of his child and that it would be in the child's best interest that his parental rights to her be terminated. The father appealed. The appellate court affirmed my decision.

Judge Martin reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Martin's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Martin to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and. "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental health. The Committee commented: "Fabulous person, excellent judicial temperament, well balanced, compassionate, thoughtful, EXCELLENT CANDIDATE."

Judge Martin is married to Reba Z. Hough-Martin. He has two children.

Judge Martin reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) Charleston County Bar Association – former executive committee member
(c) SC Black Lawyers Association – former treasurer

Judge Martin provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., - life member
(b) Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity – current Sire Archon (president)
(c) Prince Hall Mason – Nehemiah Lodge No. 51
(d) George Washington Consistory No. 162 (33rd degree Mason)
(e) Arabian Temple No. 139 (Shriner)
(f) South Carolina Aquarium – current Board member
(g) Coastal Carolina Boy Scouts – current Board member
(h) Avery Institute – current Board member
(i) James L. Petigru chapter of Inns of Court – current member
(j) Charleston Pro Bono – current Board Member
(k) 2023 recipient of the Buchan, Brown and Jacobs award given by the South Carolina Conference of Family Court Judges

Judge Martin further reported:

I do not believe that judges should live a nomadic and isolated life. I believe that the more life experience that one has to bring to the bench, the better jurist he/she would make. I have always been active in my church and in my community. I have been affiliated with numerous charitable organizations including the Prince Hall Masons. As a 33 ° Mason, I held the position of Grand Legal Advisor for the state of South Carolina before joining the Family Court. I currently serve on many local boards of directors including Charleston Pro Bono, the Coastal Carolina Boy Scouts, the South Carolina Aquarium and Avery Institute. I actively participate in Inns of Court and have spoken individually and also on panels before fellow judges, lawyers, law students and students of all ages. As a sole practitioner with an office located in downtown Charleston for so many years, I consistently engaged with people from all walks of life. My clients came from every social-economic sector of our community. I believe that this well-rounded exposure to life and real-world situations and people of diverse backgrounds has given me the tools necessary to serve on the Circuit Court bench. I feel that I have the compassion, empathy, knowledge, work ethic and moral compass that would

make be able to serve with distinction as a judge on the Circuit Court.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Martin has a reputation of having a calm disposition and a great temperament, as well as a reputation for fairness, as a Family Court judge. The Commission noted that Judge Martin has the perfect demeanor for the Circuit Court bench.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Martin qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Thomas J. Rode
Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Rode meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Rode was born in 1983. He is 40 years old and a resident of Charleston, South Carolina. Mr. Rode provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2008.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Rode.

Mr. Rode demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Rode reported that he has made $310.40 in campaign expenditures for palm card photos and metered postage.

Mr. Rode testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Rode testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Mr. Rode to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Rode reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) Yes. I taught legal research and writing to first year law students at the Charleston School of Law from 2013 through 2017. This course involved lectures, two or three times per week on topics related to general legal issues and standards of review, formulating arguments, researching legal issues, and composing various legal documents, motions, and appellate briefs. It also included preparing for and delivering oral argument. Dealing with a crowded class of students, all with varying degrees of experience and legal knowledge, was good preparation for dealing with difficult personalities, explaining concepts simply, delivering prompt feedback, and ensuring continued progress toward keeping to a longer-term schedule. These are skills that will translate well in serving as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Rode reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Rode did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Rode did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Rode has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Rode was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Rode reported that his rating by a legal rating organization as follows: for Super Lawyers, Rising Star; for Best Lawyers, Appellate Practice; and for Lawyers of Distinction, Appellate Practice.

Mr. Rode reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Rode reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Rode appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Rode appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Rode was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2008.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 2008-2011: Law Clerk to the Honorable Paula Thomas, South Carolina Court of Appeals.

My primary role as an appellate law clerk was to review and analyze the merits of appeals assigned to Judge Thomas. I made recommendations for disposition, first to Judge Thomas and then later to the other appellate judges reviewing the case. It was my responsibility to research and articulate a comprehensive explanation of the legal basis for those recommendations. This required me to conduct thorough review of the evidence in the record and orders issued by the trial court, prepare for and attend oral arguments, and develop an in-depth understanding of the legal rules implicated. It was also my responsibility to critically analyze the recommendations Judge Thomas received from the other appellate judges on the panel. I also employed a similar analytical process for the many appeals that were initially evaluated by the Staff Attorney's Office of the Court of Appeals.

Once the judges finalized their decision(s) on a particular matter, I was responsible for preparing drafts of the opinions or dissents that would be authored by Judge Thomas for publication. I drafted these opinions in collaboration with Judge Thomas and pursuant to her directives on the proper legal reasoning and outcome.

Finally, to the extent the Court received any petition for rehearing or petition for rehearing en banc, it was my duty to conduct the same type of evaluation and analysis described above. As a result, the number of appeals I handled and the variety of legal issues that I tackled during my three-year clerkship for Judge Thomas was in the hundreds.

(b) 2011-2013: Associate Attorney at Savage and Savage P.A. The general nature of my practice included criminal defense and personal injury in both State and Federal courts, as well as in various municipal, magistrate, and administrative courts throughout the Charleston area. In this role I made regular and frequent appearances in both State and Federal courts. I tried multiple criminal cases with Andy Savage, a well-seasoned and respected criminal defense attorney and I learned a great deal in the process. I was not involved with the administration or financial management of this firm or management of its trust accounts.

(c) 2013: Associate Attorney at Babb Law Firm.

The general nature of my practice included criminal defense and personal injury. I was only in this position for a very brief period, and I was not involved with the administration or financial management of this firm or management of this firm's trust accounts.

(d) 2013 – 2014: Sole Practitioner at The Rode Law Firm.

In this role, I operated as a general practitioner and the majority of my practice consisted of criminal defense and personal injury. As a sole practitioner, I managed all aspects of administration and financial matters of the firm including the trust account.

(e) 2014 – Present: Attorney/Partner at Thurmond Kirchner & Timbes, P.A.

I focus primarily on civil litigation and appellate work. My civil practice is generally described as business litigation, a lot of which is related to the construction and development industries. This includes contract disputes, mechanic's liens and construction defects. However, my practice areas are broad and I have litigated real property disputes, condemnation actions, insurance coverage disputes, homeowner association matters, unfair trade practices, and land use issues. I have also handled a variety of tort matters including bad faith actions, employment claims, and malpractice matters. I routinely represent both plaintiffs and defendants, and my practice has also included insurance defense.

My appellate practice is equally diverse. Since 2015, I have worked on roughly twenty (20) appeals to the Supreme Court of South Carolina, the South Carolina Court of Appeals, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. The types of appeals I have handled vary widely, and I have represented appellants, respondents, and amici curia parties. In addition to a variety of different civil matters, I have handled appeals from the Court of General Sessions, Family Court, Probate Court, and the Master-in-Equity. I have also handled appeals involving questions related to Worker's Compensation issues. This is in

addition to the innumerable appellate issues I worked on as a law clerk at the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

In my current role, I am not heavily involved with the day-to-day administrative or financial management of the firm. While I am informed of these matters, my active role is typically limited to those things in which my involvement is necessary. Similarly, I monitor, review, and approve trust account transactions related to my specific clients, but I am not actively involved in the day-to-day management of the firm's IOLTA account(s) for clients whose matters I am not handling.

Mr. Rode further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Criminal Matters:

In the past five years, I have not handled any criminal matters in Circuit Court. However, I have successfully appealed a criminal matter to the Supreme Court of South Carolina in State v. Cain, 419 S.C. 24, 795 S.E.2d 846 (2017). This case concerned the admissibility of expert scientific testimony on the issues of theoretical or hypothetical quantities in drug related prosecutions. Although my practice does not currently include criminal defense, my experience as an appellate law clerk provided me with extensive experience in addressing and analyzing a huge number of criminal appeals. These included a wide array of issues from evidentiary disputes to substantive questions regarding South Carolina's Criminal Code, to sentencing, and everything in between.

My experience in criminal law is not limited only to my work as an appellate law clerk. During my first several years in private practice, between 2011 and 2014, a large majority of my practice included criminal defense in both state and federal court. During this time, I tried multiple criminal cases. Moreover, while in law school I not only received the CALI Award (highest grade) in Criminal Procedure, but I also worked as an intern for both a state and federal prosecutor. I worked as a summer intern in the District Attorney's Office (the equivalent of a circuit solicitor) in my hometown of Wilmington, North Carolina. During the

school year, I worked as a legal extern in the United States Attorney's Office in Charleston. Combined, my experience has provided me with a substantive understanding of criminal law as well as a keen insight into the practical realities facing the participants in the criminal justice system. Not only do I have a solid understanding of the direct and collateral effects the criminal justice system has on the people charged and their families, I have also acquired a unique awareness of the burdens that the criminal justice system can place on prosecutors, defense attorneys, the court's administrative resources, and (most importantly) the people who are victims of crime.

Civil Matters:

During the past five years I have handled a variety of civil matters in Circuit Court for both plaintiffs and defendants. A fair amount of my litigation practice is business related and specifically pertains to businesses in the construction industry. I have represented both builders and homeowners in contract disputes, mechanic's liens, and construction defect claims. I have represented a variety of clients—from individuals and small business owners all the way up to large corporations. My practice also includes real property litigation, including ownership disputes, heirs property matters, and zoning/land use disputes. I have represented property owners as well as local municipalities/governmental entities.

I have also had the opportunity to handle cases in a variety of other practice areas. These have included maritime cases, electronic eavesdropping and wiretapping issues, insurance coverage and bad faith matters, professional malpractice claims, class action suits, claims for unfair trade practices, Section 1983 civil rights actions, defamation, products liability, and employment matters—among others. I have represented both plaintiffs and defendants, as well as defended clients on behalf of insurance companies. This varied practice, together with my appellate experience, makes me uniquely well qualified to serve as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Rode reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: During the past five years, I have handled eight (8) matters in U.S. District Court and one (1) appeal before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Thus, my actual appearances in federal court over the past five years have been relatively infrequent, particularly during and since the pandemic;
(b) State: During the past five years, I have handled roughly fifty-five (55) separate matters in Circuit Court, and roughly twenty (20) matters before the Supreme Court of South Carolina and/or the South Carolina Court of Appeals. I make regular court appearances that average approximately once per month. My court appearances were more frequent prior to the pandemic.

Mr. Rode reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 100%;
(b) Criminal: 0% (I handled one criminal appeal in 2017 and have handled many criminal matters in my career—just not in the past five years.);
(c) Domestic: 0% (I handled one Family Court appeal in 2021.)
(d) Other: n/a

Mr. Rode reported his practice in trial court as follows:

(a) 70% of cases were in trial court. Roughly 5-10% of my practice involved matters that would otherwise have been in trial court but were either resolved pre-suit or were resolved through alternative dispute resolution. The balance of my practice (roughly 20-25%) involved matters on appeal.
(b) 1 case went to trial and resulted in a verdict.

(c) 0 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case.
(d) 0 cased settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Mr. Rode provided that during the past five years he most often served as chief counsel and/or co-counsel with one or more attorneys in his firm.

The following is Mr. Rode's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *In re Mt. Hawley Ins. Co.*, 427 S.C. 159, 161, 829 S.E.2d 707, 709 (2019).

This matter came before the Supreme Court of South Carolina on a certified question from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. The question was significant because it involved a matter of first impression in South Carolina concerning attorney-client privilege in the context of an insurance bad faith action—a scenario that places the policy considerations of attorney-client privilege in conflict. Specifically, the case dealt with what is known as the "at issue" exception to attorney-client privilege. This case sought to resolve the extent to which a party could rely on the substance of attorney-client communication, either explicitly or implicitly, before the attorney-client privilege would be considered waived. The arguments, as well as the Supreme Court's analysis, explored the extent to which the laws and public policy of this State embrace the various interpretations of this rule that had been observed around the country. Ultimately the Supreme Court developed its own analytical framework to evaluate this issue that is instructive in bad faith matters.

(b) *State v. Cain*, 419 S.C. 24, 795 S.E.2d 846 (2017).

In this criminal appeal, the Supreme Court of South Carolina confronted the novel question of whether a defendant could be convicted of possession with the intent to distribute drugs where the only evidence offered to satisfy the quantity element of the crime was expert testimony about "theoretical yield." The

evidence offered was an expert's opinion as to the theoretical quantity of drugs or contraband the defendant might have been able to manufacture, possess, or distribute. The Court ultimately rejected the use of "theoretical yield" evidence in the manner it was used in this case. Not only did this case involve a matter of first impression, but it was also legally significant because it demonstrated how evidentiary rules—particularly those concerning expert testimony—overlap with the substantive requirements of the criminal code. The matter was also significant because it implicated unique questions of issue preservation that arose post-trial. These preservation issues—while seemingly mundane—are exceptionally important to appellate procedure and appellate practitioners.

(c) *Cavanaugh v. Cavanaugh*: 2017-CP-10-03376.

This matter dealt with civil claims and private rights of action brought for alleged electronic wiretapping and eavesdropping under both South Carolina and federal law. This case presented several technical and seemingly novel issues that had not previously been litigated in our state courts. As a result, the case presented an exciting and stimulating academic challenge to research and develop the necessary legal arguments on behalf of my client. Over years of contentious litigation, the case was a great opportunity to hone the skills necessary to synthesize and present hyper-technical arguments to the Circuit Court. While the case likely would have presented several novel issues for our appellate courts, the matter settled before trial.

(d) *Brown v. VSHZ; Traxxas, LP & Amazon.com Inc.*, 4:15-4684-BHH

This case dealt with an alleged product defect and failure to warn, stemming from the explosion of a lithium-ion battery. Although this is a well-known risk with these batteries now, it was less widely known at the time. While the subject matter was interesting and presented intriguing legal issues concerning the extent to which liability flows to attenuated sellers in the stream of commerce, this case was significant to me for

a different reason. I represented one of many large corporate defendants and it presented one of the first and most notable matters in which I was able to observe how the relationships and interactions between corporate in-house counsel, litigation counsel, and local counsel can converge to have a significant impact on the volume and type of issues, motions, and arguments that come before the Circuit Court. In learning to marshal these competing interests I developed an ability to efficiently cut through the complicated and voluminous legal theories and proposed strategies to get to the heart of the issues that are relevant under South Carolina law and local practice.

I strongly believe that all parties are entitled to their day in court and the opportunity to have their grievances resolved as efficiently as possible. A Circuit Court judge set to tackle a lengthy motions roster may be presented with one motion on a complicated $10 million dollar dispute, and another case that is a simple and small-value dispute. Both cases are deserving of the Court's time and attention, but a Circuit Court judge must be able to strike a balance that ensures a singular matter does not syphon away all the Court's time. This necessarily requires a Circuit Court judge be able to effectively synthesize complicated matters to the more manageable core issues, but also requires the ability to appreciate how one case could negatively impact another. While no silver bullet exists, having the ability to predict and appreciate how some cases might be made overly complicated is an important tool that could help me strike this balance. That is the reason I include this case among the significant cases I have handled.

(e) *Hollinshead v. Medical University of South Carolina*; 2:19-cv-2517-RMG-BM

This case is significant primarily for personal reasons. Many lawyers have "that one case" that sticks with them as the years go on. This is that case for me. It was the perfect combination of a deserving client who suffered a terrible event and a result that actually set the wrong right and felt like true justice. This was a wrongful termination matter in which the plaintiff, an African

American, alleged that shortly after receiving a promotion, her new boss, who was white, initiated an escalating course of sexual and racial harassment. The plaintiff claimed she reported the conduct to Human Resources—which investigated and confirmed the claims to be true—but instead of taking any steps to address the matter, the plaintiff was summarily terminated. Ultimately, with my help, the parties reached a settlement that not only compensated the plaintiff for her losses, but also afforded her the opportunity to return to employment—a very rare occurrence.

This matter is not significant for any prestige or monetary award. Instead, this matter is significant to me because of the justice that was obtained. The plaintiff, who suffered atrocious mistreatment because of her race, was able to reclaim her dignity in a way that money alone could never have done for her. The ability to help facilitate that result gave me a sense of accomplishment that struck at the very heart of why I became a lawyer. For that reason, this case will remain one of the most significant cases I've handled.

The following is Mr. Rode's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *In re Mt. Hawley Ins. Co.*, 427 S.C. 159, 829 S.E.2d 707 (2019) – Supreme Court of South Carolina.

(b) *Mims v. USAA Cas. Ins. Co.*, No. 21-1654, 2023 U.S. App. LEXIS 6727, (4th Cir. Mar. 21, 2023) – U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

(c) *Martin v. Valipour*, No. 2023-UP-080, 2023 S.C. App. Unpub. LEXIS 101, (Ct. App. Mar. 8, 2023) – South Carolina Court of Appeals.

(d) *United Servs. Auto. Ass'n v. Pickens*, 434 S.C. 60, 862 S.E.2d 442 (2021) – Supreme Court of South Carolina.

(e) *Morris v. State Fiscal Accountability Auth.*, No. 2023-UP-201, 2023 S.C. App. Unpub. LEXIS 260 (Ct. App. May 24, 2023) – South Carolina Court of Appeals.

The following is Mr. Rode's account of two criminal appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *State v. Cain*, 419 S.C. 24, 26, 795 S.E.2d 846, 847 (2017) – Supreme Court of South Carolina.
(b) This list does not include the numerous criminal appeals I worked on while a law clerk at the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Rode's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Rode to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualification, physical health, mental stability, and experience; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Mr. Rode is married to Julie L. Moore. He has two children.

Mr. Rode reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar Association.
(b) Charleston County Bar Association.

Mr. Rode provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Old Windermere Neighborhood Association – Board Member.
(b) South Carolina Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division Committee Chair, Star of the Quarter.
(c) South Carolina Bar Foundation – Ambassador Board Member

Mr. Rode further reported:

In candor, I went to law school without a full understanding of what it truly meant to be a lawyer. However, through some great fortune, I discovered the law is something I am passionate about and my passion made me good at it. I became a dedicated student

of the law and was constantly curious to understand it better. Through hard work I graduated near the top of my law school class. This gave me the opportunity to become an appellate law clerk which super-charged my ability to study the law and provided me with substantive experience on a wide array of legal issues and cases. No other job could have given me this foundation and appreciation for the law of our state. Through this experience, I learned how to identify and evaluate issues, how to recognize potential pitfalls, and how to avoid problems that could result in unnecessary appeals that delay the resolution of cases for litigants.

As important as the academic experience, my appellate clerkship provided me with the opportunity to work closely with many exceptional judges at the Court of Appeals. No better mentors could possibly exist for a future judge. Of the many and most lasting lessons I learned from these judges was how imperative it is for a judge to approach every case with an open mind and without assuming you know everything there is to know about the law. At first, I was surprised, but then inspired by the humility of the jurists I worked with. I came to appreciate how necessary this trait is for a judge, who cannot let preconceived ideas or assumptions about the law guide his analysis or impact his ruling. I learned that to serve the law, a judge must remain open to changing his mind when a studied analysis demonstrates his assumptions about the law were wrong. The humility to acknowledge the limitations of your knowledge, the willingness to discover those limitations, and the academic courage to admit you might be wrong, are all indispensable to serving as a judge. This is something I learned firsthand from the very start of my career.

My time in private practice has also informed my knowledge of a judge's role. Having handled all types of matters—criminal, civil, trials, and appeals—I am familiar with the legal and practical issues facing practitioners. I know, firsthand, the passion, stress, hard work, unpaid hours, and soul that trial lawyers (on both sides) put into their work for their clients. A Circuit Court judge sits precisely at the intersection of where the academics of the law meet the practical and administrative realities of a crowded docket. While it always hurts to lose, a

judge cannot take the efforts of litigants for granted. A judge must be willing to rule and to do so in a way the law requires and do so efficiently. I believe this requires a judge to strike a very difficult balance that ensures the highest fidelity to the law as well as administrative efficiency. My unique set of experiences have allowed me to develop a keen ability to navigate both of those competing duties. If I were elected Circuit Court judge, I believe I could provide a true benefit to the judiciary and the people of my community.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. Rode is well qualified and respected by his peers in the legal community. They noted that his work ethic, analytical ability, and excellent temperament make him well-suited to serve as a circuit court judge.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Rode qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

The Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook
Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Van Slambrook meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a circuit court judge.

Judge Van Slambrook was born in 1958. He is 65 years old and a resident of Goose Creek, South Carolina. Judge Van Slambrook provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1983.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Van Slambrook.

Judge Van Slambrook demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Van Slambrook reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Van Slambrook reported that he has made $230.73 in campaign expenditures for stationery and envelopes ($152.77), name tag ($27.96) and postage ($50.00).

Judge Van Slambrook testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Van Slambrook testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Judge Van Slambrook to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Van Slambrook reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I have lectured at the April 26, 2018 Berkeley County Bar Day Court CLE
(b) I made presentation on the topic of Partition Actions on December 15, 2017

Judge Van Slambrook reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Judge Van Slambrook did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Van Slambrook did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Van Slambrook has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Van Slambrook was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Van Slambrook reported that his rating by a legal rating organization was B.V.

Judge Van Slambrook reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Van Slambrook reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Van Slambrook appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Van Slambrook appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Van Slambrook was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1983.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

From 1983 to 2000, I engaged in a General law practice. I was involved in domestic cases, divorce, child custody disputes; Workers Compensation cases; Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 Bankruptcy cases; Personal Injury Litigation; Probate; Social

Security; Real Estate Closings and Real Estate Litigation. Beginning in 2000, my practice narrowed to where I was primarily involved in personal injury, Social Security, Probate and Miscellaneous Litigation.

I was hired as an Associate with The Steinberg Law Firm, LLP in 1983, became a partner in 1986. I primarily practiced in the Goose Creek Office but also worked in the Ashley Phosphate office and later in the Summerville office located on Main Street then Old Trolley Road as the Managing Partner of the Office until taking the Bench in November 2014. All of these positions included the operating and trust accounts.
Judge Van Slambrook further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Criminal Matters : As a part of my private practice, I defended cases in the Magistrate Court, Municipal Court and General Sessions and tried cases in all Courts in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester County. Most recently, I presided over Jury Trials as Municipal Court Judge for the City of Goose Creek. I handled all matters relating to these criminal Trials. Primary focus was Driving Under the Influence, Shoplifting and Criminal Domestic Violence cases. Many cases involved Pro Se Defendants and majority of cases were prosecuted by the Arresting Officer. As a Special Circuit Court Judge, I presided over Guilty Pleas and Probation Revocation Hearings.

Also, as Special Circuit Judge, I routinely review and grant search warrants relating to matters involving telecommunications, banking, and the internet.

As Judge of the Berkeley County Adult Drug Court, I have advanced my depth of knowledge of the Criminal Court System immensely.

Civil Matters : As a part of my private practice, I handled numerous Civil matters in Magistrate Court and Common Pleas. I tried approximately one hundred (100) Jury Trial cases to verdict during my private practice. Further, I practiced in Bankruptcy Court as a Debtors Attorney in Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases until approximately 2006. I practiced in

Federal Court presenting Social Security Disability Claimants primarily from 2008 to 2014.

As Special Circuit Court Judge concerning Civil matters, I review and sign routine matters as Default Orders, Dismissals, Publication and Appointment of Guardians.

I routinely handle minor settlements and wrongful death settlements for Berkeley County. This constant review of procedural matters has also increased my breath of knowledge as to the day to day workings of the Court System from the Judicial and Administrative perspective.

Judge Van Slambrook reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 10 to 15 – including Social Security (per year)

(b) State: 10 – 15 (per year)

Judge Van Slambrook reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the five years prior to his appointment to the bench as follows:

(a) Civil: 95%;
(b) Criminal: 0%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 5% - Probate

Judge Van Slambrook reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) Jury: 50%
(b) Non-jury: 50%

Judge Van Slambrook provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Van Slambrook's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Ruth Atkins (Pinckney vs. Atkins* 317 SC 340 (1995)
I was retained after the Trial and filed an Appeal based upon numerous errors at the original Hearing. The published Opinion clarified numerous procedural issues relative to Real Partition Actions.

(b) *Coleman Dangerfield vs. Rainbow Carpets, et al.* (2011)
Personal Injury Trial in Berkeley County tried in May 2011 for four (4) days. Involved significant medical causation and psychiatric issues, multiple physician depositions and liability issues.

(c) *Tamson Susor vs. Tommy Lee Schmidt* (2012)
Personal Injury Trial in Dorchester Court of Common Pleas. Involved liability and medical causation issues. Significant due to novel issues raised regarding social media and its admissibility.

(d) *Sheryl Elliot vs. Three D Metal, Inc., et al.* (2012
Personal Injury litigation case involving medical causation issues. Most significantly was the various experts regarding accident reconstruction and epidemiology. This matter was settled immediately prior to Trial during a second mediation.

(e) *Estate of Catherine Wall vs. La Hacienda, et al.* (2011)
Wrongful death premises liability claim resulting from a fall from which an eighty (80) year old woman died. Significant issues involved defective construction and proof of conscious pain and suffering. Successfully presented a video commemoration of Mrs. Wall's life to demonstrate damages. Also involved numerous Probate Court filings.

The following is Judge Van Slambrook's account of the civil appeal he has personally handled:

Ruth Atkins (Pinckeny vs. Atkins 317 SC 340 (1995)
I was retained after the Trial and filed an Appeal based upon numerous errors at the original Hearing. The published Opinion clarified numerous procedural issues relative to Real Partition Actions.

Judge Van Slambrook reported that he has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Judge Van Slambrook reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):

(a) City of Goose Creek, 2009 to 2014, primarily Criminal Jury Trials, occasional Bond Hearings, Bench Trials and Motions
(b) Berkeley County Master-In-Equity, 2014 to present
(c) Berkeley County Adult Drug Court Judge, 2017 to present
(d) Special Circuit Judge, 2016 to present

Judge Van Slambrook provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) *Mills vs. Hudson* 2012-CP-08-3013
Disputed Trial involving issues of Title to Real Estate Property, access prescriptive easement and res judicata. The Order was affirmed on Appeal. (Appellate Case No. 2015-2175)
(b) *Carolina Comfort Specialist vs Weddle* 2012-CP-08-1869
Disputed multi-day Trial involving Mechanic's Lien, Breach of Contract, Remediation, Construction issues, Service of Process and other evidentiary and procedural issues. The Order was confirmed on Appeal. (Appellate Case No. 2016-2323)
(c) *Matash vs. Clark* 2015-CP-08-0053
Disputed Trial involving neighborhood access and easement issues
(d) *Estate of Stephens vs. Anderson* 2011-CP-08-2933
Disputed Adverse Possession Action involving Estoppel, Laches and significant procedural and evidentiary issues.
(e) *Blue Chip vs. Bonifay* 2014-CP-08-1142
Disputed multi day Trial involving Breach of Contract issues and business development concerning development of medical equipment business. The case was dismissed on appeal. (Appellate Case No. 2016-1307)

Judge Van Slambrook reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Van Slambrook further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
Unsuccessful candidate for Circuit Court Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2 in 2018; Circuit Court At Large Seat 12 in 2020.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Van Slambrook's temperament has been and would continue to be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Van Slambrook to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Extremely well qualified, excellent judicial temperament, [unreadable] and really compassionate, smart—A GREAT CANDIDATE."

Judge Van Slambrook is married to Darlene J. Van Slambrook. He has three children.

Judge Van Slambrook reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association 1983 to present
(b) Charleston County Bar Association 1983 to present
(c) Berkeley County Bar Association 1983 to present
Bar President 2011
(d) South Carolina Master-In-Equity 2014 to present
(e) Judges Association, President 2019-2020

Judge Van Slambrook provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Goose Creek International Triathlon Club - member
(b) St. James United Methodist Church - former Lay Leader; former Finance Committee Chairman; former Trustee; Chair of Administrative Council
(c) National Rifle Association – member

Judge Van Slambrook further reported:

I have lived in Berkeley County since 1974 and graduated from Goose Creek High School, Clemson University and University of South Carolina School of Law. I practiced law with The Steinberg Law Firm, LLP for more than thirty (30) years primarily out of the Goose Creek office and later in Summerville offices.

I began my legal career as general practitioner and handled a variety of cases including but not limited to domestic, criminal, probate, civil cases, high volume of real estate closing and real estate litigation and personal bankruptcy cases.

I have tried cases Jury and Non-Jury in various Courts in Charleston, Berkeley and Dorchester County Common Pleas, Family Court, General Sessions, Master-In-Equity, Magistrate and Municipal Courts. I have handled almost all manner of disputes in these various Courts.
For the last years of my private practice, I focused primarily on personal injury litigation and Social Security Disability.

I presided over Criminal Jury Trials as a Municipal Judge for the City of Goose Creek from 2009 to 2014.

I currently serve as Berkeley County Master-In-Equity primarily Non-Jury matters that frequently involved Pro Se Litigants during the extremely stressful Foreclosure process. I also have been able to serve as a Special Circuit Court Judge and handle non jury civil matters, wrongful death settlement, and minor settlements. As Judge of the Berkeley County Adult Drug Court, I interact on a weekly basis with participants and the Drug Court Team, including assistant solicitors, public defenders and health professionals.

My experience as a Master-In-Equity, Special Circuit Court Judge, Berkeley County Adult Drug Court Judge and as Municipal Court Judge has provided me an insight into the difficulties and enormous responsibilities which face every person serving on the Bench.

I believe that based upon my depth of experience as a practicing attorney, service as a Criminal Court Judge, Master-In-Equity, a Special Circuit Court Judge and as an Adult Drug Court Judge, I have the training, education and experience to effectively perform the duties of a Circuit Court Judge. I believe that I would be able to apply a common sense and practical approach to the many duties of a Circuit Court Judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Van Slambrook is an impressive candidate with an outstanding reputation amongst his peers. They noted he is well-qualified with excellent judicial temperament and strong intellectual ability.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Van Slambrook qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

The Honorable R. Scott Sprouse
Circuit Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Sprouse meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Sprouse was born in 1964. He is 59 years old and a resident of Walhalla, South Carolina. Judge Sprouse provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1990.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Sprouse.

Judge Sprouse demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to

judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Sprouse reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Sprouse testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Sprouse testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Judge Sprouse to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Sprouse reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

5-5-23 I spoke on tips from the bench in Circuit Court at the Oconee Bar Annual Meeting.

10-28-22 I spoke to two political science classes at Clemson University about a law career and law school.

4-16- 19 I spoke to the TriCounty Judicial Association on Ethics and Tips from the Circuit Court for Magistrates at Anderson Civic Center.

3-23-17 I participated in the SC Bar Upstate Sporting Clays on the Judge Panel.

4-28-16 I spoke to the TriCounty Judicial Association on Ethics at Clemson University.

11-13-15 I spoke at SC Bar Tips from the Bench for the Tenth Circuit.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Judge Sprouse did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Sprouse did not indicate any evidence of disqualifying financial issues.

The Commission also noted that Judge Sprouse was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Sprouse reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Sprouse reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Sprouse reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Sprouse appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Sprouse appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Sprouse was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1990.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:
Barnes & Smith, P.A., Beaufort, SC August 1989-March 1990 Associate for an insurance defense firm. I primarily did research and file management. This involved a large amount of discovery documents and briefs prepared for the partners. I had no involvement in the administrative and financial management of the firm.

Morgan Law Firm 49 April 1990-August 1991 Partner in general practice. I began handling various general practice cases including domestic, criminal, real estate, bankruptcy and general litigation. I was a partner engaged in the administrative and financial management of the firm (including the trust account) although all the physical assets, such as the building, were owned personally by my partner.
R. Scott Sprouse Attorney at Law August 1991-July 1992 I was a sole proprietor. I continued to handle the same types of cases but added social security and personal injury to my caseload. I also began sharing the City Attorney position for the City of Westminster in February of 1992. I had full responsibility for management of the business, including administrative and financial management (including the trust account).

Ross, Stoudemire, Ballenger & Sprouse, P.A. July 1992-December 1994 I was a member of a general practice firm. My practice primarily involved domestic litigation, criminal cases, personal injury cases and City Attorney work for the City of Westminster. I served as a Hearing Officer for the ABC Commission from the Fall of 1993 until early 1994. I had involvement in the administrative side of the firm and its financial management. I could sign checks and could review financial documents. We had a full time office manager and a part time bookkeeper. The office manager dealt with the day-to-day management of the firm, including paying the monthly bills. She was under the direct supervision of the senior partners/shareholders of the P.A.

Ross, Stoudemire & Sprouse, P.A. January 1995-January 1997 My practice stayed virtually the same. The only change was that (the now Honorable) Karen Ballenger, left the firm. I became the sole City Attorney for the City of Westminster in January, 1995.

Stoudemire & Sprouse, P.A. January 1997 to December 2014 My practice stayed the same, but the name of the firm changed again when Lowell Ross left the firm in January 1997. This job ended when I left the practice of law to become a Circuit Judge.

City of Westminster, City Attorney February 1992-December 2014 I was involved in various legal matters for the City of Westminster. My duties included attendance at council meetings, prosecuting criminal cases in municipal court, drafting of documents and participation in civil litigation involving the City. This job ended when I left the practice of law to become a Circuit Judge.

City of Walhalla, Municipal Judge February 1996-December 2014 I served as Municipal Judge for nearly nineteen years. I usually held court twice a week. I conducted bond hearings and signed warrants for the Walhalla Police Department. This was a court having general summary court criminal jurisdiction inside in the City of Walhalla. This job ended when I became a Circuit Judge.

Town of Salem, Municipal Judge July 2011-December 2014 I served in the same capacity for the Town of Salem. I held court once a month. This job ended when I became a Circuit Judge.

City of Seneca, Interim Municipal Judge, Fall 1998 I served as Interim Muncipal Judge for the City of Seneca for several months in the Fall of 1998. Seneca was in the process of selecting a full time Municipal Judge. The City Council asked me to serve as Interim Judge while they were going through the hiring process. I performed all of the duties of a Municipal Court Judge during this period. This job ended when the Honorable Danny Singleton was appointed full time Municipal Judge in December of 1998.

City of West Union, Municipal Judge July 2007-March 2008 The City of Walhalla and the City of West Union entered into a contract wherein Walhalla would provide police protection for West Union. Accordingly, I was sworn in and began holding court in West Union. This job ended when Walhalla terminated its contract with West Union, who resumed having the Oconee County Magistrate's Office handle its cases.

Circuit Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit Seat 2. January 2015 to present. I was elected on May 28, 2014 by the S.C. General Assembly to replace the retiring Alexander S. Macaulay. I was

sworn in and took the bench in January of 2015, and have been serving as Resident Judge, Seat 2, Tenth Judicial Circuit since then.

Judge Sprouse reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
I was elected by the General Assembly to Seat 2 of the Circuit Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, on May 28, 2014. I took the bench on January 2, 2015. I was re-elected to the same position by the General Assembly on February 10, 2018, with my new term beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2024.

Judge Sprouse provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) *Hicks Unlimited Inc. v. UniFirst Corporation*. SC Appellate Case 2021-001042. This case, which was in the June 14, 2023 advance sheet, was a dispute about arbitration. I issued an order denying the Defendant's motion to compel arbitration in a contractual dispute because the arbitration provision was not in compliance with the S.C. Arbitration Act. The SC Court of Appeals reversed my decision, holding that the Federal Arbitration Act pre-empted the SCAA. An appeal to the SC Supreme Court followed, with the Court of Appeals being reversed by the Supreme Court.

(b) *Baslides F. Cruz, et al v. City of Columbia*. SC Appellate Case 2019-000374. This was a non-jury trial over which I presided. The issue were the Plaintiffs' claims against the City of Columbia for damages over cancellation of insurance benefits. The Plaintiffs' brought a promissory estoppel claim. I found that the Plaintiffs' failed to meet their burden of proof. The SC Court of Appeals affirmed, although they found that I placed too strict a burden on the Plaintiffs. However, they reached the same conclusion based on a more lenient standard.

(c) *Joshua Hawkins and Floyd S. Mills, III v. Secretary of State Mark Hammond et al.* SC Appellate Case 2019-000330. This was an action brought by two attorneys seeking to invalidate two tort reform laws in the South Carolina Code. I granted the Defendants' motion to

dismiss on the grounds of res judicata and the lack of standing. The SC Court of Appeals affirmed my decision.
(d) *R. Dean Price , et al v. Eugene L. Griffin. 2016-CP-04-02028*. This was a case involving protracted litigation over restrictive covenants in an upscale subdivision in Anderson County. I presided over a two day bench trial and issued an order.
(e) *Annie Myers, et al v. Town of Calhoun Falls. 2018-CP-01-0094 and 2018-CP-01-00250*
This case involved a number of Abbeville County landowners bringing suit over abandoned railroad right of ways. I issued an order granting the Plaintiffs the relief requested. This case is still on appeal.

I have several cases from General Sessions and PCRs that are on appeal.

Judge Sprouse reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Sprouse further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
2000 I ran for the Tenth Circuit Family Court, Seat 2. I withdrew from the race prior to the election. I was deemed qualified by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.
2009 I announced an intention to run for the Tenth Circuit Family Court, Seat 2, but never submitted the application and withdrew my name prior to screening.
2012 I ran for the Tenth Circuit Family Court, Seat 2. I withdrew from the race prior

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Sprouse's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Judge Sprouse to be "Well Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament, and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional

qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Judge Sprouse is married to Mary Soudemire Sprouse. He has two children.

Judge Sprouse reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar 1990 to present.
(b) Oconee County Bar 1990 to present. President 1997. Treasurer 1991.
(c) South Carolina Association for Justice f/k/a SC Trial Lawyers Associationn1993-2014.
(d) American Association for Justice f/k/a American Trial Lawyers Association 1993-2014.
(e) South Carolina Summary Court Judges Association 1998-2014.
(f) American Bar Association Judicial Division 2016-present.
(g) American Judges Association 2016-2018
(h) South Carolina Circuit Court Association 2015-present

Judge Sprouse provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church 1997-present Church Council 1998-2004, 2008-2011 Adult Sunday School Teacher.
(b) IPTAY 1986-present. Representative 1994-2005.
(c) The Oconee Assembly 1994-present Board Member 2012-present.
(d) City of Walhalla Recreation Department, Coach Boys Basketball 1996-2014. Baseball 2007-2014
(e) AAU Basketball 2014, 2015.
(f) Travel Baseball 2012.

Judge Sprouse further reported:

I was in the private practice of law for nearly twenty-five years. Since becoming a judge, I have not forgotten how the challenges of maintaining a law practice. While I do my job and keep the

dockets moving, I strive to not add any unnecessary hurdles to the lawyers who already have a difficult job.

I was a certified Family Court Mediator back during my law practice, going through the SC Training and receiving my certification on August 22, 2006.

I am an Eagle Scout. I was a member of Troop 312 Boy Scouts of America in Piedmont, South Carolina.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Sprouse has an outstanding reputation as a jurist. They noted in particular that his temperament and professionalism served as an exemplar for other jurists and members of the South Carolina Bar Association.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Sprouse qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Circuit Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

The Honorable William Paul Keesley
Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Keesley meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Keesley was born in 1953. He is 70 years old and a resident of Edgefield, South Carolina. Judge Keesley provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1978.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Keesley.

Judge Keesley demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Keesley reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Keesley testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Keesley testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Keesley to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Keesley reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I was on a panel for the topic, "What Civil Court Judges Want You to Know" put on by the National Business Institute in Columbia, May 4, 2016.
(b) I spoke at the South Carolina Association of Justice meeting on the topic of "Methamphetamine Addicted Defendants" in Hilton Head, August 6, 2015.
(c) I was on a panel of speakers discussing the work of the Sentencing Reform Commission for the 2010 Spring Conference of the South Carolina Association of Circuit Judges.
(d) I have been on a panel on three occasions over the years speaking on the topic of insight from the bench at

seminars held by the Lexington County Bar Association.

(e) I spoke at a South Carolina Bar sponsored CLE, "Tips from the Bench IV" in 2003 and at a seminar on evidence many years ago.

(f) I was on the faculty of the National Drug Court Institute and have conducted training for Drug Court judges across the United States. The sites for those training sessions were in San Diego, California; Columbia, Missouri; Dallas, Texas; Buffalo, New York; and, Pensacola, Florida.

(g) I spoke at the National Association of Drug Court Professional's training conference in Miami, Florida on drug court issues many years ago.

(h) I have been a lecturer for CLE training and have spoken several times at meetings of the South Carolina Association of Drug Court Professionals concerning Drug Court.

(i) I have lectured at the South Carolina Solicitors' Convention on Drug Courts and on a panel dealing with tips from the bench.

(j) I lectured to personnel of the South Carolina Department of Corrections annually for several years on Drug Courts.

(k) I spoke at the South Carolina Judicial Branch's Annual Judicial Conference on Drug Courts and participated in the 2010 Conference on the work of the Sentencing Reform Commission, though I was not listed on the program.

(l) I spoke at the South Carolina Public Defenders' Association Annual Meeting, discussing Drug Courts and observations from the bench. I was also part of the ethics presentation when the new oath for attorneys was implemented (which included the civility oath) and administered the new oath to all the Public Defenders.

(m) I lectured personnel of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services concerning Drug Courts.

(n) I have been a speaker at the training given annually to the Chief Judges for Administrative Purposes,

discussing the administrative functions of Circuit Judges.
(o) I lectured at the Pre-Trial Intervention Conference on the topic of drug courts.
(p) I lectured at a CLE program held at the Medical University of South Carolina dealing with Drug Courts.
(q) I spoke at training conferences of the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) concerning Drug Courts.

Judge Keesley reported that he has published the following:
"Drug Courts," (*S.C. Lawyer*, July/August 1998), Author

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Keesley did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Keesley did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Keesley has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Keesley was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Keesley reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Keesley reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Keesley reported that he has held the following public office:
I served in the SC House of Representatives, District 82, from November 1998 to August 12, 1991. It is an elected position. The ethics reports were properly filed.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Keesley appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Keesley appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Keesley was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1978.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 1978-1980: Associate Attorney of John F. Byrd, Jr., Esquire, Edgefield, South Carolina, general practice, primarily real estate, authorized signatory on trust account
(b) 1980-1983: Associate Attorney with J. Roy Berry, Esquire, Johnston, South Carolina, general practice, primarily domestic relations, authorized signatory on trust account
(c) 1983-1991: Sole practitioner, Johnston, South Carolina, general practice including civil, criminal, domestic relations, municipal, and regulatory matters. I handled all financial dealings. While in private practice, I served as a part-time Public Defender 1983-1987, as Town Attorney for Johnston, South Carolina 1983-1989; Attorney for Edgefield County Water and Sewer Authority approximately 1985-1989, and part-time Assistant Solicitor, Eleventh Judicial Circuit 1988-89.

Judge Keesley provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) *Lambries v. Saluda County Council*, 409 S.C. 1, 760 S.E.2d 785 (2014). This case involved strict construction of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, resulting in agendas being published before all regularly scheduled meetings of county governmental bodies.
(b) *State v. K.C. Langford, III*, 400 S.C. 421, 735 S.E.2d 471 (2012). Used by the Supreme Court to rule that the statute giving exclusive control of the criminal court docket to the Solicitor's office was unconstitutional.

(c) *State v. Johnny Rufus Belcher*, 385 S.C. 597, 685 S.E.2d 802 (2009). Eliminated the longstanding jury instruction that malice may not be presumed from use of a deadly weapon where there is evidence of any conduct on the part of the shooter that might reduce, mitigate, excuse, or justify the killing.

(d) *Bursey v. SCDHEC*, 369 S.C. 176, 631 S.E.2d 899 (2006). Dealt with reviewing the rulings of the South Carolina Mining Council on the largest mining operation in the history of South Carolina concerning the Lake Murray Dam, including technical issues of construction of the Administrative Procedures Act.

(e) *Johnson v. Catoe*, 345 S.C. 389, 548 S.E.2d 587 (2001). In an unprecedented case, the Supreme Court stayed the scheduled execution of a death row inmate and appointed me to serve as a referee to assess the competency and credibility of a co-defendant's last-minute confession to killing a State Trooper. The co-defendant was living in a facility in Nebraska that treated persons with mental illness.

Judge Keesley further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

I was defeated in the primary in a special election to fill an unexpired term for the position of South Carolina House of Representatives, District 82, in February 1987.

I was considered for selection as a United States Magistrate in 2010 and 2011, but not chosen.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Judge Keesley's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Keesley to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The

Committee made the following related comment: "No question about being well qualified!!"

Judge Keesley is married to Linda Fay Black Keesley. He has one child.

Judge Keesley reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar, no offices held;
(b) South Carolina Association of Drug Court Professionals, former president, former board member;
(c) South Carolina Association of Circuit Judges, former acting president, secretary for over 20 years, chair of the education committee 2017;
(d) Edgefield County Bar Association, president 1985, treasurer for many years.

Judge Keesley provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Concordia Lodge #50, Masonic Lodge, no offices held or recognition received;
(b) Pine Ridge Country Club, no offices held or recognition received;
(c) Phi Beta Kappa, no offices held or recognition received.

Judge Keesley further reported:

I believe that my 31 years of experience as a circuit judge reflects positively on my candidacy.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission noted Judge Keelsey's well-respected reputation on the bench as intelligent, timely, and respectful to all parties. They further thanked him for his career of service to South Carolina.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Judge Keesley qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

The Honorable Walton J. McLeod IV
Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge McLeod meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge McLeod was born in 1978. He is 45 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Judge McLeod provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2008.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge McLeod.

Judge McLeod demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge McLeod reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge McLeod testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge McLeod testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge McLeod to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge McLeod reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I served as a judicial panelist in the 2019 S.C. Bar CLE "Taking the Terror out of Trial."
(b) I made a presentation on "S.C. Judicial Branch Operations in Covid-19" for the S.C. Association of Counties – Local Government Institute.
(c) I served as a judicial panelist discussing "Attorney Conducted Voir Dire" for the S.C. Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates (SC - ABOTA).
(d) I conducted a live guilty plea in the virtual courtroom for the S.C. Bar Young Lawyers Division "Protect our Youth Day" and spoke with South Carolina high schools in the virtual courtroom after completion of the plea.
(e) I served as a judicial panelist discussing "Tips from the Bench" for the S.C. Defense Trial Attorneys.
(f) I spoke about S.C. Judicial Branch organization to the St. Andrews Optimist Club.

Judge McLeod reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge McLeod did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.
The Commission's investigation of Judge McLeod did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge McLeod has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge McLeod was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge McLeod reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge McLeod reported the following military service: U.S. Navy 2001 – 2005; Lieutenant (O-3); Honorably Discharged in 2009.

Judge McLeod reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge McLeod appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge McLeod appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge McLeod was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2008.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Judicial Law Clerk – Honorable James R. Barber, III; I served as law clerk from August 2008 to August 2009. I provided research and administrative support through numerous jury trials, non-jury hearing, drafting Orders, and coordination between the court and all counsel/parties.

(b) Woods Law Firm, LLC – Associate Attorney from August 2009 through February 2011. My practice areas included insurance defense litigation, defended auto accidents, premises liability, construction defect, governmental tort actions, conducting discovery depositions, arguing dispositive motions, trial prep, and trial. I did not participate management of the trust account.

(c) Mike Kelly Law Group, LLC – Associate attorney from February 2011 until August 2015. My practice included civil litigation; personal injury, defective products, premises liability, trucking accidents, medical malpractice, professional licensure defense, and veterans

disability. I did not participate in management of the trust account.

(d) McLeod Law Group, LLC – Associate attorney from August 2015 to June 2018. Practice included civil litigation; personal injury; defective products, civil defense litigation, professional licensure defense, veterans disability and appeals, wrongful death, insurance law; management of the Columbia office. I did not participate in management of the trust account.

Judge McLeod reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
I have served as a Circuit Court Judge since July 1, 2018. I was elected to the Circuit Court on February 7, 2018.

Judge McLeod provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) *Ballard v. Admiral Insurance Co.* (2018-CP-32-1743) – Order granting Defendant's Rule 12(c) Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings. This Order involved the interpretation of malpractice insurance policies, specifically the hammer clause. This case was appealed and recently affirmed in a reported decision; 2023 WL 4218123 (June 28, 2023)

(b) *Diane Connell v. Lexington County Health Service District* (2018-CP-32-1750) – this matter involved a premises liability dispute with proceeded to a bench trial. This case involved lay witnesses, corporate designee, and expert witness testimony addressing both liability and damages. A substantive Order was entered finding for the Plaintiff which was appealed to the Court of Appeals, but subsequently resolved by the parties.

(c) *S.C. Farm Bureau v. Longphre* (2019-CP-32-1671) – the matter involved an insurance dispute over whether a litigant's intentional acts could be covered under a liability policy. I ruled that the applicable policy did not cover the Plaintiff's injuries in this specific instance. This Order was affirmed in Unpublished Opinion No. 2022-UP-443

(d) *Freda Dorch v. City of Columbia* (2013-CP-40-2159) – this matter involved the review of a Board of Zoning Appeal decision. The contested issues included (1) the

proper standard of review, (2) lost grandfather status, (3) denial of a variance request. The Circuit Court Order affirmed the Board's decision and was appealed, and affirmed via Unpublished Opinion No. 2022-UP-307.

(e) *Andrew Torrence v. State* (2015-CP-32-1993) – this post-conviction relief case came before me in November 2018, and involved numerous grounds for relief taking two days of sworn testimony from multiple lay and expert witnesses. This Order denying post-conviction relief was appealed with the Court of Appeals which denied a Petition for Writ of Certiorari on May 19, 2023.

Judge McLeod reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge McLeod's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge McLeod to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Exceptionally qualified!"

Judge McLeod is married to Catherine Leigh Nelson McLeod. He has three children.
Judge McLeod reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) Lexington County Bar
(c) Newberry County Bar
(d) Richland County Bar

Judge McLeod provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) American Legion
(b) Veterans of Foreign Wars

(c) St. Andrews Society of Columbia.

Judge McLeod further reported:
It has been an honor to serve our State and the legal profession as a Circuit Court Judge. It has also been a privilege to work alongside the clerks of court, and their staffs, as well as the attorneys of the South Carolina Bar. Working together with these dedicated professionals is a highlight of my job, and it is very rewarding to see us make a difference with people in our justice system – case by case.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission found Judge McLeod to be a well-qualified jurist with a wonderful temperament, demeanor, and legal acumen.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge McLeod qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Circuit Court, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

The Honorable Michael G. Nettles
Circuit Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Nettles meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Nettles was born in 1959. He is 64 years old and a resident of Florence, South Carolina. Judge Nettles provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1984.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Nettles.

Judge Nettles demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Nettles reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Nettles testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Nettles testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Judge Nettles to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Nettles reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I addressed the Solicitor Convention concerning new developments in Criminal Law in 2017;
(b) Guest lecturer at Business Law course at Francis Marion University 2008 and 2009;
(c) I addressed the Public Defender Convention concerning Differential Case Management in 2009;
(d) I participated in Panel Discussions on Ethics CLE in 2010 and 2018;
(e) Addressed the Third Judicial Circuit Young Lawyers at Court House Keys event in Manning, SC in February 2012;
(f) Addressed the Twelfth Judicial Circuit Young Lawyers at Court House Keys event in Lake City, SC in October 2013;

(g) Addressed Beaufort County Bar as to Differential Case Management in 2017; and
(h) Guest Lecture at Francis Marion University concerning The Role of the Judiciary in Government in 2017;
(i) I am a member of the Advisory Committee for the South Carolina Circuit Court. I teach at the New Judges School on a biannual basis.

Judge Nettles reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Nettles did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Nettles did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Nettles has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Nettles was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Nettles reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, was BV.

Judge Nettles reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Nettles reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Nettles appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Nettles appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Nettles was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1984.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

I was engaged in the general practice of law in Lake City, South Carolina as a partner in the firm of Nettles, Turbeville & Reddick, for twenty years. Over the past five years of my practice, I handed 959 cases (680 criminal, 176 civil, 37 real estate transactions and 26 domestic as my sister has practiced domestic law exclusively. In the early years of my practice, there was a more equal division of caseload. During the past five years of my practice, I only handled domestic matters and real estate transactions for ongoing clients.

Judge Nettles reported that he has held the following judicial office:
Circuit Court for Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1. I was elected 2/2/05 and began serving 1/3/6. I have served continuously.

Judge Nettles provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) *Coleman v Mariner Health Care, Inc.,* 407 S.C. 346, 755 S.E.2d 450 (S.C. 2013)
There is a movement in favor of arbitration in American Jurisprudence. This case sets forth that although arbitration is preferred, the South Carolina statutory and common law does not authorize a sister to execute a separate voluntary arbitration agreement presented to her by the nursing facility. This was a complex question where reasonable minds could differ. The Supreme Court affirmed my decision.

(b) *Miranda C. v. Nissan Motor Co., 402 S.C. 577, 741 S.E. 2d 34 (Ct. App 2013)*
The law of product liability is constantly evolving and this case provides clarity as to the proper charge in a defective

design products liability case. The jury in this case rendered a verdict against Nissan for $2,375,000.00, which was subsequently set aside by my order in the wake of the Supreme Court's ruling in *Branham vs. Ford Motor Company,* 390 S.C. 203, 701 S.E.2d 5 (2010). The *Branham* case was decided after the verdict and before my ruling on post-trial motions. *Branham* establishes that "the risks utility test" is the proper charge in a design defect case which requires the Plaintiff prove a "reasonable alternative design". Because *Branham* changed and/or clarified the proper test in a design defect case, I granted a new trial. My decision to grant a new trial was affirmed.

(c) *State v. Senter, 396 S.C. 547, 722 S.E.2d 233 (Ct. App 2011)*

Defendant was convicted of assault and battery with intent to kill and criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature. His conviction was affirmed and The Court of Appeals opined that my denial of the Motion for Directed Verdict was proper, reaffirming the law and my ruling that Defendant cannot waive a trial by jury unless the State consents to do so.

(d) *Mitchell v. Fortis Insurance, 385 S.C. 570, 686 S.E.2d 176 (2010)*

In this case, a policyholder brought causes of action for Breach of Contract and bad faith rescission against insurance company. The jury awarded $15,150,000.00. Numerous orders were issued and many evidentiary rulings were affirmed, however, the Supreme Court reduced the verdict to $10,150,000.00.

(e) *Willis v. Wukela, 379 S.C. 126, 665 S.E.2d 171 (2008)*

South Carolina Supreme Court affirmed my ruling, clarifying S.C. Code Section 7-13-350 and its application.

Judge Nettles reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Judge Nettles's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Judge Nettles to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no summary comments.

Judge Nettles is not married. He has three children.

Judge Nettles reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) Circuit Court Judges Association
(c) Pee Dee Inns of Court Association
(d) American Bar Association

Judge Nettles provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

My wife was employed with First Citizens Bank and they provided our family with a membership at The Florence County Club. Upon her death on August 26, 2014, my membership terminated.

Judge Nettles further reported:

I had a very active trial practice for nearly twenty years prior to taking the Bench. I handled civil, domestic and criminal matters. During my practice I have argued before the South Carolina Supreme Court, the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. During my practice, I handled four death penalty cases that were tried to their conclusion, including the death penalty phase. None of my clients were executed. I handled several capitol cases that were resolved short of trial.

My home town of Lake City, South Carolina is a town with a population of about 7,000 people. It's primary industry is agriculture. It was a great place to grow up, live, and practice

law. The population is diverse with people from all socio-economic stations in life. Going to school, working and practicing law in Lake City has prepared me well for serving on the Bench.

During my years practicing law, I appeared before numerous judges. Judge Tommy Cooper (Manning) quite often presided in Florence, Clarendon and Williamsburg counties where the vast majority of my cases were handled. The way he conducts himself on the Bench is the standard to which I strive. He has the perfect judicial temperament, which is calm, kind, and courteous to litigants, lawyers and jurors.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission complimented the demeanor of Judge Nettles, commenting on his respectful and courteous treatment of litigants and staff in his court room. They also noted his impartiality and even-handed treatment of all parties.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Nettles qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Circuit Court, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini
Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, two candidates applied for this vacancy, one candidate withdrew. Accordingly, the name and qualifications of one candidate is hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Salvini meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Salvini was born in 1975. She is 48 years old and a resident of Greenville, South Carolina. Judge Salvini provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2001. She was also admitted to the California Bar in 2000.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Salvini.

Judge Salvini demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Salvini reported that she has made $257.23 in campaign expenditures for postage, thank you notes, and printed announcements.

Judge Salvini testified she has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Salvini testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Salvini to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Salvini reported that she taught the following law-related courses:

Yes. To the best of my recollection, the following is a description of the continuing legal education programs that I have had the honor of participating in as a speaker.

(a) On October 29, 2009, I was a speaker on a panel at the Federal Criminal Practice Seminar for the Criminal Justice Act Defense Bar. The topic was ethical dilemmas encountered by criminal defense attorneys.

(b) On or about October 28, 2010, I was a speaker on a panel at the Federal Criminal Practice Seminar for the Criminal Justice Act Defense Bar. The topic was ethical issues confronting criminal defense attorneys.

(c) On October 24, 2013, I was a speaker on a panel at the Federal Criminal Practice Seminar for the Criminal Justice Act Defense Bar. The topic was federal practice in US District Courts in South Carolina.

(d) On October 20, 2016, I was a speaker on a panel at the Federal Criminal Practice Seminar for the Criminal Justice Act Defense Bar. The topic was the Criminal Justice Act and its potential revision resulting from Chief Justice John G. Robert, Jr.'s appointment of a Committee to review the Criminal Justice Act Program.

(e) On February 3, 2017, I was a speaker at the Greenville County Bar's "Year-End CLE". The topic was the Fourth Amendment and providing an overview of search and seizure case law, focusing on the most recent cases decided by the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

(f) On October 4, 2019, I was a speaker at a SCUPA Seminar for paralegals. The topics included real world practice in Family Court for paralegals.

(g) On January 31, 2020, I was a speaker at the Guardian ad litem Seminar. I participated as a speaker on a panel, with the topics being questions from Guardian ad litems for Family Court Judges.

(h) On or about February 7, 2020, I was a speaker on a panel at the Greenville County Bar's "Year-End CLE" for the Family Law Section. The panel, which consisted of Family Court Judges, was given hypotheticals to consider and discuss related to Family Court matters.

(i)On February 21, 2020, I was a speaker on a panel for "UMC's Family Court Judges Q&A CLE." The topics were questions from family court practitioners for Family Court Judges.
(j)On June 12, 2020, I was a speaker at the New Family Court Judge's Orientation. The topic pertained to providing guidance to new Family Court Judges from my perspective and experience as a newly elected Family Court Judge.
(k) On or about January 26, 2023, I was a speaker at the Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad litem Program. The topic pertained to providing guidance to lay Guardian ad litem's in assisting the Court in Department of Social Services Cases.
(l)On April 28, 2023, I was a speaker at the Family Court Judges Conference. The topic pertained to how to handle a juvenile waiver hearing (an evidentiary hearing where the primary consideration is whether a juvenile should be tried as an adult for an alleged crime) and was designed to assist judges who have not yet presided over such a hearing.
(m) On May 4, 2023, I was a speaker at Law Week in Greenville County. The topic was attorney civility.

Judge Salvini reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Salvini did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Salvini did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Salvini has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Salvini was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Regarding a rating or membership status by any legal rating organization, Judge Salvini reported:

To my knowledge, I do not have a rating as a Family Court Judge.
Prior to being elected to serve as a full-time Family Court Judge, the following was my last rating(s) to the best of my knowledge:

(a) Greenville Business Magazine Legal Elite in Family Law in 2012 and 2017.
(b) National Academy of Criminal Defense Attorneys top 10 Criminal Attorneys 40 and under in 2014 and 2015.
(c) South Carolina Rising Star in the practice of Criminal Law in 2014 and 2015.
(d) Martindale-Hubbell – 5.0/5.0.
(e) Lawyerratingz.com – 3.6/5.0.
(f) Lawyers.com – 5.0/5.0.

Judge Salvini reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Salvini reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Salvini appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Salvini appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Salvini was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2001.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) December 2000-August 2002: Law Offices of Jessica Salvini. After passing the California Bar exam, I opened my own law firm in San Francisco, California. My practice consisted of handling civil (including domestic) and criminal state and federal court cases. I handled pretrial

and trial matters for contract disputes, simple divorces, consumer protection actions, bank fraud, various drug crimes and other criminal law matters. I handled these matters in my capacity as an independent contractor for Weinberg & Wilder and as a sole practitioner. As this was my own law firm, I managed the law firm, which included managing its finances. I did not have a trust account at that time as I did not accept retainers from clients that required me to do so.

(b) August 2002-March 2019: Salvini & Bennett, Attorneys at Law, LLC. Upon relocating to the State of South Carolina, I continued my practice of law by opening a law firm with J. Bradley Bennett, Esq. Over the course of almost seventeen years, I acted as the senior partner in our firm, which had a general practice handling a wide variety of legal issues for individuals and businesses. While in private practice, I represented individuals and businesses in civil, criminal and family law matters. My practice areas included: all pretrial and trial matters for contract and real property disputes, all pre-trial and trial matters in domestic law cases; all pre-trial and trial matters in probate court; all pre-trial and trial matters in state and federal criminal court cases; appeals to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and appeals to the South Carolina Court of Appeals. During the course of my practice, I served as one of Greenville County Probate Court's Commitment Proceedings Attorneys. I also served as a Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorney for the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina and the Unites States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. I also assisted our Criminal Justice Act Panel Representative in the Upstate. My law firm consisted of myself, my law partner and an associate attorney. My law partner and I managed the law firm, including the law firm's trust account.

(c) August 2007 to March 2019: Municipal Court Judge for the City of Mauldin, South Carolina. In August 2007, I was appointed to serve as an Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Mauldin, South Carolina. In 2009, I sought and was appointed to serve as the Chief Trial Judge for the City of Mauldin. As both an Associate Municipal Court Judge and the Chief Municipal Court Trial Judge, I

presided over numerous cases involving: violations and or enforcement of city ordinances, misdemeanor criminal matters, traffic violations, bond hearings and preliminary hearings for felony criminal matters. As the Chief Trial Judge, I held court for the City of Mauldin every Wednesday (excluding the fifth Wednesday in any given month), presiding over matters involving violations and or enforcement of city ordinances, traffic violations and misdemeanor criminal law matters. The aforementioned proceedings primarily involved motion hearings, guilty pleas and bench trials. Once a month I also presided over preliminary hearings for felony matters arising out of the City of Mauldin. During my tenure as the Chief Trial Judge for the City of Mauldin, I also presided over Domestic Violence Court for the City of Mauldin, which occurred once a month. Also, approximately once a quarter, I presided over jury trials for misdemeanor criminal law matters and city ordinance violations occurring in the City of Mauldin.

(d) March 2019 to Present date: Family Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6. I was elected to serve as a full-time Family Court Judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6, in February 2019 and re-elected to this position in February 2022. I closed my law firm and began serving in this capacity at the end of March 2019 and I continue to serve as a Family Court Judge to date. As a Family Court Judge, I preside over cases in the following matters: those within the provisions of the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; actions for divorce, separate support and maintenance, legal separation, any and all marital litigation between parties; actions related to the termination of parental rights and adoptions of both children and adults; annulments of marriages; the changing of names of adults and children; actions to correct birth certificates; actions to enable minors to engage in military service; actions related to the support of spouses and or children and or to enforce the same; actions to enforce support or compel support to be paid for spouses and or children; actions related to the protection, guardianship and disposition of neglected children; actions related to custody determinations; actions brought by the South Carolina

> Department of Social Services related to abused and or neglected children and or infirmed/vulnerable adults; and actions related to juveniles charged with various crimes. I preside over these proceedings on a full-time basis and have done so since taking the bench in this capacity.

Judge Salvini further reported regarding her experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Prior to taking the bench as a Family Court Judge, for approximately eighteen years, I was privileged to have a private practice that included representing individuals in both criminal and civil matters at all stages of litigation. In 2002, I became a Criminal Justice Act ("CJA") Panel attorney and I served in this capacity until my election to the bench in 2019. As a result of my service on the CJA panel, I was routinely appointed by the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina to represent individuals charged with federal crimes. Throughout my practice, I defended individuals charged with crimes in both federal and state courts at all stages of the criminal proceedings.

Focusing on the five years of my legal practice prior to my election to the Family Court Bench, I represented approximately 40-50 individuals in various criminal matters in state and federal court. My criminal practice included representing individuals at all stages of the criminal process – from bond hearings, preliminary hearings, guilty plea hearings and jury trials – for various crimes. For example, I represented individuals charged with: counterfeiting goods and money, various drug crimes including possession, trafficking, conspiracy to possess and distribute all types of illegal drugs in varying quantities, bank robbery, criminal sexual conduct with a minor, illegal entry into the United States, being a felon in possession of a firearm, possessing a firearm in relation to a drug trafficking crime, human trafficking and trafficking minors. In a majority of the cases, I represented the client from the commencement of the action to the conclusion of the case.

Also, in such criminal matters, I had an extensive motions practice. In many criminal cases, the issues focused on the actions of law enforcement and their compliance with a

defendant's constitutional rights; and I addressed those issues in the criminal cases I handled. For example, I filed and argued a motion to suppress based on certain Fourth Amendment violations. I successfully challenged the search of my client and the vehicle he was located in as a passenger based on a violation of my client's constitutional rights. The search revealed a firearm and illegal drugs, resulting in my client being criminally charged in both state and federal court. At the conclusion of an evidentiary hearing, the court granted my motion to suppress and the charges against my client were dismissed.

In the five years prior to my election to the Family Court Bench, I tried three criminal cases in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina before a jury. In the first case, my client, along with others, was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and charged with participating in a conspiracy to possess and distribute marijuana. The Drug Enforcement Administration identified several "grow houses" in the Upstate of South Carolina and alleged my client participated in maintaining one such house and or in assisting in the "grow operation." Over 100 marijuana plants were located. At the conclusion of the trial, the jury found my client not guilty. The second case involved a conspiracy to possess and distribute a quantity of methamphetamines. My client was charged with participating in that conspiracy, as well as possessing a firearm during a drug trafficking crime. At the conclusion of the jury trial, my client was convicted for his participation in the conspiracy, but acquitted of possessing a firearm in relation to his drug activity. The last case was an armed bank robbery, and at the conclusion of the trial, my client was convicted. I also handled a general sessions case in which my client was charged with committing a sexual crime and that matter ended with a guilty plea to a lesser charge, with a probationary sentence.

Serving as a Municipal Court Judge for approximately eleven years, I presided over hundreds of criminal matters at all stages of the criminal process – setting bonds, presiding over preliminary hearings, guilty plea hearings, bench trials and jury trials. A majority of those matters were misdemeanors ranging from minor traffic violations to shoplifting, larceny, alcohol related crimes, assaults, and domestic violence. While others

involved presiding over preliminary hearings involving various felonies, including murder and attempted murder, breach of trust, criminal sexual conduct, and various drug crimes. My experience is unique in that I have not only argued various motions to suppress before the court during my practice as an attorney, I have been required to rule on them as a judge. In every instance, I have studied the facts and circumstances of each case, in conjunction with the applicable law, and issued a ruling consistent therewith.

Civilly, I practiced primarily in Family Court, with notable experience in Probate Court, Federal Court and Circuit Court. In Family Court, I represented both Plaintiffs and Defendants in all matters of domestic/family law. In Probate Court and Federal Court I primarily represented Plaintiffs in matters of tort and contract; and in Circuit Court I represented both Plaintiffs and Defendants primarily in personal and commercial contract matters, as well as construction and business dissolution disputes. My legal practice in this regard was dispute related (as opposed to transactional). Most of the matters I handled in the Court of Common Pleas resulted in a settlement and not a trial.

As a result of both my criminal and civil practices, I was fortunate to be in a courtroom litigating matters several times a week. It was my daily practice to employ and apply the South Carolina Rules of Evidence, Rules of Civil Procedure and Rules of Criminal Procedure in a manner that offered me what I believe to be unique qualifications for a candidate for the Circuit Court bench.

Judge Salvini reported the frequency of her court appearances prior to her service on the bench as follows:

(a) Federal: Approximately 3-5 times per month;

(b) State: Approximately 7-10 times per month.

Judge Salvini reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to her service on the bench as follows:

(a) Civil: 10%;

(b) Criminal: 30%;

(c) Domestic: 50%;
(d) Other: 10%.

Judge Salvini reported the percentage of her practice in trial court prior to her service on the bench as follows:
(a) 70-75% of her practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial
(b) 10% went to trial and resulted in a verdict
(c) 0 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case
(d) 0 cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements

Judge Salvini provided that during the past five years prior to her service on the bench she most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Salvini's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Justice vs. Justice*. This was a matter litigated in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Greenville County Family Court. The primary issue was whether a divorced parent could relocate to another state with the parties' minor children. The matter was tried for two days and the outcome not only affected the parties' three minor children, but the children's step-siblings and half-sister. It was a difficult and heart-wrenching case and the outcome impacted not only the parents, but the lives of their children. It was also a unique case as both parents were very involved in the lives of their children and neither wanted to change the custody order in the event the parent's request to move was denied. It required an examination of the law applicable to cases in which a parent seeks to relocate to another state with the parties' minor children. I represented the parent opposing the move and I was successful in obtaining an order that restrained and enjoined the relocation of the parties' minor children to another state. After the litigation, I kept in touch with my client and his family. I have personally observed the effect the court's decision had on this family.

(b) *United States vs. Minaya-Mena*. This was a criminal matter litigated in the United States District Court for the

District of South Carolina. My client was charged in a conspiracy to possess, with the intent to distribute, marijuana. The case involved the possession of more than 100 marijuana plants found in several "grow houses" in the Upstate. The matter proceeded to a jury trial and my client was found not guilty. The matter is significant to me, not only because of the not guilty verdict, but because I litigated it against an excellent Assistant United States Attorney whose trial skills are exceptional. The matter required extensive preparation and an examination of the law to ensure that any issues to be appealed were properly in the Court's record. I also mentored two of my colleagues during the trial. Being able to secure a not guilty verdict, while imparting knowledge to my colleagues, was phenomenal.

(c) *United States vs. Twitty*. This was a criminal matter litigated in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. My client was charged with being a felon in possession of a firearm, as well as possessing with intent to distribute a quantity of crack cocaine and heroin. I was able to successfully apply search and seizure law to the facts of the case. After an evidentiary hearing, my motion to suppress the search of my client and his vehicle was granted resulting in a dismissal of all charges against him.

(d) *Nicholas vs. Pate*. This was a civil matter in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. Parties in civil actions in District Court are not usually entitled to appointed counsel. However, the court asked if I would be willing to be appointed to represent the Plaintiff pro bono and I agreed. The Plaintiff had filed a civil action in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina alleging violations of his Federal Constitutional Rights under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983, that is, that he had been subjected to cruel and unusual punishment while serving a state imposed sentence. The matter is significant to me as it required me to assess and try a case that was well into litigation by a pro se defendant. After examining the pro se filings to ensure my client was not in any danger of having his action dismissed, the matter proceeded to a jury trial.

Although I lost after a jury trial, my client's gratitude was a reward. Handling the matter also reminded me to always examine the statutes and rules of law governing an action in light of the facts and circumstances one is presented before proceeding forward with litigation. This is a rule my mentor, a former Assistant United States Attorney and war crimes prosecutor, ingrained in me and is crucial to abide by in handling every legal matter.

(e) *Collins vs. Murphy*. This was a civil matter litigated in Probate Court and Circuit Court. A colleague and I litigated this matter throughout the court process from its inception in Probate Court, motions in Circuit Court, appeals to the Circuit Court, to the Court of appeals and finally to a final resolution. The matter involved a question of the interpretation and application of a statute in a matter involving the rights of unmarried parents to the receipt of wrongful death proceeds of their deceased infant. The extreme differences in the rulings resulting from the Probate Court and Circuit Court make this case unique in that the South Carolina Court of Appeals addressed the interpretation and application of the relevant statutes in situations in which unwed parents have a child who dies at birth. Thus, making a determination as to who is entitled to the award of wrongful death proceeds.

The following is Judge Salvini's account of five civil appeals she has personally handled:

(a) *Moore vs. Benson*, 390 S.C. 153, 700 S.E.2d 273 (Ct. App. 2010) (South Carolina Court of Appeals, 9/22/2010).

(b) *Nestberg vs. Nestberg*, 394 S.C. 618, 716 S.E.2d 310 (Ct. App. 2011) (South Carolina Court of Appeals, 8/31/2011).

(c) *McKinnon vs. Bray,* 2019 WL 3318077 (Ct. App. 2019) (South Carolina Court of Appeals, 7/24/2019)

(d) *In the Matter of Tynslee Elizabeth Fields, et.al., vs. Collins,* C424 S.C. 627 (Ct. App. 2018) (South Carolina Court of Appeals 12/18/2018). I personally handled this matter, along with co-counsel.

(e) *Clark v. Clark*, 423 S.C. 596, 815 S.E.2d 772 (Ct. App. 2018) (South Carolina Court of Appeals, 5/2/2018)

The following is Judge Salvini's account of five criminal appeals she has personally handled:

(a) *United States vs. Nicholson*, 676 F.3d 376 (4th Cir. 2012). (Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals 4/18/2012).
(b) *United States vs. Shippy*, Unpublished Opinion. (Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 5/4/010).
(c) *United States vs. Wilkins*, Unpublished Opinion. (Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 12/4/2009).
(d) *State vs. Rivera*, Unpublished Opinion. (South Carolina Court of Appeals, 2/10/2006).
(e) *United States vs. Cruz*, Unpublished Opinion. (Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, 2/15/2006)

Judge Salvini reported that she has held the following judicial offices:

In August 2007, I was appointed to serve as an Associate Municipal Court Judge for the City of Mauldin in Greenville County, South Carolina. I served in this capacity until 2009 when I was appointed to serve as the Chief Municipal Court Trial Judge for the City of Mauldin in Greenville County, South Carolina.

The Mauldin Municipal Court adjudicates criminal, traffic and city ordinance violations that occur within the city limits of Mauldin, South Carolina. As a limited jurisdiction court, it can only hear cases subject to a fine and sentence not exceeding $500.00 or imprisonment of not more than thirty days. The Mauldin Municipal Court may also hear cases that are remanded back from Greenville County General Sessions if the fine and sentence do not exceed $5,500.00 or one-year imprisonment.

On February 6, 2019, I was elected to serve as a full-time Family Court Judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6. I was re-elected to this position in 2022, and I currently hold this position and serve in this capacity. The Family Court, in general, has jurisdiction to hear the following cases: those within the provisions of the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; actions for divorce, separate support and maintenance, legal separation,

any and all marital litigation between parties; actions related to the termination of parental rights and adoptions of both children and adults; annulments of marriages; the changing of names of adults and children; actions to correct birth certificates; actions to enable minors to engage in military service; actions related to the support of spouses and or children and or to enforce the same; actions to enforce support or compel support to be paid for spouses and or children; actions related to the protection, guardianship and disposition of neglected children; actions related to custody determinations; actions brought by the South Carolina Department of Social Services related to abused and or neglected children and or infirmed/vulnerable adults; and actions related to juveniles charged with various crimes.

Judge Salvini provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) *State vs. Minors Under the Age of 18*. Not reported. No appellate review. This matter involved the State prosecuting several juveniles for allegedly committing the crimes of Murder, Armed Robbery and Conspiracy to Commit Armed Robbery. The State filed a motion seeking to transfer jurisdiction of the juvenile cases to General Sessions, thereby resulting in the juveniles being tried as adults as opposed to minors. I was the judge assigned to hear the State's motion(s), requiring contested evidentiary hearings for each juvenile charged. The juveniles ranged in age from fourteen (14) years old to sixteen (16) years old at the time the offenses were allegedly committed.

(b) *SCDSS vs. Sweatt*. Not Reported. Appellate review: *S.C. Dep't of Soc. Servs. v. Sweatt*, No. 2020-000908, 2021 WL 2104867 (S.C. Ct. App. May 24, 2021). This matter involved the termination of parents' rights to their minor child. The foster parents for the minor child were permitted to intervene in the action. A contested trial was held which resulted in the parents' rights being terminated. The order I issued terminating the parents' rights was affirmed on appeal.

(c) *SCDSS vs. Mestler*. Not reported. No Appellate review. This matter also involved the termination of parents' rights to their minor child. A contested trial was

held, which resulted in the parents' rights being terminated. To my knowledge the parents did not appeal.

(d) *SCDSS vs. Reed*. Not reported. No Appellate review. This matter also involved the termination of parents' rights to their minor child. The foster parents for the minor child were permitted to intervene in the action. A contested trial was held, and I declined to terminate the parents' rights. To my knowledge no parties appealed my decision.

(e) *SCDSS vs. Rogers*. Not Reported. Appellate review: S.C. Dep't of Soc. Servs. v. Rogers, No. 2019-001487, 2021 WL 832040 (S.C. Ct. App. March 3, 2021). This matter also involved the termination of parents' rights to their minor child. The foster parents for the minor child were permitted to intervene in the action. A contested trial was held which resulted in the parents' rights being terminated. The order I issued terminating the parents' rights was affirmed on appeal.

Judge Salvini reported the following regarding her employment while serving as a judge:

(a) 2007-March 2019. Self-employed as the Senior Partner at Salvini & Bennett, Attorneys at Law, LLC. I, along with my former law partner, owned and managed the aforementioned law firm. During that time, I served as a part-time judge for the City of Mauldin as stated herein above. As the Senior Partner at Salvini & Bennett, Attorneys at Law, LLC, I handled a wide variety of legal issues for individuals and businesses. I represented individuals and businesses in civil, criminal and family law matters at all stages of the litigation process. My practice areas included: all pretrial and trial matters for contract and real property disputes, all pre-trial and trial matters in domestic law cases; all pre-trial and trial matters in probate court matters; all pre-trial and trial matters in state and federal criminal court cases; appeals to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals and appeals to the South Carolina Court of Appeals. I, along with my law partner, handled the administrative duties associated with operating a law firm, including the management of our law firm's trust account.

When I was elected to serve as a Family Court Judge for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6, in February 2019, I closed

my law firm in March of 2019. Since that time, I have not had any other employment other than elected judicial office.

Judge Salvini further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) On or around 2009, I applied for a U.S. Magistrate position in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. The selection process for Federal Magistrate Judges requires screening of candidates by a panel. The panel selects five finalists from the applicants. From there, the U.S. District Court Judges decide who will fill the vacancy.

(b) In 2017, I applied for the Circuit Court Bench, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4. I was found to be qualified and nominated. However, I withdrew from the race prior to the vote on the candidates for this position.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Judge Salvini's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Salvini to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Judge Salvini is married to James Bethel Orders IV. She has two step-children.

Judge Salvini reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) California Bar
(b) South Carolina Bar
(c) Greenville County Bar Association
(d) United Housing Connections, Vice Chairperson 2017-2018, Board Chairperson 2019-2022.

Judge Salvini provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organization:

United Housing Connections, Vice Chairperson 2017-2018, Board Chairperson 2019-2022.

Judge Salvini further reported:

I have always had a passion for the law and the litigation process we employ to bring about fair and just resolutions to conflict. This passion is fueled by my desire to help others. While attending law school, I believed the best way I could help others was by representing them throughout the court process in all facets of the law. So, I focused my law school studies on trial advocacy. I began practicing law as a trial attorney, representing individuals, businesses, and families in a wide variety of legal matters in the courtroom. For almost twenty years before accepting a full-time position on the bench, I litigated matters throughout all stages of the court proceedings, helping my clients through the most difficult times of their lives. It was a rewarding career and my desire to help others served me well in the practice of law and as a Municipal Court Judge. However, since becoming a full time Family Court Judge, I have truly found that I make the most difference serving in the judiciary. As a full-time Family Court Judge, I have strived to be a judge that fairly resolves disputes in a way that gives the litigants, the public, the Bar and my fellow judges confidence in the integrity of the judiciary and the judicial process. I am now seeking to serve our community on the Circuit Court Bench as I believe it will enable me to use all of my experience and knowledge to help others in the most effective way possible.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented that Judge Salvini brings great enthusiasm and a strong work ethic to the bench. She maintains a great reputation for how she conducts herself in the courtroom.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Salvini qualified, and nominated her for election to Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Vernon F. Dunbar
Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Dunbar meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Dunbar was born in 1961. He is 62 years old and a resident of Greenville, South Carolina. Mr. Dunbar provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1986.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Dunbar.

Mr. Dunbar demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Dunbar reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Dunbar testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Dunbar testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Dunbar to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Dunbar reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) Mediation Practice- Greenville County Bar Year End CLE. Discussed the issues of confidentiality and various ethical issues raised during mediations.
(b) Civil Law Update-Greenville County Bar Year End CLE. Supplementing answer to provide date of CLE which was in February, 2021.
(c) Are COVID Cases Compensable Under SC Workers' Compensation Law. Previous answer amended to include the word "Cases" and to include that such lecture was given in October 2021.
(d) What MMI Really Means Addressed the SC Workers' Compensation Educational Association on November 6, 2023, Myrle Beach, SC

Mr. Dunbar reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Dunbar did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Dunbar did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Dunbar has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Dunbar was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Dunbar reported the following regarding his rating by a legal rating organization:
Martindale-Hubbell , Peer-Review Rating-AV.
Best Lawyer's in America.
Greenville Business Legal Elite in Workers Compensation for Employers
South Carolina Elite Lawyer.

Mr. Dunbar reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Dunbar reported that he has held the following public office: I served on the South Carolina State Election Commission upon appointment by Governor David Beasley in 1996/1997.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Dunbar appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Dunbar appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Dunbar was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1986.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

First, I worked as an Assistant Solicitor in Aiken from August 1986 to January 1987. I was assigned defend the Department of Social Services and Department of Youth Services n/k/a the Department of Juvenile Justice in the counties of Aiken, Barnwell and Bamberg. It was during my representation of The Department of Youth Services that I learned the rudimentary aspects of the practice of criminal law.

Second, I served as a law clerk to The Honorable Ernest A. Finney, Jr., then Associate Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court from January, 1987 to December, 1988. In that capacity, I wrote memoranda of law, proposed majority concurring and dissenting opinions on criminal, family and criminal law cases.

Third, Governor Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., along with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointed me to serve as a Workers' Compensation Commissioner in 1988. I was later appointed to serve as Chairperson of the Commission in 1993. I served as Chairperson until 1995. There are multiple duties of a Commissioner. The primary duty of a Commissioner is to adjudicate disputed workers' compensation claims and to award medical and disability benefits in accordance with the law. The other duty of a Commissioner is to direct and oversee the business and administrative operations of the Commission. The duty includes executing policies established by the Legislature; fulfilling the functions of the Commission's in its capacity as the governing body of the Judicial and Administrative Departments; qualifying employers and companies as self-insured entities; and promulgating rules and regulations governing the administration and execution of the workers' compensation laws of South Carolina.

The Chairperson of the Commission and the six Commission Board members were required to prepare a budget and submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly showing receipts, expenditures and disbursements of the Commission.

Fourth, I entered into the private practice of law with the law firm of Turner, Padget Graham & Laney. In the early years of private practice, I concentrated exclusively on building a workers' compensation practice with the firm. To this end, I litigated hundreds of workers' compensation cases primarily defending employers and insurance carriers. However, I also represented a number of injured workers.

Later, my practice evolved from 1997 to 2014 into one in which I was involved in general and business litigation. A litigation practice began defending automobile accident cases in Richland, Lexington, Aiken, Bamberg and Barnwell Counties. Representing clients in automobile accident cases was extremely high volume practice. I litigated at least 35 cases that resulted in jury verdicts either before Magistrate Courts or Circuits Courts of the aforesaid counties.

Eventually, my practice evolved in which I was involved in employment/discrimination cases, breach of contract claims, covenants not to execute, breaches of patent license agreements, personal injuries and business torts. These type of cases were litigated in state and federal courts from 1999 to the present. It was also during this time, I accepted criminal case appointment in Richland county.

Fifth, while actively litigating cases, I also served as lead counsel or sole counsel in a number of Appellate cases that were decided by our Court of Appeals and Supreme Court.

Sixth, my present practice with McAngus Goudelock & Courie involves litigating and defending occupational disease claims, ionizing radiation claims and complex bodily injury claims before the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission. I also represent a number of entities in subrogation claims which have been filed in Federal and State Circuit Courts.

Seventh, I have experience in representing clients before the Administrative Law Court, the Architectural and Physical Therapy Boards.

Eighth, I am a certified mediator and mediate civil and workers' compensation cases. Most recently as part of my mediation practice, I served as a Special Circuit Court Referee in a property rights case.

During my tenure at Turner Padget Graham & Laney from 1995 to 2014, I served on the firm's management committee from 2004 to 2014. The Management Committee was responsible for the administrative and financial management of the firm. The administrative and financial management functions of the firm included budgeting, maintaining proper general and malpractice insurance for the firm; and managing growth of the firm.

Mr. Dunbar further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

During my tenure as an assistant solicitor, I was involved in probable cause hearings. I was tasked with deciding the appropriate charges with respect to criminal offenses committed by juveniles. These charges most often involved malicious destruction to property, assault and battery, murder, petty larceny, grand larceny and trespassing. All of these matters were litigated before a Family Court Judge. Many of the cases resulted in plea

agreements, while the remainder either resulted in probation or a referral to the Reception and Evaluation Center in Columbia. A small number of juveniles were placed in the custody of the Department of Youth Services.

I was involved in one Federal criminal case, USA v. Gerald McDuffie, 4:96-CR-00721-CMC2, in which Mr. McDuffie was charged with intent to distribute and traffic drugs. Gerald Malloy, Lead Counsel, and I were able to negotiate with the Assistant United States Attorneys in which a plea agreement was reached and approved by the Honorable Cameron McGowan Currie.

Thereafter, by virtue of a court appointment in Richland County I was appointed counsel in the case of State of South Carolina v. Frank Livingston, Indictment Nos.: 2003-GS-40-00550 & 2003-GS-40-0010 for trafficking Crack Cocaine with Intent to Distribute. A plea agreement which was approved by the Honorable Edward Cunningham.

Most recently, I was able to have a criminal charge dismissed against a friend of my family, who had been arrested for criminal domestic violence in 2019. Tommy L. King was 91 at the time and was suffering with dementia and early stages of Alzheimer's. Because of his mental incapacity, the Assistant Solicitor of the Aiken County Solicitor's Office requested the court dismiss of the charges of Mr. King during a hearing.

With respect to civil matters, I have tried countless cases to jury trial. However, the ability to recognize the strength and weaknesses of my case, as well as that of my opponents, have enabled me to resolve cases that were beneficial to my clients.

With regard to civil cases, I have litigated the following matters:

Herin et al. v. US Band and Orchestra Supplies, Inc et al, 0:11-cv-01164-JFA (breach of patent license agreement).

USF Holland et al. v. ResCare Inc., 3:07-cv-01339-JFA (subrogation case based upon negligence and violation of state and federal guidelines governing healthcare aides).

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission v. BF-Southeast, LLC, 6:10-cv-02538-JDA (sexual harassment and discrimination case involving a professional fitness center).

Durant v. Inner City, et al, 3:03-cv-01333-MJP (employment discrimination case and unlawful discharge).

Cox et al v. South Carolina Republican Party, Fox News et al., 3:07-cv-01339-JFA (Represented Defendant Fox News regarding a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction with respect to Cox participating in South Carolina Republican televised presidential debate).

Dearybury Oil & Gas Inc. v. Lykins Companies Inc et al., (legal issue involved enforcement of a form selection cause enforceable pursuant to terms of contract).

I have worked to achieve justice for both individuals and corporate entities. My jury trial experience is primarily the result of my representation of Allstate Insurance in motor vehicular accidents during the early part of my career when it was common practice to try two to three wreck cases in a week.

With the past five years, I have appeared before a circuit judge on approximately five occasions and appeared before a federal judge in 2022.

Mr. Dunbar reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 1;
(b) State: 5.

Mr. Dunbar reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 75%;
(b) Criminal: 0%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 25% (mediation).

Mr. Dunbar reported that, during the past five years, their practice in trial court as follows:

(a) 100% settled prior to trial
(b) 0 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict
(c) 0 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case

(d) 0 cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements

Mr. Dunbar provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Dunbar's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Cunningham v. Mixon*, 2006 S.C.App. Unpub. LEXIS 172, 2006 WL 7285963 (2006).

Mixon had operated a successful daycare business for over 15 years without incident. Unfortunately, a minor child in her care and custody suffered scratches and bites over her body which were inflicted by another child during naptime. The child who inflicted the bites and scratches had exhibited some minor behavioral issues, but never had acted in an aggressive manner. Cunningham reported the incident to DSS and she took the case to a local television news station. Consequently, DSS immediately revoked Ms. Mixon's daycare license; and Cunningham filed a lawsuit for injuries sustained by the minor child. Although Ms. Mixon was unable to pay for legal services, I accepted her proposal that she would pay me $100 per months for 18 months if I defended her in Circuit Court and assisted her in regaining her license.

Because Ms. Mixon had more than enough workers covering the small amount of children she cared for, DSS concluded that Mixon had not violated any DSS regulations. Thus, Mixon's license was reinstated.

Because Cunningham failed to meet her burden of proof, the court directed the verdict in Mixon's favor. Thereafter, the Court of Appeals affirmed the grant of a directed verdict.

(b) *Johnson v. Sonoco Products Co.*, 381 S.C. 172, 672 S.E.2d 567 (2009).

Mr. Johnson suffered with pulmonary failure due to exposure to toxic chemicals and other substances during his employment tenure. The case was denied by the Single Commissioner and the Full Commission Appellate Panel, but was reversed by the Circuit Court Judge on appeal. The South Carolina Court of Appeals affirmed the Circuit

Court's reversal and remanded the case for benefits. Defendants denied an award of interest and a ten percent penalty pending the appeal was due to Mr. Johnson. The Supreme Court determined that absent a reasonable excuse by defendant to show why it did not pay benefits during the pendency of the appeal, Mr. Johnson was entitled to interest calculated from 30 days after the trial courts awarded benefits. This case verified that South Carolina Appellate Court Rule 225(a) expressly authorizes a trial court to order the payment of benefits during the pendency of a workers' compensation appeal.

(c) *Anderson v. Baptist Medical Center*, 343 SC 487, 541 S.E.2d 526 (2001).

Prior to this decision by the South Carolina Supreme Court, there was a question as to whether fringe benefits such as payment for disability and life insurance should be included in the calculation of an employee's average weekly wage. This issue had never been addressed by our courts. Anderson had argued that whenever allowances of any character are made to an employee in lieu of wages, they should be deemed a part of the employee's earnings. The Supreme Court concluded fringe benefits do not constitute wages or earnings under the plain and ordinary meaning of the terms. The case stands out because of the amount of research conducted with regard to other states in addressing the meaning of average weekly wage. Moreover, the undersigned's course work in tax law during law school came into play in reference to footnote 3 in the Decision.

(d) *Crisp v. SouthCo, Inc.*, 401 627, 738 S.E.2d 835 (2013).

This case determined the legal difference between permanent physical brain injury and permanent physical brain damage. Permanent physical brain damage has been differentiated by a Court as falling into a catastrophic category in terms of injuries akin to injuries that renders a person or paraplegic and quadriplegic. A catastrophic physical brain damage injury must not only affect one's earning capacity, but also one's daily living activities. The Court further concluded that objective diagnostic tests such as a CT scan or a MRI are not totally reflective of

whether an individual has suffered a permanent physical brain damage injury.

(e) *Arrowpoint Capital Corp. v. S.C. Second Injury Fund*, 2017 S.C.App. Unpub. LEXIS
578 (S.C. Ct.App., August 18, 2017).
The Defendant Employer and Insurance Carrier had been improperly denied reimbursement from the South Carolina Second Injury Fund. The Single Commissioner, the Full Commission and the Circuit Court found that Arrowpoint Capital Corporation was not entitled to reimbursement from the South Carolina Second Injury Fund, despite overwhelming medical evidence and strict compliance with the statute in terms of the basis for reimbursement. The opinion reflect the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission abused its discretion in barring Arrowpoint Capital's request for reimbursement based upon a technological error and ignored the only evidence in the case.

The following is Mr. Dunbar's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *Jones v. Wilbert Burial Vault, Inc.*, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 105487 (August 16, 2016).
(b) *Anderson Baptist Medical Center*, 343 SC 487, 541 S.E.2d 526 (2001).
(c) *Crisp v. SouthCo. Inc.*, 401 627, 738 S.E.2d 835 (2013).
(d) *Transp. Ins. Co. v. S.C. Second Injury Fund*, 389 S.C. 422, 699 S.E.2d 687 (2010).
(e) *Smith v. NCCI, Inc.*, 369 S.C. 236, 631 S.E.2d 268 (Ct.App. 2006).
(f) *Brunson v. American Koyo Bearings*, 395 S.C. 450, 718 S.E.2d 755 (Ct.App. 2011).

Mr. Dunbar reported that he has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Dunbar's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Dunbar to be Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee had no related comments.

Mr. Dunbar is married to Tarita A. Dunbar. He has three children.

Mr. Dunbar reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Haynesworth-Perry Inn of Court
(b) SC Chapter of the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals (Mediators)
(c) SC Black Lawyers Association-Circuit Representative (2018-2023)
(d) Greenville County Bar-Member of the Executive Committee (April 2023-present)

Mr. Dunbar provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Poinsett Club-Board Member, Vice President and President.
(b) Artisphere-Board Member and General Counsel
(c) Greenville Local Development Corporation (GLDC) Board Member for City of Greenville.
(d) SC Legal Elite in Insurance Law and Workers' Compensation.

Mr. Dunbar further reported:

Having appeared before judges in South Carolina and U.S. Appellate Courts and trial courts and having served as a Workers' Compensation Commissioner and State Election Commissioner, I truly value the importance of judicial temperament, fairness,

impartiality and attentiveness. For the past 28.5 years, I have worked as an advocate for the working man, insurance companies and various business entities. As such, due process of law, justice and an understanding of the law are critical not only to doing what is right but also to promote and maintain the public's faith and unwavering confidence in the judiciary and the judicial system. Honesty, integrity, fairness and a willingness to work as a public servant for the citizens of South Carolina are the attributes that I shall carry. These attributes and characteristics serve to enhance the status and respect of this most vital and important institution in this great democracy.

My experience as a law clerk reviewing the finished product of a trial or an adjudicatory hearing; having my decisions appealed to the Court of Appeals and Supreme Court during my tenure as a Workers' Compensation Commissioner; and litigating cases and defending and challenging those decisions has provided me with a keen insight on the importance of legal knowledge, adequate preparation and the effectiveness of oral and written communication and skills in our judicial system.

Accordingly, while many may view the judicial role as simply moving cases through the system, the quick movement of cases cannot be accomplished at the expense of justice, fairness and equality under the law. The service judges are asked to perform clearly constitutes the highest and most difficult service in the mind of the public: exercising wisdom; knowing right from wrong; and judging mercifully and with justice.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission Members commended Mr. Dunbar's diverse experience and excellent reputation in the legal community.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Mr. Dunbar qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Ken Gibson
Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Gibson meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Gibson was born in 1967. He is 56 years old and a resident of Greenville, South Carolina. Mr. Gibson provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2001. He was also admitted to the Georgia Bar in 1995.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Gibson.

Mr. Gibson demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Gibson reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.
Mr. Gibson testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Gibson testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Gibson to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Gibson reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I have lectured at various continuing education seminars for bondsmen throughout the state presenting on the topic of the legal issues involved in motions to be relieved on bond and estreatment hearings; and
(b) I participated in a panel discussion regarding civility in the criminal defense profession at the 2021 Greenville County End of Year CLE.

Mr. Gibson reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Gibson did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Gibson did not indicate any evidence of disqualifying financial issues.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Gibson was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Gibson reported that his rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale Hubbell, is AV.

Mr. Gibson reported the following military service:
May 24, 1989, to December 31, 1991
United States Army
First Lieutenant
Currently Separated
Honorable Discharge

Mr. Gibson reported that he has held the following public office:

Greenville City Council
Elected member representing Greenville, City District 3
December 1999 to Present

I have in the past missed filing reports with the State Ethics Commission, and it resulted in a penalty of $300.00. The date that the penalty was assessed was April 10, 2023.

The missed filings occurred as a result of problems accessing my online account and misunderstandings on my part as to what reports needed to be filed and my mistaken belief that I had in fact filed the ones that did so need. The situation has been rectified, and now all of my filings are up to date.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Gibson appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Gibson appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Gibson was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2001.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue (Now Jones Day)
Atlanta, GA
1995 to 1999
Associate, Business Litigation
Worked as attorney representing major corporations in a wide range of business-related civil disputes. These included major tort litigation, product liability, contract disputes, medical malpractice, complex litigation to include class actions, defamation, false advertising, and other matters before the Federal Trade Commission.

(b) Greenberg Traurig
Miami, FL
1999 to 2000
Associate, Business Litigation
Worked as attorney representing major corporations in a wide range of business-related civil disputes. These included major tort litigation, product liability, contract disputes, bad faith

insurance claims, complex litigation to include class actions, etc.

(c) Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge & Rice (Now Womble Bond Dickinson)
Greenville, SC
2000 to 2002
Associate, Business Litigation
Worked as attorney representing various businesses in civil disputes. These included major tort litigation, product liability, contract disputes, employment matters including non-compete agreements, disputes with local governmental agencies, complex litigation to include class actions, etc.

(d) The Law Office of Kenneth Gibson/Gibson Law
Greenville, SC
2002 to Present.
Owner
Worked as attorney and law practice owner as a sole practitioner representing businesses and individuals in both criminal and civil matters in State and Federal Courts throughout South Carolina. Responsible for all aspects of business including administrative, financial and any trust accounts.

Mr. Gibson further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Criminal Experience

Over the past 5 years I have handled hundreds of criminal matters in the State and Federal Courts of South Carolina. While I on occasion handle matters in Magistrate and Municipal Courts, the overwhelming majority of my experience has been in the State Circuit Courts and Federal Courts. While I maintain a private practice, a substantial portion of my workload involves helping indigent defendants in both the State and Federal systems. During the last 5 years I have appeared before the Court in hundreds of plea hearings, sentencing hearings, bond hearings, pretrial conferences, other motion hearings and trials. These cases have included charges covering pretty much the entire gamut of

criminal matters including murders and other homicides, drug related crimes including trafficking, distribution and possession, rape and other sex crimes, forgery, counterfeiting, breach of trust, various forms of fraud, property crimes including robbery, larceny, and malicious injury to property, firearm charges, criminal domestic violence, assault and battery, stalking and harassment, etc. Over the last 5 years I have tried to jury verdict 5 cases in the State and Federal Courts. These trials include two murders. On Monday, July 17, 2023, I will be adding to this list another murder trial, which is special set for that date.

In addition to my experience representing defendants in criminal matters, I also have extensive experience representing surety companies in bond related matters including off-bond hearings and estreatments.

What I have done in this regard over the past 5 years is essentially what I have been doing as well for the last 20 years. Over that time, I have handled probably thousands of warrants and charges in criminal matters. I also have the experience of trying a capital/death penalty case.

Civil Experience

My first 7 years as a lawyer were spent doing nothing other than major business-related litigation. After leaving law school I went to work for Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue (now known simply as Jones Day). At the time I worked there, Jones Day employed roughly 1200 hundred lawyers in offices located throughout the United States and the world. It was known for its litigation department and its ability to handle bet your company type litigation. For four years I worked in Jones Day Business Litigation department handling all types of litigation. The most high-profile and arguably significant of the work I did was on behalf of at the time Jones Day's largest client, RJ Reynolds Tobacco company in the so-called tobacco wars. In addition to that work, I also represented a major financial company in complex class-action lawsuits throughout the Southeast, the Sealy mattress company in matters before the Federal Trade Commission involving allegations of false advertising, cases involving

catastrophic personal injury, and other matters involving contract disputes and medical malpractice.

After Jones Day, I worked at Greenberg Traurig in its Miami office. At the time that I was at Greenberg Traurig, it employed nearly 700 lawyers with offices throughout the United States. There I continued handling civil related matters involving product liability and major tort litigation, breach of contract and bad faith insurance claims among other things.

In 2000, I moved back to Greenville and worked for Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice (now known as Womble Bond Dickinson) another major and national law firm. Over the two years I was there I handled nearly a hundred matters involving contract disputes, trademark litigation, litigation of non-compete agreements and theft of trade secrets, municipal government litigation, construction litigation, major tort litigation, product liability, complex cases, and class actions, etc.

In 2002, I opened my own law firm, and while the overwhelming majority of my practice has involved criminal matters, I have continued over the years to maintain a steady caseload of civil cases. These have involved breach of contract matters, employment discrimination, unlawful use of police force, conversion, fraud, forgery, civil conspiracy, collections matters, consumer protection, etc.

In the past 5 years, I have handled multiple civil litigation matters to include cases involving breach of contract, consumer protection, fraud, forgery, conversion, police excessive force, civil rights violations, civil forfeiture, and debt collection.

I have tried multiple civil matters to verdict and handled numerous motions hearings involving discovery issues, summary judgment, temporary and permanent restraining orders, and injunctions, etc.

Appearances Before a Circuit Court Judge
In the past 5 years, I have represented clients before Circuit Judges hundreds of times. In the past 20 years, that number is easily in the thousands.

Mr. Gibson reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: Semi-Monthly;
(b) State: Weekly, and often multiple days within a week.

Mr. Gibson reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 5%;
(b) Criminal: 90%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 5% (Representation of Surety Companies on Off-Bonds and Estreatments – hybrid of criminal and civil).

Mr. Gibson reported his practice in trial court as follows:
(a) 100% of his practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial
(b) Over the last 5 years I have tried 6 cases to verdict. During that time frame I have also had numerous contested hearings involving witness testimony
(c) 0 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case
(d) 0 cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements

Mr. Gibson provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Gibson's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) The Tobacco Wars. Representation of RJ Reynolds in cases involving claims that the cigarettes that it produced were unreasonably unsafe and violated product liability laws. These matters were significant as it was extremely high-profile work that was regularly reported in the national news. The litigation was extremely complex involving efforts on our part to defend and defeat class action litigation in multiple actions throughout the nation. It is most significant to me in that it was through

this litigation that I learned how to prepare and try cases, particularly complex and intensive ones.

(b) The Bowling Ball Commercial. Representation of Sealy, the mattress company, in an effort to prevent the Federal Trade Commission from forcing it to pull one of its most successful advertisements on the basis that it constituted false advertising. In the 1990s Sealy produced and aired in great rotation a commercial showing the dropping of a bowling ball onto its mattress while not disturbing a glass of red wine. Sealy's competitors cried foul and filed a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission alleging that the commercial constituted false advertising. In defense, our team at Jones Day employed experts to recreate the conditions in the commercial and prove that you could in fact drop a bowling ball on a Sealy mattress. We then prepared and submitted written briefs in the matter that convinced the Federal Trade Commission to allow Sealy to continue running the commercial. This case is significant because it involved a high-profile matter and complex arguments before a federal agency.

(c) Buzz Trademark Litigation. Representation of Georgia Tech University to protect the trademark of its mascot, Buzz.

The Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets have a mascot named Buzz. It's a large yellow jacket that Georgia Tech employs to represent the school and its athletic teams in many various forums. In the mid 1990s, a minor league baseball team named itself the Salt Lake Buzz and employed as it's mascot a bumble bee. Ga Tech believed, rightly so, that the Salt Lake Buzz was diluting its trademark and requested the team to cease and desist.

When the team refused, Ga Tech initiated litigation in federal court to make them stop and hired our law firm to assist. I was assigned to the team. A major part of my effort was to travel throughout the Northeast and depose entities that could provide evidence as to the strength of

Ga Tech's trademark and to the celebrity of its mascot Buzz.

One of the entities we subpoenaed was ESPN. But ESPN refused to comply. When they so refused, we immediately filed in federal court in their backyard of Connecticut to force them to comply. I represented Ga Tech at the hearing and despite being in their hometown, the Judge forced them to provide us all of the information that we requested.

After we obtained this information, we filed and argued a number of motions with the federal court in GA which placed us in a very favorable position. The matter was ultimately settled with the Salt Lake Buzz paying damages to Ga. Tech and ceasing to use the Buzz name or trademark.

This matter is significant because it involved complex trademark issues with litigation across multiple jurisdictions and courts.

(d) SC v. LaChrisha Miller. LaChrisha was charged with multiple counts of obtaining prescription under false pretenses as a result of another woman who found LaChrisha's lost driver's license and then used it to obtain the drugs at issue. Despite LaChrisha's innocence, LaChrisha was tried and convicted at trial while being represented by another attorney. LaChrisha subsequently retained me to represent her in a Post-Conviction Relief (PCR) proceeding where we sought to overturn her conviction on the grounds of ineffective assistance of counsel. We were able to show at the hearing on our petition that there was credible evidence of third-party guilt that was not presented at trial. Accordingly, the PCR Court granted the application for post-conviction relief and vacated the conviction. The State appealed and petitioned for Certiorari, which was denied. This case is significant because LaChrisha was at the time the single mother of two small children. She had a pending jail sentence hanging over her head that had been suspended

pending appeals but which she would have had to serve if her conviction had been affirmed. Having to leave her kids at this time in their life would have been devastating to both her and her children. The ruling in this case allowed her to fully put this matter behind her, avoid serving an unjust prison sentence and to proceed in her life without this wrongful conviction on her record.

(e) SC v. Tatianna Kilgore. Tatianna Kilgore was a young girl raised by her mother in a broken household. When she reached 18, she became involved with a man who would manipulate and exploit her. This man slowly separated her from and poisoned Tatianna's relationship with her mother. As a result, she became more and more dependent upon him and as that occurred, he solidified his control over her by beating and otherwise abusing her. Once he was able to totally control her, he coerced Tatianna to assist him in a bank robbery.

The two were soon after caught. Tatianna was charged with Armed Robbery and Criminal Conspiracy. He was placed in jail and held there and that finally allowed Tatianna's mother to repair the damage that he had done and to help Tatianna to return to her old self.

I was appointed to represent Tatianna and despite my best efforts the Solicitor refused to dismiss the charges. In light of my arguments, she did agree however to reduce the armed robbery charge to an attempted armed robbery. This was significant because it removed the mandatory minimum sentence of an armed robbery and at least allowed the Court to not incarcerate Tatianna on the charges.

Tatianna ultimately pled to the attempted armed robbery and a criminal conspiracy. At the plea hearing we were able to present a compelling case through witnesses who knew Tatianna before, during and after her relationship with the abusive boyfriend of the effect that he had on her and how she was back to her old self. At the end of our presentation, the Judge agreed to spare Tatianna from

incarceration and sentenced her to probation. At the end of the hearing, which was held in a crowded courtroom, the spectators stood and applauded the Judge's mercy.

Years after that plea I happened to see Tatianna at a restaurant. She came up and hugged me and thanked me for everything I had done for her. It had been over 8 years since I represented her, and she was doing great. Other than some traffic tickets she hadn't been in any trouble whatsoever. She was in fact married and had a child that she was raising on her own.

This case is significant, because it drove home to me why I represented the people I did in the manner in which I have for these past two decades. The Solicitor assigned to Tatianna's case initially demanded that she serve a sentence of 10 years in jail. Such a sentence would have destroyed her. There was no way she could have done that sentence and come out of the same sweet person that I saw at the restaurant that day. There are certainly matters that demand incarceration and even substantial incarceration. But wise judges are able, when presented with the right evidence, to know when mercy and a short leash is the better alternative. Luckily for us, Tatianna had such a Judge.

Mr. Gibson reported that has not personally handled any civil appeals.

The following is Mr. Gibson's account of the criminal appeal he has personally handled:
(a) United States v. Javier Alex Martinez-Turcio, United States Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit, September 19, 2012.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Gibson's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Mr. Gibson to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of

constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Mr. Gibson is married to Kimberly Michelle Gibson. He has three children.

Mr. Gibson reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) Greenville Bar Association
(c) Greenville Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Mr. Gibson provided that he was not a member of any civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations.

Mr. Gibson further reported:

Both of my parents dedicated their lives to public service. My father, Dr. W.F. Gibson, worked in civil rights fighting to ensure equal and fair treatment for all people. He worked his way up the ranks of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) from President of the Greenville Branch to President of the South Carolina Chapter to being the Chairman of the National Board of Directors. My mother, Lottie Gibson, also worked in civil rights but later transitioned to elected office serving as a member of Greenville County Council for over 20 years. In addition to her service on County Council, she tirelessly worked through various boards, commissions, and non-profit agencies to help those who needed it most. She did this work without regard to race or any other factor. If you needed help, no matter who you were, she would be there for you.

I'm extremely proud to say that my parents instilled their dedication to help others, particularly the least among us, in me.

Over the years, I have served my community in multiple and varied capacities. As a graduate of West Point, I joined the Army as an officer and fought during Desert Shield/Storm in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, and Iraq. Later, I served on various boards and

commissions, and most recently I have served as a member of the Greenville City Council.

Through all of this I have learned that there is far more that binds us than divides us and that every person's perspective no matter how disparate from mine is legitimate and has value. I've also learned that everyone, no matter what your station in life or what you may have done deserves to be treated with respect.

I believe that we are better when we can come together and thus, I try to seek consensus and common ground whenever I can. But I also know what is right, and when such consensus can't be achieved, I have the courage to stay focused and determined to ensure that right is done.

I believe that that the mix of the lessons learned from my parents, my education, my military service, and my extensive work in both the civil and criminal sides of the law make me uniquely qualified to serve as a Judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Mr. Gibson has a great deal of experience in both civil and criminal law. Mr. Gibson was also found to have a great temperament and enthusiasm.
(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Gibson qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Will Grove
Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Grove meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Grove was born in 1983. He is 40 years old and a resident of Greenville, South Carolina. Mr. Grove provided in his

application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2009.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Grove.

Mr. Grove demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Grove reported that he has made $179.92 in campaign expenditures for stationary, postage, business cards, and name tags.

Mr. Grove testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Grove testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Grove to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Grove reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I worked on the faculty for PD 103, a multi-day CLE for assistant public defenders aimed at improving trial advocacy, in 2019 and again in 2021.
(b) I organized the criminal law afternoon session of the Greenville County Bar's Year End CLE in February

2023 and served as a moderator for a panel discussion on the new criminal docketing system.

Mr. Grove reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Grove did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Grove did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Grove has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Grove was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Grove reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Grove reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Grove reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Grove appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Grove appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Grove was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2009.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) November 2009 – August 2010. Litigation Attorney, Anastopoulo & Clore, LLC. I worked on civil cases which were in active litigation. I participated fully in the discovery process by requesting and responding to interrogatories, requests for production, requests to admit, conducting depositions, etc. I filed and argued motions and argued a civil case to verdict.
(b) August 2010 – April 2012. Assistant Public Defender, Fourth Judicial Circuit. I represented clients in each county of the Fourth Judicial Circuit (Darlington, Dillon, Chesterfield, and Marlboro Counties), but my office and the majority of my clients were in Marlboro County. I handled all manner of General Sessions' offenses and represented clients at a variety of proceedings: bond hearings, preliminary hearings, motions hearings, arraignments, pleas, trials, etc.
(c) April 2012 – July 2015. Assistant Public Defender, Twelfth Judicial Circuit. I represented clients in both counties of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit (Florence and Marion Counties), but my office and the majority of my clients were in Florence County. I handled all manner of General Sessions' offenses and represented clients at a variety of proceedings: bond hearings, preliminary hearings, motions hearings, arraignments, pleas, trials, etc.
(d) July 2015 – February 2019. Assistant Public Defender, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. Representing clients in Greenville County in both General Sessions' and Magistrate Court. Represented clients at a variety of proceedings: bond hearings, preliminary hearings, motions hearings, arraignments, pleas, trials, etc. Mentored incoming Assistant Public Defenders to the practice of law and, specifically, the intricacies of public defense.
(e) February 2019 – May 2020. Senior Level Lawyer, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. In addition to the duties described in section (d), I worked toward improving the efficiency with which our office handled court activities to include coordinating with the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office and the members of the judiciary for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. Served as a team leader on a team with up to 5 lawyers and a legal assistant. Teams

were created to improve intra-office efficiency with collaboration through regular meetings and better organizational structure.

(f) May 2020 – May 2021. Deputy Public Defender, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. In addition to the duties described in sections (d) and (e), during this time I worked in a managerial capacity and handled some administrative tasks. Through regular meetings with the Circuit Defender, an administrative assistant, our office manager, and the Deputy Public Defender for Pickens County, we discussed, managed, and planned for the future of the office circuit-wide and tried to anticipate needs while maintaining a client-centered approach. I provided input on administrative and budgetary decisions.

(g) May 2021 – present. Co-Founder/Member, Grove Ozment, LLC. Together with my law partner, Matt Ozment, we run a general litigation practice. My practice areas cover personal injury, criminal defense, and some complex civil litigation. Matt's practice area is primarily employment law, both employee- and employer-based. He also handles general civil litigation as well as some complex civil litigation. We practice in both state and federal court. We employ an administrative assistant, Penny Singer, fulltime. As co-owners, Matt and I work jointly to manage the health of the firm, discuss budgetary decisions, and control the firm's finances. We each handle matters which sometimes involve IOLTA funds, so we share in the responsibility of overseeing that the funds are received and disbursed in accordance with the Rules. We also share the responsibility for the regular reconciliation of our trust account.

Mr. Grove further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

In my nearly 11 years as a public defender, I defended hundreds of clients and tried a multitude of different cases in the Court of General Sessions. The range of those charges tried to verdict as sole or lead counsel include: murder; armed robbery; burglary first degree; burglary second degree; criminal sexual conduct with a minor in the second degree; criminal domestic violence

of a high and aggravated nature; felony DUI resulting in great bodily injury; reckless homicide; pointing and presenting a firearm; trafficking in cocaine base; and distribution of cocaine base, among others.

I have had the opportunity to present a number of different issues to the Circuit Court, including but not limited to: challenging the admissibility of clients' statements under Jackson v. Denno; arguing for suppression based on violations of the Fourth Amendment; challenging an out of court identification pursuant to Neil v. Biggers; challenging the collection of DNA under Schmerber v. California; arguing for (and having granted) a mistrial based on comments made by a solicitor during closing arguments; challenging expert witnesses, and; preparing expert witnesses to testify.

While the middle of my career was dedicated exclusively to the practice of criminal law, my first year of practice and my past two years have included practicing in the area of civil litigation. I have had the opportunity to practice in the Court of Common Pleas arguing motions and trying a case to verdict. In my civil litigation practice, I also spend a significant amount of time managing files and either engaging in or preparing for litigation. I respond to discovery and conduct depositions. I interact with opposing counsel and discuss strategic legal decisions with my clients, my law partner and/or our co-counsels. In my civil practice, I have handled motor vehicle accidents, slip and falls, civil rights violations, civil forfeitures, and complex litigation including nuisance suits. In addition to handling primarily plaintiff's side civil litigation, my law partner and I have also represented defendants in civil litigation.

My practice in both civil and criminal law has created a multitude of different scenarios through which I have had to navigate. My experience has provided opportunities for me to establish an expansive base of knowledge from which I can draw if chosen to serve on the Circuit Court. In many instances, I have had to learn new areas of the law quickly to provide the best advice and representation to my clients. If selected to serve as a Circuit Court judge, I am sure I would draw upon this skill often

to ensure I thoroughly assess the facts and apply the law appropriately in matters before me.

My practice over the past five years has required an appearance before the Circuit Court regularly. In addition to retained criminal defense work, I also work part time as an assistant public defender in the Pickens County branch of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Public Defender Office. Between my civil practice, my retained criminal practice, and my work as a part-time public defender, I appear in front of a Circuit Court judge several times a month. Prior to May 2021, when I was working as a full time public defender, I would appear in the Court of General Sessions as many as ten days a month.

Mr. Grove reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) federal: I have appeared in federal court a few times in the past two years, mostly as pro bono co-counsel to other lawyers in criminal matters.
(b) state: As a full-time public defender, I appeared several times a week, almost every week. In Greenville County, General Sessions Court operates two weeks per month, on average. During weeks when General Sessions Court was not open, other appearances might include Magistrate Court, preliminary hearings, Transfer Court, and General Sessions non-jury matters. The same is true since entering private practice in 2021. I have some Magistrate Court appearances, some General Sessions appearances, and some non-jury appearances, so I find myself in court frequently.

Mr. Grove reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 15%;
(b) Criminal: 80%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 5%.

Mr. Grove reported his trial court experience as follows:

(a) 85% was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial;
(b) One Circuit Court case, a trial in General Sessions, resulted in a verdict in the past five years.
(c) 0 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case
(d) 0 cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements

Mr. Grove provided the following about his role as counsel during the past five years:
Sole counsel, though on more significant cases it was common practice in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Public Defender Office for lead counsel to select a second chair, so I have also frequently acted as either lead counsel on my own cases or co-counsel on matters where I was assisting a coworker.

The following is Mr. Grove's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *State v. Wayne Albeon Scott, Jr.*, 2013-GS-21-0391. Mr. Scott was charged, indicted, tried, and convicted of murder. As sole counsel on this case, I raised a claim of immunity under the Protection of Persons and Property Act (the Act). At the time of the pre-trial hearing, there was very little case law available regarding the Act, which proved challenging. Ultimately, our motion for immunity under the Act was denied and we proceeded to trial. At a trial which lasted several days, we were able to present a self-defense claim and were able to block the State's request to charge for Voluntary Manslaughter, effectively creating an "all or nothing" scenario for the jury in its deliberation. This case was significant as it gave me experience in researching and presenting to a judge a defense in a then-new area of the law. It also provided an opportunity for creativity and critical thinking, to anticipate how the State would respond to our actions in presenting their case and simultaneously making sure Mr. Scott's defense was as clearly presented to the jury as possible.

(b) *State v. Brian Lewis*, 2016-GS-23-01737. I served as lead counsel in this case where Mr. Lewis was charged, indicted, tried, and convicted of Conspiracy, Armed

Robbery, and Possession of a Weapon during a Violent Crime. Immediately prior to trial, the State notified me Mr. Lewis had, just a few days prior, been charged with Conspiracy and Solicitation of a Felony. Specifically, the State alleged Mr. Lewis was conspiring from the detention center to arrange a hit on a State's witness expected to testify against him in the trial (these new charges would later be transferred to federal court for prosecution where Mr. Lewis was tried and convicted). The solicitor, the judge, and I had a chambers meeting prior to trial. My main focus was making sure this new information did not compromise Mr. Lewis's 6th Amendment rights. I was also fortunate to witness firsthand the careful balancing given by the trial judge between allowing the State to maintain a heightened level of security in the courtroom due to the new allegations while also ensuring Mr. Lewis's rights to a fair trial were protected. An unpublished state court appeal affirmed Mr. Lewis's convictions.

(c) *State v. Jason Lamont Andrews*, 2013-GS-21-0726. A case which began as a charge of Felony DUI Resulting in Death went to trial as a Reckless Homicide where I acted as sole counsel. I inherited this case from an assistant public defender who left to enter private practice. A great amount of effort had already been put into this case prior to my assignment, and Mr. Andrews and I built upon that work. We were ultimately successful in convincing the solicitor he would be unable, due to evidentiary issues, to successfully present the case as a Felony DUI and it was directly presented for indictment as a Reckless Homicide. Mr. Andrews elected to proceed to trial and, after a trial which lasted several days, he was acquitted. This case allowed me my first opportunity into the complex realm of DUI case law and the procedures required to acquire, preserve, and present evidence in a DUI case. This case also required me to call a witness and qualify him as an expert for the purposes of entering the deceased's toxicology report into evidence, which proved critical to our defense. My client in this case expressed continued confidence in my abilities, even after the trial as we waited for the verdict to be delivered. This, in turn, gave me confidence in myself as a young trial lawyer.

(d) *State v. Estella Ruiz Gomez*, 2019-GS-01771A. This case involved an undocumented immigrant from a rural part of Mexico who was charged in the homicide of her newborn child. She was directly indicted for Voluntary Manslaughter and eventually entered a guilty plea and received an eleven year sentence. This case was significant as it was incredibly complex from many different angles: her native language was an indigenous Central American dialect which originally presented many challenges in our ability to effectively communicate; the nature of her original charge (Homicide by Child Abuse) is an incredibly sensitive charge with high emotions on every side, and; her undocumented status in this country created another challenge in advocating a suitable resolution for her and another layer of complexity to consider in terms of mitigation presented to the Court. As a parent of young children, I could have allowed the facts or circumstances of this case to interfere with my ability to advocate for my client or to pursue the best possible outcome on her behalf. Instead, this case proved I have the ability to focus my efforts on the facts and the law of a particular scenario, a trait I will gladly bring with me to the bench, if elected.
(e) *State v. Dontavius H. Jackson*, 2010-GS-16-01974, -01975. Mr. Jackson was tried twice on these charges: I believe the first trial was in October 2010, which resulted in a hung jury, and again in December 2010, which resulted in a conviction for Burglary First Degree and Grand Larceny. I was a new assistant public defender in the Fourth Judicial Circuit and was allowed to serve as co-counsel in both trials. Having been a practicing attorney for about a year, and having worked as a public defender for only a couple months, I was initially intimidated at the thought of a trial of that magnitude. This trial gave me an opportunity to cross examine a State's expert, to vigorously defend my client, and to hold the State to its burden…twice. This case is also significant as it showed I have the ability to prepare for complex matters very quickly. This ability has only improved in the thirteen years since.

Mr. Grove reported he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

Mr. Grove further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
Yes. I applied for election to the Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat #3 in 2020. Following the screening process, I was found qualified but not nominated.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Grove's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee reported Mr. Grove to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee had no related comments or summary statements.

Mr. Grove is married to Katheen Lyall Grove. He has three children.

Mr. Grove reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Greenville County Bar Association, member 2015-present; Legislative Liaison, 2018-present;
(b) South Carolina Bar Association, House of Delegates, Member, 2020-present;
(c) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Member 2010-present; Board Member, 2021-present;
(d) Public Defender Association, Board Member, 2019-2021;
(e) Haynesworth Perry American Inns of Court, Member, 2019-present;
(f) Federal Bar Association, Member, 2023-present

Mr. Grove provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) The Poinsett Club
(b) The Greenville Country Club

Mr. Grove further reported:

As a young public defender in the Fourth Judicial Circuit, I had a brief and altogether unremarkable experience which has positively impacted the way I practice law for well over a decade. In either 2010 or 2011, I was in the courtroom one morning making some last minute preparations before my trial resumed. The judge entered and, prior to calling for the jury, invited the assistant solicitor and me to approach the bench. "I just want to give you both an opportunity to straighten your ties before I bring in the jury," the judge said, hand covering the microphone. I looked down and realized my top button was undone and my tie was loosened. The judge could have called out across the courtroom and dressed us down for being so casual with our appearance, but instead took the opportunity to remind us privately and discretely (and in one short sentence) that we should hold ourselves to a high standard and project the importance of our responsibilities with how we carry ourselves – to include not appearing disheveled in court. To this day, I cannot enter a courtroom without checking my tie, just to make certain I am presenting myself to everyone (clients, courtroom staff, other lawyers, judges, opposing parties, or even members of the gallery), as a person who appreciates the significance of their duties.

The lesson I learned that day, twelve or thirteen years ago, could have been delivered any number of ways. It could have been delivered with anger, with sarcasm, it could have been delivered flippantly, or in an overbearing way. The gracious way the judge handled it has permanently impacted the way I conduct myself in court for the better and has created a conscientiousness in me that I believe will remain with me my entire practice and will take with me to the bench. I hope to be able to be as thoughtful, practical, and effective a jurist as that judge was for me and many others.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commended Mr. Grove for his growth as an attorney and in expanding his practice areas to include civil matters as they recommended during a prior candidacy. Further, members of the Commission commended his peers' endorsements of his temperament.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Grove qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

The Honorable Robert Bonds
Circuit Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Bonds meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Bonds was born in 1963. He is 60 years old and a resident of Walterboro, South Carolina. Judge Bonds provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1990.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Bonds.

Judge Bonds demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Bonds reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Bonds testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Bonds testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Bonds to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Bonds reported that he has not taught or lectured at any bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.
Judge Bonds reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Bonds did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Bonds did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Bonds has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Bonds was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Bonds reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, was BV; and that he was included in The National Trial Lawyers Top 100: Criminal.

Judge Bonds reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Bonds reported that he has held the following public office:

(a) Walterboro City Council from 2011-2019

(b) I was notified by the Ethics Commission in July 2011 that I had not timely filed my pre-election campaign disclosure. I was notified again in 2015 that I had not timely filed my pre-election campaign disclosure. Both times, upon reviewing my online account, the information had been entered and saved but not submitted. I immediately submitted the information and both times paid the One Hundred Dollar fine.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Bonds appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Bonds appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Bonds was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1990.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 1990-1995 Bogoslow and Jones, Attorneys at Law: Associate attorney at an insurance defense firm located in Walterboro, SC. Handled all aspects of cases from intake through trial. Cases included among others, auto accident defense, defense of governmental entities sued pursuant to the State Tort Claims Act and alleged 42 USC §1983 violations. Tried cases in both State and Federal Courts. Served as Town Attorney for the Town of Cottageville, SC.

(b) 1995-1996 Bonds and Wilkerson, LLC: Partner in the firm that focused on personal injury and criminal defense. I oversaw all operations of the firm to include management of the staff and monitoring both operating and trust accounts.

(c) 1996-1998 Robert J. Bonds, Attorney at Law: Handled personal injury and criminal defense cases. I oversaw all operations of the firm to include administrative and financial management.

(d) 1998-2000 John R. Hetrick, Attorney at Law: Associate attorney at the firm. I handled primarily personal injury and criminal defense cases. I assisted in all aspects of the administrative and financial management of the firm, including the trust account.

(e) 2000-2021 Hetrick, Harvin and Bonds. LLC: Partner in the firm which handled personal injury matters including auto accident cases, nursing home negligence, and defective product cases. I also represented criminal clients in cases ranging from minor traffic violations to major felonies. I oversaw all operations of the firm to include administrative management and monitoring all firm accounts.

(f) 2021-Present Resident Circuit Court Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit.

Judge Bonds reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
2021-Present
Circuit Court Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit
General Sessions and Common Pleas

Judge Bonds provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) State of SC vs. Malik Jamal Bostick; Order denying Defendant's Motion for Immunity under the Protection of Persons and Property Act. Case# 2021-GS-27-00234-00236 and 2021-GS-27-00261

(b) Shayla J. Bryan vs. State of SC; Order granting Applicant's application for post-conviction relief. Case # 2017-CP-07-01405

(c) State of SC vs. Tiffany Rebecca Owens; Order denying Defendant's Motion for Immunity under the Protection of Persons and Property Act. Case # 2011-GS-25-00181 and 2021-GS-25-00346

(d) MFM Properties, LLC and MFM Residential Properties LLC vs. Rotunda Land & Development Group,

LLC and Calloway Title & Escrow, LLC; Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Summary Judgment. Case # 2021-CP-07-00482

(e) State of SC vs. Faizon Syheen Speed; Order denying Defendant's Motion for Immunity under the Protection of Persons and Property Act. Case # 2020-GS-25-00164 and 2020-GS-25-00165

All of the above Orders were prepared for my signature by prevailing counsel.

Judge Bonds reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Judge Bonds's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Bonds to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee noted: "Good temperament, studied, great demeanor, conscientious—Great judge."

Judge Bonds is married to Harriet Anne Ashby. He has three children.

Judge Bonds reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Colleton County Bar Association, 1990-Present
(b) South Carolina Bar House of Delegates, served two terms approximately twelve years ago
(c) South Carolina Defense Lawyers Association, past member 1990-1995
(d) South Carolina Association for Justice, 2010-2020
(e) American Association for Justice, 2012-2015

Judge Bonds provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Walterboro Rotary Club – President 2020
(b) Walterboro Elks Lodge
(c) University of North Carolina Educational Foundation
(d) Edisto Island Yacht Club
(e) Best Elected Public Official 2012-2013, Press and Standard Readers Choice Award
(f) Best Attorney 2012-2013, Press and Standard Readers Choice Award
(g) Lowcountry Council of Governments 2011-2019, chairman 2018-2019

Judge Bonds further reported:

I have lived and worked in Walterboro, South Carolina for over thirty-one years. I have raised my family, attended church, coached ball teams and held public office in those years. I have practiced law in Walterboro as a civil defense attorney and as a civil plaintiff's attorney, I have managed law offices, as well as a large volume of diverse cases for many different clients. I have tried civil jury cases to verdict in four of the five counties of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit and have represented criminal defendants in both simple and complex cases. I know and understand the people of this circuit, and I understand the issues and problems litigants and attorneys face in this circuit.

I have enjoyed serving the citizens of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit as a resident judge and believe that my experience in private practice over the years has helped me tremendously as a judge. I look forward to using both my professional and life experience as a husband, and father, to continue to guide me as a resident judge if I am fortunate enough to be re-elected to the position.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented that Judge Bonds is proving to be an excellent and well-respected jurist since his election to the bench. The Commission noted that he is conscientious about

giving his time and attention to the parties and commended him for his willingness to listen.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Bonds qualified and nominated him for re-election to Circuit Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

The Honorable Marvin Dukes III
Circuit Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.
For the vacancy for Circuit Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, one candidate applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the name and qualifications of one candidate is hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Dukes meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Dukes was born in 1961. He is 62 years old and a resident of Beaufort, South Carolina. Judge Dukes provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1987.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Dukes.

Judge Dukes demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Dukes reported that he has made $243.00 in campaign expenditures for printing and postage.

Judge Dukes testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Dukes testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Dukes to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Dukes reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) 10/12 Masters Bench/Bar
(b) 06/13 Foreclosure Law CLE. HOA issues in foreclosure.
(c) 10/15 Tips from the Bench CLE. Equity tips.
(d) 02/17 Beaufort County Bar CLE. Better Order writing.
(e) 11/19 Probate Bench Bar. The intersection of Probate and Equity
(f) 10/22 Masters Bench/Bar. Online foreclosure sales (panel)

Judge Dukes reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Dukes did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Dukes did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Dukes has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Dukes was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Dukes reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale, was BV.

Judge Dukes reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Dukes reported that he has held the following public offices:
(a) I was an appointed member of the Beaufort County Planning Commission from 1995 until 1999.
(b) I was an elected member of Beaufort County Council from 1999 until 2002. During my tenure on council I served as Vice-Chairman of the Council (1999-2002) and was Chairman of the Planning and School District Liaison committees. I also served as a member of many other committees including the finance committee.
(c) In 2005, I served as the appointed Chairman of the City of Beaufort Waterway Commission.

I believe that I timely filed all reports.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Dukes appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Dukes appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Dukes was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1987.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

Upon graduation and admission to the bar in 1987, I was employed by the firm of Dowling, Sanders, Dukes, Williams and Svalina in Beaufort, SC. This firm changed in name and character a number of times over the years, finally dissolving in about the year 2000 (the name at that time was Dukes, Williams and Infinger), after which the remaining partners (including myself) opened individual P.A's and LLCs.

In my twenty years of practice prior to becoming Master, I worked in a primarily civil and domestic general practice with some criminal and contract work. In my early years of practice, I handled all the criminal appointments for all the attorneys in our small firm. Later, I transitioned into a primarily civil and domestic practice. During my career, I have handled a wide variety of cases, many with complex issues. My career experience includes virtually all aspects of litigation from mediation through the appellate level. During approximately 8-10 years of my practice, I operated as a sole practitioner and personally handled all aspects of administration, employment, financial management and trust accounts.

In 2007, I was appointed Master-in Equity and Special Circuit Judge for Beaufort County. The job of Master-in-Equity involves judicial, financial and administrative duties. In my 16 years as Master, I have handled thousands of cases, including criminal appeals from Magistrate's Court, partition actions, partnership matters and extremely complex business disputes. In my capacity as special circuit judge, I have presided over General Sessions guilty pleas.

Judge Dukes further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

I have served as Full-time Master-in-Equity for Beaufort County since June of 2007. During my time as Master, I have also served, pursuant to Supreme Court Order, as a Special Circuit Court Judge. In addition to the broad experience that I have gained through my service as Master, my appointment as

Special Circuit Judge has allowed me to hear countless jury-trial motions, non-jury cases, Magistrate's criminal appeals, General Sessions pleas and Equity matters. I regularly issue Circuit Court warrants. Historically, the Beaufort County Master-in-Equity has functioned as a full-time in-house non-jury circuit judge for those matters permitted. In my sixteen years of service, I have continued that tradition.

In a typical month, I will hear dozens of contested motions from both the jury and non-jury docket, contested non-jury cases, magistrate's appeals, and traditional equity cases. As the commission is aware, the primary difference in a jury and non-jury trial is that the non-jury judge has an additional duty as finder of fact.

I have extensive experience in all aspects of the work of a Circuit Court Judge, with the sole exception of criminal jury trials. I have, as Special Circuit Judge, set bonds, taken felony pleas and tried at least one non-jury General Sessions case. In my law practice, prior to my appointment as Master-in-Equity, I handled many jury trials and do not believe that the transition to Circuit Judge would be difficult.

Judge Dukes reported the frequency of his court appearances prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Federal: None;
(b) State: Two to three days per week.

Judge Dukes reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Civil: 20%;
(b) Criminal: 5%;
(c) Domestic: 70%;
(d) Other: 5%.

Judge Dukes reported his practice in trial court prior to his appointment as Master in Equity was as follows:
(a) 75% of cases were in trial court.

The following is Judge Dukes's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Taylor, Cotton & Ridley, Inc. v. Okatie Hotel Group, LLC*, 372 S.C. 89, 641 S.E.2d 459 (S.C.App. 2007)

This was a very complex case involving a substantial mechanics lien, with several novel issues of set-off and cross-claim involving liquidated damages claims, materials shortages, interest disputes and a mold issue. The case originated in the year 2000, but due to the extensive testimony, the number of motions and finally the appeal, did not finally conclude until after the Appellate Court's ruling cited above. I was sole trial counsel. I assisted in the appeal.

(b) *KJL v. LER, et al.* (99-DR-07-750) This was a very unusual Family Court case in which I was hired by the State of Ohio department of Insurance to preserve a multi-million dollar claim of the department in the disputed marital holdings of the Family Court litigants. The case involved a mix of Family Court and civil issues including Statute of Elizabeth claims.

(c) *TMR v PMR* (04-DR-07- 659) This was a divorce case in which the parties had been employed in the entertainment industry. It had a number of interesting valuation issues.

(d) *JO v WBO* (2005-DR-07-699) This was a physician divorce case involving health issues which allegedly rendered the supporting spouse unable to assist in ongoing support.

(e) *PAH v. LEH* (94-DR-07-0211) This was a complex equitable division case involving co-mingling of non-marital assets and property in the US Virgin Islands. Ultimately it was successfully appealed (327 S.C. 360, 489 S.E.2d 212).

The following is Judge Dukes's account of four civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *Miller v. Miller* 92-DR-07-2005

(b) *Warner Advertising v. The Cabral Company* 92-CP-07-1520

(c) *Upchurch Timber v. SouthEast Timberlands* 92-CP-07-272

(d) *SC Federal Savings Bank v. Atlantic Land Title, et al* 91-CP-07-853, 442 S.E.2d 630, 314 S.C. 292 (S.C. App., 1994

Judge Dukes reported that he has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Judge Dukes reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
I have served as Beaufort County Master-in-Equity and Special Circuit Judge for Beaufort County from June 2007 to present (16 years).

Judge Dukes provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) *Town of Hilton Head Island v. Kigre, Inc.* 408 S.C. 647, 760 S.E.2d 103 (S.C., 2014)
This case involved a Constitutional challenge to the application of Hilton Head's business license fee to sales of Kigre's military laser products sold outside Hilton Head. The South Carolina Supreme Court affirmed my ruling. Kigre petitioned for a writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court but was denied (Kigre Inc. v. Town of Hilton Head Island, 135 S.Ct. 959(Mem), 190 L.Ed.2d 832(Mem), 574 U.S. 1076 (2015)).

(b) *Estate of Tenney v. South Carolina Dept. of Health and Environmental Control*, 393 S.C. 100, 712 S.E.2d 395 (2011)
This was a "title to marshlands" case in which the Supreme Court, in affirming my Order, overturned the Coburg precedent on title to marshlands.

(c) *Wachovia Bank, N.A. v. Coffey, Wachovia Bank, N.A. v. Coffey*, 404 S.C. 421, 746 S.E.2d 35 (2013)
This was a heavily-cited case involving the equitable defense of clean hands in a mortgage foreclosure where no attorney was used for the closing.

(d) *Grays Hill Baptist Church v Beaufort County and the United States of America*, 431 S.C. 630, 850 S.E. 2d 29 (2020) This was a vested rights appeal from a zoning board. The United States intervened on behalf

of the Respondent. My Order supporting the Appellant's vested rights was reversed by the South Carolina Court of Appeals (427 S.C. 57, 828 S.E.2d 234 (S.C. App. 2019)), but was then was ultimately upheld on appeal to the South Carolina Supreme Court.
(e) *H. Marshall Hoyler v The State of South Carolina, et al*, 428 S.C. 279, 833 S.E. 2d 845 (S.C.App 2020) My Order invalidating the conveyance of marshland by the State was upheld on appeal.

Judge Dukes reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Dukes further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) In 1997, I was an unsuccessful candidate for the 14th Circuit Family Court bench.
(b) In 2002, I was defeated in a primary race for SC House seat 124.
(c) In 2013, I was an unsuccessful candidate for an At-Large Circuit Judge seat.
(d) In 2017, I was an unsuccessful candidate for an At-Large Circuit Judge seat.
(e) In 2020, I was an unsuccessful candidate for an At-Large Circuit Judge seat.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Dukes's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Dukes to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee committed that Judge Dukes has "tremendous civil experience

with some criminal experience, excellent judicial disposition, personable, very well suited to be a circuit judge."

Judge Dukes is married to Laura Campbell Dukes. He has one child.

Judge Dukes reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association, November 1987 to present.
(b) Master's Association 2007 to present. President 2012.

Judge Dukes provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Beaufort Yacht and Sailing Club
(b) Jean Ribaut Society (debutante society)

Judge Dukes further reported:

I am the oldest of four brothers. Our parents emphasized the value of hard work, fairness, honesty and the golden rule. I have worked for 36 years on the bar and bench with the philosophy that following the core values our parents taught to us can never be wrong.
In my legal career, I did my best to solve problems and seek fair and just outcomes of disputes.
I have run a successful small law firm and I know the burden and the satisfaction of small business ownership, including making payroll and regulatory compliance. I have developed and redeveloped properties and understand and appreciate the difficulties and rewards of such endeavors.
I have run for and served in public office as a County Council vice-chairman, a position that included serving on a number of committees on almost every government related subject.
I have sued and been sued and understand personally the value of a fair and just judicial system.
As Master-in-Equity I have done my best to live by the core values that have served me well in the past. I believe that due process is a combination of those values.

Because I believe that a settlement between litigants is always better than a ruling from a third party, I have always encouraged mediation wherever possible. In Court hearings, I insist on an atmosphere of "Disagree without being disagreeable".

During my sixteen year service as Master, I have seen the fallout from the foreclosure crisis and the pandemic. Many of the decisions that I have made have been difficult, but they have not been made without careful consideration, due process and the exhaustion of all efforts to avoid forfeiture. In every case, I do my best to ensure that litigants and lawyers alike are treated with respect and fairness.

I believe that our entire judicial system rests on the people's understanding and confidence that win or lose, they were given a fair chance. As a Master-in-Equity it has been my goal to always guarantee that fair chance. I strive to have all parties leave the Courtroom knowing that they were heard and that their concerns, claims and defenses were fairly considered.

Further, as Master, I have served in the role of president of the Master's association and have assisted in the modification of Court rules regarding foreclosures. As Master I have handled tens of millions of dollars in foreclosure proceeds, and through collection of fees and commissions, my office been a profit center for the County.

Finally, my greatest achievement and enjoyment has been that of a proud husband and father. My wife and I work every day to pass on to our daughter the core values that have guided us.

Thank you for your consideration,

Marvin H. Dukes III

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented that Judge Dukes has an excellent reputation as patient, courteous, and well-tempered. They noted

his great intellect, which will serve him in discharging his responsibilities as a jurist on the Circuit Court bench.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Dukes qualified and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

David Pierce Caraker, Jr.
Circuit Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Caraker meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Caraker was born in 1968. He is 55 years old and a resident of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Mr. Caraker provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2011.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Caraker.

Mr. Caraker demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Caraker reported that he has made $1.59 in campaign expenditures for postage.

Mr. Caraker testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Caraker testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Caraker to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Caraker reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I have been an instructor at Prosecution Boot Camp, which is a program sponsored by the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination. This week-long seminar has many instructors, and is for newer prosecutors. The instructors cover many areas, to include trial advocacy, direct and cross examination, ethics, plea negotiations, sentencing, discovery obligations, and restitution.

Prior to arrival at Boot Camp, each student participant will be assigned a case, with a narrative, witnesses, photos, statements, and certain evidence. They are told to prepare openings, closings, direct and cross examination, and to admit evidence as if at trial. The students then attend lectures about certain subjects, and then break out into different, assigned groups, to put what they have learned into practice. The instructors listen and observe the presentations, and critique students on their performances, providing feedback in the form of constructive criticism and real world advice.

(b) In addition to Boot Camp, I have lectured at countless Inservice trainings for several law enforcement agencies in our jurisdiction, including the Horry County Police Department, the Myrtle Beach Police Department, and the Conway Police Department. I have taught classes on courtroom presentation and etiquette, presentation of evidence, search and seizure, report writing, and Miranda

issues. Moreover, I have given classes specifically on the legal issues surrounding drug interdiction.

(c) I have also given talks regarding drug court, drug treatment, mental health court, and issues surround the incarceration of drug addicts to community and church groups in our area.

Mr. Caraker reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Caraker did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Caraker did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Caraker has handled his financial affairs responsibly.
The Commission also noted that Mr. Caraker was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Caraker reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Caraker reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Caraker reported that he has never held any public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Caraker appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Caraker appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Caraker was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2011.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) August 2011 – December 2013: The Hyman Law Firm, Florence, South Carolina. I was an associate attorney in this firm. My areas of practice focused on civil plaintiff's work, and representing injured workers in worker's compensation claims. I also represented people who were seeking Social Security Disability benefits. I was not involved in the administrative or financial management of this firm, nor did I handle the trust account.

(b) January 2014 – present: Senior Assistant Solicitor, Horry County Solicitor's Office, Conway, South Carolina. I was hired at the Solicitor's Office to run the newly formed drug prosecution team. Although I have handled everything from misdemeanor drug possession to murder, my primary focus is on prosecuting drug cases of every description. With regard to administrative duties, in addition to my own caseload of approximately seven-hundred cases, I also supervise and train a team of prosecutors and paralegals, with a combined caseload of approximately another two thousand-eight hundred cases, who are also responsible for prosecuting all manner of drug cases. I am also brought in on some hiring and firing decisions, as well as disciplinary and personnel matters. Additionally, I train many newly hired prosecutors. I am not involved in the financial management of this office.

(c) February 2016 – present: Special Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office, Florence, South Carolina. As a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, I am assigned to the Violent Crimes Division. In general, my practice in this capacity is to prosecute firearms cases against convicted felons who meet a particular declination threshold, in federal court. This necessarily also includes some measure of federal drug prosecution, as firearms and drugs are often found together. I am not involved in the administrative or financial management of this office.

(d) February 2023 – present: Senior Assistant Solicitor, Georgetown County Solicitor's Office. My duties at the Georgetown office mirror my duties and responsibilities in the Horry County office. Solicitor Richardson has recently tasked me with overseeing this caseload as well as the Horry County, and my federal caseload.

Mr. Caraker further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

(a) With regard to criminal matters, in the past five years, I have handled a range of cases from drug possession, distribution, and trafficking, to burglaries, to assaults, to murder. In addition, I have handled gun and drug cases and their associated issues in federal court. The vast majority of cases that I have handled, however, have been drug cases of all description, with the number of warrants disposed of being in the thousands. Because of the sheer number of cases that I have worked, it is impossible to discuss the issues in each case. Generally speaking, however, I have had occasion to deal with issues involving search and seizure (search warrants, reasonable suspicion, warrantless searches, *Terry* stops), traffic stops and their attendant concerns, *Miranda* and identification issues, and questions involving knowledge and possession of an object or substance. I have also had, on occasion, to deal with delineating between murder and manslaughter, issues of self-defense, and differing degrees of assault and battery. Although possibly not contemplated, one of the main issues in any drug case is that of sentencing or disposition. Working drug cases has allowed me to see and interact with the entire gambit of social, economic, and ethnic backgrounds. It gives me the opportunity to truly help those who are ready receive it. Although incarceration is appropriate in some cases, I often get to craft resolutions in cases that can result in people going into drug rehab or drug court of one description or another.

(b) In the civil realm, I must go back further than five years. In my time at the Hyman Law Firm, I had an opportunity to represent plaintiffs on cases ranging from car and truck accidents, to premises liability, products liability, nursing home negligence, worker's compensation,

and Social Security disability. I also was assigned two Post Conviction Relief matters, and handled one matter at the Court of Appeals. Issues that I commonly dealt with were that of determining liability or compensability, existence and extent of injury, the nature and extent of disability, and proving damages. Because of mandatory Alternative Dispute Resolution, the vast majority of cases were settled at mediation, or shortly thereafter. I tried cases in civil court, before the Worker's Compensation Commission, and before a Social Security Disability judge.

Mr. Caraker reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: Several times per month. It is very difficult to state a number, as my appearances depend greatly upon the number of cases that I have indicted at any given time. I appear before a magistrate judge, as well as a District Court judge;

(b) State: When court is in session in our County, I am in court several times a week on one matter or another. In many weeks, I will often appear in both state and federal courts in the same week.

Mr. Caraker reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: No civil practice in the past 5 years;
(b) Criminal: I have devoted 100% of my practice the past 5 years to criminal practice;
(c) Domestic: No domestic practice the past 5 years;
(d) Other: N/A.

Mr. Caraker reported his practice in trial court as follows:
(a) As to the percentage of his cases that were in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial: This is difficult to ascertain, but likely around ninety-five percent. So as not to mislead anyone, we have dedicated non-jury terms of court,

where we plead the vast majority of our cases, while at the same time preparing other cases for trial. Most of those cases also plead prior to trial. We also actively use diversion programs to try to help people get help with drug addiction, and to try to keep their records clean.
(b) Approximately 5 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict
(c) 0 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case
(d) Approximately 3 to 5 cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements

Mr. Caraker provided the following about his role as counsel during the past five years:
Although my role is difficult to categorize in these terms, I would say that I served most often as chief counsel - that being sole counsel on my own caseload, and co-counsel should any of my subordinates have a case go to trial. I would also have a younger attorney with me for training purposes should any of my cases go to trial, or go to a suppression hearing.
The following is Mr. Caraker's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *State v. David Harold Campbell.* This case was on Trafficking Cocaine third or subsequent offense. It involved a defendant running from police in a high speed chase through Myrtle Beach. Once he stopped, he got out of his car and ran away, throwing a bag containing drugs up onto a balcony in an apartment building. A family member who may or may not have even been in the area took the stand and claimed that he was the one who had the drugs, and dropped the bag when he heard police chasing the defendant. At trial, we had to overcome, not only the fact that the defendant had no drugs on him when apprehended, but the family member's testimony.

(b) *Jill Susan Wolfsie v. Social Security Administration.* Ms. Wolfsie suffered from a number of infirmities due to colon cancer, and was unable to work. This case was significant because it was imperative that it be decided "on the record," which means without a hearing. I did not believe that she could physically make it through a hearing. We engaged in very intense study of her medical issues, with several doctors. I also devised a questionnaire that mirrored

the requirements set forth by the Administration, such that, if answered truthfully by the doctors, we thought we would obtain a favorable decision. In the end, we were granted a decision on the record, in favor of Ms. Wolfsie.

(c) *State v. Abel Gause*. This was a case of a third or subsequent Possession With Intent to Distribute Heroin. The main issue was the "intent" to distribute. During the course of the trial, I found out that another police agency had been investigating the defendant, and had numerous trafficking level buys on him. After the jury convicted the defendant, and he was sentenced, we dismissed the other pending charges.

(d) *United States v. Byran Bromell*. This case involved a defendant who was a prohibited felon. He got caught with 2 guns and a significant amount of marijuana, after fleeing a traffic stop two days after being put on probation in state court for Attempted Armed Robbery, Failure to Stop, and PWID Marijuana. He pleaded guilty in District Court, and was sentenced to eighty months. Bromell filed a pro se motion, seeking relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §2255. Bromell argues that under *United States v. Taylor*, 142 S. Ct. 2015 (2022), his prior conviction for Attempted Armed Robbery is no longer a predicate crime of violence that can enhance his Guidelines range. This appeal was decided on the briefs that had been submitted by the parties. The Judge ruled in favor of the Government, and Bromell's sentence remained at eighty months.

(e) *Christiana Juaire v. United States of America*. I was co-counsel on this case where a United States Post Office truck struck our client while she was working on a road crew on the side of the roadway. She sustained injury to her spine to the point where she had to have a spinal cord stimulator implanted. The case was significant because we had to overcome a Harvard expert hired by the Government who said that her injuries could not have happened the way she described. The case was tried as a bench trial, and a verdict rendered for the plaintiff in the case.

The following is Mr. Caraker's account of the civil appeal he has personally handled:

Hembree v. One Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Seven dollars ($1,847.00), 404 S.C. 241, 743 S.E.2d 864, 2013 S.C. App. LEXIS 162, 2013 WL 2601574 (Ct. App. 2013)
This case was heard at the Court of Appeals, and decision rendered on June 12, 2013

The following is Mr. Caraker's account of three criminal appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *United States v. Sean Patrick Murphy*, United States District Court, District of South Carolina. The case is still pending

(b) *United States v. Byran Bromell*, United States District Court, District of South Carolina, decided on May 19, 2023

(c) *United States v. Lenada Hunt*, United States District Court, District of South Carolina. The case is still pending.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Caraker's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Mr. Caraker to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee found Mr. Caraker "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no summary comments.

Mr. Caraker is married to Kari Jackson-Caraker. He has one child.

Mr. Caraker reported that he was a member of the following Bar association:

South Carolina Bar

Mr. Caraker provided that he is not a member of any civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

Mr. Caraker further reported:

My parents, both of whom worked the school system, instilled in me hard work, respect for others, and personal responsibility. I believe that my diverse background would be of great benefit to the people of South Carolina, should I be elected to serve as a Circuit Court Judge. Not only have I been in law enforcement, but I have practiced civil and criminal law at the state and federal level, and have been in business in the private sector. I understand the practice of law in the courtroom, and at the business level.

My father taught me that we are at our best when serving others. My entire adult professional life has been dedicated to public service. It is through that public service that I have come to realize that the court system impacts ordinary people in ways that no other branch of government can. Because of that, I will work hard every day to prepare myself for the task at hand. If I am elected, I believe that I will be the type of judge who embodies hard work, demonstrates respect for the law and the people before me, and who ensures that our judicial system remains worthy of esteem.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented on Mr. Caraker's diverse experience including his extensive experience regarding civil matters at highly respected firms. The Commission further commended Mr. Caraker for his career and outstanding reputation at the Horry County and Georgetown County Solicitor's Offices, as well as his commitment to the administration of justice.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Mr. Caraker qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Joshua D. Holford
Circuit Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Holford meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Holford was born in 1984. He is 39 years old and a resident of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Mr. Holford provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2010. He was also admitted to the Virginia Bar in 2012.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Holford.

Mr. Holford demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Holford reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Holford testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Holford testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Holford to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Holford reported the following about teaching law-related courses:

I coached a middle school mock trial team in law school. I also coached a high school mock trial team for four years in Horry County.

Mr. Holford reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Holford did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Holford did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Holford has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Holford was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Holford reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Holford reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Holford reported that he has never held public office**.**

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Holford appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Holford appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Holford was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2010.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) South Carolina Attorney General's Office, Senior Law Clerk (2010)

(i) Assisted attorneys in researching and drafting motions and memos for securities enforcement, civil, and administrative actions

(ii) I was not involved with the administrative or financial management of this entity, and I did not manage a trust account.

(b) Office of Disciplinary Counsel (2010)

(i) After being hired as Judge Cottingham's law clerk and leaving the Attorney General's Office, Judge Cottingham had surgery that prevented him from traveling and taking the bench. During those three months, between October and December, I was placed by the Judicial Department at the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

(ii) I assisted other attorneys with disciplinary complaints on lawyers. I read complaints, researched the applicable rules of conduct, and drafted responses. I also assisted in interviews of lawyers responding to the complaints.

(iii) I was not involved with the administrative or financial management of this entity, and I did not manage a trust account.

(c) Law clerk to the Honorable Edward B. Cottingham, Circuit Court Judge (2010 – 2012)

(i) I preformed the typical duties of a law clerk: researching, drafting jury charges and orders, and communicating with attorneys. In addition, I drove Judge Cottingham to and from whatever county he was holding court in each week, and to and from the courthouse each day. From September to May, he was typically assigned to Horry County. In the summer months, he held court in Lexington, Marlboro, and a few other counties. Those two years prepared me the most to be a trial lawyer, and the wisdom he shared during the numerous hours we spent in the car is invaluable. It wasn't until my clerkship with him that I decided to pursue criminal law.

(ii) I was not involved with the administrative or financial management of this entity, and I did not manage a trust account.

(d) Fifteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office, Assistant Solicitor (2012 – 2013)
(i) As an assistant solicitor in General Sessions, I tried nine cases to a jury verdict: (1) burglary, 1st degree, (2) armed robbery, (3) shoplifting, enhanced, (4) murder, (5) attempted murder and burglary, 1st degree, (6) burglary, 1st degree and larceny, enhanced, (7) criminal domestic violence of a high and aggravated nature, (8) burglary, 2nd degree, and (9) attempted murder, unlawful possession of a firearm, and burglary, 1st degree.
(ii) I disposed of over eight hundred other warrants by plea, diversion, or dismissal.
(iii) I was not involved with the administrative or financial management of this entity, and I did not manage a trust account.
(e) Goldfinch & Winslow, Associate Attorney (2013 – 2014)
(i) I mainly started and handled the criminal defense section. I tried one DUI case in Magistrate Court to a jury verdict.
(ii) I assisted with business formations, civil cases, and administrative hearings.
(iii) I volunteered as the defense attorney for Horry County Drug Court. I assisted participants in small personal matters (e.g. license reinstatement requirements), advocated for them at staff meetings, and represented their interests at termination hearings.
(iv) I was not involved with the administrative or financial management of this entity, and I did not manage a trust account.
(f) Johnny Gardner Law Group (2014)
(i) I mainly handled criminal defense, both retained and appointed cases. I was appointed to defend a person charged with murder, but that case did not come to a resolution until after I left private practice. I tried one case in General Sessions court to a jury verdict: burglary, 2nd degree (violent) and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.
(ii) I also assisted clients with civil matters, demand letters, and hearings.

(iii) I continued to volunteer as the defense attorney for Horry County Drug Court.
(iv) I was not involved with the administrative or financial management of this entity, and I did not manage a trust account.
(g) Fifteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office (2015 – Present)
(i) Assistant Solicitor (2015 – 2016)
(aa) I tried two cases to a jury verdict: (1) pointing and presenting a firearm, and (2) burglary, 1st degree, armed robbery, and kidnapping. I also did a stand your ground hearing; after which, the defendant pleaded guilty. I disposed of hundreds of other warrants by plea, diversion
(ii) CSC/Violent Crimes Solicitor (2016 – 2017)
(aa) I tried three cases to a jury verdict: (1) murder, (2) criminal sexual conduct in the first degree, kidnapping, armed robbery, and possession of a weapon during a crime, and (3) criminal sexual conduct with a minor in the first degree.
(iii) Senior Assistant Solicitor (2017 – Present)
(aa) I have tried eighteen cases to a jury verdict, including multiple murders, carjackings, attempted murders, homicide by child abuse, felony DUI, assault on an officer, obstruction of justice, armed robberies, joint trials with co-defendants, and others. Two other cases I took to trial resulted in guilty pleas after testimony by witnesses. I have also defended multiple stand your ground motions. I have disposed of over two thousand five hundred other warrants by plea, diversion, or dismissal.
(bb) I supervise and train assistant solicitors on my team. I sit with them in trials and teach them how to try cases. I also run court for my team's plea days.
(cc) I handled the trial docket and the priority docket for the office for three years.
(dd) I have been the solicitor in charge of the Horry County Drug Court since 2015. Until this year, I met with the drug court team and attended

court every Wednesday afternoon. Earlier this year, I brought another team member in to help, so now I attend court every other Wednesday.

(iv) I am not involved with the administrative or financial management of this entity, and I do not manage a trust account.

Mr. Holford further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

(a) I have practiced in criminal law, both as an assistant solicitor and as a defense attorney for the past eleven years. I have handled pleas, motions, trials, diversion programs, and bond hearings for thousands of cases. I have argued suppression motions, Jackson v. Denno motions, Neil v. Biggers motions, directed verdict motions, motions for new trials, and others. I have been solo counsel, lead-counsel, and co-counsel in trials. I have handled trial dockets, priority dockets, and managed the office's benchmark numbers. I have dealt with all types of crimes from DUI and unlawful carrying of a pistol to murder and criminal sexual conduct.

(b) Criminal trials for the past five years (February 2018 – Present)

(1) State v. Deterris Bellamy; murder and attempted armed robbery.

(2) State v. Oswaldo Castaneda; failure to stop for a blue light

(3) State v. Brandon Davis; assaulting an officer while resisting arrest.

(4) State v. Edward Washington; felony DUI with death and hit and run resulting in death.

(5) State v. Shaquille Dozier; carjacking and failure to stop for a blue light.

(6) State v. Calvin Ford and Aliga Campbell; murder (x2), possession of a weapon during a violent crime, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

(7) State v. Cleavon Dantzler; attempted murder and unlawful possession of a firearm. Dantzler pleaded guilty to ABHAN after witness testimony.

(8) State v. Jerome Thompson; attempted murder and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Thompson pleaded guilty after testimony.

(9) State v. Alyssa Dayvault; homicide by child abuse (x2).
(10) State v. Zachary Stell; murder (x2).
(11) State v. Earl Gaddis; murder, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, unlawful possession of a firearm, pwid marijuana, and possession of schedule I-V drugs (x2).
(12) State v. Jamar Williams; murder, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.
(13) State v. Quatase Jenrette; murder.
(14) State v. Adriatik Hodaj; unlawful carrying of a pistol.
(15) State v. Jeremy Jeffers; attempted murder and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.
(16) State v. Dlanor Tilton and Mazar Sturdivant; armed robbery (x2).
(17) State v. Tyshawn Brown; murder and attempted murder.
(18) State v. Shaquille Blakeley; kidnapping, armed robbery, and possession of a weapon during a violent crime.

(c) I have appeared in front of a Circuit Court judge nearly every week we have had a term of court, which is generally two or three weeks a month, for the past five years. Each week of a court term, I am typically in front of a Circuit Court judge at least one or two days for that week.

(d) I have limited experience in civil matters. I realize this may be my biggest weakness. As a law clerk for two years, I observed, researched, and assisted Judge Cottingham with every term of civil court we had. It seems like a majority of the time those cases settled and the Chief Justice would convert the remainder of his week to a criminal term. He did preside over a few civil trials though, and he was the Chief Administrative Judge for the condemnation docket in Horry County. I also assisted in civil matters at both Goldfinch & Winslow Law and Johnny Gardner Law. I do know the rules of evidence, as well as courtroom and trial procedure, which would carry over for civil court. I am an avid reader of the advance sheets and e-blasts; I believe I have kept up on civil law and would continue to do so. I am adept at researching and

reading caselaw and would be able to follow the law when adjudicating civil cases. I would also compensate for my lack of experience in civil court by making an extra effort to study civil opinions, the rules of civil procedure, and by checking the judicial listserv relating to civil matters. I believe my law clerk could also be a great help to me in this area. Finally, I know mock trial is not real court, but the law related education committee does an excellent job in trying to make it as realistic as possible. Typically every other year is a civil matter. I have been on mock trial teams, been coached by civil lawyers, coached a high school team for four years in the past, and judged—both as a juror and presiding judge—local and state competitions. I believe the foundation I already have from my prior experiences will allow me to hone in on and fine-tune the areas in which I am least experienced.

Mr. Holford reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: None
(b) State: 100%; I have appeared in court at least one or two days a week during almost every term of court in Horry County the past five years. Typically we get two to three terms of General Sessions court a month.

Mr. Holford reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 0%;
(b) Criminal: 100%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Mr. Holford reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) 95% of his practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial
(b) 16 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict
(c) 2 cases resulted in a guilty plea after jury selection, opening statements, some witness testimony, but before the State rested.

(d) 0 cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements

Mr. Holford provided that during the past five years he most often served as chief counsel.

The following is Mr. Holford's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *State v. Kareem Harry*, 420 S.C. 290, 803 S.E.2d 272 (2017)

(i) This was my first murder trial in 2013; I acted as co-counsel. The shooter in the case had already pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter. Harry rejected all offers and proceeded to trial as charged. He was convicted of murder under the hand of one is the hand of all theory. He went out of his way to get his friends and a known shooter in order to reclaim a television. When he showed up at the victim's house, an argument ensued, and Harry's co-defendant, the known shooter who had a gun with him, shot the victim in his own driveway. The Court discussed circumstantial evidence and the theory of the hand of one in South Carolina. This case was later overturned on PCR grounds. I handled the plea *N.C. v. Alford* entered by Harry earlier this year.

(b) *State v. Sidney Moorer,* Op. No. 2020-UP-198 (S.C. Ct. App. Filed July 1, 2020)

(i) Moorer and his wife were charged in the kidnapping and murder of Heather Elvis. She is missing to this day. This case garnered national attention. I tried Moorer as co-counsel, along with Nancy Livesay, for his obstruction of justice charge prior to him being found guilty of kidnapping. The obstruction of justice charge was the first step in getting justice for the victim's family.

(c) *State v. Calvin D. Ford*, 439 S.C. 261, 886 S.E.2d 710 (Ct. App. 2023)

(i) Ford was convicted of murder. This case involved a lengthy stand your ground hearing and an argument at trial in regards to self-defense. Ford and the victim had prior bad blood. Ford armed himself illegally and went to the victim's house during his birthday party. An argument ensued and Ford shot the victim and another individual.

Ford was convicted for one death and acquitted of the other, as the jury felt the latter killing was unintentional.

(d) *State v. Tyshawn Brown*

(i) Brown was convicted of murder and attempted murder. He followed the victim and the victim's girlfriend in a vehicle from a gas station. He was upset because the victim did not want to be a part of his gang. Brown ordered his co-defendant in the back seat to shoot the victim with an AR; the co-defendant refused. The co-defendant testified at trial. After refusing, Brown boxed in the victim's vehicle, exited his own vehicle and shot the victim and his girlfriend. The girlfriend suffered gun shot wounds, but she survived to call the police, tell what happened, and testify in trial.

(e) *State v. Edward Washington*

(i) Washington was convicted of felony DUI resulting in death. Washington was on his way home from a drug deal, intoxicated, and speeding. He struck a pedestrian, who was running across the street near Coastal Carolina University. The dispute in the case was over the speed at the time of the collision and the potential fault the victim had in crossing without a crosswalk. The defendant's ankle monitor and MAIT report showed and estimated different speeds than the car computer. Washington was also charged with hit and run resulting in death because he left the scene for a short time; he did return, angry and accusing people of throwing a bottle at his car; he was acquitted of hit and run resulting in death.

Mr. Holford reported he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Mr. Holford's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Holford to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of

ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Mr. Holford is married to Jenna Ann Holford. He has one child.

Mr. Holford reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) Horry County Bar Association

Mr. Holford provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) The Dunes Golf & Beach Club, member, 2021 - Present
(b) The Leadership Challenge class/workshop for assistant solicitors, 2023
(c) Leadership Grand Strand
(i) In class thirty-seven, 2016 – 2017
(ii) Board of Regents, 2017 – 2022; Treasurer of BOR, 2018 – 2019; Vice Chair of BOR, 2019 – 2020; Chair of BOR, 2020 – 2021.

Mr. Holford further reported:

At a young age, my dad instilled in me the drive to work hard to achieve my goals. He sacrificed for our family by working two and three jobs so my mom could finish college. He always showed me how to be respectful, kind, and a man of integrity. He showed me how to love your family and that spending time, not buying things, was what mattered. We were poor when I was growing up, but I did not know that until I was much older. After my mom graduated college, she stayed home with me and my siblings. She showed me patience, kindness, and self-control; she never complained and found the good in all situations. I do not remember one time growing up when my parents had an argument, and I know there must have been many. They showed me how to respect others. My mom also read to me a lot as a child and encouraged me to read. I am an avid reader still, and I read to my son most nights. I am a better person for having the love and support from my parents. I am blessed that they raised me to do the right thing.

I am the oldest of four. My parents named me Joshua David, a leader and beloved. I have always been a leader, to my siblings, in school, and in work. The earliest I remember telling my family I wanted to be a lawyer was in second grade. I am a typical Type A, so driven and dedicated that I never strayed from that path. I have vice president, president, chair, teacher, coach, supervisor in most organizations that I have been involved with since high school. My calling was and is to serve for the benefit of others and the public good. Although there have been bumps in the road, I have always tried to stay true to my calling.

I am not perfect. I have made many mistakes. I have been humbled. I believe those mistakes and hardships allow me to be more compassionate, fair, reasonable, and empathetic. My weaknesses and negatives have already been presented to you in previous questions. I know I am a better and stronger person having faced adversity, even hardships of my own causing, and come through to the other side intact. There is a book, The Obstacle is the Way, which has the basic premise that it is not our faults, mistakes, or hardships that define us, but the way in which we trudge through them and bounce back. I find that to be true. You can likely tell from my son's middle name that I have an affinity for Roman emperors. Marcus Aurelius is a favorite of mine. The book of his meditations show that even an emperor has stress, pressures, and doubts in life, but he always comes back to core principles of serving the public, doing what is right, not letting external circumstances dictate his reactions, and controlling his emotions. I have also found those principles to be a guide to success.

I believe the kind of judge I plan to be has been shaped by what I have been taught my whole life. I want to be wise like Solomon. I plan to be a leader and a public servant. I plan to work hard. I plan to follow the law. I plan to know the statutes and caselaw, and to apply the same to adjudicate disputes. I plan to not get in the way when parties are in agreement. I plan to show respect to all of those who appear in front of me. I plan to uphold the integrity and the honor of the office of Circuit Court judge. I plan to work diligently and cooperatively with other judges. And finally, I plan to strive to

live by what the first Solicitor that hired me in 2012 would always say: do the right thing, at the right time, and for the right reason.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission found Mr. Holford to have an excellent temperament and to be a mentor within his community.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Holford qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Douglas M. Zayicek
Circuit Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Zayicek meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Zayicek was born in 1965. He is 58 years old and a resident of Conway, South Carolina. Mr. Zayicek provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1996.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Zayicek.

Mr. Zayicek demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Zayicek reported that he has made $850.94 in campaign expenditures for stationery and printing, postage, postcards, and magnetic name tags.

Mr. Zayicek testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Zayicek testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Mr. Zayicek to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Zayicek reported that he has not taught or lectured at any bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.

Mr. Zayicek reported that he has published the following:

(a) "Pursuing Payment under the Medicare as Secondary Payor Statute," Healthcare Financial Management Newsletter, December 1995

(b) "The Use of Arbitration in Managed Care," Healthcare Financial Management Newsletter, May 1996

(c) "Building a Better Guilty Plea," South Carolina Lawyer, January/February 1997

(d) "False Light Invasion of Privacy-A New Tort in Town?," South Carolina Lawyer, July/August 1997

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Zayicek did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Zayicek did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Zayicek has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Zayicek was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Zayicek reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Zayicek reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Zayicek reported that he has never held any public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Zayicek appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Zayicek appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Zayicek was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1996.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

Law Clerk, Hon. John L. Breeden, Jr. (Ret.), Circuit Court Judge, 1996-1997

General Law Clerk duties included drafting of orders, review of orders submitted by attorneys, scheduling matters, researching various legal issues for the judge. I also co-authored two magazine articles with Judge Breeden while working for him.

Bellamy, Rutenberg, Copeland, Epps, Gravely & Bowers, P.A. (The Bellamy Law Firm) 1997-current, Shareholder

My practice since joining The Bellamy Law Firm has largely been devoted to four main areas: foreclosures, real estate

litigation, collection matters, and landlord/tenant matters. However, I also have also done insurance defense work, personal injury work, defense of a municipality, and other types of litigation through the years. I have been a member of the Board of Governors, which runs the day-to-day operations of The Bellamy Law Firm, since 2014. I am also the Personnel Shareholder, and have responsibility for approximately 50 employees.

Mr. Zayicek further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Over the past five years, I have not handled any criminal matters. During my legal career, however, I have handled several guilty pleas. As a law clerk to a Circuit Court Judge, I witnessed multiple criminal trials and countless guilty pleas. I also authored an article for SC Lawyer magazine regarding guilty pleas. Sitting next to a Judge for one year, spending countless hours driving around the state with a Judge, and seeing how courts operate in various counties has provided me with invaluable experience. If I am elected to be a Circuit Court Judge, I intend to spend many days in General Sessions Court prior to being sworn in, as a spectator, to refresh the lessons learned while being a Law Clerk to a Circuit Court Judge.

Although I have not practiced any criminal law in the past five years, I was leaning toward working in the Solicitor's office and practicing criminal law after law school. My last paper in law school involved the death penalty under the Military Code of Justice. And as noted above, while a Law Clerk, I authored a magazine article discussing guilty pleas. Many of my most vivid memories of being a Law Clerk involve matters in criminal cases. So I have always had an interest for the practice of criminal law—but I got a job offer I couldn't refuse while clerking, and life chose a different path for me.

With regard to civil matters, my experience is extremely varied, and I have not been shoe-horned into any specific area of practice. I have represented individuals (including several attorneys), corporations, municipalities, and banks, in a wide spectrum of matters, from mortgage foreclosures and collection

actions for banks, to individuals in personal injury matters, to attorneys in fee dispute matters, to defending the City of Myrtle Beach in several lawsuits. I have handled equitable matters such as foreclosures and quiet title actions, boundary disputes, mortgage reformations, supplemental proceedings, and accountings, to real property disputes, contract disputes, collection actions, insurance defense, and landlord/tenant matters, from start through the appeal process. Additional matters litigated include tax sale quiet title actions, earnest money disputes, business/accounting disputes, lease disputes, specific performance cases, real estate commission disputes, magistrate appeals, and even an appeal from the SC Board of Realtors (currently on appeal before the South Carolina Supreme Court).

Many of these matters have been in Circuit Court, but many have also been in Magistrate Court, and before the Master-in-Equity. In my first 10 years of practice, I worked directly with Howell V. "Skeets" Bellamy and Henrietta Golding on a number of complicated civil litigation matters.

Also, I have been a guardian ad litem in approximately 50 cases.

Further, I have handled countless landlord/tenant matters in magistrate court. I have been fortunate enough to represent many of the large landlords in the area, including Burroughs & Chapin, Barefoot Landing, Coastal Grand Mall, Magnolia Mall (Florence), Northwoods Mall (Charleston), and dozens of other strip malls, shopping centers, and commercial landlords.

Overall, I have been lucky enough to have a solid legal background on many areas of litigation, and appellate practice, all of which I feel, make me well suited to be a Circuit Court Judge.

Mr. Zayicek reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 15%;
(b) State: 85%.

Mr. Zayicek reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 100%;
(b) Criminal: 0%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Mr. Zayicek reported his practice in trial court as follows:
(a) 95% of his cases were in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial;
(b) 10 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict;
(c) 1 case went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case;
(d) 1 case settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Mr. Zayicek provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole/chief counsel. Mr. Zayicek reported "[A]ll of my work in the past five years has been as sole/chief counsel. But I share an associate with another attorney, and have worked with her on many cases."

The following is Mr. Zayicek's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Catawba Indian Tribe of South Carolina v. City of North Myrtle Beach*, 2000 WL 770141 (4th Cir. 2000), No. 99-2177, CA-97-3000-4-22. This matter involved the interpretation and application of the Catawba Indian Claims Settlement Act, and the Tribe's ability to operate bingo facilities. Although we were not successful, the matter was significant in terms of the Tribe being able to maintain itself economically.

(b) *Wooten v. S.C. Coastal Council*, 510 S.E.2d 716 (S.C. 1999). This was the first case I argued before the South Carolina Supreme Court. The fundamental issue involved whether the State obtains the right to land eroded via a natural disaster, or whether the property owner may reclaim property eroded via natural disaster, and the issues related thereto.

(c) *City of Myrtle Beach v. Juel P. Corp. and Gay Dolphin, Inc.*, 543 S.E.2d 538 (S.C. 2001). This case involved a valuable rooftop billboard and the issues of abandonment, intent, nonconforming uses, and matters of statutory interpretation.
(d) *Brewer v. Myrtle Beach Farms Company, Inc. d/b/a Myrtle Beach Pavilion Amusement Park,* 2005-UP-508 (S.C. Ct. App.) This case involved an injury at the Pavilion Amusement Park, and the issues of proximate cause and assuming the risk of riding amusement park rides.
(e) *Wachovia Bank of S.C. v. Thomasko*, 529 S.E.2d 554 (S.C. Ct. App. 2000). This case involved an honest mistake made during a currency exchange from pesos to U.S. Dollars, and whether the customer is entitled to an unjust enrichment based on that mistake.

The following is Mr. Zayicek's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:
(a) *Brenco v. S.C. Dept. of Transp.*, 609 S.E.2d 531 (S.C. Ct. App. 2005), aff'd 377 S.C. 124, 659 S.E.2d 167 (2008)
(b) *Clear Channel Outdoor v. City of Myrtle Beach*, 602 S.E.2d 76 (S.C. Ct. App. 2004)
(c) *Patricia Grand Hotel, LLC v. MacGuire Enterprises, Inc*., 372 S.C. 634, 643 S.E.2d 692 (S.C. App. 2007)
(d) *Taxi Cabvertising, Inc. v. City of Myrtle Beach*, 2002 WL 23165 (4th Cir. 2002)
(e) *Pee Dee Stores, Inc. v. Doyle, 381* S.C. 234, 672 S.E.2d 799 (S.C. Ct. App. 2009)

Mr. Zayicek reported that he has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Mr. Zayicek further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacy:

I ran for Horry County Mater-in-Equity in 2021, upon the retirement of Judge Cynthia Graham Howe.
(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Zayicek's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Mr. Zayicek to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, mental stability, and judicial temperament; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, and experience. The Committee had no summary or related comments.

Mr. Zayicek is not married. He does not have any children.

Mr. Zayicek reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) SC Bar
(b) Horry County Bar

Mr. Zayicek provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Grand Strand Humane Society, Board of Directors (may have been more than 5 years ago, but I will include just to be safe)
(b) Commission on Lawyer Conduct
(c) Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs Waccamaw Regional Foundation Board of Directors
(d) Fee Dispute Resolutions Board
(e) Yerger/Seawell Best Article Award, HFMA
(f) American Jurisprudence Award, Contracts
(g) Attorney to Assist Disciplinary Counsel

Mr. Zayicek further reported:

I believe life experiences are important to making a person well-rounded. I was a double major in college (computer science & mathematics), and worked for a defense contractor just outside of Boston for 2 years. While there, I was involved in classified projects for the US military. After two years, I decided to move to Columbia, SC, where both of my brothers were living. I then worked for two different companies as a computer progammer, before deciding to go to law school.

After law school, I had the honor and privilege of being the first Law Clerk for the Hon. John L. Breeden, Jr. (Ret.). Anyone who knows Judge Breeden will attest to how kind, generous, funny, and compassionate he is. Watching and learning from him was invaluable. If I am lucky enough to ever be elected to the bench, I will strive every day to approach the position as he did.

After clerking for Judge Breeden, I was hired by The Bellamy Law Firm in 1997, and have been there since. I had the honor of working under and learning from Howell V. Bellamy, Jr, and Henrietta U. Golding, two of the finest trial attorneys anywhere. They taught me how to be a litigator. While that mentality is far different from being a judge, the skills and work ethic they taught me are invaluable.

I also have the honor or being a member of the South Carolina Supreme Court Commission on Lawyer Conduct. That Commission, subject to the South Carolina Supreme Court's review, is the final decision maker on attorney disclipline matters in South Carolina. It is an elite honor to be selected by the South Carolina Supreme Court to be a member of that Commission, and having a say in how the practice of law should be conducted in South Carolina. I replaced the Hon. Cynthia Graham Howe on the Commission, when she was elected to be the Horry County Master-in-Equity.

I have also provided a substantial amount of pro bono legal services to Horry County Habitat for Humanity. That wonderful organization provides families the opportunity and dream of home ownership. It has been a privilege to help them provide that opportunity to eligible families.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted Mr. Zayicek's vast experience as a litigator, his advocacy skills, and diligent work ethic.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Zayicek qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

Daniel J. Ballou
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 4, two candidates applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Ballou meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Ballou was born in 1965. He is 58 years old and a resident of Rock Hill, South Carolina. Mr. Ballou provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1994. He was also admitted to the Texas Bar in 1991.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Ballou.

Mr. Ballou demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.
Mr. Ballou reported that he made $386.40 in campaign expenditures on printing and stationery, stamps, and envelopes.

Mr. Ballou testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Ballou testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Ballou to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Ballou reported that he has taught the following law-related course:
SC Bar: Better Motion Practice—Tips, Suggestions and Ideas from the Court, Plaintiff and Defense Perspective Thursday, February 13, 2020 (Discovery Motions—Compel and Protection)

Mr. Ballou reported that he has published the following:
Courts Hack Away Claims Under the CFAA, South Carolina Lawyer, November 2012, p. 16.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Ballou did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Ballou did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Ballou has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Ballou was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Ballou reported the following about his rating by legal rating organizations:
by Martindale-Hubbell, AV® Preeminent™ Peer Review Rated;
by South Carolina Lawyer Weekly, Go-To Lawyer in Business Law;
by ALM in 2013, Top Rated Lawyer in commercial Litigation and Land Use and Zoning.

Mr. Ballou reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Ballou reported that he has held the following public office: Member, South Carolina Real Estate Commission, 1999 – 2004. Appointed by Governor. All Ethics Reports timely filed.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Ballou appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Ballou appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Ballou was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1994.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 1991-1993: Litigation associate. Following graduation from law school, I was hired as an associate with Leonard, March Hurt, Terry & Blinn, P.C., a litigation and banking law firm based in Dallas, Texas. I handled depositions and motions hearings, as well as assisting partners in jury and non-jury trials throughout Central Texas.

(b) 1993-2004: I was hired as a litigation associate with Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman, LLC, a Charlotte law firm that had recently opened a South Carolina office in Rock Hill. I worked on a variety of matters including insurance defense, workers'

compensation defense, business litigation, probate litigation and land use matters. I tried numerous workers' compensation matters before single commissioners and handled appeals before appellate panels and the Court of Appeals. I also represented numerous business and commercial litigation clients, both plaintiffs and defendants, in circuit court cases, primarily in York, Chester and Lancaster counties. As an associate, I tried at least 3 jury trials in Circuit Court, either solo or as second chair, and handled numerous jury and non-jury civil matters in US District Court, including motions practice and second chair trial counsel. I became a partner with the firm in 2000 and continued to practice primarily civil litigation in state and federal court.

(c) 2005-2015: In 2004, I co-founded Hamilton Martens & Ballou, LLC (later Hamilton Martens Ballou & Carroll, LLC) in Rock Hill, and became managing partner in 2008. I handled numerous business and real estate litigation matters, land use controversies, and general civil trials (jury and non-jury) primarily in York, Chester and Lancaster counties as well as in U.S. District Court and represented numerous parties in mediation. As managing partner, I did have involvement with the administrative and financial management of the firm, including management of trust accounts.

(d) 2015- Present: In 2015, I joined the Morton & Gettys law firm in Rock Hill and led the creation of its Civil Litigation department, practicing primarily in real estate disputes, land use controversies, and civil litigation, as well as general business and probate matters. I have no specific administrative or financial responsibilities with the firm.

Mr. Ballou further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

I have not represented any criminal defendants in the past 5 years. As an associate with Kennedy Covington in Rock Hill, I was tasked with handling many of the criminal indigent defense

appointments in the South Carolina office and handled 20 to 30 such appointments between 1994 and 2000. Although only a few of those went to trial, representation generally involved extensive plea negotiations with solicitors and presentation of pleas in court. Most of the cases that I handled in General Sessions court involved drug offenses and property crimes. I was appointed in the middle of an armed robbery trial to represent a codefendant accused of aiding and abetting her husband in the robbery of a pharmacy. I also handled several Magistrate Court level criminal matters including several bench trials, and handled several post-conviction relief matters alleging the ineffective assistance of counsel.

I have had an extensive and varied civil litigation practice throughout my legal career and have tried numerous jury and non-jury matters during that time, representing both plaintiffs and defendants. In the last five years, I have handled dozens of matters in state and federal court, including business controversies, probate disputes, construction claims, real estate litigation and condemnation cases. I also handle appeals of land use matters to the Circuit Court involving zoning appeals and appeals of administrative decisions. Many of my cases resolve at or following mediation, but I have argued, responded to and briefed numerous summary judgment motions, motions for temporary injunction, and motions to dismiss.

The Rules of Evidence apply in civil court and criminal court alike, and my experience has involved direct and cross examination of witnesses, presentation and cross examination of experts, use of physical and demonstrative exhibits and oral argument, all of which are essential components of trial in either venue.

Mr. Ballou reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 3-5 hearings per year
(b) State: 10-12 hearings per year

Mr. Ballou reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 65%;
(b) Criminal: 0%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: Administrative, 35%.

Mr. Ballou reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) Percentage of practice at trial court: 75% equally divided between jury and non-jury
(b) Cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: Almost all of my cases have been resolved at or following mediation or judgment entered based upon dispositive motions. I have had no jury verdicts the past five years.
(c) Cases that went to trial and resolved after plaintiff or State's case: 0
(d) Cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements: 0

Mr. Ballou provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole or chief counsel.

The following is Mr. Ballou's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Bronson v. Cray, Inc*., 2021-CP-46-03234: I represented the owner of real property in York County that had been sold at a tax sale. My client prevailed against the high bidder at the tax sale based upon a timely statutory redemption that was more than 12 months after the tax sale. Although the General Assembly had extended the redemption period by 12 months because of concerns surrounding COVID, that extension was subsequently found to be unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. However, since the owner was entitled to strict compliance with the Tax Sale Act, we successfully argued that the redemption period had not lapsed, saving the property for the owner's children.
(b) *Morningstar Fellowship Church v. York County*, 2013-CP-46-00246: I was retained by York County to defend a claim by a local church-based developer

alleging that the County had breached a development agreement for the renovation of the former PTL hotel tower. Following extended litigation, the court granted summary judgment on behalf of York County, which order was sustained on appeal.

(c) *Dereede v. Feeley-Karp*, 427 S.C. 336, 831 S.E.2d 435 (Ct. App. 2019): I successfully handled the appeal of the trial court decision finding that the trustee of a trust had failed to comply with the trust terms. The case was noteworthy as it clarified that the trustee of a trust in South Carolina is required to specifically follow the directives of the trust.

(d) *Sloan Financial Group, LLC v. Coe, et al.*, USDC 0:09-cv-02659-CMC: I represented an individual insurance agent who had been sued by his former employer under the federal Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, 18 U.S.C. §1030, et seq. We successfully argued that the employee was not liable under CFAA and obtained summary judgment in his favor.

(e) *Shortt v. Standard Pacific of the Carolinas, et al.*: 2009-CO-46-1944: I was co-counsel for the plaintiffs in this personal injury action alleging catastrophic injury resulting from the negligent construction and maintenance of a bicycle path located within a residential subdivision. The case involved complex issues of causation and contested testimony from multiple construction and design experts. The case was resolved at mediation for a substantial recovery for the plaintiff and his wife.

The following is Mr. Ballou's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *Orr v. Elastomeric Prods*., 323 S.C. 342, 474 S.E.2d 448 (Ct. App. 1996)

(b) *Nash v. Tara Plantation Homeowners Assoc., Inc.*, 2010 UP 355 (Ct. App July 12, 2010)

(c) *Settlemeyer v. McCluney*, 359 S.C. 317, 596 S.E.2d 514 (Ct. App. 2004)

(d) *Sonnenberg, et al. v. D&T Imports South Carolina, Inc*. South Carolina Court of Appeals, May 12, 2014.

(e) *Bowles v. Bradley*, 319 S.C. 377, 461 S.E.2d 811 (1995)

Mr. Ballou reported that has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Mr. Ballou further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) SC House of Representatives, 2002
(b) Rock Hill School District Board of Trustees, 2014

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Ballou's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Piedmont Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Ballou to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted "The Committee was impressed by Mr. Ballou's academic record, depth and breadth of professional experience, and substantial service to the Bar and the community. Though Mr. Ballou does not have significant experience practicing criminal law, he is already working to deepen his experience in that area and has a detailed plan to continue those efforts."

Mr. Ballou is married to Joanne Vargas Ballou. He has two children.

Mr. Ballou reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Member, South Carolina Bar Association
House of Delegates, 2007 – 2017
Judicial Qualifications Committee
Pro Bono Committee
Nominations Committee

(b) Member, York County Bar Association (President, 2000 – 2001)
(c) Member, South Carolina Law Initiative
(d) Member, Fee Dispute Resolution Board
(e) Member, South Carolina Board of Law Examiners (2011-2016)
(f) South Carolina Supreme Court, Attorney to Assist Office of Disciplinary Counsel
(g) Volunteer, S.C. Bar Law Related Education Division, Middle and High School Mock Trial (2015-2020)
(h) Member, State Bar of Texas

Mr. Ballou provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Rock Hill Economic Development Corporation, Board of Directors
(b) St. Mary's Catholic Church, Social Concerns Committee
(c) NAMI Piedmont Tri-County, Board of Directors
(d) Rock Hill Housing Authority, Board Member
(e) York County Regional Chamber of Commerce Government Relations Task Force
(f) Princeton University Alumni Schools Committee
(g) Liberty Fellowship

Mr. Ballou further reported:

I have always considered being a lawyer a call to service and have tried to build my practice and reputation with a servant's heart. I would take this attitude with me to the bench if elected to the Circuit Court. I have been fortunate to practice before a number of judges who exemplify qualities of wisdom, compassion, wit and fortitude that I would hope to emulate. Judge John Hayes in particular embodied these qualities and made those of us who practiced before him better lawyers. His examples of civility, humility and a tireless work ethic are traits I take to heart.

I grew up in a large military family, where each of us was valued both as individuals and as parts of a greater whole. My parents

were fiercely patriotic and devoted to God and their community and passed on to me fundamental respect for human dignity and a commitment to service. Whether sitting in General Sessions or Common Pleas, these values are universal and ones I would embrace as a trial judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. Ballou has demonstrated a superior intellect, work ethic, and temperament. His varied experience during his lengthy career, reputation amongst his colleagues, and his extensive charitable work demonstrate that he would make an excellent member of the bench.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Ballou qualified and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 4.

William C. McMaster III
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 4, two candidates applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. McMaster meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. McMaster was born in 1969. He is 54 years old and a resident of Greenville, South Carolina. Mr. McMaster provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina

for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1996.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. McMaster.

Mr. McMaster demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. McMaster reported that he made $539.63 in campaign expenditures for name badges, business cards, rack cards, stationery, and postage.

Mr. McMaster testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. McMaster testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. McMaster to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. McMaster reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) Presenter at our annual office in-house CLE program in 2023. The area of law I presented on was Foundation in the Criminal Case.
(b) Served on a panel at the 2023 Greenville Bar CLE for a discussion concerning criminal docket issues in Greenville and possible solutions to those issues.

Mr. McMaster reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. McMaster did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. McMaster did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. McMaster has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. McMaster was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. McMaster reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. McMaster reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. McMaster reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. McMaster appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. McMaster appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. McMaster was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1996.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Graduated in 1996 and accepted a job with the Office of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor. Employment dates

November 25, 1996 - June 29, 2001. I served as an Assistant Solicitor for Solicitors Joseph Watson and Robert Ariail. During this time period, I was a member of the Traffic, General Crimes, and Drug Units, where I managed a criminal docket with over six hundred warrants. Additional duties included managing office plea court operations, along with serving on the Office Interview Committee for hiring new attorneys.

(b) From June 30, 2001 - June 3, 2013, I was in private practice with my wife, Gina R. McMaster, at The McMaster Law Firm, L.L.C. in Greenville, South Carolina. My initial area of practice focused on criminal defense from 2001-2004. During this time period, I completed a one year criminal defense contract with the Office of Indigent Defense in Greenville, South Carolina. After completing my contract in 2002, I accepted a part-time public defender contract with the Greenville Public Defender's Office where I was employed until 2003. While actively engaged in my criminal defense practice, I was a charter member of the Greenville Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and served in all executive positions including President.

In 2004, my area of practice began to shift to a bankruptcy law based practice, which focused on representing debtors in personal and small business bankruptcy cases. I continued my criminal defense practice with a smaller caseload.

In 2004, I was awarded the William S. Robinson Public Service Award by the South Carolina Bankruptcy Law Association for my contributions to the advancement of bankruptcy law.

While at my law firm, I was responsible for managing staff, payroll obligations, and paying monthly expenses. I also secured insurance, lines of credit, and vehicle loans. I was responsible for managing all operating and trust accounts, including all deposits and withdrawals/transfers.

(c) June 3, 2013, I was hired by Solicitor Walt Wilkins and returned to the Office of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor as an Assistant Solicitor. I initially served in the White Collar and Drug Units. In 2016, I was named Office Liaison and direct point of contact for all vice and narcotics units in Greenville County. In 2018, I was promoted by Solicitor Wilkins to Deputy Solicitor. In my current role as

Deputy Solicitor, my responsibilities focus on managing a large staff of attorneys and administrative support personnel in our Greenville and Pickens offices. These duties include the evaluation of office staff members and attorneys concerning their work ethic and job performance. Based on these evaluations, staff members and attorneys could receive an increase in salary and/or an increase or decrease in their duties and responsibilities within our office. Additionally, as Deputy Solicitor I am responsible for the organization and management of all Circuit Court trial and plea court operations for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. To effectively perform my duties as manager of trial and plea court operations, I am in regular contact with members of the judiciary, the Clerk of Court's personnel, and the defense bar. My office financial duties include serving on the Office Budget Committee. Since 2018, I have participated as a member of the Office Interview Committee for hiring new attorneys.
In 2020, I was nominated for, attended, and graduated from the County of Greenville Leadership Development Series, a twelve month program focused on the development, training, and management of the workforce in Greenville County offices.
In April of 2023, I was named 2022 Greenville County Sheriff's Office Thirteenth Circuit Assistant Solicitor of the Year. I received this award from the Sheriff's Office in recognition of my ability to effectively organize and manage the criminal docket of Greenville County.

Mr. McMaster further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Criminal Experience

Since 1996, I have personally prosecuted numerous criminal matters in the Court of General Sessions and Magistrate's Court. From November 25, 1996 until June 26, 2001, I was employed as a full-time Assistant Solicitor in the Office of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor. During this time period, I was personally responsible for the prosecution and disposition of thousands of criminal warrants. The dispositions of these criminal warrants included numerous jury trials and guilty pleas.

Upon leaving the Solicitor's Office in 2001 and entering into private practice, my practice was primarily focused on criminal defense where I represented appointed and retained clients. My representation of clients charged with criminal offenses involved every aspect of the criminal process. Dispositions of these cases took many forms, including dismissal, diversion, guilty pleas, and verdicts of guilty and not guilty after trial.

I returned to the Solicitor's Office in 2013 as an Assistant Solicitor, and was assigned to the White Collar and Drug Units, where my duties again involved the prosecution of hundreds of criminal warrants. As part of my regular duties, I have evaluated cases, prepared discovery, attended and participated in bond hearings and preliminary hearings, presented pleas, prepared and argued motions, and participated in jury trials.

Since 2018, I have served as Deputy Solicitor for the Thirteenth Circuit. I continue to be responsible for the prosecution of criminal cases in our office and I regularly appear in court. Upon receipt of a criminal case, I evaluate each case for the potential of a successful prosecution. Discovery is prepared and provided, and in many instances a bond hearing and/or preliminary hearing is held. An offer is then extended to defense counsel or a pro se defendant and a guilty plea may be conducted and a sentence issued, or the case could be set for a jury trial.

As Deputy Solicitor and a senior member of the office staff, I have frequently consulted with and advised Assistant Solicitors in our office on how to handle issues in their own cases. My advice has addressed all areas of their cases, including but not limited to, how to conduct witness and victim meetings, evidentiary issues, trial strategy, general evaluation of cases, reasonable offers, and proposed dispositions.

During the past five years, I have tried two complex jury trials and received guilty verdicts in both trials. One trial involved a defendant charged with Murder. The defendant in the second jury trial was charged with Burglary First Degree. These trials were multiple days in length and involved numerous witnesses, pieces of evidence, and evidentiary issues. During these trials, I served as Chief Counsel.

One of the more complex cases I have prosecuted in past five years resulted in a guilty plea. This case involved a defendant charged with Leaving the Scene of an Accident Resulting in Death, and an unrelated Burglary First Degree charge. This tragic case involved a young mother of two from the Greenville community who was struck and killed while walking her dog along the sidewalk of one of the more popular streets in the city of Greenville. I was involved in this case from the beginning stages of the investigation, the arrest of the defendant, and all areas of the preparation of the case, and the prosecution of the defendant. My duties included preparing the case for trial, meeting with the victim's family, law enforcement, and defense counsel and analyzing the evidence and issues in the case. I represented our office during the defendant's guilty plea. The defendant pled guilty and received a twenty-five year active sentence.

Civil Experience

In 2004, I began to change the focus of my private practice to a debtor-based bankruptcy practice. This was the area of practice my wife/law partner concentrated her practice on since 1996. My bankruptcy practice primarily involved the representation of consumer debtors in personal and/or small business bankruptcy cases. Over the years, I represented hundreds of bankruptcy clients from all walks of life. The bankruptcy practice is civil in nature, and to be a successful practitioner you must understand and analyze issues involving civil, family, and probate law. Many potential clients have been served with or are facing various civil actions. To effectively represent bankruptcy clients, I was required to analyze the various legal issues my clients presented and provide counsel on how to manage their particular situation.

Since my 2013 return to the Solicitor's Office, my involvement in civil matters has been limited. However, from 2017-2018, I was responsible for filing civil asset forfeiture actions for Pickens County. During this time period, I drafted and filed summons and complaints focusing on the forfeiture of various items and amounts of currency related to criminal activity. In all

of these cases, I represented the plaintiff. Due to being assigned new duties and responsibilities in the office, my forfeiture duties were reassigned.

For the past five months of 2023, I have again become more involved in the civil forfeiture division of our office. During this time, I have worked directly with our office's general counsel. I have attended roster meetings and tried one Common Pleas Jury Trial and four Common Pleas Non-Jury Bench Trials. All trials were civil forfeiture actions, and I represented the plaintiff in all actions. During these trials, I served as Chief Counsel.

Recently, I drafted a summons and complaint and lis pendens in a complex forfeiture matter. This particular case involves the forfeiture of real property. Due to the fact that the property owner was not the target of the criminal investigation and was deceased at the time of the seizure of the property, this case presents a number of complex legal issues.

I plan to continue to work with our general counsel on forfeiture matters and attend, participate in, and observe as many civil trials and motion hearings as my duties allow. In the fall of 2023, I will attend CLEs that focus on civil practice and procedure.

Mr. McMaster reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: None;
(b) State: a minimum of three weeks per month: Two terms of General Sessions in Greenville County per month and one term of General Sessions in Pickens County per month. Recently, I have also appeared for several terms of Common Pleas in Greenville County..

Mr. McMaster reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 5%;
(b) Criminal: 95%;

(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Mr. McMaster reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial?
100% (This percentage includes defendants that pled guilty.)
(b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict?
7 Total = (2 General Sessions Jury Trials), (1 Common Pleas Jury Trial) and (4 Common Pleas Non-Jury Bench Trials)
(c) What number of cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case?
0 (Resolved may include settlement, plea, by Judge's order during a motion hearing, etc.
(d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements?
0

Mr. McMaster provided that during the past five years he served as lead counsel and chief counsel for all 7 cases.
The following is Mr. McMaster's account of his six most significant litigated matters:

(a) State of South Carolina v. Tristian Cummings (2019). Charges: Murder, Attempted Armed Robbery, Possession of Weapon during the commission of a violent crime, Conspiracy, and Burglary First Degree. This trial involved a home invasion and the murder of a homeowner in Greenville County. This trial is important to me based on the serious nature of the charges, the numerous witnesses, and the complex issues presented during the prosecution of the case. The defendant was found guilty of all charges.
(b) State of South Carolina v. Aundra Hunter (2018). The defendant was convicted of Burglary First Degree, Kidnapping x 2, Discharging a firearm into a dwelling, and Possession of a Weapon during the commission of a violent crime. This trial involved a homeowner that was killed and a law enforcement officer that was shot while

responding to the scene. This trial is significant due the nature of the charges and the complex issues presented during the preparation and prosecution of the case.

(c) Young v Elite Financial Svcs., Inc. (In re Young) (2005). My wife and I represented the debtor against a creditor for the wrongful repossession of a motor vehicle after the debtor had filed for bankruptcy protection. United States Bankruptcy Judge John Waites presided over the trial and issued a verdict in favor of our client and damages, including punitive damages, were awarded to Mr. Young. This was my law firm's first trial in the United States Bankruptcy Court. During the trial, I served as Chief Counsel.

(d) State of South Carolina v. Edward James (2002). Charge: Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature. The defendant was found not guilty at trial. I was appointed to represent Mr. James and if convicted, he could have received a significant amount of active incarceration. This trial resulted in my first not guilty verdict as a criminal defense attorney in the Court of General Sessions.

(e) State of South Carolina v. Anthony Johnson (1999). Charge: Trafficking in Cocaine 200-400 grams. This trial was my first jury trial involving a defendant who possessed a significant amount of narcotics. The defendant was found guilty and received a twenty-five year active sentence.

(f) State of South Carolina v. Teresa Pirkle (1997). Charge: Driving under the Influence Third Offense. This was my first jury trial as sole counsel in the Court of General Sessions. The defendant was found not guilty. The defendant was represented by a very capable and seasoned member of the defense bar and this was a very challenging case to prosecute. Although the defendant was found not guilty, this case serves as a starting point in my career as a trial lawyer.

Mr. McMaster reported he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. McMaster's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. McMaster to be "Well Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health and mental stability.

Mr. McMaster is married to Gina Rossi McMaster. He has two children.

Mr. McMaster reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional association:

(a) Greenville Bar Member

Mr. McMaster provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Bavarian Hunt Club (Past President) resigned for membership in C&M Hunt Club
(b) C&M Hunt Club resigned for membership in Level Land Hunt Club
(c) Level Land Hunt Club (Current)
(d) Greenville Gun Club (Current)
(e) Christ Church Episcopal School Booster Club (Current)
(f) Highway 25 Hunt Club (Dissolved) property sold by the property owner

Mr. McMaster further reported:

Before entering into the legal profession, my family background was in the retail business. My grandfather, father, and uncle owned and operated two hardware and auto parts stores in Georgia. My earliest memories involved Saturdays and summers working in the family business. My father (age 78) and uncle (age 74) continue to own and operate one hardware and

auto parts store. Even today, they work twelve hour days, six days per week. This work ethic, while extreme to some, was common in my household. I have attempted to apply their work ethic to my legal career. I have always taken great pride in my commitment to the legal profession, whether it is working for the citizens of Greenville and Pickens Counties at the Solicitor's Office or in my years in private practice.

In addition to a strong work ethic, another component of our retail business was the exposure to different types of customers. Our customers were an eclectic group of individuals. They were a true cross-section of our community and came from all walks of life. Our customers were from varying financial statuses, educational levels, genders, and races. Our job was to serve and treat our patrons equally regardless of their race, gender, or position in the community. This exposure and service to the people of our community gave me a unique insight into the different types of individuals that I would encounter throughout my twenty-six year legal career. These distinct personalities from varying backgrounds serve as an accurate representation of the many clients, witnesses, and victims I have had the pleasure to represent and interact with during my legal career.

If elected, I will continue to apply these life lessons, my strong work ethic, and my commitment to the legal profession in service to the citizens of South Carolina.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Mr. McMaster has a reputation as a highly ethical attorney. The Commission further discussed Mr. McMaster's temperament and noted that, while known for being a zealous advocate, Mr. McMaster is also known to be fair and always collected.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. McMaster qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 4.

Kimberly V. Barr
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. Barr meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Ms. Barr was born in 1970. She is 54 years old and a resident of Florence, South Carolina. Ms. Barr provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1995.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. Barr.

Ms. Barr demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. Barr reported that she has made $240.00 in campaign expenditures for printing and mailing.

Ms. Barr testified she has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. Barr testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Ms. Barr to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. Barr reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) Speaker, "Civility/Professionalism" - Panel Discussion for the South Carolina Bar Leadership Academy in Florence, SC (03/10/2023)
(b) Scoring Judge, High School Mock Trial Competitions in Conway, SC (02/2021)
(c) Scoring Judge, Middle School Mock Trial Competition in Conway, SC (11/2019)
(d) Speaker, "Social Security and Family Court" at the 2020 SC Bar CLE – Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners in Columbia, SC on 09/25/2020
(e) Scoring Judge, High School Mock Trial Competitions in Conway, SC (02/2018)
(f) Speaker, "Women in Law Enforcement" for Women's History Month at the Dept. of Justice/Bureau of Prisons - FCI Williamsburg in Salters, SC (03/23/2016)
(g) Speaker, "Juvenile Matters in the Family Court" for SC Bar Family Court CLE in Columbia, SC
(h) Speaker, "Think Twice: A Lesson on Criminal Law and Collateral Consequences" - Panel Discussion at Hemingway High School for SC Bar YLD's Public Service Project for Community Law Week (05/2014)

Ms. Barr reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Ms. Barr did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Ms. Barr did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Ms. Barr has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Ms. Barr was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the

Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. Barr reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Ms. Barr reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. Barr reported that she has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Ms. Barr appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Ms. Barr appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Ms. Barr was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1995.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

Following my admission to the bar in 1995, I began working as an associate attorney with the law firm of Newman & Sabb, P.A. in its Columbia office. During the previous year, I worked there as a law clerk. This partnership was formed by Clifton Newman and Ronnie Sabb, and it was a general practice law firm. I handled cases involving personal injury, domestic relations, real estate transactions and bankruptcy. In 1999, I left private practice and began working as a prosecuting attorney for the City of Florence, South Carolina following my move there. I prosecuted traffic offenses, including driving under the influence cases, domestic violence crimes and other municipal violations. In September 2004, I returned to private practice with Ronnie Sabb. His law firm's name was the Law Offices of Ronnie A. Sabb, L.L.C. I continued my work of handling personal injury cases (including automobile accidents and workers compensation matters), family court (including

divorces, child custody disputes, adoptions, and name changes), social security disability claims, real estate transactions, contested and uncontested probate matters, and miscellaneous legal issues. I have sat as lead counsel to verdict/judgment in countless cases involving every area previously cited in magistrate's court, probate court, the workers compensation commission, family court, and circuit court. In addition to the general practice, I also worked as contract, part-time assistant solicitor in Williamsburg County. In that role, I handled prosecutions in general sessions court and in family court in juvenile delinquency proceedings. In January 2011, I assumed the role of the assistant solicitor-in-charge for Williamsburg County. I served as lead counsel on numerous felony trials, including prosecutions for drug offenses, property crimes, child and adult sexual assaults, burglaries, armed robberies, and murders. In addition, I was responsible for supervising and training new assistant solicitors and managing the criminal dockets. In 2016, I resigned from the solicitor's office after twelve years of service. In 2017, I became a partner with Ronnie Sabb and we formed the Sabb Law Group, L.L.C.

Ms. Barr further reported regarding her experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

I worked as contract, part-time assistant solicitor in Williamsburg County from September 2004 through December 2016. In that role, I was responsible for the prosecutions of cases in general sessions court. I served as lead counsel on numerous felony trials, including prosecutions for drug offenses, property crimes, child and adult sexual assaults, burglaries, armed robberies, and aggravated assaults, domestic violence, and murders. I routinely drafted indictments for consideration by the grand jury, drafted discovery responses and requests, handled motion hearings, bond hearings, arraignments, plea negotiations, and guilty pleas. As the assistant solicitor-in-charge during the last five years of my service in Williamsburg County, I was also responsible for supervising and training new assistant solicitors and managing the trial dockets. I have also testified in post-conviction relief hearings in cases I prosecuted. I have represented a few individuals charged with general sessions-level crimes since my resignation from the solicitor's

office but due primarily to the Covid-19 pandemic, I have not had an occasion to try a criminal case as a defense attorney. The criminal cases that I have handled since 2016 involved guilty pleas and bond hearings.

In our law practice, I represented primarily plaintiffs in personal injury cases. Since 2004, I often second-chaired many civil trials in Common Pleas Court where Mr. Sabb served as lead counsel. The nature of these cases varied and included personal injury actions resulting from motor vehicle accidents, breach of contract claims, equitable claims, and real estate matters (i.e., actions to quiet title, to partition land, and to set aside a deed based on the incapacity of the grantor). As sole or lead counsel, I have also tried to verdict civil cases in the Court of Common Pleas that resulted from motor vehicle accidents. Those cases involved every aspect of trial, from jury selection to post-trial motions. I was co-counsel on an election dispute in Circuit Court involving a race for Clarendon County Coroner. The last case that I was involved in as lead counsel in Common Pleas Court occurred in 2022 in Florence County, but it was resolved subsequent to jury selection. I have not tried a case to verdict in the Common Pleas Court during the last five calendar years.

Ms. Barr reported the frequency of her court appearances during the past five years as follows:

> (a) Federal: I have not made any appearances in Federal Court during the last five years. However, in 2014 I tried to verdict as co-counsel a personal injury action in the Federal Court in Charleston, South Carolina. In addition, I tried as co-counsel a breach of contract claim in Federal Court in Florence, South Carolina. This case resulted from the refusal of an insurance company to proceeds to its insured following a loss of the insured's business due to fire;
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> (b) State: If I include my appearances in Magistrate's Court, Probate Court, Family Court, before

the Workers Compensation Commission, Common Pleas Court, General Sessions Court, and the Court of Appeals during the last five calendar years, I would conservatively estimate them to be fifty (50) on average per year.

Ms. Barr reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 55%;
(b) Criminal: 5%;
(c) Domestic: 25%;
(d) Other: 15%.

Ms. Barr reported the percentage of her practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) 35% of cases were in trial court.
(b) Approximately 50 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict.
(c) Approximately 10 to 15 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case.
(d) 1 case in which she was lead counsel that settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Ms. Barr provided that during the past five years she most often served as chief counsel or co-counsel.

The following is Ms. Barr's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) Gerone Epps was a disputed death case before the SC Workers Compensation Commission. We represented dependents of Mr. Epps, who worked in the maintenance department for the City of Lake City for eleven years. He was morbidly obese and had a pre-existing heart condition. He was involved in a motor vehicle accident during the early morning hours of April 21, 2006 while driving the city's dump truck and as a result, the vehicle overturned completely on its driver's side. Mr. Epps was trapped inside the vehicle for nearly

two hours before being extricated. He lost consciousness during transport to the hospital and died later that day. The pathologist performing his autopsy opined that he died accidentally as a result of "morbid obesity, positional asphyxia that was complicated by the motor vehicle accident with probable hypoxic stress, and atherosclerotic coronary artery disease." The employer and carrier denied death benefits and maintained that his death was caused by his pre-existing conditions. The case was tried before a single commissioner, who denied death benefits and found that the decedent's death was due to natural causes unrelated to the accident. On appeal to the full commission, the judgment of the single commissioner was reversed, and full death benefits were awarded. Gerone Epps was the primary caretaker for his sister and her minor children, who suffered tremendously both emotionally and financially following his death. I believe that the ruling of the single commissioner was clearly erroneous given the undisputed findings of the physician who performed Mr. Epps' autopsy.

(b) Another case that holds significance to me is a family court matter where I represented a childless couple who sought to adopt an infant child several years ago. While I've handled many adoption cases before and since, this case stands out to me because I met this child when she was only a day old. The birth mother used narcotic and illegal substances and as a result, the baby was born addicted to those drugs. Because of the nature of this adoption, policies of the hospital where she was born required that I be photographed with the child and further, that I would be the only person authorized to leave the facility with the child. As I first held that precious child, my heart broke as I saw her limbs shake uncontrollably from physical withdrawal symptoms she was experiencing as a result of her exposure to drugs in utero. My clients' adoption request was granted approximately six months later and that little girl has absolutely thrived in their care. My client periodically sends me photographs of the child via text messages. She shares photos with me of her birthday

and holiday celebrations as well as her first day of school. I felt so honored to have been a part of taking her from the life she could have lived to the life she deserved to live.

(c) Our firm represented Dr. Benjamin Cooper in an action in Common Pleas Court in Williamsburg County to set aside a deed based on undue influence, lack of consideration, and incapacity of the grantor. Dr. Cooper was an elderly man who had been diagnosed with depression and dementia. He and his family owned a sizeable tract of land, and he often allowed hunters to use the property to shoot game. However, instead of presenting Dr. Cooper with a hunting lease as in previous years, this individual had him to execute a deed transferring his ownership interest in the land for a nominal amount of money. Shortly thereafter, this individual filed a partition to purchase the remaining interest to the tract. Mr. Sabb and I tried this case together and we ultimately prevailed on our counterclaim to have that deed vacated.

(d) *The State vs. Jason Edwards, et al* was the first murder trial in which I took an active and significant role as a prosecutor. The trial took place in February 2006, roughly a year and a half after I began working part-time in the solicitor's office. This case stands out to me because of the variables and dynamics at play. Jason Edwards was accused of shooting two victims to death, execution-style. Prior to his death, one of the victims stabbed Jason in his abdomen and ran from the home. Jason chased the victim outside and a young, female relative of the victim observed the fatal shooting in the front yard of the victim's home. She recognized and identified Jason as the shooter. Due to his stab wound, Jason's brothers took him to York County for treatment to avoid detection. By the time the case was to be tried, the eyewitness to the murder had moved away and was afraid to come to court to testify. One of the key police officers in York County who assisted the Williamsburg County Sheriff's Office in the murder investigation had been fired from law enforcement and was, by then, a convicted felon. We had to contact and coordinate

witnesses from the hospital who treated Jason, the law enforcement officials in York County, the pathologist at MUSC in Charleston who performed the autopsies on the victims, SLED agents in Columbia, local law enforcement officers, local family members of the victims, and our eyewitness. It was a stressful and grueling process but every member of the prosecution team stayed late at the office and came in early every day to prepare for court. Because of the commitment, we were able to obtain convictions for all of the defendants charged in connection with the case. After the verdict was announced and the sentence imposed, I wanted to celebrate our victory with our team. Mr. Sabb shared words with me that I will never forget in his very calm and deliberate manner. He kindly told me that he did not want to celebrate because two people were violently murdered, and all of the defendants were headed to prison for a very long time. This was the first time that I appreciated the weight and sometimes solemn nature of a criminal prosecutor. I am grateful that I learned that lesson early in my career.

(e) Justin McBride was a young man I prosecuted for the criminal sexual assault in the first degree of a 9 year-old female victim. McBride was 16 years-old at the time of this crime. The parents of the victim and of the defendant knew each other. Given the 25-year mandatory minimum sentence that had to be imposed if the defendant was convicted as charged, the victim's parents authorized me to extend a plea offer to him via his attorney to the crime of lewd act on a minor child. This lesser offense carried a possible sentence range from probation to 15 years in prison, and would have required the defendant to register as a sex offender for life. The sexual registry requirement was apparently a bridge too far for him, and he declined the plea offer. I asked his attorney if I could meet with him and McBride so that I could explain to him the consequences of his decision to decline the plea. His attorney agreed, and the three of us met at the courthouse while McBride's mother was in attendance. Despite the advice of his attorney, the defendant insisted that he wanted a jury

trial. Importantly, the police department that investigated the sexual assault lost the victim's clothing and consequently, those items of evidence were unavailable for testing. Perhaps, the defendant foolishly believed that because of that missing evidence, I would dismiss the case. However, I had the opportunity to speak with the victim and her mother on multiple occasions during the years that this case was pending, and I found them both to be credible and compelling. I believed that a jury would likewise find them credible and would be as troubled as I was by the young age of the victim when this crime occurred. At the same time, there was a small part of me that understood that the defendant (who was himself a child when he committed this crime) was gambling with his entire future in declining the plea offer so graciously extended with the blessing of the victim's parents. We tried the case in October 2013 and McBride was convicted and sentenced to 25 years in prison. I saw Mr. McBride years later at his PCR hearing, and I was surprised to see how much he has deteriorated in what appeared to be his physical and mental faculties. His conviction was upheld.

The following is Ms. Barr's account of three civil appeals she has personally handled:

(a) *Gaddy Oil, Inc. vs. George Rishmawi, et al* (SC Court of Appeals Unpublished Opinion Number 2018-UP-308; July 5, 2018).

(b) Gerone Epps – WCC File No. 0608969 (Appeal to the full panel of the SC Workers Compensation; May 2010).

(c) *Bucky Mock vs. Clarendon County Board of Voter Registration & Elections, Lanette Samuels, et al.* (SC Supreme Court Appellate Case No.: 2018-001520 dated October 17, 2018).

The following is Ms. Barr's account of the criminal appeal she has personally handled:

(a) *City of Florence vs. Jordan*, SC Court of Appeals Opinion No. 3909, Filed December 20, 2004. I, as a municipal

prosecutor, appealed the trial court's dismissal of the breath test result in a DUI trial. The circuit court affirmed the decision, but it was reversed by the South Carolina Court of Appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Ms. Barr's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Ms. Barr to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualification, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Ms. Barr is not married. She does not have any children.

Ms. Barr reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar member since 1995
(b) Williamsburg Bar Association member since 2010
(c) Pee Dee Inn of Court; President since July 1, 2022; Vice President from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022; and Secretary from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020.
(d) South Carolina Association of Justice member since 2004
(e) American Association of Justice member since 2004
(f) Investigator – South Carolina Lawyers Fund for Client Protection from 2010-2012
(g) Member, National Bar Association (2007-2013).

Ms. Barr provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) McLeod Health Foundation Fellows
(b) Dancing With the Williamsburg County Stars (benefitting the Williamsburg Regional Hospital Foundation) – 06/03/2017
(c) Board Member, Williamsburg Technical College Foundation (2019-present)

Ms. Barr further reported:

I was placed in the foster care system as a young child and was subsequently blessed to have been raised by a strong mother who instilled in me that I could be anything that I aspired to be, if I were willing to work hard. My very first experience inside a courtroom was at my adoption hearing in Richland County in or around 1979. I was simply fascinated by the presiding judge, who, in his robe, appeared to be sitting on a throne from the vantage point of my 9-year-old self at the time. The deference and respect shown to him by all those in the courtroom was equally matched by the courtesies he extended in return. I remember watching Perry Mason and Matlock episodes on television with my mother, and I became instantly intrigued with the legal profession. It is a love that has stood the test of time. Despite losing my mother during my high school years, I never forgot the lessons she taught. I committed myself to studying hard and focusing on my college classes, to the exclusion of other memorable college experiences. During my last year at law school, I met two men who have unquestionably and immeasurably impacted my legal career, Clifton Newman and Ronnie Sabb. I was, and remain, incredibly inspired by them and they have set by example what it means to reach the pinnacle of success in their respective roles. Having tried many criminal cases before Judge Newman, I have observed a measured, thoughtful, intelligent, and dignified jurist. Because of my association with Ronnie, I have gained immeasurable experience in the Courts of Common Pleas and General Sessions that I may not have otherwise received. I have tried to verdict nearly every criminal offense from traffic violations to murder cases. Ronnie taught me very early in my career the importance of hard work, zealous advocacy, and humility. I have spent twenty-three (23) of the nearly twenty-eight (28) years of my career in private practice, and I've represented thousands of clients from various financial, social, and educational backgrounds. That experience affords me an understanding and appreciation of the pressures and conflicts that trial lawyers face. I believe that cumulative effect of all my legal experiences would make me an asset to the judiciary as well as the citizens of our great state.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Ms. Barr's exceptional reputation makes her uniquely qualified. They noted that Ms. Barr possesses all of the characteristics of an exemplary judge: keen intellect, great temperament, highly experienced, and knowledgeable. In sum, the Commission stated that Ms. Barr has a very bright future.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Ms. Barr qualified, and nominated her for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8.

T. William "Billy" McGee III
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. McGee meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. McGee was born in 1970. He is 53 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. McGee provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1996. He was also admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 2013, and he was admitted to practice in the District of Columbia in 2014 without having to take a separate bar exam.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. McGee.

Mr. McGee demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. McGee reported that he has made $441.44 in campaign expenditures for business cards, stationery, and postage.

Mr. McGee testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. McGee testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Mr. McGee to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. McGee reported the following about his teaching or lecturing at any Bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs:

Over the twenty-four years at my firm, I have helped with training and educating partners, associates, and law clerks regarding legal matters dozens of times at internal meetings and events. I have also served as a judge for mock trial competitions. However, I have not presented any CLEs or other formal bar events.

Mr. McGee reported that he has published the following:

(a) *DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar's 50-State Compendium on Covenants Not-To-Compete* (2007), Co-Author of South Carolina Section;

(b) *DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar's 50-State Compendium on Unfair Trade Practices Acts* (2005), Author of South Carolina Section.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Mr. McGee did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. McGee did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. McGee has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. McGee was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. McGee reported the following about his rating by a legal rating organization: for Martindale-Hubbell, AV rating; for Best Lawyers, Commercial Litigation, Litigation – Banking and Finance, Qui Tam Law (2023); and for Best Lawyers, Lawyer of the Year, Litigation - Banking and Finance, Columbia, SC (2023).

Mr. McGee reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. McGee reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. McGee appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. McGee appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. McGee was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1996.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Law Clerk for Hon. M. Duane Shuler, South Carolina Judicial Department, 1996 –1997: As Judge Shuler's law clerk, I was heavily involved in the scheduling of criminal and civil matters (hearings and trials), legal research for the

judge, drafting of proposed orders, and working with attorneys and court staff to coordinate proceedings with Judge Shuler;
(b) Holmes & Thomson LLP, Associate 1997 – 1999: During my early associate career, I did a substantial amount of legal research, brief writing, and learning the practical skills of a litigator: taking depositions, arguing motions, sitting second chair at larger trials, acting as lead counsel in smaller trials, and developing skills needed to work with clients, other counsel, witnesses and retained experts. I did not have any responsibility for the administrative or financial management of Holmes & Thomson;
(c) Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP, Associate 1999 – 2004, Partner 2005 – Present: After Holmes & Thomson ceased operations in May 1999, I immediately received an offer to work at Nelson Mullins' Columbia office. At Nelson Mullins I continued to develop as a litigator in state and federal court, with more of a focus on complex commercial litigation and cases involving banking and finance issues and class actions. With the expansion of my banking litigation practice, I took the North Carolina Bar Exam in 2013 and was licensed in the District of Columbia the following year. I made partner in 2005 and served on many firm committees and subcommittees. I later became certified as an arbitrator and mediator in South Carolina Circuit Courts and approved as a mediator by the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. I am also an approved arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association, American Health Law Association, and FORUM. I do not have any responsibility for the administrative or financial management of Nelson Mullins.

Mr. McGee further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

<u>Experience in Criminal Matters</u>
Even though the majority of my legal career has focused on civil matters, I have gained experience in prosecuting and defending a number of criminal matters as well. For more than a decade, I

defended a substantial number of criminal clients in cases appointed to me and my partners by Circuit Courts in Charleston, Richland, and Chesterfield Counties. This pro bono work involved meeting with clients, conducting discovery, negotiations with solicitors, motions practice, and other court appearances. I also performed legal research, motions and brief writing, and advised and represented my clients in guilty pleas.

In addition to my work in defending criminal cases, I gained experience on the prosecution side of criminal cases as well. More specifically, in 2007 I was appointed a Special Assistant Attorney General by then Attorney General Henry McMaster. This was part of a pro bono program prosecuting first offense criminal domestic violence ("CDV") cases in counties where those Magistrate Court offenses were handled by non-lawyers. After receiving specialized training in criminal procedure and evidence, I coordinated the interviewing of witnesses, conducted investigations, and prosecuted CDV defendants at trial. This was an especially important program and a rewarding experience.

Lastly, in my civil litigation practice, I have also worked with state and federal criminal courts and prosecutors, lawyers and investigators from state and federal law enforcement, and government agencies investigating potential criminal actions of my clients and others (i.e., FBI, FDIC, Federal Reserve, State Attorney General, South Carolina Office of the Inspector General, Special Investigator General for TARP, etc.). All of these experiences have given me a strong appreciation and understanding of the important aspects of criminal law matters. Moreover, I am currently enrolled in two criminal law CLE classes this summer: 2023 Criminal Law Practice Essentials (8.0 hours) and 32nd Annual Criminal Practice in South Carolina (6.5 hours). These detailed courses will provide me with additional knowledge and information about the most current developments in state criminal law practice and trends.

Experience in Civil Matters

In my 26 years in private practice, the majority of my experience has been in civil litigation. During this time, I have represented clients and tried jury and nonjury cases from simple matters in Magistrate's Court to complex disputes in Circuit Court and Federal Court, to arguing appeals in the South Carolina appellate

courts and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. In the past and in my current caseload, I represented clients as both plaintiffs and defendants. As my practice developed over time, I focused more on complex civil litigation between businesses, defense of class actions, and binding arbitrations (both as an attorney and as the presiding arbitrator). While I am licensed in South Carolina, North Carolina, and the District of Columbia, I have also appeared in many other jurisdictions, both in state and federal courts. I also frequently serve as local counsel for parties and lawyers who need advice on South Carolina law, court appearances before South Carolina courts, and developing case strategies.

While trials have decreased in frequency since COVID, I have appeared regularly before state and federal judges in-person or via remote video. While I prefer appearing in court to attending by video, the flexibility and efficiency of remote hearings, status conferences, and other proceedings has its benefits and I feel confident in my ability to work with this technology to maximize effectiveness.

Lastly, my work as a certified mediator and arbitrator has given me an excellent perspective on many of the skills needed by Circuit Court judges. In addition to being asked by other attorneys to serve in these capacities, I am also approved as an arbitrator by the American Arbitration Association, the American Health Law Association, and FORUM. In these cases, I have to consider and rule on discovery matters, dispositive motions, and ultimately serve as the trier of fact in rendering a decision on the merits after a trial.

I Completed the following two criminal law CLE classes:

- 2023 Criminal Law Practice Essentials (6.5 hours on August 11, 2023); and
- 32nd Annual Criminal Practice in South Carolina (6.5 hours on August 1, 2023).

Also, since my initial submission, I have had detailed discussions about many substantive and procedural issues with three sitting circuit court judges, one former circuit court judge, and three current deputy solicitors. I have also reviewed all of the 2023 South Carolina Advance Sheets for criminal appellate opinions and read Judge Daniel M. Cobles' *South Carolina Trial Evidence* (2021) in regard to evidentiary issues raised in

criminal trials. In addition, I have had detailed meetings and discussions with a former solicitor and current criminal defense attorney regarding criminal procedure, evidentiary matters, motions practice, common pretrial hearings, and other important issues that are common in a criminal practice. Lastly, I have contacted both the solicitor and chief public defender for the Fifth Circuit in an effort to discuss and learn about their experiences, observations, and challenges.

Mr. McGee reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: Much more regular before COVID, but generally a dozen or more times a year;
(b) State: Much more regular before COVID, but generally 30 or more times a year.

Mr. McGee reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 90% (including service as a mediator and arbitrator);
(b) Criminal: about 3% (pro bono, appointed cases, work with matters involving Attorney General, state and federal law enforcement and similar agencies, etc.);
(c) Domestic: about 2% (pro bono or appointed cases);
(d) Other: 5% (litigation in Probate Court, before governmental agencies, internal investigations, consulting/general advice, etc.).

Mr. McGee reported his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) Approximately 90% of my practice was in trial court, including settled cases;
(b) 2 cases with trials that went to conclusion – this excludes arbitrations that went to full hearing on the merits;
(c) 1 case went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case;

(d) 0 cases that settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Mr. McGee provided that during the past five years he primarily served as chief counsel but occasionally as associate counsel when mentoring younger attorneys.

The following is Mr. McGee's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Fernando Contreras Alcala v. Claudia Garcia Hernandez*, 4:14-cv-04176-RBH (D.S.C. 2014)
This was my first case involving a claim in federal court under the Hague Convention, which allows a parent to seek redress when his or her child is removed from their home country by the other parent. In this matter I represented a father in Mexico who sought the return of his son, who was abducted by the mother and taken to the United States. The father had no resources to bring the case, so my firm and I took the matter on a pro bono basis. I tried the case – which involved several interpreters and remote testimony from Mexico – but we did not prevail. We then filed an expedited appeal to the Fourth Circuit, and I argued the matter before that court in Richmond, Virginia. The decision was affirmed and, because there is a split among the federal circuits on some of the legal issues involved, we filed an appeal with the United States Supreme Court. However, after full briefing to the Court, our petition for cert was denied and the trial court's ruling became final. While we were not the prevailing party in this matter, it served as an excellent learning experience on a complex case with the United States Department of State (I am one of a small number of lawyers on its referral list for Hague Convention cases in South Carolina). As a result of this case, a partner and I were asked by our State Department contact to come to Washington, D.C., to hear oral arguments in the Supreme Court for another Hague case involving some of the same issues we raised in our appeal.

(b) *Jose Luis Vite-Cruiz v. Yadira Del Carmen Sanchez*, 3:18-cv-01943-DCC (D.S.C. 2018)

This was another Hague Convention case in which I represented a father from Brazil whose son was brought the United States without his knowledge or consent. I again tried the case in federal court and this time we prevailed on all counts. As a result, the child was immediately reunited with his father after the verdict in Columbia. A partner and I had the privilege of taking them to a minor league baseball game before they flew home together. I am not sure I have felt better after the conclusion of any case than that day.

(c) *Gibson v. Bank of Am., N.A.*, 383 S.C. 399, 410, 680 S.E.2d 778, 784 (Ct. App. 2009)

I tried this case over a week in Florence County against an excellent attorney before one of the best Circuit Court judges in the state. Late Friday afternoon the jury returned a substantial verdict in favor of the Plaintiffs. However, during the trial we raised a statute of limitations argument that had been accepted in other states but not in South Carolina. We filed a timely appeal, and I argued the case before the South Carolina Court of Appeals, which reversed the verdict and judgment against my client based on our statute of limitations argument. Losing at trial and prevailing on appeal is difficult but rewarding because it requires close attention to error preservation during the trial and strong brief writing and oral argument on appeal.

(d) *Synovus Bank v. Tracy, et al.*, 1:10-cv-00172-MR-DLH (W.D.N.C. 2010)

After the stock market and real estate collapse in 2008, my banking litigation practice spiked for about five or six years. I represented many banks in dealing with the sudden, numerous, and sustained loan and mortgage defaults. These matters included claims in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia. (In fact, I had so many cases in North Carolina that I had to take the bar exam there in 2013). These cases involved residential, commercial, and development loans and brought by single, multiple, and class representative borrowers. Many of these claims involved complex theories of recovery and defenses based on multiple states' tort and contract law. This case was brought by a number of

plaintiff borrowers in North Carolina federal court and raised several common law and state and federal statutory claims, as well as defenses common to a host of other then-pending cases arising from a failed real estate development outside of Asheville, North Carolina. After extensive discovery and briefing, the District Court granted our motion for summary judgment on all grounds. Not only did this ruling resolve the claims against my client by the named plaintiffs, it established precedent as to the enforceability of certain common contractual provisions and limitations, as well as the validity of defenses that were common across dozens of other pending claims against the same client and other lenders in similar cases. Because of the far-reaching effect of the ruling, it was appealed to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, which affirmed the order in a unanimous decision. *See Synovus Bank v. Tracy, et al.*, 14-1163, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, March 2, 2015. After the decision was affirmed, we were able to resolve almost all of the pending claims on terms very favorable to my client in a much more efficient manner.

(e) *Grice v. Independent Bank*, 7:20-cv-01948-TMC (D.S.C. 2020)

This matter is currently pending in South Carolina federal court, and we are expecting an appeal to the Fourth Circuit shortly. It involves a proposed class action against a bank based in Michigan with no presence in South Carolina. The named Plaintiff is a South Carolina resident who has asked the court to certify a nationwide class against the bank. After extensive discovery and multiple motions involving disputes over jurisdiction and class certification, the federal magistrate recommended the denial of Plaintiff's proposed nationwide class based on, among other grounds, the South Carolina Door Closing Statute. Plaintiff's counsel are all from outside South Carolina and they are seeking to have this state statute declared void and contrary to federal law. If the denial of class certification is upheld, this case will reaffirm the South

Carolina Legislature's right to limit the potential misuse of its courts by those with no connection to this state.

The following is Mr. McGee's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *Fernando Contreras Alcala v. Claudia Garcia Hernandez*, 15-2471, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, June 15, 2016.

(b) *Gibson v. Bank of Am., N.A.*, 383 S.C. 399, 410, 680 S.E.2d 778, 784 (Ct. App. 2009).

(c) *TD Bank, N.A. v. Lalla*, Appellate Case No. 2015-000295 (S.C. Ct. App. August 26, 2016).

(d) *Carew v. RBC Centura Bank, et al.*, 2014 WL 2579698 (S.C. Ct. App. February 19, 2014).

(e) *Doherty v. PNC Mortgage*, 17-1350, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, August 21, 2017.

Mr. McGee reported that has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. McGee's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. McGee "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee stated in summary, "Well qualified!"

Mr. McGee is married to Shannon Elizabeth Leonard. He has two children.

Mr. McGee reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Richland County Bar Association (1999-present);
(b) South Carolina Bar Association (1996-present);

(c) Mecklenburg County Bar Association (2003-present);
(d) North Carolina Bar Association (2003-present);
(e) District Of Columbia Bar Association (1999-present);
(f) American Bar Association (1999-present);
(g) International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) (2007-present);
(h) Defense Research Institute (DRI) (2000-present) (also have been member of Steering Committee, Lawyers Professionalism and Ethics Committee).

Mr. McGee provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

While I have handled dozens of pro bono matters and been an active supporter of several local and other charitable causes in the past five years, I have not held any formal memberships during this time period. In 2016, I received the Claude M. Scarborough, Jr. Award from Nelson Mullins, the highest award for the provision of pro bono services at the firm. Also, I have appeared on the South Carolina Supreme Court's Pro Bono Honor Roll in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Mr. McGee further reported:
I was born and raised in South Carolina and have worked here all my life. From bagging groceries and busing tables as a 15-year-old to becoming a partner at a large law firm today, I have always had a very strong work ethic and drive to do my best. During my 26-year legal career in private practice, I have represented large corporations in multi-million dollar class actions and homeless families seeking assistance with housing and employment issues. Since I joined Nelson Mullins in 1999, I have provided more than 3,500 hours in pro bono legal services to programs, individuals, and charitable causes here in South Carolina. I strongly believe that my experience in working with a broad spectrum of clients on a wide variety of legal matters gives me a unique perspective on the civil and criminal matters I would face on a daily basis as a Circuit Court judge. Lastly, at work and at home I have learned the importance of being patient, learning quickly, and working hard. If given the opportunity to

serve South Carolina as a Circuit Court judge, I will apply these traits to my job every day and do my best to be a worthy representative of our judicial system.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. McGee enjoys an excellent reputation—both as a lawyer and as a person. They noted that he is the kind of person, with the kind of intellect, that they want to see on the bench.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. McGee qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8.

William Vickery Meetze
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Meetze meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Meetze was born in 1968. He is 55 years old and a resident of Marion, South Carolina. Mr. Meetze provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1999.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Meetze.

Mr. Meetze demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Meetze reported that he has made $340.99 in campaign expenditures for postage and stationery.

Mr. Meetze testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Meetze testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Mr. Meetze to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Meetze reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

I have taught the Law School at Palmetto Boys State for the past twenty-one years.

Mr. Meetze reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Meetze did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Meetze did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Meetze has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Meetze was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Meetze reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Meetze reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Meetze reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Meetze appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Meetze appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Meetze was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1999.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable James E. Brogdon, Jr.
During the year that I clerked for Judge Brogdon, he was Chief Administrative Judge in both the Twelfth Judicial Circuit and the Third Judicial Circuit. I was able to research many issues involving both General Sessions and Common Pleas. I was able to see many trials from each branch. Also, Judge Brogdon was assigned two complex litigation civil cases while I clerked for him and that provided valuable experience in dealing with pre-trial matters such as discovery issues and summary judgment motions.

(b) Assistant Solicitor Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, York County
I prosecuted a variety of criminal cases for just under three years. I handled both felony and misdemeanor cases. Began trying cases early on and served as lead attorney from the start.

(c) Assistant Public Defender Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, York County
I began my career as a criminal defense lawyer in June of 2002. I worked in that office for a little more than

four years. In that job, I represented criminal defendants charged with all manner of offenses from misdemeanors to murder cases. I served as lead counsel in many cases and I also helped other lawyers with their cases when necessary. During my time in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Public Defender Office, we were fortunate to have many experienced attorneys to work with and gain experience from.

(d) Assistant Public Defender Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Florence County

My job responsibilities were the same in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit as they had been in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

(e) Assistant Public Defender Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Florence & Marion County

In the fall of 2011, my responsibilities expanded to where I worked as a public defender in both counties of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. That meant more cases, more trials and more time in court in general. It was at that time that was appointed lead counsel on a death penalty case.

(f) Deputy Public Defender for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit

In August of 2014, I was promoted to Deputy Public Defender for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. I still have the same kind of case load but have also taken on some administrative duties and working with and advising younger attorneys in our office.

Mr. Meetze further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

I have been practicing criminal law in General Sessions Court since August of 1999. I was a prosecutor in the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit for a little under three years and during that time I prosecuted individuals charged with non-drug related criminal offenses that carried a penalty of up to fifteen years in prison. In June of 2002 I began work as an Assistant Public Defender in York County. As an Assistant Public Defender I represent indigent defendants charged with anything from lower level misdemeanors all the way up to armed robbery, burglary first degree and murder. In 2006, I was given an opportunity to come

back home and work in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit. I accepted a position in the Florence County Public Defender's. In 2011 I expanded my responsibilities by also serving as a public defender for Marion County and I have served both Florence and Marion Counties in that capacity since that time. In 2014 I was promoted to the position of Deputy Public Defender for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit and I have served continuously in that capacity for the past six years. I have continued defending indigent defendants charged with all types of offenses; however; I have a much larger concentration of A, B, and C felonies at this point. I have defended people in cases involving all levels of criminal activity including major drug trafficking, criminal sexual conduct and murder.

My civil experience from a practical standpoint has been through my involvement in post-conviction relief matters. As a criminal defense lawyer in a public defender's office I have been involved in a number of those hearings in the past five years. As a Judicial Law Clerk, I helped my judge with a number of civil cases including complex litigation cases and observed a number of jury trials. I Also, as a trial attorney I am very familiar with the rules of evidence which are applicable to both branches of Circuit Court. Other than that I have taken two viewed two CLE's, one on E-Discovery and the other being the 2016 Tort Law Update. I have also viewed a civil trial from start to finish and have worked hard studying the Rules of Civil Procedure. I have also served as Co-Dean of the law school at Palmetto Boys State for the past eighteen years where the instruction includes civil court matters.

Mr. Meetze reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: I have not appeared in Federal Court any during the past five years;

(b) State: I have appeared in General Sessions Court at least twenty-six weeks a year for the past five years.

Mr. Meetze reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: Zero Percent;
(b) Criminal: Greater than ninety-nine percent;
(c) Domestic: Less than one percent;
(d) Other: Zero Percent.

Mr. Meetze reported his practice in trial court during the past five year as follows:

(a) 100% of cases in trail court.
(b) 10 cases went to trail and resulted in a verdict.
(c) 0 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case resolved.
(d) Two cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Mr. Meetze provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Meetze's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *State v. Syllester D. Taylor* (736 S.E. 2d 663, 2013): I handled this case at the trial level. It was trial in absence where I preserved all motions and eventually the conviction was reversed by the Court of Appeals. (694 S.E. 2d 60, 2010) The Supreme Court subsequently reversed the Court of Appeals in the above referenced site. However, even though Mr. Taylor eventually lost his appeal in the Supreme Court by a 3-2 decision, this case is an example of our legal system at work and even though Mr. Taylor was absent from his trial he was represented effectively and was not denied any opportunity or due process of law in spite of his absence.
(b) *State v. Tavario Brunson*: This was a very high profile case in Florence County that I tried along with another attorney. The evidence against Mr. Brunson was quite overwhelming to include a recorded confession and a positive DNA match. Mr. Brunson was convicted of murder and that result was never really in

question. I believe this is an important case because it is an example of our Constitution at work. Mr. Brunson exercised his right to a Jury trial and even though the evidence was overwhelming he was provided an excellent defense and to this day I believe it is one of the most well tried cases that I have had the opportunity to be involved.

(c) *State v. Montez Barker* : This is a death penalty case in which I was appointed lead counsel. It is important by the nature of the offense and the fact that a man's life was literally on the line. Death Penalty cases take an extreme amount of work and dedication. You are working as a team with another attorney that has been appointed as second chair as well as fact and mitigation investigators not to mention my client's family was heavily involved as well. We were able to work hard and in the end were able to spare Mr. Barker's life by negotiating a plea for him where he would not face the death penalty. It takes a lot of work and relationship building to get a capital client to trust you enough to eventually agree that pleading guilty where you will be receiving a life sentence is in his best interest. That is what happened in this case and it is one of the most satisfying results I have ever had in a case.

(d) *State v. Tyquan Jamar Johnson*: This was a case in Florence County that was tried in December of 2018. Mr. Johnson was charged with murder. This was a case where my client maintained his innocence throughout this process. The State had made what I considered a very favorable offer to Mr. Johnson and I advised him that it would be in his best interest to take the offer. He stood his ground and said he didn't do it and he wouldn't plead guilty to something he didn't do. At trial another attorney in my office made our opening statement and I examined all of the witnesses, did the closing argument and made all motions. Mr. Johnson was found not guilty in the face of an eye witness who identified Mr. Johnson as the shooter. Mr. Johnson's cell phone was recovered within a few feet of the deceased. I new that I had worked hard on the case and that I was prepared and could try a great case; however, in our humbling

business that doesn't guarantee a favorable result. There were no lessor included offenses charged to the jury so it was all or nothing once the jury got the case. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty. I believe this case is significant because it is an example why it is the client's decision as to whether or not to plead or go to trial. Had Mr. Johnson taken my advice, he would be in prison for a considerable length of time. Even when I was advising him that he should take his deal, I also made sure I reiterated that it is his decision and not mine. Many times clients don't stand their ground. Mr. Johnson did and it worked in his favor.

(e) *State v. Calvin Jermaine Pompey* Unpublished Opinion Number 2015-UP-280:

This was a case where Mr. Pompey was charged with murder in a shooting outside of a night club in Marion, SC. There had been an altercation inside he club and Mr. Pompey and the people he came with left and went to their car. An individual from the club who was involved in the altercation ran towards Mr. Pompey's vehicle and appeared to be reaching under his shirt giving the appearance of reaching for a weapon. Mr. Pompey was sitting in the passenger seat but had not had the opportunity to close the door. The deceased began entering the car to attack Mr. Pompey. Mr. Pompey got a hand gun out of the glove compartment of the car and fired one shot, killing the individual. I made a motion to dismiss based under the Protection of Persons and Property Act. A hearing was held before The Honorable D. Craig Brown and Judge Brown found that Mr. Pompey was justified in his actions and that the state was barred from prosecuting him pursuant to the act. The state appealed and the Court of Appeals upheld Judge Brown's ruling in the above referenced unpublished opinion.

Mr. Meetze reported he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

Mr. Meetze further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) Candidate for Twelfth Judicial Circuit Public Defender, January 2008. I was not nominated for the position.
(b) Candidate for Twelfth Judicial Circuit Public Defender, December 2011. I was not nominated for the position.
(c) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 16, fall of 2012. Qualified but not nominated.
(d) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 9, fall of 2014. Qualified but not nominated.
(e) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 10, fall of 2015. Withdrew.
(f) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 1, fall of 2016. Qualified but not nominated.
(g) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 13, fall of 2019. Qualified but not nominated.
(h) Candidate for Judge, Circuit Court At-Large, Seat 12, fall of 2020. Qualified but not nominated.
(i)Candidate for Judge, Family Court Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, fall of 2021. Withdrew.
(j)Candidate for Judge, Family Court Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, fall of 2022. Withdrew.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Meetze's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Mr. Meetze to be "Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Mr. Meetze is married to Anna Braddock. He does not have any children.

Mr. Meetze reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
(c) Public Defenders Association Board

Mr. Meetze provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) President: United Methodist Men, First United Methodist Church, Marion, SC.
(b) Member: Finance Committee, First United Methodist Church, Marion, SC.
(c) Member of the Trustees, First United Methodist Church, Marion, SC.
(d) Member of the Church Counsel, First United Methodist Church, Marion, SC.

Mr. Meetze further reported:

I grew up in a very supportive family and was fortunate to associate myself with friends that served as very positive influences. These influences from my friends and family played a significant role in shaping me as a person. They have taught me patience, respect and have instilled in me a tremendous work ethic. Most important, these influences and role models from my parents and family as well as friends both inside and out of the legal profession, taught me how to treat people and have instilled in me a tremendous sense of fairness. I have always believed that the best judges are the ones that treat people with respect and display the proper temperament for the job. I truly believe that these are the qualities that best lend themselves to effective judicial service. If I were to be elected, I would be the kind of judge that worked hard, made decisions on a timely basis and treat everyone that either appeared before me or worked in the court system with the respect they all deserve.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented that Mr. Meetze is well qualified with a great deal of criminal experience. He was noted to have a very good demeanor and judicial temperament.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Meetze qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8.

Joseph Bias
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 11

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Bias has met the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Bias was born in 1984. He is 39 years old and a resident of Lexington, South Carolina. Mr. Bias provided in his application he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2011.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Bias.

Mr. Bias demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to a judge, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Bias reported that he has spent $53.98 in campaign expenditures for name tags, envelopes, and labels.
Mr. Bias testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Bias testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Bias to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Bias reported that he has spoken or lectured for the following class, programs, or seminars:

(a) USC School of Law – Civil Litigation Capstone Course (Lead Adjunct Professor)
(b) SC Bar CLE – Mental Health Problems in the Legal Profession & Connection to Lack of Diversity
(c) FERPA and You – High Point University
(d) Ethical Issues in Higher Education - Midlands Tech
(e) COVID & the College – Midlands Tech
(f)The Parking Lot is Full (of Risk) – Presentation at Claims Litigation Management Conference in Dallas, Texas
(g) Volunteer Trial Advocacy Competition Attorney Coach at School of Law for past five years
(h) Volunteer High School Mock Trial Attorney Coach since 2008

Mr. Bias reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Bias did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Bias did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Bias has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Bias was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the

Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Bias reported the following about rating by legal rating organizations:
Not aware of any rating or membership status. I have been selected as "Legal Elite" by my peers in Insurance Defense and Education law. The past two years I was the leading vote getter in Education law.

Mr. Bias reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Bias reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Bias appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Bias appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Bias was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2011.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

Judicial Law Clerk- Judge Alison R. Lee (August 2011- August 2012)

Served as a lawyer working for Judge Lee; drafted and reviewed judicial orders and legal memoranda for civil and criminal matters; assisted the Judge with trials, hearings, and motions

Richland County Public Defender (August 2012 – September 2013)

Represented clients in bond hearings, motions, preliminary hearings, pleas, and trials; appeared daily in front of circuit and magistrate court judges; regular caseload of over 250 clients

Duff, White and Turner (September 2013 - February 2016)

Civil defense litigation attorney representing school districts, governmental entities, and colleges; areas of practice include labor and employment, government, education, and litigation

McAngus, Goudelock and Courie (February 2016 – October 2017)

Insurance defense attorney, areas of practice included construction law, premises liability, product liability, personal injury

Vernis and Bowling of Columbia (October 2017 – September 2019)

Partner-level managing attorney practicing insurance defense; chaired Firm's Diversity and Inclusion Committee

University of South Carolina School of Law (December 2018 to present)

Adjunct professor in Spring Semesters of Civil Litigation Capstone Course

Midlands Technical College (September 2019 to January 2023)

General Counsel/Special Advisor to the President. Served as sole legal counsel for College, advising administration on a broad array of legal topics relating to College operations. Full time employment ended in January 2023. Contract employee as needed since then.

Womble Bond Dickinson (January 2023 to present)

Serves as outside general counsel to colleges and universities.

Mr. Bias further reported regarding his experience in the Circuit Court practice area:

My first experience in criminal matters was as a clerk for Judge Lee, sitting beside her on the bench as she held General Sessions court in Richland County. In this role, I was responsible for working with solicitors to run court, reviewing paperwork on plea deals, and assisting the judge with judicial orders. The following year, I worked as a Richland County Public Defender, representing my clients in pleas, hearings, motions, and trials. In my time as a PD, I regularly kept a caseload of over 250 clients, appeared in court nearly every day, and gained much needed

courtroom experience. I have not practiced criminal law since 2013.

Prior to going in-house, I was a civil litigator for six years, and I currently teach a well-attended and popular course at USC School of Law on Civil Litigation. My course goes through the lifeline of a case, from the initial client meeting to discovery to depositions and ending at mediation. Our course provides the prospective of both Plaintiff and Defense counsel to prepare our students for the real world of litigation.

In my position immediately before joining Midlands Technical College, I was the Litigation Managing Attorney for the Columbia office of Vernis and Bowling. In that role, I had a large caseload of insurance defense cases, regularly appearing in state and federal courts on behalf of my clients. I regularly handled personal injury cases, premises liability matters, products liability, and construction law issues across the state. Like many litigators these days, few of those cases went to trial, with most settling at or before mediation. Because I have been a General Counsel or Counsel attorney for most of the past five years, I have only a few court appearances in that time period (mostly roster meetings or trial observations).

I believe my intense practice as a public defender and my length of experience in Common Pleas court will give me the requisite procedural knowledge for this position.

Mr. Bias reported the frequency of his court appearances prior to his election to the bench as follows:
(a) federal: “Probably once or twice in 2018 or 2019 before taking MTC position.”
(b) state: “Monthly in 2018, if not more.”

Mr. Bias reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters as follows:

(a) Civil: 90%
(b) Criminal: 0%
(c) Domestic: 0%
(d) Other: 10%

Mr. Bias reported the percentage of his practice in trial court as follows:

(a) I do not recall going to trial in 2018, I may have done a magistrate case. All of my cases were in trial court.
(b) Upon information and belief, zero. A majority of that time I was in-house.
(c) Upon information and belief, zero. A majority of that time I was in-house.
(d) None

Mr. Bias provided that during the past five years he most often served as a sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Bias's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) Pelzer v. GMRI Inc. This is an example of a case where I did a significant amount of preparation to get ready for a trial or mediation. It was a slip and fall case where the story didn't add up. Through deposition, I was able to extract significant facts that resulted in a minimal loss for my client.
(b) Shields v. North American Title Loans (2016-CP-27-00463). This was a matter where I was able to use discovery to assist my client to result in an ultimate dismissal.
(c) Anderson v. Midlands Technical College. I inherited this matter from a previous General Counsel while working for MTC. As in-house counsel, it was significant because it required me to work closely and actively with outside counsel to achieve a favorable result for the College.
(d) Dickerson v. John Doe (2015-CP-40-5692). Significant and memorable because it was an empty chair case. I was able to move for summary judgment (which I lost), but the information presented during that process resulted in dismissal with prejudice by the Plaintiff.
(e) Porter v. Laba (2018-CP-39-00204). Significant for me because the facts were horrible for my client and the case was a loser from the get-go. I use this case as an example to my students as one where we still owe the

client a duty to represent them to our fullest extent and that sometimes we're going to lose (and that's ok).

Mr. Bias reported that he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Bias's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Bias to be "Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Will do well on the Trial Bench."

Mr. Bias is married to Yasmine Bias (Gabr). He has one child.

Mr. Bias reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) SC Bar Association – House of Delegates since 2019
(b) SC Young Lawyers Division
(c) Richland County Bar
(d) Lexington County Bar
(e) SC Black Lawyers Association

Mr. Bias provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division "Young Lawyer of the Year" for 2019
(b) Richland School District Two Black History Month Honoree for Community Contributions to Education in 2022
(c) South Carolina Bar Leadership Academy Graduate, 2022
(d) Jonathan Jasper Wright Award for service from USC School of Law Black Law Students Association, 2021

(e) "Best and Brightest 35 and Under" from Columbia Business Monthly, 2020
(f) Elected to SC Bar's House of Delegates, 2019
(g) South Carolina Supreme Court's "Pro Bono Honor Roll" 2019-2023
(h) The State Newspaper's (Columbia, SC) "20 Under 40" in 2018
(i) South Carolina Black Pages "20 Under 40" in 2019
(j) Selected by peers as one of Columbia's "Legal Elite" by Columbia Business Monthly Magazine from 2018- 2022
-Insurance Defense: 2018, 2019; Education: 2020, 2021, 2022
-Leading vote getter among Midlands attorneys in Education Law for 2022 and 2023
(k) South Carolina Lawyer Weekly's "Leadership in Law" Selection for 2018
(l) 2017 Law Related Education Lawyer of the Year from the South Carolina Bar
(m) Wofford College Young Alumni Leadership Council Member

Mr. Bias further reported:
I take very seriously our obligation as attorneys to be representatives of the Court at all times and have tried to live my life in preparation for this position one day. I have taught students, from middle school to law school, for years and have done my best to expose students to the legal system, the judicial process, litigation, and strategies relating to trial advocacy. In this position, I believe someone with my background would transition well to explaining to members of the general public, as well as attorneys, complex legal issues and to keep a steady demeanor (with the requisite amount of patience and humor) while doing so. I would be thrilled to continue to serve as a mentor for students and an example that if this son of a Polish immigrant and black school nurse can become a judge, anyone can.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission respected and found admirable Mr. Bias's humility, and noted that his upbeat optimism for problem

solving and public service should prove inspirational to those he mentors as well as to litigants in the courtroom.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Bias qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 11.

The Honorable Russell D. Hilton
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 11

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Hilton meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Hilton was born in 1978. He is 45 years old and a resident of Ridgeville, South Carolina. Judge Hilton provided in his application he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2005.

(2) Ethical Fitness:

The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Hilton.

Judge Hilton demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to a judge, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Hilton reported that he has made $207.73 in campaign expenditures for priority mailing, paper/stationery, postage, and nametags.

Judge Hilton testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Hilton testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Judge Hilton to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Hilton reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) CLE presentation at the Dorchester County Bar Association. Representing and Communicating with Incarcerated Clients. CLE # 166303. August 14, 2016. Along with speaking about how best to represent and communicate with clients that are in jail, we also toured the newly built Dorchester County Detention Center.
(b) Lectured at the Summerville Police Department on several occasions for the Officer Block Training Program. The classes focused on officers' testimony at preliminary hearings.
(c) Taught basic criminal and legal principles to the Dorchester County Sheriff's Office cadet training program. This was an academy program created within the Sheriff's Department where students went through a multi-week training on law-enforcement fundamentals.
(d) Lectured at the Charleston School of Law for the "Criminal Sentencing" class discussing real-world sentencing and reviewing recent sentencing examples and cases in South Carolina.

Judge Hilton reported that he has published the following:

Hilton, R 2014, "Stop Losing Clients Over Your Fear of Payment Plans", Lawyerist.com: https://lawyerist.com/news/stop-losing-clients-fear-payment-plans/

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Judge Hilton did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Hilton did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Hilton has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Hilton was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:

Judge Hilton reported that his last available rating by legal rating organizations were as follows:

(a) I have an Avvo rating of 10 out of 10.
(b) I have a Martindale Hubbell Peer Review rating of 4.5 out of 5.
(c) I have a Justia rating of 10 out of 10.

Judge Hilton reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Hilton reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:

Judge Hilton appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:

Judge Hilton appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:

Judge Hilton was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2005.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Assistant Solicitor for the First Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office (Dorchester), 2005-2011: I prosecuted General Sessions and many magistrate/municipal level cases. My prosecution duties included case review, communication with victims, handling preliminary hearings, indictments,

and any guilty plea or trial for cases to which I was assigned. During much of this time, my office was in the Dorchester County Courthouse, where I managed and facilitated the scheduling of, and witness testimony before the Grand Jury. Additionally, I handled most of the bond estreatments, civil asset forfeitures, and represented the state on magistrate level appeals to the Circuit Court.

(b) Senior Assistant Solicitor for the First Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office (Dorchester), 2011-2013: In addition to a full General Sessions case load as described above, I assigned cases to other prosecutors, advised and directed other prosecutors with their cases, made most of the financial decisions on purchases or approval of spending funds, approved cases for Pre-Trial Intervention and other diversion programs, approved employee leave, resolved employee issues, and had signatory authority on all of the accounts held by the Dorchester Office of the First Circuit Solicitor's Office. As the Senior Assistant Solicitor, my caseload became more focused on most serious/serious and violent crimes. I handled countless murder cases, armed robberies, burglaries, sexual assault cases, and tried dozens of cases to jury verdict. During my time at the Solicitor's Office as a prosecutor, I handled thousands of felony criminal cases.

(c) Member/Owner of Russell D. Hilton, Attorney at Law, LLC, 2013-Present: As a solo practitioner, I meet and contract with new clients and interact with them throughout their case. I manage all the firm accounts including the IOLTA, ensure all financial obligations such as taxes and professional fees are met, resolve any necessary employee issues, and manage all other business matters for my office. Additionally, I am the only attorney on the client's case and appear at any necessary court dates. I represent the client by providing legal advice and all other obligations resulting from the lawyer-client relationship. As a solo practitioner, my practice has intentionally consisted mainly of representing clients in criminal matters, but I have also handled civil cases involving property, construction, personal injury, contracts, statutory public road closure litigation, administrative appeals, and a myriad of civil, probate and other legal issues including trials and contested

hearings. I have also been appointed as the guardian ad litem in probate guardian and conservator matters, as well as litigated other probate issues, in addition to drafting wills, powers of attorney, and other health care documents.

(d) Contract Attorney for South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense (SCCID), 2015-2016: As an indigent defense contract attorney, I received cases in which the public defender's office had a conflict of interest such that external representation was required. These cases were handled just as any private client, with the distinction of payment coming from SCCID instead of the client. I tried many of these cases to jury verdict or picked a jury before ultimately resolving the case in an agreeable plea offer for my client.

(e) Dorchester County Bar Association, Bar President, 2017-2018: As president, I led the efforts in organizing and planning our meetings, events, and CLEs.

(f) Special Referee, appointed by The Honorable Diane S. Goodstein, October 18, 2018: Section 14-11-60, of the SC Code of Laws, allows a Circuit Court judge to appoint a "special referee" when the Master-in-Equity is conflicted or unavailable. I was appointed by court order to serve as the special referee for a civil case in Common Pleas in Dorchester County. I was tasked with reviewing, in camera, documentation related to telephone records to determine which information would be discoverable to the adverse party.

(g) Part-Time Municipal Court Judge for the Town of Moncks Corner, South Carolina, 2023-Present: In my role as the associate municipal judge, I sign search and arrest warrants as necessary, and preside over municipal court, including jury trials, bench trials, and any sentencing.

Judge Hilton further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Criminal: During my career as a prosecutor and now solo practitioner, I have handled thousands of varying criminal cases and continue to do criminal work on a daily basis. In the past five years, I have handled criminal matters including General Sessions and Magistrate/Municipal level offenses. These cases have

included issues of the Protection of Persons and Property Act (16-11-410 et seq.), as well as multiple murder, burglary, and other complicated criminal offenses. Over my career, I have represented the State as a prosecutor, and as a private practitioner, I have represented defendants, and victims and their families in criminal court. On occasion, other attorneys have associated me to assist them in their criminal cases. Largely due to the COVID pandemic, I have not had any General Sessions trials in the past 5 years. However, over my career I have tried 27 felony cases to verdict as either a prosecutor or defense attorney. I have gone through numerous jury selections before coming to a resolution prior to a trial, and I have handled thousands of guilty pleas. One of my last General Sessions trials was State v. Edward Bonilla. I was appointed to represent the defendant on the charge of murder. The Public Defender's office was conflicted because his public defender revealed the location of the victim's body to law enforcement. This became one of the major issues in the case that was novel for South Carolina courts and is explained in more detail in question 15 below. I have also handled many bond hearings, preliminary hearings, and other matters that are commonly heard in General Sessions Court.

Juvenile: I have represented countless juveniles in criminal cases. While not directly in Circuit Court, I have handled waiver cases that originated in Family Court and one that incorrectly originated in the Circuit Court and was remanded to Family Court.

Civil: Though I have narrowed my practice to predominantly criminal matters, I have considerable experience in civil cases, as well. In the past 5 years, I have represented plaintiffs in quite a few personal injury cases involving automobile accidents, a case involving foreign matter in food, medical malpractice, false imprisonment, dog bite, negligent supervision, and many other torts. Some have involved wrongful death and minor settlement approvals by the court, as well as varying legal issues related to liability, insurance coverage, and other matters. While most have settled without the necessity of filing suit, I was co-counsel in a complex product liability case in Federal Court involving a defective climbing tree stand. The case had massive amounts of discovery, in-depth issues on choice-of-law and jurisdiction, as well as overcoming issues surrounding the proper use of a safety

harness. In representing the plaintiff, we were seeking compensatory and punitive damages due to allegations of similar product failures and our belief the company was aware of the failures. The case lasted approximately 2 years and ended in 2019 with a settlement agreement being reached during jury selection. Presently, I am serving as local counsel for an Indiana attorney who has been admitted pro hac vice. The case involves some parallel criminal issues as well as civil causes of action for breach of contract, breach of trust, Unfair Trade Practice Act violations, and other causes of action. Beyond the past 5 years, I was the sole attorney on a prescriptive easement case that proceeded through discovery, mediation, and ultimately trial. I represented the defendants in that case, who obstructed a road by building a berm and were attempting a permanent closure of the road. The case involved property rights, along with damages claimed by the plaintiffs. It was resolved with a verdict by the Master-In-Equity after a multi-day trial. I also defended a client in the Court of Common Pleas where my client was being sued over an owner-financed home. The case ended with a trial resulting in a verdict for my client.

Over the past 5 years, except during the pandemic closures, I have appeared in Circuit Court multiple times per month. I would estimate I appear in Circuit Court between 4 to 8 times on an average month.

Judge Hilton reported the frequency of his court appearances as follows:

(a) federal: Rarely

(b) state: I often appear daily in state court (Circuit, Magistrate, or Municipal), sometimes multiple courts and appearances per day. There are usually 1 to 2 days per week where I do not have court appearances scheduled.

Judge Hilton reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters as follows:

(a) Civil: 10%
(b) Criminal: 85%
(c) Domestic: 0%
(d) Other: 5%

Judge Hilton reported the following about his practice in trial court:

(a) 98% was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial;
(b) 3 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict;
(c) 0 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case;
(d) 3 settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Judge Hilton reported that during the past five years, he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Hilton's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State v. Donsurvi Chisolm (2015–UP–501, Unpublished Opinion). This was a Dorchester County case that I prosecuted. The defendant was charged with murder and the case proceeded to trial. The allegations were that he and two acquaintances were riding around when he produced a pistol and shot the front seat passenger, killing him. The defendant then threw the gun into a swamp and cut the seatbelt out of the SUV to attempt to eliminate any trace evidence among other things. After multiple hearings, the defendant chose to exercise his right to self-representation, and proceeded pro se. The case presented some unusual security issues in the courtroom in that the defendant was actually the one examining witnesses and speaking directly to the jury. Most interestingly, the defendant was former military, clearly educated, intelligent, and had studied the applicable law and facts in his case. The case presented an interesting problem for the prosecution, in that I, nor law enforcement, ever determined exactly why he shot the victim. While the back seat passenger participated in the prosecution, he also did not know why the victim had been shot. I was able to overcome the motive issue and catch the defendant attempting to present false testimony through his sister when she testified that she previously owned the car and had cut the seatbelt to avoid being trapped in the car with an abusive boyfriend. We had an expert testify that to

remove the seatbelt in the manner in which it had been removed, the casing would have to be removed and then the seatbelt cut close to the reel with a razor. The case was won predominantly when the sister (sequestered during the expert's testimony) testified that she cut the strap with some scissors, allowing the remaining strap to coil up in the reel. The defendant was found guilty of murder and sentenced to life.

(b) State v. Edward Primo Bonilla (reported as State v. Bonilla, 838 S.E.2d 1 (S.C. App. 2019)). This case was appointed to me on an indigent defense contract. I served as defense counsel for the defendant who had been charged with murder. The defendant was accused of meeting the victim on a dating app, killing her, and burying her body in a shallow grave in upper Dorchester County. Originally the case was handled by the public defender's office and there was a disclosure of the location of the victim's body by the defendant's attorney. This disclosure created a conflict with the public defender in that there then became an issue as to whether the disclosure was based on informed consent and if the consent was voluntary. This case presented a complex novel issue for South Carolina jurisprudence regarding the "Rule 1.6 Hearing." The case also involved many issues of expert testimony, search warrant issues, magistrate jurisdiction and other Fourth Amendment issues, as well as balancing media rights against the rights of the defendant. The case was heavily covered in the media as the "Kik" app murder and lasted a full week. Ultimately, the defendant was found guilty of murder at trial.

(c) State v. DR (expunged, not reported). I served as defense counsel for the defendant. The case involved an individual who had pointed a firearm at someone who threatened to fight him. DR was in his 70s, of small stature, and was the homeowner's association president for his neighborhood. The HOA had issues with people coming to do "Pokémon raids" whereby they would appear in large groups at the HOA gazebo and search for digital caricatures placed via coordinates. DR was on his property, near the end of his driveway, when he told the individuals they needed to

leave immediately. One of them took an intimidating stance, poured out his drink, and made threatening remarks towards DR. As the guy got in his car and drove approximately 100 feet to DR's driveway, DR reached in his car, grabbed a pistol, and held it by his side. When the individual pulled up and went to get out of his car, DR pointed the gun at him and told him to get out of there. Bystanders called police and law enforcement responded but did not arrest DR. Instead, law enforcement created an incident report and returned DR's gun. Unknown to DR, law enforcement issued a warrant and six months after the event, DR was served and arrested for Pointing or Presenting a Firearm. I filed a motion to bar prosecution under the Protection of Persons and Property Act ("Stand Your Ground" law). The State argued that the act did not apply because he only "presented" deadly force and did not actually "use" deadly force. I argued that this was clearly contrary to public policy and against the intent of the legislature. The Court granted protection and the case was barred further prosecution. The charge was dismissed and expunged.

(d) Carter v. Kemmerlin (not reported). I served as counsel for the defendants in a civil case involving the plaintiff's suit to establish a prescriptive easement over one parcel of property to an adjoining parcel. The case was significant because it involved in-depth property law and issues regarding adverse possession, prescription, property interests, chain of title, and other issues. The case began in Circuit Court and was referred to the Master-in-Equity by agreement. The matter progressed from discovery to mediation to trial. The case ended after a multi-day trial before the Master-in-Equity. The Court ruled in favor of the plaintiffs on the issue of the prescriptive easement, but significantly lessened the damages sought.

(e) *State v. McCombs,* 762 S.E.2d 744 (S.C. App. 2014), vacated after Defendant's death by 772 S.E.2d 510 (S.C. 2015). McCombs was a case that I prosecuted while in the Solicitor's Office. The case involved a lewd act on a minor where the defendant had been charged and convicted previously on eerily similar conduct. Pretrial, I sought to introduce evidence of the prior bad act

through testimony of the previous victim that we had located and brought in from out of state. Over a two-day period, I offered evidence and argued for the admissibly of the prior bad acts to show a common scheme or plan under Rule 404(b), SCRE. The trial judge held that the evidence of the prior lewd act was inadmissible despite the striking similarities in the details. I believed the decision was in error and contrary to the rule of evidence and case law. On behalf of the State, I appealed the Court's decision. The appeal was handled by the Attorney General's office, but the trial judge's decision was reversed by the Court of Appeals and a published opinion issued. However, the decision was later vacated by the Supreme Court after the defendant died during the pendency of the appeal.

Judge Hilton reported the following with regards to civil appeals that he has personally handled:

While I have never handled a civil appellate case in the Court of Appeals or the Supreme Court, I did handle a civil appeal to the Circuit Court involving a landlord/tenant dispute where I represented the landlord.

Judge Hilton reported the following with regards to criminal appeals that he has personally handled:

(a) I have filed appellate paperwork on behalf of the State and defendants but have never had to argue a criminal appeal in the South Carolina Court of Appeals. However, I have argued many criminal appeals to the Circuit Court for Magistrate or Municipal Court cases.

Judge Hilton reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):

(a) Circuit Court Special Referee, appointed by The Honorable Diane S. Goodstein, First Judicial Circuit, October 18, 2018: As special referee, I had the statutory authority equivalent to the Master-in-Equity. I was appointed to review discovery in a civil matter regarding an automobile accident and determine which information would be discoverable to the adverse party.

(b) Municipal Court Judge for the Town of Moncks Corner, part-time, appointed by Town Council, 2023 – Present: The municipal court's jurisdiction is typically limited by statute to criminal matters carrying a fine of up to $500 and/or incarceration of up to 30 days in jail. There are some exceptions to this jurisdictional rule which allow the court to handle matters of greater penalty.

Judge Hilton provided the following information about his most significant orders and opinions:

As a municipal judge, I have not issued any orders that would be considered "significant".

Judge Hilton reported the following regarding his employment while serving as a judge:

While serving as the part-time Associate Municipal Judge for the Town of Moncks Corner (2023 – present), I am also the Owner/Member of Russell D. Hilton, Attorney at Law, LLC (2013 – present).

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Judge Hilton's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications reported Judge Hilton to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Extremely well qualified, very deep trial experience, smart, personable, diverse experience, impressive in every way, would make a great circuit judge."

Judge Hilton is married to Elizabeth Brewer Hilton. He has no children.

Judge Hilton reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar – 2005 to Present.
(a) Dorchester County Bar Association – 2005 to Present, President 2016-2017.
(b) Berkeley County Bar Association – 2013 to Present.
(c) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (SCACDL) – 2014 to Present.
(d) National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL) – 2020 to Present.
(e) DUI Defense Lawyers Association (DUIDLA) – 2018 to Present.

Judge Hilton provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Lowcountry Flying Club, Member since 2020. President, 2023-Present. Maintenance Liaison, 2021-2023.
(b) Friends of the USVI National Park.
(c) EAA (Experimental Aviation Association).
(d) Cypress Church, Administrative Council and Chairperson of Trustees, approximately 1995 to present.
(e) Mimms Lake Fishing Club (SC Audubon Society), Member since 2020.
(f) DUI Defense Lawyers Association (DUIDLA).
(g) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (SCACDL).
(h) National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL).
(i) Berkeley County Bar Association.
(j) Dorchester Bar Association.

Judge Hilton further reported:

Over the past 45 years of my life, I have spent over half of that time practicing law or working in the legal field. Fortunately, I have not limited myself to law and have done many other things along the way which I believe contribute to a skillset and personality that would be beneficial to a Judge. Over the years, I have done a tremendous amount of woodworking, became an avid fly-fisherman, a private pilot, a beekeeper, a musician, husband, homebuilder, uncle, and many other things to many people. I believe too much of one thing limits a person's ability to truly thrive. I have been fortunate enough to have family, friends, and a spouse support me in many endeavors, and

this has all contributed to the attorney and person that I have become. I am more than grateful to be in the position to apply for this seat and would be truly humbled to have it.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission noted the glowing recommendation from the Lowcountry Citizens Committee regarding Judge Hilton. The Commission also recognized that while much of Judge Hilton's current practice is in the criminal area, he does have considerable past civil experience.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Judge Hilton qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 11.

The Honorable Milton G. Kimpson
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 11

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Kimpson meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court Judge.

Judge Kimpson was born in 1961. He is 63 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Judge Kimpson provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1986.

(2) Ethical Fitness:

The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Kimpson.

Judge Kimpson demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to Judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Kimpson reported that he has made $141.41 in campaign expenditures for postage and copying.
Judge Kimpson testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Kimpson testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Kimpson to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Kimpson reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) Presentation on *Travelscape v. SC Department of Revenue*, 391 S.C. 89, 705 S.E.2d (2011) to Multi-State Tax Commission Litigation Committee meeting in Nashville, TN, March 8, 2022
(b) Presenter at SC Attorney General CLE; Department of Revenue Practice, June 17, 2021
(c) State Tax Law Update, Columbia, Tax Study Group, October 16, 2012
(d) SCDOR Case Law Update at State and Local Tax Seminar March 21, 2013
(e) Presentation on SCDOR Data Breach at Cyber Security Seminar hosted by state of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI, October 2013
(f)SCDOR Case Law Update Presentation to SC Bar Tax Section during SC Bar Convention, Jan 24, 2015
(g) SCDOR Case Law Update presentation to Columbia Tax Study Group, February 14, 2015
(h) Presentation on DHEC Certificate of Need Program and SCDOR Regulatory Practice at SC Black Lawyers retreat, September 17, 2015

(i) Panelist, "Good Decisions for Yor Legal Education and Career,' USC School of Law, November 16, 2017
(j) Panelist, "Appearing at the ALC – Dos and Don'ts", SCARLA CLE, February 21, 2020
(k) Panelist, Young Lawyers Division Mentoring Lunch on Administrative Law, January 21, 2020
(l) Panelist, Judges Perspective on Advocacy or Oral Argument, Appellate Advocacy Workshop, SC Bar CLE Division, November 18, 2022**,**
(m) Presenter, Administrative Law, On- Demand Video, SC Bar Administrative and Regulatory Law Committee, December 8, 2022**.**

Judge Kimpson reported that he has published the following:
South Carolina Practice Manual, Criminal Law, Volume Three (SC Bar CLE 2003), contributing author, Chapter on Military Law

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Kimpson did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Kimpson did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Kimpson has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Kimpson was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Kimpson reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale Hubbell, was Distinguished.

Judge Kimpson reported the following military service:
I served on active duty in the U.S. Army as an officer in the Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAGC) from January 1987 to December 1991 and continued service in the US Army Reserves from 1992 – 1995. My highest rank was Captain and I received an Honorable Discharge. I have no current duty status.

Judge Kimpson reported that he has held the following public office:
Prior to election to ALC, from July 2010 to June 2017, I served as Deputy Director and General Counsel for Litigation at the SC Department of Revenue and filed annual reports with the State Ethics Commission. I have continued to file timely reports since becoming an ALJ in 2017.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Kimpson appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Kimpson appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Kimpson was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1986.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, law clerk and brief stint as a Staff Attorney practicing administrative law until entry into U.S. Army JAGC. No management responsibilities; no trust accounts.

(b) JAGC, Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Legal Assistance Officer: General civil practice assisting military members, families and retirees with wills, powers of attorney and family law; March 1987 -June 1988; Trial Counsel (military prosecutor) prosecuting soldiers for crimes under Uniform Code of Military Justice; June 1988 – March 1990. No management or trust account responsibilities.

(c) JAGC, Fort Jackson, SC; Chief Legal Assistance Officer: General civil practice assisting military members, families and retirees with wills, powers of attorney and family law; Miliary Magistrate – whether to impose pretrial confinement for military personnel accused of crimes under USCMJ; March 1990 – December 1991; administrative management (personnel) responsibilities but no trust accounting.

(d) Johnson, Toal & Battiste, P.A. Jan 1992- Dec 1993; Associate at general civil practice firm doing civil litigation, real estate, family law, personal injury and criminal law. No management or trust account responsibilities.
(e) Glen Walers, P,A.: Jan. 1994 – March 1994; temporary position in a general practice firm in Orangeburg, SC; family law and personal injury; no management or trust account responsibilities. .
(f) Gerald & Kimpson, LLP; March 1994-December 1998; partner in general practice firm; civil litigation, criminal litigation, family law, personal injury and real estate. Shared administrative and financial management responsibilities, to include management of real estate trust account (IOTA).
(g) Richland County Department of Social Services; July 1995- December 1988. Contract attorney prosecuting abuse and neglect cases in Family Court. Performed contract work while in private practice as Gerald & Kimpson, LLP. No administrative, financial or trust account responsibilities.
(h) Milton G. Kimpson, P.A.; January 1999-Dec 2002. Solo practitioner in general practice, including civil litigation, family law, personal injury, real estate and criminal law. Performed administrative and financial management responsibilities to include trust accounting – general and IOTLA real estate accounts.
(i)SC Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Contract attorney serving as counsel to contractors' board. One or two hearings in December 2001-2002. Performed as contract attorney while in private practice as Milton G. Kimpson, PA. No administrative, financial or trust account responsibilities.
(j)South Carolina Department of Revenue; Jan. 2003 – 2010; staff attorney performing state tax and regulatory litigation before ALC, state and federal courts. In 2006, became Managing Attorney for Honors Litigation Program with administrative management responsibilities. No financial management or trust accounting responsibilities.
(k) South Carolina Department of Revenue; July 2010- June 2017. General Counsel for Litigation handling state

tax and regulatory cases before ALC, state and federal courts. Performed administrative responsibilities with limited budget responsibilities for section. No trust accounting.

(l)SC Administrative Law Court; July 2017 to present; serve as Administrative Law Judge presiding over administrative cases – de novo trials and appeals – arising out of state agency decision under the Administrative Procedures Act. No administrative, financial or trust accounting responsibilities.

Judge Kimpson further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Since July 2017, I have served as an Administrative Law Judge so that I have not engaged in the practice of law since that time. However, prior to going to the ALC, I had a variety of experiences in the courts of this State and the Federal government. In terms of criminal law, I served in the U.S. Army as a Military Prosecutor handling criminal cases under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. While the majority of these cases were drug offenses and crimes such as assaults, I was able to obtain a conviction against a soldier in a rape case. After leaving the military and entering private practice, I handled magistrate court level criminal cases – assault and battery, traffic tickets - as well a few criminal cases in General Sessions (trespassing and murder) and Federal Court (co-counsel in a case in which my client was charged with arson and unlawful possession of gun) – all representing defendants. I ended my private practice in December 2002 and joined the SC Department of Revenue where I did not normally practice criminal law but did serve as co-counsel in one criminal trial in General Sessions involving tax evasion (which ended in a negotiated plea). As an ALJ, I am routinely confronted with sentencing issues in reviewing cases on appeal from the Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services. While my most recent criminal law experience has been limited, I believe that thorough research on the developments in criminal law at the State and Federal levels will help me to prepare for this position. I have learned as a ALJ that it is not only important to

be well versed in the practice of law but also to understand the theory and precedents supporting it.

My background in civil court has included time in private practice where I tried cases before the Circuit Courts of this State and Federal District Courts involving a number of issues ranging from general civil matters, personal injury and employment discrimination. In this role, I developed years of experience in filing complaints, engaging in discovery and actual trial and appellate work. At the Department of Revenue, I litigated tax and regulatory (beer and wine permits, liquor licenses) cases at the ALC and argued appeals before the SC Appellate courts, as well as State and Federal trial and Appellate courts. I represented the Department in class action lawsuits in Circuit Court involving state sales tax issues and data breach issues. I believe that all of these experiences have prepared me to be an effective Circuit Court judge.

Judge Kimpson reported the frequency of his court appearances prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Federal: Two to three times a year;

(b) State: Frequent appearances in Circuit Court and Appellate Courts – approx.. two to three times a month; before the ALC, approximately seven times a month.

Judge Kimpson reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Civil: Thirty (30%) in State courts while in private practice; 15% in State courts while at Department of Revenue;

(b) Criminal: One criminal trial while at the Department of Revenue; infrequent criminal appearances in five years prior to joining the Department;

(c) Domestic: While in private practice, approx.. 30% of time spent in Family Court;

(d) Other: Prior to becoming an ALJ, approx. 70% of practice involved appearances before the ALC.

Judge Kimpson reported the percentage of his practice in trial court prior to his service on the bench as follows:

While in private practice, approx. 50% of my practice included work in State trial courts, to include Family Court; at Department of Revenue, approximately 30% of my work consisted of representing the agency in State trial courts on motions and trial work. Approx. 70% of time at the Department of Revenue was involved with representing the agency at the ALC.

The following is Judge Kimpson's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Travelscape v. SC Department of Revenue*, 391 S.C. 89, 705 S.E.2d 28 (2011). One of the first appellate court decisions in the United States subjecting on-line travel companies (Expedia) to state sales taxes for renting hotel rooms in the State. I was lead counsel at ALC; the taxpayer appealed from a decision in favor of the Department and I argued the appeal at the SC Supreme Court

(b) *Home Medical v. SC Department of Revenue*, 382 S.C. 556, 677 S.E.2d 582 (2009). Home medical supply company sought sales tax exemption in contravention of Department of Revenue's longstanding interpretation of regulations. I handled case at the ALC and lost on summary judgement. I argued appeal at the SC Supreme Court; the Court reversed the ALJ's decision upholding principle that ALJs' lack the authority to disregard duly promulgated regulations. Also stands for proposition that motions for reconsideration are valid procedural tools at the ALC.

(c) *SC Department of Revenue v. Anonymous Company A*, 401 S.C. 513, 678 S.E.2d 255 (2008). Nationwide sales tax issue whereby automobile finance companies were seeking sales tax refunds on installment sales contracts that had become uncollectable. The Department denied the refund request and the taxpayer appealed to the ALC. I was the lead counsel at trial at the ALC. The ALC ruled for the finance company on a novel question of statutory interpretation. I argued the Department's appeal at the SC Supreme Court. The Court reversed the ALC, bringing SC in line with other state courts that had addressed the sales tax issue.

(d) *CSX Transportation v. SC Department of Revenue*, 2016 WL 3162178 (SC D.S.C. June 7, 2016), *vacated and remanded*, 851 F3rd 320(4th Cir. 2017). Railroad filed suit against Department alleging unlawful discrimination in the application of South Carolina's property tax exemption statute. I served as lead counsel at trial. Federal District judge ruled in Department's favor. Case was significant because midway during discovery, the U.S. Supreme Court released a decision affecting the body of law; we amended our answer to assert new defenses. Furthermore, we were facing a law firm that had a great deal of experience litigating these issues nationwide so we were definite underdogs.

(e) *Drummond v. SC Department of Revenue*, 378 S.C. 362, 662 S.E,2d 587 (2008). Class action civil lawsuit seeking sales tax exemption for certain diabetic supplies. The Department did not interpret the statute and regulation to allow the exemption. I acted as co-counsel in Circuit Court. The Circuit Court granted summary judgment in the Department's favor; thereafter, the plaintiff appealed. I argued the appeal to the SC Supreme Court; the Court affirmed on the regulatory issues and the principle that tax cases should be initiated under the Revenue Procedures Act. The Supreme Court remanded on a statutory issue - I served as lead counsel at subsequent trial. After several days, the Plaintiffs dismissed the case.

The following is Judge Kimpson's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *Drummond v. SC Department of Revenue*, 378 S.C. 362, 662 S.E,2d 587 (2008).

(b) *CSX Transportation v. SC Department of Revenue*, 851 F.3d 320 (4th Circuit Court of Appeals, 2017).

(c) *SC Department of Revenue v. Anonymous Company A*, 401 S.C. 513, 678 S.E.2d 255 (2008).

(d) *Lexington County Health Services District v. SC Department of Revenue*, **CITE**

(e) *Travelscape v. SC Department of Revenue*, 391 S.C. 89, 705 S.E.2d 28 (2011).

Judge Kimpson reported that has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Judge Kimpson reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):

SC Administrative Law Court, Seat #2; July 2017 to present. Elected by SC General Assembly in July 2017 and reelected in 2022. The ALC is an administrative agency and court of record created by the General Assembly, SC Code Ann. 1-23-500, with jurisdiction limited by statute, to certain "contested cases…involving the departments of the executive branch of government … " and other matters, to include appeals from decisions in contested cases heard at the agency level.

Judge Kimpson provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) *Begum v. Florence County Assessor*, 18=ALJ-0198-CC; 2019 WL 5208156 (SC Admin Law Court), *affirmed*, 2022 U.P. 069

(b) *ADSI Holdings LLC, et al v. Florence County Assessor*, 21-ALJ-17-0243-CC; 2023 WL 2777265 (SC Admin Law Court)

(c) *Minor Child Evinich v, SC Department of Health and Human Services*, 19=ALJ-08-0137-AP; 2021 WL 1054256 (SC Admin Law Court)

(d) *T. Tree Farm R.V. Park v. South Carolina Department of Environmental Control, et al.*, 22-ALJ-07-0011; 2022 WL 17742418 (SC Admin Law Court), currently on appeal.

(e) *Lorenzo Elmore dba Gullah W v SC Department of Health and Environmental Control*, 19=ALJ-07-0425-IJ, 2020 WL 1274293(SC Admin. Law Court)

Judge Kimpson reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Judge Kimpson's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Kimpson to be "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee noted: "Exceptionally well qualified."

Judge Kimpson is married to Audra Sabb Kimpson. He has two children.

Judge Kimpson reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) SC Bar Association
(b) SC Black Lawyers Association
(c) SC Administrative and Regulatory Law Association, Board of Directors 2012- present
(d) Military and Veterans Law Section of SC Bar Association
(e) Richland County Bar Association

Judge Kimpson provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Eau Claire Development Corporation, Secretary
(b) Greater Columbia Community Relations Council. Chairmen , June 2016-June 2017; Board of Directors, 2016 – 2022; currently serve on Board of Advisors
(c) Citizens for Public Life, Board of Directors
(d) Cooperative Ministry, Board of Directors
(e) Omicron Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Parliamentarian
(f) Promise Foundation, Treasurer
(g) Alpha Iota, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Secretary May 2002 to present
(h) Saint John Baptist Church, Board of Deacons, May 2002 to present; Assistant Church Clerk
(i) Wofford College Black Alumni Association
(j) Omega Men of Columbia, SC, Inc., Secretary
(k) Israel Brooks Foundation, Board of Directors
(l) Life Member, NAACP

Judge Kimpson further reported:
My service on the Administrative Law Court has been an invaluable experience and among the highlights of my legal career. As a judge, I have tried to emulate the good characteristics of the many excellent judges before whom I have appeared. I strive to be prepared, knowledgeable about the law and importantly, to be attentive, respectful and courteous to litigants. I have always appreciated those judges who actively listened to the evidence and evaluated my legal arguments. Whether acting as a trial judge or acting in an appellate capacity, I do my best to fairly evaluate the evidence and fully address legal arguments when rendering decisions. I believe that as a Circuit Judge, I will bring these same attributes to a court with greater responsibility and a wider range of litigants as well as exposure to citizen juries.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Kimpson has an outstanding reputation as a jurist on the Administrative Law Court. The Commission is impressed with both his temperament and his intellect which would ably serve him should he be elected to the Circuit Court.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Kimpson qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 11.

Riley Maxwell
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Maxwell has the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Maxwell was born in 1979. He is 44 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Maxwell provided in his application he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least

the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2006.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Maxwell.

Mr. Maxwell demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to a judge, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Maxwell that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Maxwell testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Maxwell testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Maxwell to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Maxwell reported that he has spoken or lectured for the following matters:

(i) October 2020 - I spoke at a CLE course (Prosecution and Victim Compensation) regarding restitution for crime victims.

(j) May 2022 - I served as a faculty member at the 2022 Prosecution Bootcamp. This program, conducted by the South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination, is a week-long program for new prosecutors. It focuses on trial advocacy with time

dedicated to opening and closing statements and direct and cross examinations of witnesses.
(k) February 2002 - I spoke at the South Carolina Coroner's Association annual conference. I discussed and answered questions about issues coroners may need to be prepared for when testifying at trial. I also led a mock witness examination.

Mr. Maxwell reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Maxwell did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Maxwell does not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Maxwell has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Maxwell was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Maxwell reported that he has no ratings by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Maxwell reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Maxwell reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Maxwell appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Maxwell appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Maxwell was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2006.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) August 2006 - August 2007
Law clerk for the Honorable Edward Welmaker, Circuit Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit

(b) October 2007 - January 2015
Assistant Solicitor, Sixth Judicial Circuit
I prosecuted crimes of all nature in General Sessions Court and juvenile matters in Family Court.

(c) January 2015 - present
Deputy Solicitor, Sixth Judicial Circuit
I currently handle the prosecution of crimes in General Sessions Court and Family Court. I supervise a staff of assistant solicitors and administrators and oversee the prosecution of all cases in Fairfield County. I assist and advise the Circuit Solicitor on personnel and other administrative matters. I have not managed any financial matters.

Mr. Maxwell further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

I have served as a prosecutor for almost 16 years. In that time, I have been involved with the prosecution of thousands of cases, including murder, criminal sexual conduct, robbery, drugs, property crimes, and complex financial crimes. I have also served as lead or co-counsel for dozens of trials. I regularly conduct research of various legal issues, consult and advise law enforcement, meet with victims and witnesses, and prepare motions and briefs. I generally spend several days each month appearing before the Circuit Court for pleas, bond hearings, and motions. I am involved in trials before the Court four to seven times each year.

Since I have spent the majority of my career as a prosecutor, I have had limited involvement in civil court. I have filed civil lawsuits on behalf of the State under the drug forfeiture statute. In those cases, I drafted the complaints, oversaw the services of

process, and litigated the cases before the Court of Common Pleas. I have also represented the State in Common Pleas Court in appeals from the summary courts.

While I served as a law clerk, Judge Edward Welmaker served as Chief Administrative Judge for Common Pleas in Greenville County. I regularly assisted Judge Welmaker in the preparation of civil matters including researching various issues. I prepared orders and reviewed proposed orders prior to the Judge's signing. I observed several trials during my clerkship including personal injury cases where liability was contested and other cases where only damages were at issue. I also sat as clerk during medical malpractice trials and a complex trial involving non-compete claims and trade secrets involving a major corporation headquartered in South Carolina.

I continuously stay current with judicial opinions since I have been an attorney. I have also observed several civil trials in recent years and attended numerous sessions of Common Pleas Non-Jury terms.

With my extensive trial experience, I have adept knowledge of the South Carolina Rules of Evidence that I believe would be applicable in civil cases. If I encountered a matter I was unfamiliar with, I would extensively research the issue and/or consult other authorities.

Mr. Maxwell reported the frequency of his court appearances as follows:
(a) federal: 0
(b) state: I appear in state court 5-10 days each month.

Mr. Maxwell reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters as follows:

(a) Civil: 1%
(b) Criminal: 99%
(c) Domestic: 0%
(d) Other: 0%

Mr. Maxwell reported their practice in trial court as follows:

(a) 98% was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial;
(b) 13 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict;
(c) 0 went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case;
(d) 1 settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Mr. Maxwell reported the following about his role as counsel during the past five years:

As Deputy Solicitor, I oversee all General Sessions prosecutions in Fairfield County. I assign cases to assistant solicitors and personally handle my caseload as sole counsel. In most trials, I served as chief counsel. In a small number of trials, I assisted an assistant solicitor.

The following is Mr. Maxwell's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *State v. Charles Coleman.* This was a cold case prosecution of a woman who was raped and killed in 1976. The South Carolina Law Enforcement continued to investigate the case over the years. In 2020, Coleman's DNA was matched with a DNA profile developed from pieces of evidence. I researched the existing law in 1976 to ensure he was properly charged. Ultimately, Coleman pled guilty after the jury was seated but before opening arguments. He was sentenced to life. A challenge in the case was locating witnesses and developing a proper chain of evidence. I was the lead prosecutor.

(b) *State v. Latroy Sampson.* This was a case that involved the strangulation murder of a woman by an acquaintance. The defendant fled the state and was apprehended a few weeks later in Rochester, New York. while in possession of a gun. The defendant was convicted and sentenced to prison in New York for the gun charge. I spent considerable time and effort working to have the defendant brought back to South Carolina. He was convicted of murder and received a life sentence. Because he had not completed his five year sentence on the gun charge, New York wanted Sampson transported back.

After much discussion between authorities in both states, New York dropped their request and the defendant remained in the South Carolina Department of Corrections. I was the lead prosecutor.

(c) *State v. Ricky Deel.* This was a Felony Driving Under the Influence case involving the death of one teenager and the paralysis of another on I-77. Others involved were also severely injured in the wreck. The victims were traveling with other family members from Michigan heading to Florida when the defendant lost control of his vehicle and struck the victims' vehicle. A blood draw collected from the defendant indicated a blood alcohol level above the legal limit. *Missouri v. McNeely*, 569 U.S. 141 (2013), a U.S. Supreme Court opinion decided after the incident, ruled that law enforcement generally must acquire a search warrant to collect a suspect's blood. During a hearing to suppress the blood draw evidence, the State argued exigent circumstances existed creating an exception to the search warrant requirement. The Circuit Court denied the suppression motion and the defendant subsequently entered a guilty plea and received a twenty year sentence. I served as sole counsel throughout the case.

(d) *State v. Christopher Williams, et al.* This was a murder case where the victim was shot during a home invasion. Eight defendants were initially charged with murder under the theory of accomplice liability. Through the investigation, we were able to clarify the roles each defendant played in the incident. The defendant who fired the fatal shot pleaded guilty to murder, attempted armed robbery, and burglary and was sentenced to 30 years. Another armed defendant received a 30 year sentence for voluntary manslaughter. Another four of the defendants entered guilty pleas to various reduced charges and received sentences ranging from probation to 11 years. I made the decision to dismiss the charges against the remaining two defendants. I initially assisted the Circuit Solicitor before his retirement and handled the majority of the case thereafter.

(e) *State v. Timothy Thompson.* This case initially began as an investigation into a hit and run of a pedestrian before further investigation showed it to be an intentional act. The

South Carolina Highway Patrol began the investigation and uncovered evidence of an earlier altercation between the defendant and victim and witnesses provided statements detailing the defendant's intent to harm the victim. I was advising law enforcement early on in the investigation. The Highway Patrol wanted to turn the case over to the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office because they did not handle murder cases. I determined, as the lead prosecutor, there was enough evidence to proceed with the prosecution without the need to involve another agency. The defendant was found guilty of murder following a four day trial and was sentenced to life.

Mr. Maxwell reported that he has not handled any civil or criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Maxwell's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Maxwell to be "Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, professional and academic ability, physical health, mental stability, and experience; and "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, character, reputation, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Lack of experience on civil but otherwise qualified."

Mr. Maxwell is not married and has no children.

Mr. Maxwell reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar, 2006
(b) Fairfield County Bar, 2007

Mr. Maxwell provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) F3 Columbia-F3 is an organization designed to plant, grow and serve small workout groups for men for the invigoration of community leadership. I have been

involved for nearly 10 years and served in a leadership role. F3 regularly helps local charities with donations and volunteering.

(b) South Carolina Bar House of Delegates-I served as representative for the Sixth Circuit beginning in 2015 and ending in 2017/2018.

Mr. Maxwell further reported:

Over my almost 16 year career as a prosecutor, I have always viewed part of my role as to act as a gatekeeper for the criminal justice system. I always strive to ensure that defendants are treated fairly and that their constitutional rights are protected. I speak with law enforcement officers on a daily basis to advise and make determinations of whether probable cause exists to make an arrest or get a search warrant. I assess cases on their merits to determine proper charges, whether a case should be dismissed, whether to divert the case to a diversion program, whether to reduce charges for plea purposes, and to devise a trial strategy.

I work to maintain a good working relationship with opposing attorneys. I try to respect their opinions and viewpoints and the role they play in defending their clients. I feel most defense attorneys respect the way I handle my role in return. I try to be helpful when the situation allows and find common ground in resolving cases.

Since I began as a solicitor, it has been my job to plan and organize court for nearly every General Sessions term in Fairfield County. This includes communicating with the presiding judge, the clerk of court, and court staff regarding logistical matters. I have always been open to new ideas and feedback on the operations of court from my staff, court personnel, and opposing counsel.

I have enjoyed and take pride in acting as a public servant, and would be honored to continue to do so as a circuit judge. I believe I possess the good temperament that is required from the bench. I believe it is important to treat all parties fairly no matter the situation.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Mr. Maxwell's recommendations, coming from both sides of the criminal bar, spoke highly of him and his impartiality. In addition, his BallotBox surveys emphasized his fair dealing and efforts to respect attorneys' work schedules.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Maxwell qualified, and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16.

Charles J. McCutchen
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. McCutchen meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. McCutchen was born in 1977. He is 46 years old and a resident of Orangeburg, South Carolina. Mr. McCutchen provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2002.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. McCutchen.

Mr. McCutchen demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. McCutchen reported that he has made $480.87 in campaign expenditures for postage, printing, and parking.

Mr. McCutchen testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. McCutchen testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. McCutchen to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. McCutchen reported that he has not taught or lectured at any Bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.

Mr. McCutchen reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. McCutchen did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. McCutchen did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. McCutchen has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. McCutchen was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. McCutchen reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. McCutchen reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. McCutchen reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. McCutchen appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. McCutchen appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. McCutchen was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2002.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Hood Law Firm, LLC, Charleston, SC. Associate. September 2002 – January 2004. My primary area of practice was general civil litigation defense, beginning with initial pleadings and conducting discovery, all the way through mediation, as well as trial preparation/trial. I was not involved in any management position in this role, including management of trust accounts.

(b) Lanier & Burroughs, LLC, Orangeburg, SC. Non-equity member. February 2004 – Present. My areas of practice have always included personal injury litigation practice, including pretrial, trial preparation and trial, domestic litigation, criminal defense, workers compensation, as well as Social Security disability appeals and magistrate's Court civil and criminal litigation practice. Although I never managed the firm nor the trust accounts, I do oversee the trust account disbursements in cases that I personally handle.

Mr. McCutchen further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Over the past 5 years, and even prior, I have handled DUI/DUS cases, cases involving burglary and stolen goods, assault and battery, criminal domestic violence, various drug and firearm related charges, and also numerous traffic offenses. The usual

issues presented in these cases pertained to probable cause or lack thereof, Miranda violations, failure of law enforcement to comply with South Carolina law, as well as mitigating facts and circumstances to be considered beyond just the charge(s) alone. The vast majority of my criminal cases concluded in negotiated plea agreements after completing the rule 5 discovery process.

As far as civil matters, I frequently and routinely handle an array of cases including automobile accidents and premises liability cases, primarily. These typically involve issues of proximate causation, damages and especially on the premises liability side, foreseeability issues and issues of actual and constructive notice, in addition to the proximate cause and damages issues. Again, the vast majority of my civil cases ended in an agreed upon settlement, whether it be at mediation or before; however, a few cases that included issues of causation/liability coupled with issues of causally connected damages, ended up proceeding to trial. Most of my practice is spent representing Plaintiffs, but from time to time I do represent individual defendants who have been sued.

I certainly am aware that my practice has been primarily on the civil side; however, I believe that the Rules of Evidence apply across the board, in any type of case, and the practice of one type of law familiarizes you with those same rules to be applied in other areas. I believe there would be a swift learning curve on the criminal side if I were elected, as there are usually more General Sessions terms of court compared to Common Pleas terms. As criminal matters involve the potential loss of rights most sacred to our State and U.S. Constitutions, I would most certainly ensure that I was well versed, by preliminary research, on any unfamiliar issue that may arise in a case before me. That would also hold true with civil matters, as I am a firm believer in proper preparation in both my professional life, as well as my personal life.

Mr. McCutchen reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 5, or on average about 1 per year.;

(b) State: 142 total, or on average about 28 times per year.

Mr. McCutchen reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 59%;
(b) Criminal: 4%;
(c) Domestic: 24%;
(d) Other: 13%.

Mr. McCutchen reported his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) 87% of his practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial;
(b) 4 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict;
(c) 0 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case;
(d) 2 cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Mr. McCutchen provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. McCutchen's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) Sandra Canty, indv. and as guardian of Andrea Gulley, an Incapacitated Adult v. Orangeburg County EMS, Case # 2018-CP-38-01354

This matter involved alleged breaches of the standard of care by EMS personnel in responding to a 911 call from the Plaintiff's daughter, which resulted in an anoxic brain injury. The case involved multiple experts in the areas of causation and damages, as well as issues surrounding protections under the SC Tort Claims Act. After discovery and expert preparation, the case was successfully mediated, wherein a substantial, yet limited recovery was obtained to assist in Ms. Gulley's lifelong care.

(b) Shawn Hale v. Locals Pub of Orangeburg, SC, etal., Case # 2017-CP-38-00005

This premises liability case involved injuries sustained by the owner of a security company who was shot while checking on staff at a night club providing security services. The Plaintiff had extensive medical treatment requiring a month long hospitalization, multiple skin grafts and was permanently limited in function as a result of his injuries. The issues litigated were the duties owed by the landowner, and imputed notice from tenant to the landlord, assumption of the risk doctrines, and criminal acts of third parties. After extensive investigation, numerous depositions and surviving a defense motion for summary judgment, the case was successfully mediated.

(c) William Rutland v. Hazel H. Fogle, Case # 2016-CP-38-01449

This automobile accident case was one where liability was admitted, partly because the Defendant later became incapacitated due to age. Also, the case contained issues of pre-existing medical problems, exacerbation of a prior condition, causally connected medical expenses, and UIM offset due to failure to exhaust liability limits. After lengthy discovery, treating physician deposition(s), and subsequent consulting independent medical examiner testimony, the case was mediated twice (liability and UIM) and ultimately resolved prior to trial.

(d) Shayeata Taylor v. Wal-Mart Stores East, LP, etal., Case # 2013-CP-38-0650

Suit was commenced in this matter due to the wrongful arrest and subsequent prosecution of the Plaintiff for shoplifting. Plaintiff was a single mother who lost her job because of her detention and arrest. Significantly, the case involved issues of computer forensics and data stored on a gaming console which assisted in proving the allegations of wrongful arrest and malicious prosecution. Further, past economic loss was a substantial portion of the damages in the case. After multiple pretrial motions hearings, requiring amendment of the complaint itself, the matter settled prior to trial, after it was previously mediated unsuccessfully.

(e) Walter Proctor v. Admon Louis Moran d/b/a Moran Stumping Company, etal., Case # 2010-CP-14-124
This case, along with the companion loss of consortium case, arose out of an accident between a private vehicle and a tractor trailer hauling pine tree stumps. From the beginning, this matter contained issues and violations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations, conspicuity analysis, accident reconstruction, comparative negligence, as well as substantial physical injuries sustained by the Plaintiff and his wife. The case was unsuccessfully mediated, yet settled prior to trial.

Mr. McCutchen reported he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

Mr. McCutchen further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
In 2021, I was a candidate for the Circuit Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat One position. I was found Qualified and Nominated by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission in the Media Release dated November 23, 2021. I ultimately withdrew my candidacy on January 20, 2022.

In 2022, I was a candidate for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat Three position. I was found Qualified but Not Nominated by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission in the Media Release dated November 22, 2022 and the Final Report of Candidate Qualifications 2022, dated January 17, 2023.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. McCutchen's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. McCutchen to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. Additionally,

the Committee noted: "Good experience (not as much on criminal side), highly relational and likeable, compassionate, great disposition ¬– would make a great circuit judge."

Mr. McCutchen is married to Tara Lovelace McCutchen. He has two children.

Mr. McCutchen reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) Orangeburg County Bar Association, Treasurer 2008-Present.
(c) First Judicial Circuit Fee Dispute Resolutions Board
(d) South Carolina Association of Justice, member.

Mr. McCutchen provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Orangeburg County Community of Character, Board of Directors, 2014 - Present.
(b) 2018 Lawyer of the Year, as voted on by readers of the Times & Democrat Newspaper.
(c) City of Orangeburg Dixie Youth Baseball Coach, 2012-2020

Mr. McCutchen further reported:

I was born and raised in a small community a few miles north of Kingstree, South Carolina. Growing up, my parents and grandparents taught me the importance of diligence and hard work. More importantly, they taught me how to be a person of good character, which includes how to treat people. I never once witnessed my parents mistreat another human being, not so much as to raise their voice at them. The opposite was more true: my parents would inconvenience themselves and go out of their way to help their peers and their community, indiscriminately. At age twelve, my father passed away, and I watched my mother work tirelessly to ensure our needs were met. Growing up, I held every job a teenager in rural Williamsburg County could possibly have: from country store clerk to farming or working the tobacco and gladiola fields, I did it all. I consider myself fortunate to have met so many people from various walks of life

at such a young age. It keeps me grounded to this day. I have walked many miles in many different persons' shoes, and I believe this is extremely important when one day I may be asked to adjudicate matters involving those same people.

My humble beginnings in life have stayed with me throughout my career, and I believe that is partially what has prepared me to be a Judge. I pray that if I am ever fortunate enough to wear a black robe, I will be no different of a man then as I am today. No person is bigger than the system in which they operate, including the law. I have realized over my twenty years of practice that any case I have handled, although all important regardless of size and type, is the most important case to 1 person: the client that hired you. When an individual places that much trust in another individual, it is a very humbling experience. It is even more humbling to fathom that one day I may have to preside over matters where there are two sides having their most important, and sometimes only experience, within the judicial system. That is a responsibility that I do not, and will not take lightly. Having to preside and render judgment over an individual's life or livelihood is a sobering, serious responsibility, and that is a responsibility that I will gladly and humbly assume.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission was impressed with Mr. McCutchen's reputation for professionalism and fairness. In addition, the Commission commented on Mr. McCutchen's excellent demeanor that would serve him well should he ascend to the Circuit Court bench.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Mr. McCutchen qualified and nominated him for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16.

Jane H. Merrill
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. Merrill meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Ms. Merrill was born in 1980. She is 43 years old and a resident of Greenwood, South Carolina. Ms. Merrill provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2007.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. Merrill.

Ms. Merrill demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. Merrill reported that she has made $36.20 in campaign expenditures for name badges.

Ms. Merrill testified she has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. Merrill testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Ms. Merrill to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. Merrill reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) On March 3, 2011, the Anderson County Sherriff's Department offered a training class for law enforcement officers about Large Animal Cruelty Investigations. I taught the section about criminal investigations and statutes.
(b) On January 10, 2014, I taught a section of a probate CLE presented by the Greenwood County Bar.
(c) On November 10, 2014, I taught the Criminal Law and Torts section for the South Carolina Bar's program, Legal Lessons: A Series for the Public.
(d) On March 10, 2020, I spoke to the Clemson University Prelaw Society about balancing life, work, and other obligations.
(e) On February 10, 2023, D. Nichole Davis and I presented "An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure: Utilizing Mentoring to Elevate Professionalism" for the ethics hour of the Greenville County End of Year CLE.

I taught the following 300-level courses at Lander University.
(f) From August to December 2018, I taught Judicial Process at Lander University. The class met for one hour and fifteen minutes two times per week. During this course, three different judges served as guest lecturers for the class. The students enjoyed learning about the South Carolina courts from current jurists.
(g) From January to May 2019, I taught Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at Lander University. The class met for one hour and fifteen minutes two times per week. During this course, students present oral arguments of pending US Supreme Court cases.
(h) From August to December 2019, I taught Judicial Process at Lander University. The class met for one hour and fifteen minutes two times per week. During this course, three different judges served as guest lecturers for the class. The students enjoyed learning about the South Carolina courts from current jurists.
(i) From January to May 2020, I taught Civil Rights and Civil Liberties at Lander University. The class met for one hour and fifteen minutes two times per week. During this

course, the students present oral arguments of pending US Supreme Court cases.

(j) From August to December 2020, I taught Constitutional Law at Lander University. The class met for one hour and fifteen minutes two times per week. The students wrote opinion essays and made presentations about recent legal events, including recent US Supreme Court opinions.

(k) From January to May 2021, I taught Judicial Process at Lander University. The class met for one hour and fifteen minutes two times per week. During this course, three different judges served as guest lecturers for the class. The students enjoyed learning about the South Carolina courts from current jurists, including a South Carolina Court of Appeals Judge.

(l) From August to December 2021, I taught Constitutional Law at Lander University. The class met for one hour and fifteen minutes two times per week. The students wrote opinion essays and made presentations about recent legal events, including recent US Supreme Court opinions.

Ms. Merrill reported that she has published the following:

(a) Jane Hawthorne Merrill, Comment, Multijurisdictional Practice of Law Under the Revised South Carolina Rules of Professional Conduct, 57 S.C. L. REV. 549 (2006).

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Ms. Merrill did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Ms. Merrill did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Ms. Merrill has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Ms. Merrill was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the

Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. Merrill reported that her rating by a legal rating organization, Avvo, is 7.8.

Ms. Merrill reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. Merrill reported that she has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Ms. Merrill appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Ms. Merrill appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Ms. Merrill was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2007.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) From November 2007 until December 2007, I served as an Assistant Solicitor in the Eighth Judicial Circuit in the Greenwood office. I managed all aspects of cases, including case and discovery review, theory development, case strategy, plea negotiations, guilty pleas, motion hearings, and jury trials.

(b) From January 2008 to August 2008, I served as a Judicial Law Clerk for The (Late) Honorable Wyatt T. Saunders, Jr., a Circuit Court Judge for the Eighth Judicial Circuit. Being a judicial law clerk provided invaluable experience in developing and honing my legal skills.

(c) From August 2008 until June 2010, I served as an Assistant Solicitor in the Eighth Judicial Circuit in the Greenwood office. I managed all aspects of cases, including case and discovery review, theory

development, case strategy, plea negotiations, guilty pleas, motion hearings, and jury trials.

(d) From July 2010 until February 2013, I worked as an associate attorney on the litigation team at McDonald Patrick Poston Hemphill & Roper, LLC. Most of my practice involved civil litigation matters, including drafting pleadings, engaging in discovery, preparing motions and memoranda, arguing motions, and trying cases to juries. A small portion of my practice involved domestic and criminal matters. I was not involved in the administrative and financial management at this firm.

(e) From March 2013 to the present, I have practiced law in my own firm, Hawthorne Merrill Law, LLC. As a solo practitioner, I manage all aspects of civil, criminal, and domestic cases and claims, from intake and case evaluation to resolution. I draft pleadings, motions, memoranda and orders, engage in discovery, argue motions, reach settlements through negotiation and mediation, and try cases before juries and judges. In addition to representing clients through my private practice, I represent indigent clients in Greenwood County through a contract with the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense and in Abbeville County through a contract with the Eighth Circuit Public Defender's office. I occasionally represent clients for South Carolina Legal Services. I have represented veterans before the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. I am a certified Circuit Court Mediator, and mediate cases pending in circuit and family courts. I am solely responsible for the administrative and financial management of the firm, including compliance with the rule requiring attorneys to maintain monthly trial balances and reconciliations of client trust accounts.

Ms. Merrill further reported regarding her experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

I am uniquely qualified to be a Circuit Court judge. I have tried cases to juries as a criminal prosecutor, a criminal defense attorney, and a civil litigator representing both plaintiffs and

defendants. The depth, breadth, and variety of my experience in the courtroom provides a strong foundation for the role of Circuit Court Judge. I regularly appear before Circuit Court Judges, including every day on numerous matters during Abbeville County general sessions terms.

In addition to my litigation experience, I was honored to serve as a judicial law clerk for The (Late) Honorable Wyatt T. Saunders from January 2008 to August 2008. My clerkship with Circuit Court Judge Saunders offered yet another perspective from which to learn and gain experience. While my primary responsibilities included researching and writing, I also observed numerous criminal and civil court proceedings. A summary of my experience in criminal and civil matters follows.

Criminal Experience:

I had the good fortune to begin my legal career as an Assistant Solicitor in the Eighth Judicial Circuit. Being a prosecutor provided significant and meaningful opportunities to gain courtroom experience. In that position, I was involved in all aspects of managing my significantly large caseload, including case and discovery review, theory development, case strategy, plea negotiations, presenting guilty pleas in court, motions hearings, jury selections, and trials as lead counsel and second chair. I worked on a variety of misdemeanor and felony charges, including armed robberies, kidnappings, burglaries, drug trafficking, child abuse, and animal abuse. Additionally, I communicated with victims, law enforcement officers, and witnesses. I found working with victims particularly meaningful. Even though each victim of a crime reacts and responds differently to their own experience, every victim needs the chance to be heard. Listening is an important part of being an effective attorney. Being a prosecutor provided significant and meaningful opportunities to gain courtroom experience.

Although I found it rewarding to serve as an assistant solicitor, I was interested in learning about other types of law. In July 2010, I began working for a law firm as an associate attorney on the litigation team which primarily focused on civil litigation which will be described in the Civil Experience section below.

In March 2013, I opened Hawthorne Merrill Law, LLC. At various times since opening my firm, I have participated in the Rule 608 Contract program, and represented defendants on both

appointed and retained cases. Defending a criminal case presents different challenges than prosecuting one. It is imperative to communicate effectively with your client and earn your client's trust. Discovery is also reviewed from a different perspective as a defense attorney. For example, I analyze reports, warrants, indictments, statements, and evidence to develop issues affecting my client's constitutional rights, such as search and seizure, exigent circumstances, voluntariness of client's statement, Miranda protocol, immunity and privilege, and hearsay.

I have tried several serious criminal cases to juries, including murder, armed robbery, kidnapping, drug trafficking, and burglary. I tried a murder case as lead counsel in 2015 when the jury acquitted my client and tried another murder case as sole counsel in 2016 when the jury convicted my client of the lesser included offense of involuntary manslaughter. In August 2021, a jury found my client guilty of domestic violence, third degree after acquitting her of domestic violence, high and aggravated.

Knowing, understanding, and applying procedural and substantive criminal law is essential to effectively trying criminal cases. Being on both sides of the courtroom provides a unique perspective that would be helpful and informative as a Circuit Court Judge.

Civil Experience:

In July 2010, I began working for McDonald Patrick Poston Hemphill & Roper, LLC, as an associate attorney on the litigation team. I litigated civil matters in both state and federal courts, primarily representing defendants. After opening Hawthorne Merrill Law, LLC in March 2013, I've represented plaintiffs more often than defendants, and most of my caseload is in state court, though I do some work in federal courts.

As part of my civil litigation duties, I manage complex civil cases from intake and case evaluation to resolution. I draft and answer complaints, engage in discovery, depose parties and witnesses, prepare, and argue motions, settle suits through mediation, and try cases to juries. I collaborate effectively with expert witnesses, and assist with the preparation of expert affidavits, reports, and testimony contesting causation. I have tried several civil cases to juries. I also represent veterans and

appear by filings before the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

Since 2016, I have been certified as a Circuit Court Mediator by The South Carolina Board of Arbitrator and Mediator Certification. I mediate cases pursuant to court appointments and parties' selection. During mediation, I analyze the facts and law, apply knowledge of wide range of substantive and procedural law, and assist litigating parties during settlement negotiations through the mediation process.

Ms. Merrill reported the frequency of her court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: I am admitted to the federal bar and appear by way of motions and filings in the District of South Carolina, and in the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.

(b) State: I appear in state court at least four times per week. Because the counties in the Eighth Judicial Circuit where I primarily practice do not have court every week of the year, this number is an average. Additionally, I appear before Circuit Court Judges every day on numerous matters during Abbeville County general sessions terms. This is an average for motion hearings and guilty pleas. Trials are detailed below.

Ms. Merrill reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 10%;
(b) Criminal: 55%;
(c) Domestic: 25%;
(d) Other: 10%.

Ms. Merrill reported her practice in trial court as follows:

(a) Approximately 90% of my work is litigation in trial courts. This includes criminal cases in General Sessions and Family Court and civil cases in Common Pleas and Family Court.
(b) Twenty-nine cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict. This includes criminal jury trials in General Sessions and civil jury and bench trials in Common Pleas and Family Court.
(c) Approximately three cases resolved after (or during) the Plaintiff's or state's case. Specifically, there was a criminal case in General Sessions in Abbeville County in which the court declared a mistrial during the State's case when several jurors recognized the crime scene and/or a testifying witness. In another matter, the parties settled a family court case on the third day of trial after the Plaintiff rested. In the third matter, the court dismissed the case upon a defense motion after the State called its first witness.
(d) I recall one case which settled after the jury was selected before opening statements in a Greenwood County case in General Sessions. The Defendant pleaded guilty after jury selection and a full day of pretrial motions, outside the jury's presence, in which the court ruled the evidence admissible.

Ms. Merrill provided the following about her role as counsel during the past five years:
I most often served as sole counsel in the last five years. There were several trials in which I served as chief counsel with another attorney who served as second chair.

The above questions are answered in good faith based on my recollection and after reviewing closed files for the last five years.

The following is Ms. Merrill's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *State v. John Gregory Barnes*, 2006-GS-24-00153, 2006-GS-24-00154, 2007-GS-24-02020; Circuit Court, General Sessions, Greenwood County (Trial December 2007); I was sworn into the South Carolina Bar on November 13, 2007, and less than a month later I tried this case before the Honorable D. Garrison Hill. I was lead counsel with another attorney as second chair. I presented the opening statement, direct examined all

witnesses, and argued the closing. The jury returned a guilty verdict for Unlawful Neglect of a Child and Possession of Methamphetamine. This case was significant because it was the first case I tried, and the defendant's attorney was, and still is, a seasoned and well-respected criminal defense attorney.

(b) *State v. Jerome Chisholm*, 395 S.C. 259, 717 S.E.2d 614 (Ct. App. 2011); 2005-GS-24-01386; Circuit Court, General Sessions, Greenwood County (Trial June 2009); I tried this case as an Assistant Solicitor. The state indicted the defendant for criminal sexual conduct with a minor. The defendant sexually abused the minor child and infected the minor child with the HIV virus. I assisted in preparing the entire case for trial. I served as second chair for trial and had the delicate and challenging task of direct examining the minor child victim. I also direct examined the physician who served as the state's expert witness. The jury found the defendant guilty, and the court imposed the maximum sentence. I handled the case only at the trial level, and on appeal, it was affirmed. This case is significant because it was humbling to meet, interact with, and prepare the minor child for trial. Working with this child and trying this case significantly impacted and guided how I work on cases with children.

(c) *State v. Zanquirious Hurley*, Indictment Nos. 2014-GS-24-0972, 2014-GS-24-0973; Circuit Court, General Sessions, Greenwood County (Trial September 2015); Mr. Hurley, at age 17, was accused of robbing and murdering his father. I represented Mr. Hurley and served as sole counsel throughout the process except trial. For the trial, I hired another attorney to sit second chair because this was the first murder case I tried as defense counsel. I conducted the opening statement, cross examined all witnesses except one, direct examined all defense witnesses, and presented the closing argument. The jury acquitted Mr. Hurley on all charges. This case was significant because after conducting an extensive investigation, including interviewing numerous witnesses no one else interviewed, I was firmly convinced of my client's innocence. As such, the jury's verdict was the

proper result. Mr. Hurley and his family appreciated my dedication and diligence in representing him.

(d) *State v. Marcus Manick*, 2014-GS-24-0746, 2014-GS-24-0747; Circuit Court, General Sessions, Greenwood County (Trial October 2016); Mr. Manick was charged with murder. The state alleged Mr. Manick murdered a man who was physically attacking Mr. Manick's "sister." Mr. Manick considered this woman like a sister because they grew up in the same household together, although they were not blood related. I represented Mr. Manick after his public defender discovered a conflict of interest. I was Mr. Manick's sole attorney and tried the case alone. Throughout the process and during the trial, Mr. Manick did not deny firing the weapon, but I believed and successfully argued there was no malice to support a murder conviction. The jury acquitted Mr. Manick of murder and found him guilty of the lesser included offense of involuntary manslaughter. The Court dismissed the remaining indictment for Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Violent Crime. This case was significant because it was a serious case that I tried alone, the jury returned a correct verdict, and my client was grateful for the effort and time I invested in his case.

(e) *Richard Wilson, et al. v. Laura B. Willis et al.*, 426 S.C. 326, 827 S.E.2d 167 (2019); I represented Laurie Williams in Circuit Court (Common Pleas), the Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court. Ms. Williams was seriously injured in 2012 when a driver operating an SUV struck my client who was walking for exercise. The case has numerous parties and a complicated procedural history, and Ms. Williams became involved in the larger case when the SUV's driver's insurance company sued Ms. Williams in federal court. The federal case was dismissed, and the insurance company then sued her in state court. Months after filing suit against Ms. Williams in state court, the insurance company moved to compel arbitration based on an arbitration clause in a contract between the insurance company and an insurance agency. The trial court denied the motion to compel, and the insurance company appealed. The Court of Appeals reversed. *Wilson v. Willis*, 416 S.C. 395, 786 S.E.2d 571

(Ct. App. 2016). The Supreme Court granted certiorari, heard oral arguments (my co-counsel and I argued separately) on December 13, 2018, and reversed the Court of Appeals in its decision issued April 10, 2019. This case is significant personally because it is the first case I argued before the Supreme Court and because it addressed a unique issue related to arbitration and insurance policies that provides guidance for the wider legal community.

The following is Ms. Merrill's account of five civil appeals she has personally handled:

(a) *Singleton v. Shinseki*, Vet. App. No. 12-1084, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (2013). After the prebriefing conference, the VA Secretary conceded the Board of Veterans' Appeals erred because it did not provide an adequate statement of reasons or bases to support its finding that the Veteran "has not been shown to have a prostate disorder that is related to his military service." A joint motion for remand was filed, and the Court issued an Order remanding the case to the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

(b) *Carroll v. Shinseki*, Vet. App. No. 12-2696, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (2014). Mr. Carroll was a Vietnam era Veteran who sought service connection for Hepatitis C. By the time I began representing him before the Court, his claim had been pending for twelve years. I represented Mr. Carroll for his entire case before the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. The Secretary would not agree to a consent joint remand, so I argued his position in a brief and reply brief. In an unpublished memorandum decision, the Court ruled favorably for Mr. Carroll, and vacated the Board of Veterans' Appeals decision and remanded the matter for further proceedings consistent with its opinion. About a year later, the Department of Veterans Affairs granted service connection to Mr. Carroll for his Hepatitis C.

(c) *King v. McDonald*, Vet. App. No. 15-1983, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (2016). The Court affirmed the decision of the Board of Veterans' Appeals denying Mr. King's initial evaluation in excess of 10% for

service-connected mechanical low back pain, and for a total disability evaluation based on individual unemployability (TDIU).
(d) *Thompson v. Shulkin*, Vet. App. No. 16-3503, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (2018). After the prebriefing conference, the VA Secretary agreed to vacate and remand Mr. Thompson's case because the VA failed to provide adequate examinations in April 2008, August 2009, December 2010, and January 2015, and the Board of Veterans' Appeals relied upon the inadequate examinations in its decision. A consent joint motion for remand was filed, and the Court issued its order remanding the matter to the Board of Veterans' Appeals.
(e) *Wilson v. Willis*, 426 S.C. 326, 827 S.E.2d 167 (2019). The Supreme Court decided that insureds were not required to arbitrate their claims, which was favorable to my client. More details about this case are included in the response to Question 15 (e) above.

The following is Ms. Merrill's account of the criminal appeal she has personally handled:

State v. Green, Court of Appeals, May 11, 2016; I represented Mr. Green in this appeal pursuant to an appointment through the Appellate Practice Project. The Court of Appeals affirmed in an unpublished decision filed May 11, 2016.

Ms. Merrill further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

I ran for Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 13, in the Fall of 2019. I ran for Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 3, in the Fall of 2022. Both times, I was found qualified though not nominated.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Ms. Merrill's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Piedmont Citizens Committee found Ms. Merrill "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee noted: "Ms. Merrill has appeared before this Committee before. Then and now, she has made a forceful impression on us as a skilled and talented lawyer, a dedicated community servant, and a person of great character and integrity. We believe that she would make a fine Circuit Court judge."

Ms. Merrill is married to Albert L. Merrill. She has two children.

Ms. Merrill reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar, since 2007
(b) Greenwood County Bar Association, since 2007
(c) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, since 2013
(d) National Organization of Veterans' Advocates, former member
Ms. Merrill provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Leadership Academy Graduate (2022)
(b) G. Dewey Oxner, Jr. Mentor of the Year Award, South Carolina Bar (2019)
(c) Greenwood Leadership Graduate (2018)
(d) Star Under 40 Award, Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (2015)
(e) Phi Beta Kappa (inducted 2001)
(f) Legislative Appointee, Board of Directors, Greenwood County First Steps (since March 2022)
(g) Confirmed Communicant, Church of the Resurrection (Episcopal); Lay Reader (since 2005); Choir Member (since 2007); Delegate to Diocesan Convention (2021 to 2023 and 2013 to 2015); past Member of Rector Search Committee (2018 to 2019);

past Senior Warden (2012); past Vestry Member (2010 to 2012)
(h) Immediate Past Chair, Board of Directors, Greenwood Community Theatre (Chair, 2020 to 2022; Vice Chair, 2019; Member since 2015)
(i) Board of Directors, Greenwood County Community Foundation (2015 to 2021)
(j) Founding Member, Greenwood Women Care (2018 to 2022)
(k) Volunteer Attorney Coach, High School Mock Trial Team (since 2013)
(l) Member, Kiwanis International (2010 - 2022)

Ms. Merrill further reported:

As the daughter of a social worker and truck driver, I had little exposure to the legal world growing up. Nevertheless, my life experiences have prepared me in immeasurable ways to be a conscientious, courteous, compassionate, and committed judge.

"Hard work never killed anyone." "If it's worth doing, it's worth doing right." "Can't never could." These are some of my mother's favorite phrases. My brother and I heard them all the time. Fortunately for us, my mother embodied these words in her own life, and we learned by her example.

My brother, older than me by only six months thanks to the gift of adoption, and I started kindergarten and graduated high school together. Our single mother working for DSS and our father, who was totally disabled by the time of our high school graduation, simply did not have the means to fund our college educations. So, I earned my college education through hard work and determination.

In high school I worked as a clerk at the local library and saved my minimum wage earnings. The summer before starting college, I kept my library job and added another waiting tables. Throughout college, I always worked at least one job, and most summers, I worked three. My jobs ran the gamut. I waited tables at three different restaurants, ran errands for two law firms, babysat, tutored student athletes, interned at an advertising agency, completed administrative tasks for a professor, and worked third shift at a radio station. When I walked across the stage at graduation, I had no student loan debt and a 3.95 GPA.

My mother learned the value of hard work from her parents. My grandfather worked multiple jobs to provide for his wife and five children. He started his own business, and steadily built a successful trucking company. My grandmother took care of their home and children and worked in her husband's business as it grew. Neither of my grandparents had a college degree, but I am grateful that at least my grandmother lived long enough to be there when I earned mine.

My parents divorced when I was twelve, but even before they separated, my father worked late hours and my mother was the primary parent. I am blessed to have an extended family that love and care about me. A few of my fond memories include winning "best presentation board" in fifth grade because my uncle cut an interesting shape from wood onto which I glued facts and figures; learning from another uncle how to drive a manual transmission car on back country roads; and, moving in and out of every college apartment with help from yet another uncle. Two of my aunts worked as school librarians, and they introduced me to new worlds, adventures, and ideas through books. Another aunt embraced technology and taught me to use a computer. Another aunt and uncle beautifully play the piano and organ and inspired my love of music. And yet another aunt and uncle who met at a Mensa convention challenged me to critically analyze important issues. Finally, my aunt and uncle who lost their son in 1984, and my other aunt and uncle who lost their son in 2012 exemplified compassion and strength of character.

Though none of them worked in the legal field, my family supported my dream of becoming a lawyer. They encouraged me, prayed for me, and kept my infant child while I commuted daily between Greenwood and Columbia during my last year of law school. Even though my family did not expose me to the legal field, there were events along the way that sparked my interest in the law.

A junior high school field trip to the Greenwood County Courthouse fascinated me. Writing a paper in high school about Sandra Day O'Connor and her ascension to the United States Supreme Court inspired me. Working for lawyers in college opened my eyes to the variety of areas in which a lawyer could practice. Helping my father, who had Multiple Sclerosis and was wheelchair bound the last ten years of his life, navigate legal, long-term care, and medical decisions taught me patience and further

ingrained in me that all people, no matter their circumstances, deserve to be treated with respect and dignity.

Though I can never repay my family for all they have given me, I can pay it forward to the next generation. I give back to our community and the legal profession in various ways. For more than ten years, I have served as a volunteer coach for Greenwood High School's mock trial team. I serve on the boards of Greenwood County First Steps and Greenwood Community Theatre. I was honored to serve as a mentor to Daenayia Hudson through the South Carolina Bar's mentoring program, and then humbled to receive a 2019 Mentor of the Year award. There to celebrate the moment with me was my mother, sitting beside the Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court.

By example, my family taught me to be conscientious, courteous, compassionate, and committed. Just like an excellent judge, they paid attention and listened. They were patient, kept an open mind when I shared ideas and dreams, and encouraged my success. They knew that work worth doing was worth doing right. The life lessons I learned from them guided me through childhood, college, law school, and my career. I am grateful for them. All I learned from them, coupled with my broad, deep, and varied legal experiences, will serve me well as a Circuit Court Judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented on Ms. Merrill's impressive scholarly background and her demonstrated commitment to public service throughout her professional career.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Ms. Merrill qualified, and nominated her for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16.

FAMILY COURT
QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Jerrod A. Anderson
Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, three candidates applied for this vacancy, and one candidate withdrew. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Anderson meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Mr. Anderson was born in 1971. He is 52 years old and a resident of Orangeburg, South Carolina. Mr. Anderson provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1999. He was also admitted to the Georgia Bar in 2000.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Anderson demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Anderson reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Anderson testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Anderson testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Mr. Anderson to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Anderson reported that he has not taught or lectured at any bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.

Mr. Anderson reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Anderson did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Anderson did not indicate any evidence of disqualifying financial issues.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Anderson was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Anderson reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Anderson reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Anderson reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Anderson appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Anderson appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Anderson was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1999.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:
(a) Glenn Walter's and Associates June 1998- August 1999, Associate Attorney;
(b) Law Office of Carl B. Grant August 1999- July 2004, Associate Attorney;
(c) South Carolina Department of Social Services Orangeburg and Calhoun County July 2004- September 2006, Attorney III
(d) Reeves Law, PA September 2006- June 2007, Associate Attorney
(e) Anderson Law Office, PA, June 2007-present, Sole Practitioner

Mr. Anderson further reported regarding his experience with the Family Court practice area:

I have had the privilege of representing clients in Family Court for over twenty-three (23) years. As to divorce and equitable division of marital property, I have completed dozens of divorces, and the issue of martial property or alimony is at issue before the Court. Generally, the parties had divided most of the personal property to their liking. The biggest assets were

generally pension plans and equity in the martial home. I found that if both parties have a pension, we would work to keep each pension intact and make the division work out of the equity in the martial home. Custody of the minor children would be worked out by agreement; child support was paid by the non-custodial parent according to the South Carolina Child Support Guidelines. Alimony was usually waived and attorney fees if any would be the responsibility of the client who hired their attorney. I have established child custody by Court order for single parents who were not listed on the minor's birth certificate, grandparents who obtained physical custody of their grandchildren because the parent or parents, untimely death and aunts or uncles who have physical custody of their niece or nephew because of the parties untimely death. I get a great since of satisfaction in protecting children and helping a family move towards peace in their time of need. I have handled a handful of adoptions, which have so many positives I recall in one instance my client asked the presiding judge to join in the first picture of family after the completion of the adoption proceedings. The Judge smiled and was so happy to be a part of the special moment. As to neglect and abuse cases, I have participated in dozens if not hundreds of hearings. I began my experience by covering pro bono appointments defending parents in abuse and neglect cases. Then I prosecuted on behalf of Orangeburg County and Calhoun County Department of Social Services (SCDSS) from July 2004 to September 2006. I resumed representing defendant parents from 2006 to 2016. I prosecuted cases again for SCDSS for a little over a year. Then I represented guardians appointed through the Cass Elias McCarter Guardian Ad Litem Program for 2019 to present. I have represented a handful of minors in three (3) to four (4) juvenile hearings. One thing I noticed about these cases is the children's behavior was linked to trouble at home, pressure at school or bad influences from peers. I was able to request access to resources for my client to help address problems that existed at home and/or school. The Court accepted negotiated pleas by my clients.

Mr. Anderson reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: No appearances.

(b) State: I was in Family Court generally weekly with South Carolina Department of Social Services docket.

Mr. Anderson reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 50%
(b) Criminal:
(c) Domestic: 50%
(d) Other:

Mr. Anderson reported his practice in trial court as follows:
(a) 35% settled prior to trial
(b) 20% of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict
(c) 0 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case
(d) 0 cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements

Mr. Anderson provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Anderson's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *SCDSS v. Latoya Greene, et. al.*, Case No.: 2022-DR-38-530: This case involved violence of a parent against his child which resulted in the child's death. There were other children in the household who witnessed the terrible and ultra traumatic killing. Helping the children find permanency demanded everyone's full attention.

(b) *SCDSS v. Anwar Young, et. al.*, Case No.: 2012-DR-38-1169: This case involved the defense of a paramour in the household who denied the sexual assault allegations alleged against him. He was criminally charged with the allegations, and his situation was more precarious by his prior-criminal history involving the death of child.

(c) *SCDSS v. Antar Jeter, et. al.*, Case No.: 2023-DR-38-897: This case involved an autistic minor the age of

six, whose mother was murdered, and the biological father was criminally charged with the mother's death. Helping this minor child pick up the pieces, find family and have a healthy life is paramount.

(d) *SCDSS v. LeeAnne Cattles, et. al.*, Case No.: 2019-DR-38-03111: This case involved nine children with a procedural history starting in the year of 2016. Children were returned to the custodial mother; however, the children came back in the care of DSS. In 2018 ultimately the fathers abandoned the children, and the mother was not able to remedy conditions for the return of the children. Seven of the children were placed with family and friends of the family. Two of the children remain in foster care.

(e) *SCDSS v. LeeAnne Cattles, et. al.*, Case No.: 2022-DR-38-0019: Ms. Cattles' parental rights as to the two remaining children were terminated with the permanency plan of adoption. The two remaining children were housed separately, and each foster parent expressed a willingness to adopt. The children have all finally reached permanency.

The following is Mr. Anderson's account of two civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Melissa Wilson Evans, et. al.*, Unpublished Opinion No. 2006-UP-028.

(b) *South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Sharon Smith, et. al.*, Unpublished Opinion No. 2006-UP-258.

Mr. Anderson reported that he has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Mr. Anderson's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Anderson to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative

criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Citizens Committee stated in summary, "Dedicated, empathetic, calm, good integrity, tremendous desire to help and protect children, wide experience, would make a great family court judge (applied upon suggestion of Judge Dixon)."

Mr. Anderson is married to Nicole Lanee Reedus Anderson. He has three children.

Mr. Anderson reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) Georgia Bar Association.

Mr. Anderson provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated (Inactive)
(b) Christian Evangelism Fellowship (CEF)
(Committee member of the Orangeburg/Lower Savanah District, presently Vice Chairman).

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Mr. Anderson has an impressive breadth of experience in Family Court.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Anderson qualified, and nominated him for election to Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Deanne M. Gray
Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and

qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, three candidates applied for this vacancy, and one candidate withdrew. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. Gray meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Ms. Gray was born in 1972. She is 51 years old and a resident of Summerville, South Carolina. Ms. Gray provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2000. She was also admitted to the Texas Bar in 2006.

(2) Ethical Fitness:

The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. Gray.

Ms. Gray demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. Gray reported that she has made $95.24 in campaign expenditures for a name badge, postage, paper and envelopes.

Ms. Gray testified she has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. Gray testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Ms. Gray to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. Gray reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) In 2014, I taught a section for Law School for Non-Lawyers course at Trident Technical College regarding the topic of child protection law on behalf of the South Carolina Bar, public services division;
(b) In 2019, I presented at the Charleston County bar program entitled "DSS Abuse & Neglect Cases" regarding child protection laws;
(c) In 2020, I presented at the statewide guardian ad litem training seminar regarding guardian ad litem involvement with DSS including tips, tricks, and pitfalls;
(d) In 2020, I presented at a DSS continuing legal training regarding utilizing data to manage cases specific to termination of parental rights cases;
(e) In 2020, I presented at a legal training for advocates sponsored by My Sister's House. My presentation was entitled, "Everything you wanted to know about DSS but were afraid to ask";
(f) In 2022, I taught a section for Law School for Non-Lawyers course at Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College regarding child protection law on behalf of the South Carolina Bar, public services division;
(g) I'm scheduled to teach another section for Law School for Non-Lawyers course at the Technical College of the Lowcountry regarding child protection law on September 18, 2023 on behalf of the South Carolina Bar, public services division.

Ms. Gray reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Ms. Gray did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Ms. Gray did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Ms. Gray has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Ms. Gray was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. Gray reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Ms. Gray reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. Gray reported that she has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Ms. Gray appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Ms. Gray appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Ms. Gray was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2000.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Law Clerk, South Carolina Court of Appeals, August 1999-August 2002. Drafted opinions and orders, read and analyzed trial records and briefs, participated in pre-oral argument court conferences, performed legal research, and supervised two junior law clerks.

(b) Assistant Solicitor, Charleston County Family Court, August 2022-February 2006. Prosecuted juvenile criminal offenses, including all sexually based offenses, worked closely with law enforcement agencies, prepared and presented training materials to law enforcement. Conducted waiver hearings pursuant to Kent v. United States, 383 U.S. 541, 86 S.Ct. 1045, 16 L.Ed.2d 84 (1966).
(c) Prosecuting Attorney, City of Fort Worth, Texas, June 2007-February 2008. Prosecuted state and local offenses in the City's municipal courts, prepared cases and pre-trial hearings, negotiated appropriate settlements with attorneys and un-represented defendants, represented the State in hearings regarding Emergency Protective Orders.
(d) Assistant City Attorney, City of Fort Worth, Texas, February 2008-June 2008. Researched legal questions and evaluated the impact of issues on city policies and procedures, provided advice to city management staff, filed charges, prosecuted and/or negotiated pending cases against violators, supervised staff responsible for providing legal assistance to the City.
(e) Managing County Attorney Dorchester County DSS, May 2013-January 2022. Represented SCDSS in Court and at administrative hearings, in addition to providing legal advice for county child protective services and adult protective services staff. Managed the county legal office and hired, fired, trained, and supervised the attorneys and paralegals within my office. Assumed final responsibility for maintaining good working relationships and communication between the county legal office and other system stakeholders. Managed workflow for timeliness and statutory compliance.
(f) Family Law Attorney, Cobb Dill & Hammett, LLC, January 2022-Present. Advise clients regarding family law matters. Represent private clients in actions involving divorce, custody, child support, and equitable division of property. Draft Settlement Agreements and Prenuptial Agreements for clients. Defend private clients in actions brought by the South Carolina Department of Social Services. Attend arbitration and mediation with clients.

Ms. Gray further reported regarding her experience with the Family Court practice area:

Divorce and Equitable Division – As a law clerk for the South Carolina Court of Appeals, I reviewed many divorce cases involving equitable division of property. In my current position as a family law attorney, I handle numerous divorce cases, both contested and uncontested. The divorce cases are based on fault and no-fault grounds and involve equitable division. I have also attended mediations and arbitrations dealing with the equitable division of martial property. I appear before a Family Court judge three to four times a month on divorce cases involving equitable division.

Child Custody – For almost a decade, I appeared on behalf of the South Carolina Department of Social Services when foster parents or other individuals filed private actions seeking custody. As a family law attorney, I represent parents seeking custody of their children or to modify existing child custody orders based on a significant change of circumstance. I typically appear before a Family Court judge at least once a week on cases involving child custody.

Adoption – On behalf of the South Carolina Department of Social Services, I appeared in cases when a private adoption action was consolidated with a pending SCDSS action and if SCDSS objected to the consolidation and opposed the private adoption action. In private practice, I have filed several termination of parental rights and adoption actions. These cases are typically step-parent adoptions or adoptions by relatives who gained custody of the children through a previous SCDSS action. I typically appear before a Family Court judge once every other month for adoption hearings.

Abuse and Neglect – I served as the managing attorney for SCDSS in Dorchester County for almost a decade. I appeared before the Family Court for probable cause, merits, permanency planning and termination of parental rights hearings. I also advised SCDSS staff regarding prior rulings of the Court in private actions. I now defend parents when their children have been removed by SCDSS due to allegations of abuse and/or

neglect. In the past five years, I would appear several times a week before a Family Court judge as the managing attorney for Dorchester County DSS. I now handle numerous cases defending parents in abuse and neglect actions and appear in before a Family Court judge two to three times a month.

Juvenile Justice – I served as an assistant solicitor in Charleston County and prosecuted juvenile offenders. I participated in detention, adjudicatory, and dispositional hearings. I developed a team to handle the prosecution of sexually based juvenile offenses to guarantee that the cases were handled with consistency and continuity. I handled several complex trials including having a five-years old victim testify via closed circuit video and a deaf victim testify with the assistance of interpreters from out of state. I was also the lead attorney in a waiver hearing. In the past five years, I appeared before a Family Court judge two to three times a month when juveniles, who were also involved with SCDSS, had hearings.

Ms. Gray reported the frequency of her court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: None;
(b) State: Weekly.

Ms. Gray reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 2%;
(b) Criminal: 3%;
(c) Domestic: 55%;
(d) Other: 40%.

Ms. Gray reported the percentage of her practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) 98% of my practice in the past five years was in trial court;
(b) In the last five years, at least thirty cases went to trial and resulted in the Court's verdict;
(c) In the last five years, at least five cases went to trial and resolved after Plaintiff's case;

(d) I have not had any cases settle after a jury was selected as I primarily practice in Family Court.

Ms. Gray provided that during the past five years she most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Ms. Gray's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *SCDSS v. M.L., et. al.:* This emergency removal and termination of parental rights action involved birth parents who were arrested on federal charges of child sex trafficking. A great deal of time was spent getting information from the United States Attorney's Office regarding the federal charges to determine how best to present the case to the Family Court to show termination of parental rights was in the best interests of the minor child. In addition, a study of the maternal grandmother's home in New York was completed through the Interstate Compact for the Place of Children (ICPC) and was denied. The grandmother then relocated to South Carolina and filed a Motion of Intervene seeking custody of the minor child. After receiving testimony and evidence from all parties, the Family Court terminated the birth parents' parental rights and denied the grandmother's petition for custody.

(b) *State v. R.S.:* I prosecuted a juvenile for several counts of criminal sexual conduct with a minor, first degree. The victim was just five (5) years old at the time of trial. After filing the appropriate motions, I prepared the victim and worked with the clerk's office to have the victim testify via closed circuit television. This case meant a great deal to me as I was able to prepare the victim to testify and make her comfortable enough in the courtroom that it was a positive experience for her. She felt that she had told the truth and people believed her and took steps to protect her. After the child victim testified, counsel for the juvenile accepted the State's plea offer to resolve the matter without further testimony being presented.

(c) *State v. T.K.,* I was the lead prosecutor presenting the case to waive the juvenile offender to General Sessions

court after he was arrested for criminal sexual conduct. This required me to present evidence as to the existence of probable cause that the juvenile committed the offense. Once the Family Court determined probable cause existed, I presented evidence as to the waiver factors as set forth in Kent v. United States, 383 U.S. 541, 86 S.Ct. 1045, 16 L.Ed.2d 84 (1966). Most family law attorneys have not had the opportunity to participate in a waiver hearing. It is an extensive process, but I was able to present the case from the first detention hearing through the waiver hearing where the Court waived the juvenile to General Sessions.

(d) *SCDSS v. D.M., et. al.:* This termination of parental rights action involved a minor child with numerous allergies, medical conditions, and behavioral issues. Defendant's counsel argued that these conditions made the minor child "unadoptable" and therefore, termination of the mother's parental rights was not in the minor child's best interests. After working closely with the child's treating physicians and counselors, I was able to successfully argue that termination of the defendant mother's parental rights was in the minor child's best interests. The minor child was subsequently adopted and found a forever permanent home.

(e) *Singh v. Singh*: I represented the defendant father in this divorce and custody matter filed by the birth mother. North Carolina had jurisdiction over the divorce as my client was a resident of North Carolina. The divorce was granted in by North Carolina and that issue was dismissed in the South Carolina matter. This matter was resolved with a one-day trial on the issues of child custody, visitation, and child support. In addition, a Rule to Show Cause against the mother based on her failure to pay child support as ordered by the Court. At the end of the trial, the Court found in my client's favor and granted the relief he requested.

Ms. Gray reported she has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

Ms. Gray further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) Family Court, At-Large, Seat 1 in 2019. I did not receive enough votes to be moved to the election.

(b) Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 in 2021. I withdrew prior to the election.

(c) Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 3 in 2022. I withdrew prior to the election.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Ms. Gray's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Ms. Gray to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "HIGHLY QUALIFIED!!! Would make a great family court judge. Organized, compassionate, great comments from her peers.

Ms. Gray is married to John William Gray Jr. She has two children.

Ms. Gray reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association

(b) Dorchester County Bar Association

(c) Texas Bar Association

(d) Dorchester County Bar Association, Family Court Liaison Committee (2018-2020).

Ms. Gray provided that she was not a member of any civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations.

Ms. Gray further reported:

I have spent most of my legal career practicing in the South Carolina Family Court. I have been blessed to appear before a diverse group of judges that have shaped the type of judge I plan to be in the future. Deanne is tough, but fair. This was the way I was first described by a fellow member of the bar after I joined the Solicitor's office. It is a motto that I have spent my legal career upholding. I believe all members of the legal community need to hold themselves to a high standard, both at work and in the community.

As a SCDSS attorney, I advocated on behalf of the Department. However, I had to remain open to the positions of all parties and respect their perspectives and positions. I was required to have a good temperament and the ability to communicate with pro se litigants as well as other attorneys. I have had the opportunity to mentor several attorneys during my time at SCDSS and hope I have passed those lessons on to new members of the bar.

The Family Court bench and bar deal with some of the most emotional and intimate areas of people's lives. I am a family law attorney who has experience practicing in all three areas before the Family Court, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) cases, Department of Social Services (DSS) cases, and now private practice cases involving child support, custody, divorce, orders of protection, equitable division, and other issues in the Family Court. Each area has its own nuances and distinct challenges. They also require those appearing before the Family Court to understand the specific skills and knowledge required in each area. However, there are many times that these areas may overlap. A juvenile involved with DJJ may make allegations of abuse or neglect that trigger the filing of a DSS action. One of the parties in a divorce action may make allegations against the other party that requires DSS to initiate an investigation and take appropriate protective measures. Given the broad scope of issues involved in family law cases, some would argue that family law should be considered complex litigation.

I often told the high school students I tutored that they shouldn't assume things about individuals based on that person's appearance or the limited information they may have regarding that person. My experience on paper may not fully inform the

reader of my past struggles and personal experiences that led me to this moment. As a military spouse, sister of a domestic violence survivor, aunt to a teen mom, working mother, prosecutor, and attorney, I have been exposed to a wide array of individuals, experiences, cultures, religions and circumstances. Professionally, I have handled cases that involve issues of substance abuse, extreme physical abuse and neglect, sexual abuse, and domestic violence. These experiences have allowed me to develop a professional demeanor when arguing cases and not let my emotions rule my judgement, decisions, and interactions. Every individual who appears before the Family Court deserves to be treated with dignity and respect no matter the allegations they are facing. I would be honored to carry on the fine traditions of the South Carolina Family Court judges that came before me.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Ms. Gray had overwhelming positive comments from her peers in the BallotBox survey. They were impressed with her temperament and her experience, not only as an attorney with DSS, but more recently, in private practice.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Ms. Gray qualified, and nominated her for election to Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Pete G. Diamaduros
Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, two candidates applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Diamaduros meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Mr. Diamaduros was born in 1961. He is 62 years old and a resident of Spartanburg, South Carolina. Mr. Diamaduros provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1986.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Diamaduros.

Mr. Diamaduros demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Diamaduros reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Diamaduros testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Diamaduros testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Diamaduros to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Diamaduros reported the following about teaching law-related courses:

(a) I have not taught classes nor lectured at bar association conferences but have on occasion served on discussion panels at seminars with the South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

(b) I was a speaker in a continuing legal education program presented by the South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers to young lawyers who had been admitted to the bar for only a few years. I spoke on how to successfully practice law in a small firm.

Mr. Diamaduros reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Diamaduros did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Diamaduros did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Diamaduros has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Diamaduros was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:

Mr. Diamaduros reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Diamaduros reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Diamaduros reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Diamaduros appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Diamaduros appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Diamaduros was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1986.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) November 14, 1986 - December of 1988, I was an associate/partner in the firm of Phillips, Guess and Diamaduros. This was a general practice firm but the other partners predominantly handled collections for local banks, real estate transactions and trusts and estates. I was allowed to expand my caseload to include civil, domestic, and criminal cases. I had no financial management involvement in this firm.
(b) January 1989 - August of 1992, I was a partner in the firm of Whitney, White and Diamaduros. The firm was a general practice firm which predominantly handled criminal, domestic, civil, real estate, foreclosure and collection work. I became heavily involved in the financial management of this firm including the management of trust accounts.
(c) August of 1992 - May of 2000, the previous firm added a partner and the name changed to Whitney, White, Diamaduros and Diamaduros. The firm continued its general practice mentioned above. I remained active in the administrative and financial management of this firm which included the management of trust accounts.
(d) May of 2000 - June of 2014, I was a partner in the firm of White, Diamaduros and Diamaduros. This firm was a general practice firm which concentrated on domestic, civil, criminal, collections, foreclosure and real estate work. I was considered the office managing partner and

handled the majority of the administrative and financial management of this entity including the management of the trust accounts. In 2002 I served as a part time county attorney along with the other partners in the firm.
(e) June of 2014 - the present date, I am a partner in the Diamaduros Law Firm. This is a general practice firm which predominantly handles domestic, civil, criminal, collections and foreclosure. I often serve as special referee for common pleas cases in Union, Cherokee and Laurens County. I am considered the office managing partner and handle the majority of the administrative and financial management of this firm including the management of the trust accounts. I have continued to serve as part time county attorney along with the other partner in the firm.

Mr. Diamaduros further reported regarding his experience with the Family Court practice area:

(a) Divorce and equitable division of property: I have represented clients in what I would estimate to be, nearly a thousand cases involving divorce and decree of separate support and maintenance since I started practicing in 1986. I have equally represented husbands and wives as both plaintiffs and defendants in family court. I have represented them on all grounds of divorce including one year's continuous separation, adultery, habitual drunkenness, physical cruelty, and one case of desertion. I have also represented clients seeking annulments and have represented clients seeking to establish common law marriages. Nearly every case I have handled has included the issue of equitable division of property. Many of these cases included issues involving transmutation of non-marital property into marital property, special equities in properties and property having been purchased in the name of a third party. The cases that I have handled included the issue of equitable division of property ranging from personal property of nominal value to multi-million-dollar estates.

I am familiar with the evidence required to meet the various burdens of proof for the grounds of divorce and division of

assets. I have always worked hand in hand with my clients in identifying and valuing marital assets including, but not limited to, real property, businesses, retirement accounts, personal property and pensions. I have employed professionals to help with valuation of assets in some cases.

I have regularly appeared before the family court judges on all of these issues in the past five years. I would estimate I appear in family court fifty times per year.

(b) Child Custody: I have represented the mother, father, third parties, grandparents, and other relatives in hundreds of cases in which custody was in dispute. I have handled initial custody disputes, modifications of custody based on a change in circumstances, issues involving parents relocating out of state, third party custody actions and cases where DSS has become involved and removed children from their homes.

Some cases I handled included the need for genetic testing to determine paternity. Physical and psychological abuse and neglect were issues in many cases. Parental alienation, psychological parenting and de facto custodians were often involved in these cases. Many, if not most, of these cases are resolved at mediation or shortly before trial. Throughout my practice I have litigated many custody cases that consisted of actual trials that lasted up to five days.

I have regularly appeared before the family court on this issue in the past five years. I would estimate I have handled approximately five seriously contested custody cases a year during the past five years.

(c) Adoption: Throughout my career I have handled between fifty to one hundred adoption cases. Nearly all of these cases were relative adoption cases. I have served as guardian ad litem on many uncontested adoption cases and on a contested adoption cases.

I have handled cases that were tried to verdict that involved termination of parental rights and in some cases the termination of parental rights and adoption of the child.

I have appeared before the family court about two times per year on these issues in the past five years.

(d) Abuse and Neglect: I have been involved in many DSS abuse and neglect cases. Those cases involved attendance at probable cause hearings, status hearings, motion hearings, removal hearings, intervention hearings, judicial review hearings, permanency planning hearings, and termination of parental right hearings. In many of these cases, I was actively representing third parties or relatives seeking custody in private actions that coincided with the DSS action.

I have appeared before the family court multiple times on these issues in the past five years.

(e) Juvenile Justice: In the past I was appointed to serve as attorney in many juvenile justice cases. I have been retained to represent juveniles in cases in the past. During my service on the Commission on Lawyer Conduct from 1993 to 2021 there was an order from the Supreme Court removing members on the Commission on Lawyer Conduct from the clerk of court's appointment list. This order removed me from the list that appointed me to many juvenile justice cases. Even though I have not appeared regularly before the court on juvenile cases, I have extensive experience in handling criminal cases for adults and am regularly before the court of general sessions, magistrate courts and municipal courts throughout the upstate of South Carolina.

Mr. Diamaduros reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: None;

(b) State: I appear frequently in general sessions, common pleas, family, magistrates and municipal courts. I regularly appear in court and would estimate that I appear seventy-five times per year.

Mr. Diamaduros reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 20%;
(b) Criminal: 35%;
(c) Domestic: 30%;
(d) Other: 15%.

Mr. Diamaduros reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial? 95%

(b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict? Approximately ten

(c) What number of cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case? Zero (Resolved may include settlement, plea, by Judge's order during a motion hearing, etc.

(d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements? Zero

Mr. Diamaduros provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Diamaduros's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State of South Carolina vs. Jerry Fox, 88-GS-181

This case involved an individual charged with three separate counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Second Degree with a Minor. I had been out of law school for just shy of eighteen months. The defendant was arrested on April 12, 1988. I was hired as soon as he was released on bond. The grand jury issued indictments on May 2, 1988. I was immediately given discovery and told the case would be tried in May. The solicitor William "Red" Ferguson and his assistant Jack Flynn would not discuss or entertain a motion for continuance. I recall being told that the crime carried twenty years and that the state would try him on all three counts and put him away for sixty years. I met with my client and we frantically prepared for trial. I was not granted a continuance and trial started on May 3rd. The

state rested after a day of trial and I put up three witnesses the next day. Closing arguments were held and a not guilty verdict was returned on May 4, 1988.

This case was significant in that it was my first felony trial. My client professed his innocence and was not open to a plea bargain. I tried this case alone and was very nervous knowing my client's freedom was resting in my hands. As the jury was deliberating, I was going back over every question I asked and everything I argued and was hoping I had done enough. The jury returned their verdict. Hearing the words "not guilty" and being able to walk out of the courtroom with a man wrongly accused of having sex with a thirteen-year-old girl made me know that I had chosen the right profession for me.

(b) Preston Brooks Carwile vs. Sharon Brickle Carwile 1992-DR-44-13

Union County DSS vs. Brooks Carwile and Sharon Carwile 1997-DR-44-366

Sharon Carwile-Smith vs. Preston Brooks Carwile 1996-DR-44-211

This case was a divorce and custody action filed by the husband against the wife. I represented the husband throughout many years of litigation. The cases listed above are only a few of the case names and numbers that I could locate regarding these individuals. In 1992, joint custody was agreed to and approved by the courts for these parents to share their children and both parents felt this was in the children's best interests. The litigants did not get along very well at all which led to more court appearances a few years later. The mother filed an action against the father in 1996 which led to a two-day trial in 1998 at which time the court granted custody of the oldest daughter to the mother and custody of the other two children to the father. Due to allegations made in this case the Department of Social Services also brought an action against the parents. A third case was filed by the mother against the father which led to an additional three-day trial wherein the court did not

change the custody arrangement that was in place. As the years progressed, the parties would file contempt actions against each other and litigation seemed to go on for over ten years.

This case was significant because it was a case involving joint custody being allowed and then confirmed by courts after multiple trials between the parents. There were experts that did psychological evaluations and MMPI evaluations on the parents. There were allegations of alienation, verbal and mental abuse, coaching, etc. in all of these cases. I was representing the husband/father who was a childhood friend of mine which made juggling friendship and my responsibilities as his attorney a bit difficult at times. I was the only attorney that Mr. Carwile had represent him throughout all of these different actions. The wife had, to my recollection, five different attorneys representing her throughout this matter. It seems there were about six different judges that took part in the trials and/or contempt matters that were litigated. I would go to family court seminars and would be pulled aside by numerous judges wanting to know if these two parents were still litigating their differences. It seemed like each time the answer was "yes, they are".

(c) Danny William Dove vs. Dana Haddox, Leslie Haddox and Tamara Dove, 2008-DR-29-644

State vs. Danny William Dove (indicted in Chester County, South Carolina)

Danny Dove was arrested in Chester County with charges including illegal gambling machines in his home, possession of drugs, criminal conspiracy, distribution of controlled substances, operating a gambling establishment, two counts of child neglect and was accused of holding his wife and children captive for four years inside his home. The wife and two children were taken into protective custody by the Department of Social Services and turned over to state officials. This case was picked up by the internet and all facts such as the home being littered with human waste, food scraps, and animal waste was being reported and being put on

the nightly news and on internet feeds every day, or at least for what seemed like every day. I had to navigate not only the criminal case against Mr. Dove, which led to a dismissal of all of the charges, but also had to defend him from what he would categorize as a "witch hunt" by the Department of Social Services. Approximately a year and a half later, we were in court in Lancaster County in the family courts and Mr. Dove was granted custody of the two minor children and the wife/mother was granted visitation as allowed by Mr. Dove.

This case was significant because, even though Mr. Dove was not guilty of any crimes, he had to accept responsibility for the condition of the home and complete classes required by DSS before he was able to obtain custody of the children. Those children have lived with him since he obtained custody in January of 2009. Since the family court and the Department of Social Services are always trying to protect children, it seemed like an impossible battle to overcome the criminal charges, the DSS investigation and a custody battle against the wife. The individuals that were granted custody of the minor children while the Doves were following a DSS treatment plan also caused issues in the case. The fact that Mr. Dove raised those two boys alone and was there sole provider until they reached the age of majority made all the hard work and pressure associated with this high publicity case worth every minute that we put into it.

(d) South Carolina Department of Social Services vs. Kristin E. Williams, Matthew West and Donna Jean Sanders 2009-DR-42-2898

I got into this case when it was almost too late to make a difference. The Department of Social Services had removed a minor child, who was about five years old, from the mother due to the mother's addiction to, and abuse of, drugs. After the mother continued to fail in her attempts to convince the South Carolina Department of Social Services that she was overcoming her drug

addiction and was able to care for her child, the Department of Social Services referred this case to an adoption review committee that recommended termination of the parent rights to the minor child and adoption by the foster parents. It was at about this time that Donna Jean Sanders, the maternal grandmother, retained my services. I was actually retained by the maternal grandmother just before the adoption review hearing. After that ruling and before the Department of Social Services started a termination of parental rights action, I filed a motion on behalf of the grandmother asking for an order of the court allowing the grandmother to be made a party to this action and to be granted custody of her granddaughter. A hearing was held on September 1, 2010 and the grandmother was made a party to the action and was granted actual and physical custody of her minor grandchild effective that same afternoon.

The reason this case was significant was that the court, after hearing the arguments made on behalf of my client, ordered the transfer of custody to the grandmother. There were a number of issues that did not allow SCDSS to place the child with my client throughout the proceedings, but as soon as she was made a party to the case, she was able to explain why those issues should not have been the sole determinative issues in the case. The court considered what was best for the child and reuniting the family was determined to be best. I will never forget how unbelievably happy and excited Ms. Sanders was to have been granted custody of her grandchild and to have been allowed to raise her granddaughter as her own.

(e) Heather Marie Shaw vs. Robert Ryan Shaw, 2018-DR-42-1293

In 2018, the wife filed an action against her husband seeking emergency relief. The South Carolina Department of Social Services had become involved in this case based upon the wife's allegations of physical abuse towards the minor child of the marriage by not

only the father, but also the paternal grandmother. Temporary hearings were held on June of 2018 and May of 2019. Pretrial conferences were held. During my representation of the husband, the emotional pain and heartache that he endured based upon the false allegations of abuse by the mother pushed my client close to an emotional breakdown. Ultimately, we were able to convince the Department of Social Service to close their case over the objection of the mother. During the period of time that the case was open, my client was only allowed supervised visitation for a few hours every other weekend with his mother-in-law as the "sight and sound supervisor" of the visitation. The child was evaluated by a child therapist and both parents had to subject themselves to psychological evaluations and co-parenting therapists etc. After a hearing with the court in May of 2019, the father was given "makeup" visitation and was allowed nearly the entire summer of 2019 with his child after having no meaningful visitation outside of supervision for a year. This case was ultimately litigated in a five-day trial in November and December of 2019. The father was granted custody and the mother was given "sight and sound" supervised visitation by the court. Over the course of the following three and a half years, the mother has retained three additional attorneys and my client has continued to have to litigate and defend himself from many different allegations of physical abuse, alienation, coaching, and mental abuse.

This case is significant because there was a point in this litigation when my client was so depressed and upset with all of the allegations being made against him that I honestly thought he was going to quit and give up on his fight to obtain custody of his child and thereby protect the child from his ex-wife's manipulation.

The father was able to obtain custody, and to this day, I am pleased to report that the child is an honor student in school, excels in sports, is considered a leader among his peers, and has a wonderful and happy personality.

None of this would have happened if I had not convinced my client to continue the fight and not give up on the court system.

The following is Mr. Diamaduros's account of two civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *Willie McBeth vs. TNS Mills, Inc*., 318SC388, 458SE2d52 (1995) (appeal from common pleas court to S.C. Court of Appeals) (I was heavily involved in the trial of the case but most of the brief to the court was handled by co-counsel).

(b) *Julie Sims vs. Paul Glenn*, 2001CP4400316 (2003)

The following is Mr. Diamaduros's account of three criminal appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *State of South Carolina vs. Woodrow Mozee*, 2015UP453 (appeal from court of general sessions to S. C. Court of Appeals).

(b) *State of South Carolina vs. Gene Howard Vinson*, 400SC347(SC Ct. App. 2012), 734SE2d82 (appeal from magistrate court to common pleas court to S.C. Court of Appeals).

(c) *Kenyotta Brandon vs. State of South Carolina*, 2003CP4400222 (2003).

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Mr. Diamaduros's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Diamaduros to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament.

Mr. Diamaduros is married to Gia Konduros Diamaduros. He has two children.

Mr. Diamaduros reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Union County Bar Association
(b) South Carolina Bar Association
(c) Spartanburg County Bar Association

Mr. Diamaduros provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Supreme Court Commission on Lawyer Conduct 1993-2021
(b) Union Rotary Club 1987-2023 (President 1999-2000)
(c) Wofford Terrier Club Board of Directors (app 1995-2023) (President 2004-2005)
(d) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (founding member in 1992)
(e) South Carolina Bar Association
(f) Union County Bar Association, treasurer
(g) Spartanburg County Bar Association
(h) Family Law Section of South Carolina Bar Association
(i) Criminal Section of South Carolina Bar Association
(j) Workers Compensation Section of South Carolina Bar Association
(k) Westminister Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina
(l) St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina
(m) Piedmont Club, Spartanburg, South Carolina
(n) Debutante Club of Spartanburg, South Carolina
(o) Spartanburg Country Club

Mr. Diamaduros further reported:

Born in Chester SC in 1961, I am the proud son of Gus and Helen Diamaduros, whose sacrifices afforded me the opportunity to be the first to go to college in my family. I graduated from Union High School in 1979, received a BA degree in accounting from Wofford College in 1983, and received my Juris Doctor degree from The University of South Carolina School of Law in 1986. My father owned and ran

Heart's Restaurant in Union, SC from 1963-1995, managed it for many more years, and to this day can be found still making his secret hamburger sauce and greeting customers at 92. I watched him work eighty-hour weeks for most of my life and began working with him as a "curb hop" at age 7, happy to be near him. He instilled this same work ethic in me. During my thirty-six-year career, I have always been committed to my clients and have made myself available to them after hours and weekends as well. I would like to think that my work history has been one of consistency, stability, hard work and passion for my clients. One of my daily life habits is promptly and conscientiously returning phone calls and answering emails and letters. That being said, I am a family man, happiest when I am with my wife, children, new granddaughter, and extended family. I can usually be found at some point every week on the back of a tractor or working on our farm with my son.

I moved my family to Spartanburg in 1995 when our son started kindergarten at Pine Street Elementary, and we have loved being a part of the Spartanburg community ever since.

I have been married to Gia Konduros Diamaduros for thirty-five years, and we have two married children and one precious grandchild. Gia has been on staff and the contemporary worship leader at Westminster Presbyterian Church since 2005, where we have worshiped as members for over 15 years.

I truly love the law and continue to pursue practicing with integrity daily. As my wife reminds me, it is how I live out my God-given calling. One thing I know to be true for me is that knowing and understanding the facts and law surrounding a case is needed, but spending the time to know the client and explain realistic expectations before taking on a case is the key to a successful practice. In addition to practicing law, I served on the Supreme Court Commission for Lawyer Conduct from 1993-2021 and the South Carolina State Ethics Commission from July 2000-May 2005. I have been a member of the Union Rotary Club (President 1999-2000) for approximately thirty-five years and the Wofford Terrier Club Board of Directors (President 2004-2005) for over twenty-five years. Some of the other organizations I have served are the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox

Church Board of Directors, the Workforce Development Board, the Union County United Way Board of Directors the Hillbrook Baseball Board of Directors, the South Carolina Bar Judicial Qualifications Commission 1999-2000 (Citizens Committee) and was a founding member of the South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers started in 1992.

I feel that my personal life- my Christian faith and my family- and all the life and work experiences that I have touched on above, give me the skills and experience necessary to be an excellent and passionate family court judge- who I hope and pray could make a real difference. In my heart and mind, I would like to give back to this profession at this point in my career. I have been in the criminal, civil, and family courtrooms in over half of the counties in the state and have tried hundreds of cases to verdict or ruling. I have handled over 1500 domestic cases in one-third of the counties in this state, many of which involved trials lasting from two to five days in duration. I believe having the extensive litigation experience that I have had in my career, coupled with common sense, "street smarts", knowledge of the statutory and case law of the family court, and passion for the law and the people involved, give me the ability to make a difference from the bench.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented that Mr. Diamaduros has a reputation that precedes him. They noted that he had many wonderful BallotBox comments that had been well earned due to his work ethic and his ability to work well with other attorneys. The Commission noted that they believe that Mr. Diamaduros would be a great asset to the Family Court bench.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Mr. Diamaduros qualified, and nominated him for election to Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Jonathan W. Lounsberry
Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, two candidates applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Lounsberry meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Mr. Lounsberry was born in 1980. He is 43 years old and a resident of Spartanburg, South Carolina. Mr. Lounsberry provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2009.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Lounsberry.

Mr. Lounsberry demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Lounsberry reported that he has made $17.94 in campaign expenditures for a name tag.

Mr. Lounsberry testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Lounsberry testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Lounsberry to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Lounsberry reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I was a moderator at the 2023 New York State Bar Association's "Advanced Topics and The Hague Abduction Convention";
(b) I was a presenter on the topic of "1980 Hague Convention Litigation in Light of Monasky and Golan" at the 2022 SC Bar Program Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners;
(c) I was a moderator and course planner at the 2022 SC Bar Program "CLE Essentials: Family Law";
(d) I was a moderator and course planner at the 2022 SC Bar Program "All About Alimony: An Intensive Workshop;"
(e) I was a presenter on the topic of Evidence at the 2022 Massachusetts Chapter – AAML program "Sophisticated Family Law Topics";
(f)I was a panel member at the 2021 AAML Webinar "Technologies that are Built to Last";
(g) I was a moderator and course planner at the 2021 SC Bar Program "CLE Essentials: Family Law";
(h) I was co-presenter on the topic of "How to Try a Hague Case from Start to Finish" at the International Law Committee's presentation at the 2021 SC Bar Convention;
(i)I was a panel member on the topic of "International Child Recovery … 13 B Hague Convention" at the IAFL-AIJUDEFA 2021 Latin American Family Law Webinar;
(j)I was a co-presenter on the topic of "How to Try a Hague Case from Start to Finish" at the 2020 IAFL USA Chapter "coffee hour";
(k) I was a moderator and course planner at the 2020 SC Bar Program "CLE Essentials: Family Law";
(l)I was a co-presenter for the 2020 Strafford Webinars "Dividing High Value Items in Divorce";

(m) I was a panelist for "Trial Technology: Tricks of the Trade" panel at the 2019 American Bar Association Section of Family Law Fall CLE Conference in Austin, Texas;
(n) I was a presenter on the topic of "Rule: What's Going On?" at the 2019 SC Bar Program Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners;
(o) I was a moderator, course planner, and lecturer at the 2019 SC Bar Program "CLE Essentials: Family Law";
(p) I was a co-presenter for "Judge, What Do You Want to Hear? Presenting a Bench Trial" presentation at the 2019 American Bar Association Section of Litigation & Section of Solo, Small Firm, and General Practice Annual Conference in New York City, New York;
(q) I was a moderator, course planner, and lecturer at the 2018 SC Bar Program "CLE Essentials: Family Law";
(r)I was a moderator, course planner, and lecturer at the 2017 SC Bar Program "CLE Essentials: Family Law";
(s) I assisted with the Legal Eagle Squares Game Show presentation at the 2017 Horry County Family Court CLE seminar;
(t)I presented on the topic of investigative tools and their uses at the 2017 SC Bar Program "Guardian ad litem Annual Training and Update";
(u) I participated in researching and drafting the questions for and assisting with the Hollywood Squares presentation on domestic relations and mental health issues at the 2017 Annual SC Bar Meeting;
(v) I participated in researching and drafting the questions for and assisting with the Hollywood Squares presentation on domestic relations and procedural and evidentiary issues at the 2016 Annual SC Bar Meeting;
(w) I lectured at all three of the 2016 SC Bar Program "Bridge the Gap" for new lawyers;
(x) I presented on the topic of tech tips for trial lawyers at the 2015 SC Association for Justice Annual Meeting;
(y) I presented on the topics of proper procedure for filing and serving domestic relations actions and the litigation of contempt actions at the 2015 SC Bar Program "CLE Essentials: Family Law";
(z) I lectured at all three of the 2015 SC Bar Program "Bridge the Gap" for new lawyers;

(aa) I presented on the topic of courtroom etiquette with the Honorable Dorothy M. Jones as part of the 2014 Professionalism Series at the Charleston School of Law;
(bb) I presented a review of recent SCOTUS rulings that affected family law at the 2014 SC Bar Program "Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners";
(cc) I lectured at all three of the 2014 SC Bar Program "Bridge the Gap" for new lawyers;
(dd) I was a program co-chair for a presentation on the topic of the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and its implementation in Asia for the 2014 ABA Section of International Law Program "International Families: Money, Children, and Long-Term Planning";
(ee) I was a member of the planning committee for the 2014 ABA Section of International Law Program "International Families: Money, Children, and Long-Term Planning" Program;
(ff) I assisted James T. McLaren with a presentation entitled "How Litigation Apps Can Make You a Better Trial Lawyer" at the 2013 SC Association of Justice Annual Convention;
(gg) I assisted James T. McLaren with a presentation entitled "Using Technology to Present a Complex Equitable Division Case" at the 2013 American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Mid-Year meeting;
(hh) I presented on the topic of marital agreements and whether parties can contract out of the jurisdiction of Family Court for a 2013 SC Bar Distance Learning CLE Program;
(ii) I presented on the topic of being appointed a Juvenile Justice matter for a 2013 SC Bar Distance Learning CLE Program; and
(jj) I assisted James T. McLaren with a presentation entitled "Technology for iPads and PC Laptops at Deposition and Trial" at the 2012 American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers Annual meeting.

Mr. Lounsberry reported that he has published the following:
(a) J. Benjamin Stevens and Jonathan W. Lounsberry, Family Law Essentials: A Primer for Private Practice Before the Family Court in SC (SC Bar CLE 2018);

(b) Jonathan W. Lounsberry, The Family Court's New Uniforms: Amendments to South Carolina's Uniform Interstate Family Support Act and Adoption of the Uniform Deployed Parent Custody and Visitation Act (SC Lawyer January 2017);
(c) James T. McLaren and Jonathan W. Lounsberry, Division of Assets Held by Third Party Legal Entities in Domestic Relation Cases (International Academy of Family Lawyers Online News, June 2016);
(d) Jonathan W. Lounsberry, Tips for Using Technology Inside and Outside the Courtroom (Family Law Litigation Newsletter, ABA Section of Litigation, March 2016);
(e) Jonathan W. Lounsberry, Using Technology Inside & Outside the Courtroom: Streamlining the Litigation Process and Enhancing the Impact of Evidence (Family Law Advocate, ABA Section of Family Law, Spring 2015);
(f)Kathryn Barton, LBSW, et al., SC Children's Law Manual (Jonathan W. Lounsberry, Principal Editor, SC Bar CLE 2014); and
(g) Jonathan W. Lounsberry, Marital Agreements: Can You Really Contract Out of Family Court Jurisdiction? (SC Lawyer 2013).

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Lounsberry did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Lounsberry did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Lounsberry has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Lounsberry was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Lounsberry reported the following about his rating by a legal rating organization: for Martindale Hubbell, AV rating; for Super Lawyers, Super Lawyers, Family Law; for Greenville

Business Magazine, Legal Elite, Family Law and International Law.; and SC Lawyers Weekly Power List: Family Law.

Mr. Lounsberry reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Lounsberry reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Lounsberry appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Lounsberry appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Lounsberry was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2009.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Curphey & Badger, P.A. (Contract Attorney/Associate) (2009-2010): The general character of my practice was conducting real estate closings throughout the State of South Carolina. I was not involved in the administrative and financial management of the firm.

(b) Hire Counsel (Contract Document Review Attorney) (2010): The general character of my practice was working on two document review projects for Nelson Mullins in Columbia, South Carolina, between July 2010 and December 2010. I was not involved in the administrative and financial management of the firm.

(c) Carolina Legal Associates (Contract Document Review Attorney) (2011): The general character of my practice was working on a document review project for Motley Rice Charleston, South Carolina, in January 2011. I was not involved in the administrative and financial management of the firm.

(d) McLaren & Lee (Contract Attorney/Associate) (2011-2013): The general character of my practice was assisting James T. McLaren and C. Dixon Lee, III, in litigating complex Family Court matters, including divorce, child

custody, equitable division of property, multi-jurisdictional issues, 1980 Hague Convention matters, international family law issues, and the like. I was not involved in the administrative and financial management of the firm.

(e) Melissa F. Brown, LLC (Associate Attorney) (2014): The general character of my practice was assisting Melissa F. Brown in litigating complex Family Court matters, including divorce, child custody, equitable division, multi-jurisdictional issues, and the like, as well as litigating my own Family Court matters. I was not involved in the administrative and financial management of the firm.

(f)The Stevens Firm, P.A. (Senior Associate Attorney) (2015-2021): The general character of my practice was litigating and trying complex Family Court matters, divorce, child custody, equitable division of property, multi-jurisdictional issues, 1980 Hague Convention matters, 2007 Hague Convention matters, international family law issues and the like. I was not involved in the administrative and financial management of the firm.

(g) Harrison White/KD Trial Lawyers (Associate Attorney) (2021-Present): The general character of my practice is litigating and trying Family Court matters, including complex matters, in the areas of divorce, child custody, equitable division of property, multi-jurisdictional issues, 1980 Hague Convention matters, 2007 Hague Convention matters, international family law issues and the like. I am not involved in the administrative and financial management of the firm.

Mr. Lounsberry further reported regarding his experience with the Family Court practice area:

(a) Divorce: I have acted as lead counsel and associate and/or co-counsel in matters involving divorce, as a single issue and as part of matters that involve alimony, child support, child custody, visitation, and equitable division of property. I have represented both plaintiffs and defendants in divorce actions involving statutory fault grounds, such as adultery, physical cruelty, and habitual drunkenness. I have not represented any litigants in a divorce action involving the statutory fault ground of desertion, but I have represented both plaintiffs and defendants in actions involving a divorce

being granted on the statutory ground of one-year's continuous separation. In prosecuting and defending divorce actions, I am familiar with gathering requisite evidence to meet the various burdens of proof and with working with requisite experts necessary for the same.

My representation of litigants in divorce actions has included litigants who have been involved in common law, short-term and long-term marriages. I have regularly appeared before a Family Court judge on this issue in the past five years.

(b) Equitable Division of Property: I have acted as lead counsel and associate and/or co-counsel in matters involving equitable division of property. My experience with equitable division of property spans from the division of small marital estates to multi-million-dollar marital estates. In each of these instances I have dealt with the identification and valuation of various assets, including, but not limited to, real estate, closely held corporations, complex corporate structures, retirement accounts, pension plans, military retirement, stocks, professional practices, personal property, foreign property, and the like. In identifying and valuing these assets, I am also familiar with employing the services of various experts (e.g., forensic CPAs, appraisers, etc.), as well as reviewing both personal and business tax returns.

I have also acted as lead counsel and associate and/or co-counsel in matters involving non-marital property, including, but not limited to, real estate, personal property, and the like. In dealing with the issue of non-marital property, I have experience in identifying such assets, determining whether the assets have transmuted into marital property or whether a party has a special equity interest in that property. I also have experience in dealing with actions where one or both parties are the trustee and/or beneficiary of trusts.

I have regularly appeared before a Family Court judge on these issues in the past five years.

(c) Child Custody: I have acted as lead counsel and associate and/or co-counsel in matters involving child

custody for parents (both fathers and mothers, married and unmarried) in child custody actions, including determinations of biological and legal paternity. I have also represented third parties seeking custody of children, including the complicated issues of psychological parents and de facto parents. My experience includes initial actions for child custody and modification actions of prior orders. I have dealt with child custody issues involving healthy children, children with special needs, and children ranging in age from infancy to teenagers close to the age of emancipation. I have also prosecuted and defended litigants in matters involving the termination of parental rights.

I have experience in dealing with multijurisdictional issues under the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction Enforcement Act, including determining which State would have jurisdiction over the ensuing matter and the registration and enforcement and/or modification of foreign child custody orders.

I also have experience in litigating several 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction matters in both State and Federal Court.

Throughout the various types of matters discussed above, I have had to confront and address claims of physical abuse, neglect, parental alienation, parental gatekeeping, psychological parent, de facto custodians, and various jurisdictional issues. In doing so, I have worked with professionals (e.g., physicians, therapists, and teachers) and expert witnesses (e.g., psychological evaluators, forensic custody evaluators, counselors, etc.) in connection with these issues. I have also had to cross-examine expert witnesses regarding the above-referenced issues.

I have regularly appeared before a Family Court judge on these issues in the past five years.

(d) Adoption: I have both a professional (as lead counsel and associate and/or co-counsel) and personal experience with adoption actions, which I believe gives a unique

perspective on the issues involved from the perspective of a lawyer, as well as a litigant. These actions have involved both blood-relative/stepparent adoptions, as well as private adoptions. These matters have been both uncontested and contested, one of which was a trial that involved a termination of parental rights that lasted for five days (see below). I have also taken consent/relinquishments for several private adoptions as well.

I have appeared before a Family Court judge on several occasions regarding these issues in the past five years.

(e) Abuse and Neglect: I have served as counsel of record in abuse and neglect matters. I have also gained some knowledge and experience in this area through my work in private cases where the parties have made allegations warranting the involvement of DSS. In 2014, I acted as the Principal Editor for the SC Children's Law Manual, which covers the statutes and procedures involved in abuse and neglect cases. However, as this area has not been a large part of my practice, I would further educate myself in this area by reviewing relevant statutes, regulations and procedures; attending CLEs; meeting with DSS staff and observing DSS proceedings; and seeking the advice of other Family Court judges experienced in this area.

I have appeared before a Family Court judge on several occasions regarding these issues in the past five years.

(f)Juvenile Justice: I served as counsel of record in several Juvenile Justice matters, where I was appointed under Rule 608, SCACR. These matters ranged from issues of simple assault to criminal sexual conduct. In representing these clients, I have been successful in utilizing discovery requests and motions to either reduce the number of charges or have the matter dismissed entirely. After being appointed my first juvenile justice matter, I worked with the SC Bar to develop a distance learning CLE regarding the representation of a juvenile client in an appointed matter as there were very few resources available regarding the same. While it has not been a large part of my practice, I would further educate myself in

this area by reviewing relevant statutes, regulations and procedures; attending CLEs; meeting with DJJ staff and observing DJJ proceedings; and seeking the advice of other Family Court judges experienced in this area.

Mr. Lounsberry reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 1% – My appearances in federal court have been limited to the litigation of 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction matters;

(b) State: 99% – I have regularly appeared in Family Court in the past five years regarding matters of divorce, child custody, vitiation, support, and other related issues.

Mr. Lounsberry reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: N/A;
(b) Criminal: N/A;
(c) Domestic: 100%;
(d) Other: N/A.

Mr. Lounsberry reported his practice in trial court during the last five years as follows:

(a) 100% was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial;

(b) An exact percentage of cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict is difficult to estimate, most of the cases I handle (approx. 99% or more) are contested litigations in Family Court. These matters are resolved by settlement, court decision, Judge's order during a motion hearing, etc.;

(c) See above for number of cases that went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case;

(d) 0 cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Mr. Lounsberry provided that during the past five years he has most often served as follows:
During the past five years, I have carried a roster of clients where I served as sole counsel. During the past five years, I have also served as associate and/or co-counsel on various matters.

The following is Mr. Lounsberry's account of his five most significant litigated matters:
In effort to comply with Rule 1.6, RPC, Rule 407, SCACR, and existing court orders, the names of the parties have been reduced to initials or fictitious names. To the extent that I am able, I am happy to provide additional information, if such information is requested.

(a) *State v. O., A Minor Under the Age of Seventeen, Case No.: 2012-JU-18-09, 2012-JU-18-10, and 2012-18-JU-374 (Family Court, First Judicial Circuit, Dorchester County):* I was appointed to represent a minor in a pending juvenile delinquency matter. My client was charged with criminal sexual conduct with a minor, lewd act on a minor, and assault and battery in the second degree. I was successful in having the charge for a lewd act on minor nol prossed, as my client did meet the statutory age requirement for that charge. There was a motion hearing to deal with evidentiary issues (e.g., whether there should be a separate hearing to suppress certain evidence and requiring DSS to provide its file on their investigation into the matter) and two adjudicatory hearings. This matter also involved my client submitting to a psycho-sexual evaluation. After the evaluation, the Solicitor and I structured a plea where my client would plead to assault and battery in the second degree and the criminal sexual conduct was nol prossed. The plea was conditioned such that if my client completed certain requirements, he would not be required to register as a sexual offender. The matter was not appealed, and there is no citation for this matter.

(b) *A. v. S., 2015-DR-42-2977 (Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Spartanburg County):* I represented the defendant in this matter, which was an action instituted by a third-party seeking custody of a minor child from the biological father. Prior to retaining me as his attorney in July 2016, my client was represented by two other attorneys.

Prior to the action being filed the child's mother committed suicide while living in South Carolina. The defendant was able to obtain custody of the minor child following the mother's death, which resulted in the child's maternal grandfather first filing an action in Florida and then filing an action in South Carolina. A Temporary Hearing was held, and the Court granted the minor child's maternal grandfather temporary custody and granted the defendant limited visitation, as well as appointing a guardian ad litem.
The matter was heavily litigated, with both parties propounding discovery. In July 2016, I was hired as co-counsel after the litigation began to assist with mediation and, if necessary, the trial on the merits. The parties were unable to reach a settlement during mediation, and a Pre-Trial hearing was requested.

I made my Notice of Appearance in August 2016. At the Pre-Trial hearing, the plaintiff requested the ability to take video-taped de bene esse depositions of the majority of his witnesses that resided in Florida. I was successful in arguing that the plaintiff should only be able to take a limited number of de bene esse depositions. Ultimately, the plaintiff was able to take nine videotaped de bene esse depositions (although the plaintiff only took six of these depositions over a period of two days, which were later used during the trial on the merits). Also, as a result of the Pre-Trial Hearing, I became the defendant's sole counsel of record.

Following the taking of the depositions, there were several other motion hearings prior to the trial. From March 20–30, 2017, the matter was tried over a period of nine days, with the appearances of approx. 18 witnesses. The trial of this matter involved complex child custody issues (e.g., psychological parent, de facto custodian, the constitutional right to parent), complex evidentiary issues (e.g., the minor child's mother was dead and the plaintiff sought the ability to use de bene esse depositions), and complex mental health issues (e.g., the plaintiff hired a nationally renowned mental health expert to conduct a parental fitness evaluation on the child's maternal grandfather). The court found in favor of my client and

granted him a $10,000.00 award in attorney's fees and costs. The matter was appealed, and I did not participate in the appeal. The citation for the Court of Appeals decision is *Alukonis v. Smith*, 431 S.C. 41, 846 S.E.2d (Ct. App. 2020).

(c) *B. v. L. et al., Case No.: 2016-DR-42-1006 (Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Spartanburg County):* J. Benjamin Stevens and I represented one of the defendants (the biological father) in this matter (the other defendant appeared pro se), which was an action for a termination of parental rights and adoption, or custody in the alternative. An Emergency Hearing was held, and the Court granted the plaintiffs temporary custody, with the defendants having visitation at the discretion of the plaintiffs, as well as appointing a guardian ad litem.

We were hired to represent the biological father following the Emergency Hearing, at which he appeared pro se. The matter was heavily litigated, and there were several motion hearings over the course of the litigation, which, among other issues, concerned the application of certain case law to the matter, as well as whether the matter should have been bifurcated. Prior to the matter being set for trial, the defendant's father filed a motion to intervene in the action, which was granted.

From October 30, 2017–November 6, 2017, the matter was tried over a period of five days, where I acted as lead counsel for our client. The trial of this matter involved the testimony of one mental health expert and one counseling expert, as well as various other witnesses. The court found in favor of the plaintiffs. The matter was appealed, and I participated in the appeal. The Court of Appeals decision was unpublished, but the citation is *Burke v. Lusk*, No. 2019-UP-082, 2019 S.C. App. Unpub. LEXIS 82 (Ct. App. Feb. 13, 2019).

(d) *T. v. A., Case No.: 8:18-cv-02862-TMC (United States District Court for the District of South Carolina):* J. Benjamin Stevens (Fellow, AAML/IAFL), Richard Min (Fellow, IAFL) and I represented the Petitioner as co-lead counsel in a 1980 Hague Convention matter seeking return of her minor child to Ireland (which was their last habitual residence).

The Petitioner is a citizen and resident of France and was married to the Respondent, who is a U.S. citizen in living in Ireland. The parties spent significant time living in both France and Ireland, and the Respondent ultimately filed a divorce action in Ireland. Prior to his filing a divorce action in Ireland, the Petitioner returned with the minor children to France.

As a result, the Respondent filed a 1980 Hague Convention in France seeking return on the minor children to Ireland. Following a lengthy trial-court process and appellate-court process, the minor children were ultimately returned to Ireland. Once the children were in Ireland, the Respondent absconded with the minor children to the United States, hiding in various States, until he was located in South Carolina.

After learning the minor children were in the United States, the Petitioner hired an attorney admitted to practice in New York and France, who associated Mr. Min based on his experience in trying 1980 Hague Convention matters. Mr. Min contacted Mr. Stevens and me, as he had determined that the Respondent was in South Carolina. We filed the appropriate pleadings in the U.S. District Court for the District of South Carolina, and the matter was tried over one day (December 2018), resulting in the minor children being returned to Ireland. The U.S. District Court also awarded the Petitioner an approximate total of $67,247.46 in attorney's fees and travel costs. The matter was not appealed, and there is no citation for this matter.

(e) *R. v. S., Case No.: 2:19-cv-02521-RMG (United States District Court for the District of South Carolina):* I represented the Petitioner in a 1980 Hague Convention Matter seeking return of minor child to Germany.

This matter consisted of one pre-trial hearing, the filing of several motions, including Motions to Make a Determination of German Law; Motion for Expedited Consideration and Issuance of Show Cause Order; and Motion for Summary Judgment.

The Court, *sua sponte*, sealed the record in this matter and appointed a Guardian *ad Litem*. The matter was resolved by a 1-day trial (November 2019), where, after the direct and cross-examination of my client, the Respondent settled the matter by agreeing to return the minor child.

Following Respondent's agreement to return the minor child, she subsequently refused to comply with the U.S. District's Order and obtained German counsel, who advised the U.S. District Court that Respondent did not need to return the minor child to Germany. This resulted in several telephonic hearings following the issuance of the final order; and, as a result, the Court allowed the Petitioner to come to South Carolina and pick up the minor child. The matter was not appealed, and there is no citation for this matter.

The following is Mr. Lounsberry's account of four civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *Burke v. Lusk*, No. 2019-UP-082, 2019 S.C. App. Unpub. LEXIS 82 (Ct. App. Feb. 13, 2019).

(b) I acted as a consultant on *Grano v. Martin*, 821 F. App'x 26 (2d Cir. 2020), which was a matter filed before the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

(c) *Golan v. Saada*, 142 S. Ct. 1880 (2022). I, along with Leah M. Ramirez, James Netto, and Katy Chokowry, filed an amicus curiae brief for the Child Abduction Lawyers Association (CALA) UK in support of the respondent. Copy of brief found here: https://www.supremecourt.gov/DocketPDF/20/20-1034/214956/20220225094456311_CALA%20INTERVENTION%20IN%20USSC%20-%2022.02.24.pdf

(d) W.K.S. v. J.K.S., Appellate Case No. 2022-001185, South Carolina Court of Appeals. This was an appeal from a Family Court matter decided in the Charleston County Family Court. Based on a Motion to Dismiss filed by myself and co-counsel, the matter was dismissed on March 24, 2023. The Court of Appeals dismissed the matter, and the Appellant has filed a Motion for Rehearing—as of the date of this application there has been no decision issued regarding said Motion. There is no published opinion.

Mr. Lounsberry reported that has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Mr. Lounsberry further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

I was a candidate in the 2018 judicial race for Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2, but withdrew from the race for personal reasons. Shortly after I withdrew from the race, my mother's battle with Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer ended in December 2018.

I was a candidate in the 2020 judicial race for Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, and was found qualified and nominated. I withdrew from the race prior to the election.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Lounsberry's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Lounsberry "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria areas of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria areas of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee did not have related or summary comments.

Mr. Lounsberry is married to Liza Juliet Lounsberry (Malone). He has two children.

Mr. Lounsberry reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar
   a. Delegate, Seventh Judicial Circuit, House of Delegates (2017-Present);
   b. Chair, Practice & Procedure (2016-2020);
   c. Chair, NextGen Committee (2018-2019);
   d. Co-Chair, Technology Committee, Young Lawyer's Division (2017-2018);

e. Member, Young Lawyer's Division (2009-2018);
f. Member, Practice & Procedure Committee (2009-Present);
g. Member, Family Law Section (2009-Present);
h. Member, South Carolina Bar Leadership Academy Committee (2016-2019);
i. Member, Judicial Qualifications Committee (2015-2017);
j. Member, International Law Committee (2014-Present).

(b) American Bar Association
a. Vice-Chair, Family Law Committee, ABA Section of International Law (2018-Present);
b. Member, Section of International Law, (2018-Present);
c. Subcommittee Chair/Newsletter Editor, Family Law Litigation Committee, ABA Section of Litigation (2016-2020);
d. Member, Section of Litigation (2015-Present);
e. Member, Section of Family Law (2010-Present).

(c) International Academy of Family Lawyers
a. Fellow (2020-Present);
b. Relocation of Children Committee (2021-Present);
c. Inter-Country Child Abduction and Protection Measures Interest Group (2021-Present).

(d) American Academy of Family Lawyers
a. Fellow (2021-Present);
b. Member, AAML/AFCC Joint Committee (2021-Present);
c. Member, International Issues Committee (2021-Present);
d. Member, Practice and Technology Committee (2021-2022);
e. Member, National CLE Committee (2022-Present);
f. Member, Institute for Family Law Associates Committee (2022-Present).

(e) Spartanburg Bar Association; and
(f)Greenville Bar Association.

Mr. Lounsberry provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

Leadership Spartanburg (2016-2017);

Board of Regents, Leadership Spartanburg (2017-2019);

Vestry, The Episcopal Church (TEC) of the Advent Spartanburg (2020-2023);

Liturgy Commission, TEC of the Advent Spartanburg (2020-2023);

Children and Young Families Commission, TEC of the Advent Spartanburg (2020-2023);

Sunday School Teacher, TEC of the Advent Spartanburg (2023-Present);

Alpha Leader, TEC of the Advent Spartanburg (2022-Present);

Board Member, Spartanburg Little Theater (2021-Present);

Member at Large, Executive Committee, Spartanburg Little Theater (2022-2023);

President-Elect, Executive Committee, Spartanburg Little Theater (2023-Present);

Seventh Judicial Circuit Pro Bono Committee (2017-2019);

Self-Represented Litigation Family Committee, South Carolina Access to Justice Commission (2017-2018);

I was awarded a Merit Award from the Charleston School of Law in 2008;

I was invited to and attended the 2016, 2017, 2018, and the 2020 (virtual) Fall Leadership Meetings and Editor's Symposiums for ABA Section of Litigation;

I was selected and invited to participate in the ABA Collaborative Bar Leadership Academy;

I participated in the South Carolina Lawyer Mentoring Program in 2016-2017;

I participated in the 2016 MDA Lock-Up which raised funds for children with muscle-debilitating diseases.

Mr. Lounsberry further reported:

Throughout my career, I have been fortunate to work for very accomplished Family Court attorneys. Doing so has allowed me to improve my knowledge of and experience with Family Court law

and the rules of procedure and evidence. As a result, my practice focuses on litigation of difficult, complex, and, sometimes, novel Family Court issues. It has also required me to stay abreast of changes and trends in family law, which in turn has allowed me to develop a passion for and a deep understanding of the same.

I have set high standards for myself and my practice, and I strive to attain these standards every day with every client. If elected, I would continue to stay abreast of changes and trends in family law, with the goal of increasing my passion for and deepening my understanding of family law.

Early on in my career, a mentor gave me the following maxim: If you take care of the law, then the law will take care of you. After being given that instruction, I have devoted a significant portion of my time to writing about and presenting on substantive family law issues and family court litigation. As a result of this work, I served as Chair of the South Carolina Bar Practice and Procedure Committee (2016-2020) and continue to as Vice-Chair for an American Bar Association committee. I feel very honored and humbled by these experiences. If elected, I plan to remain committed to bettering and/or improving the practice of law.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Mr. Lounsberry enjoys a good reputation among the Spartanburg Bar and has vast experience in family law.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Lounsberry qualified, and nominated him for election to Family Court, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Blakely Copeland Cahoon
Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and

qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, three candidates applied for this vacancy, one candidate withdrew, and one candidate was found not qualified. Accordingly, the name and qualifications of one candidate is hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. Cahoon meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Ms. Cahoon was born in 1974. She is 49 years old and a resident of Summerville, South Carolina. Ms. Cahoon provided in her application she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2000.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. Cahoon.

Ms. Cahoon demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to a judge, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. Cahoon reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Ms. Cahoon testified she has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. Cahoon testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Ms. Cahoon to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. Cahoon reported that she has spoken or lectured for the following matters:
I have spoken in the past regarding family law, elder law, estate planning and probate matters.

Ms. Cahoon reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Ms. Cahoon did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Ms. Cahoon did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Ms. Cahoon has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Ms. Cahoon has been punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. Cahoon reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Ms. Cahoon reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. Cahoon reported that she has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Ms. Cahoon appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Ms. Cahoon appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Ms. Cahoon was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2000.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

Young Clement Rivers and Tisdale, LLP, Charleston SC. From June 2000-May 2001, I was a first-year associate with the firm in the practice areas of estate planning, probate, state and federal taxation and nonprofit law. I was not involved with the administrative or financial management of the firm. I had no management over the trust account(s).

Berry Quackenbush and Stuart, PA, Columbia SC. From August 2001 – September 2006. I was a general practice associate with the firm practicing primarily in the areas of estate planning, state and federal taxation, probate, elder law, family law, nonprofit law and general business issues. I had no responsibility for the administrative or financial management of the firm. I had no management over the trust account(s).

MerrittWebb, PLLC, Columbia SC. September 2006-March 31, 2011. I followed the managing partner of Berry Quackenbush and Stuart to MerrittWebb where I continued as a general practice associate with the firm practicing primarily in the areas of estate planning, state and federal taxation, probate, elder law, family law, nonprofit law and general business issues. I had no responsibility for the administrative or financial management of the firm. I had no management over the trust account(s).

Cahoon Law Firm, LLC, Columbia SC. April 1, 2011-present. I opened Cahoon Law Firm, LLC, on April 1, 2011. Since that time, I have primarily practiced in Family Court where I have

handled clients matters related to all cases over which the Family Court has original jurisdiction. This includes divorce, child custody and child support, equitable apportionment of property, protective orders, alimony issues along with modifications of child custody and visitation, alimony and child support. I have been involved in all aspects of adoption. I have represented parents, grandparents and other caregivers. While I encourage my clients to try and resolve their issues without the need for a contested hearing, I have handled contested trials on these issues. I had a 608 contract with the State of South Carolina through the Office of Indigent Defense to represent indigent parties in abuse and neglect cases since the program's inception. I have a contract with SCDSS to represent the agency in Family Court. Currently, approximately eighty-five percent of my practice involves Family Court matters with the remaining fifteen percent of my practice related to estate planning, elder law, probate and general business work. As the owner and sole member, I am responsible for all administrative, accounting and financial management. The operating and trust account are held and operated in accordance with the required rules.

Ms. Cahoon further reported regarding her experience with the Family Court practice area:

Frequency of appearances: For the past twelve years my practice has primarily consisted of Family Court matters. Within the past five years I have appeared on average twice a week before a Family Court Judge. Many weeks I am in court at least two days with multiple hearings being scheduled on those days. I have experience in all areas of practice within the Family Court.

Divorce and Equitable Distribution of Property: I have handled divorces that dealt with the uncontested statutory ground of a one-year physical separation and those with fault grounds. I have represented individuals who were the victims of domestic violence and those who were alleged to have committed such domestic violence. I have tried cases that required my client to prove fault whether adultery or habitual drunkenness or drug use and I have defended clients who spouses alleged fault grounds. Many of these matters also involved contested equitable apportionment of property and division of debt. I have used

experts to value homes, retirement accounts and other assets. I have dealt with the issues of non-marital property, inherited property and transmuted property. I have represented third party defendants in a divorce. In all my cases I encourage my clients to try to resolve the issues between my client and their spouse either through informal or formal mediation between the parties as this allows my client to determine what is best for their family and circumstances. When mediation does not resolve the issues then I have prepared for and tried multi-issue matters.

Child custody: In issues of child custody, I have represented parents, grandparents and other relatives in seeking custody or visitation. I have handled de facto guardian and psychological parent cases. I have helped new parents who are not married to long term married couples with teenagers. In each case, I encourage parents and other caregivers to work together to resolve their issues as they know what is best for their child(ren). I have helped families reach agreements that are flexible enough to grow with the child and hopefully allow the parents to work together with the need for additional legal action. The agreements generally involve schedules and parental conduct guidelines. In contested matters I have worked with both attorney and lay guardian ad litems appointed for the children. I have also served as guardian ad litem. When my clients have been unable to reach agreements often because of an issue such as mental health concerns or addiction issues with the other party then I have tried these issues before the Court. I have used experts regarding psychological evaluation and parenting evaluations. With custody issues I have also handled the accompanying visitation and child support issues. While child support is primarily set by the child support guidelines, I have worked with my clients to ensure accurate income figures as well child care and insurance credits are presented to the court. I have tried multiple day custody actions.

Adoptions: In the area of adoption, I have handled both contested and uncontested adoptions. This includes private adoptions and inner family adoptions. I have also assisted clients who were foster parents adopting their foster children from the custody of the Department of Social Services. I have also served as guardian ad litem in this type of matter. I have helped secure

the appropriate pre and post placement investigations for my clients along with handling relinquishment of parental rights. I have assisted other attorneys by taking relinquishments from biological parents. I have represented parents who rights were terminated so that an adoption could occur.

Abuse and neglect: I currently represent Richland County DSS weekly in all types of abuse and neglect matters including termination of parental rights actions. As a former 608 attorney, I previously regularly defended parents or other caregivers who were alleged to have abused or neglected a child and parents whose children are brought into care because of the alleged inappropriate actions of the custodian. While many of my cases in this area were from a court appointment, I also was privately retained to represent parents dealing with these issues. I defended and assisted many parents who had issues such as poverty, lack of education, little work skills or experience, suffer from addiction, are involved abusive relationships, who grew up in foster care themselves and who were homeless. I handle all types of hearings including probable cause hearings, merit hearings, judicial reviews, permanency planning and termination of parental rights actions. I have handled matters that involved children subject to the Indian Child Welfare Act. I have helped non-offender parents get custody of their children from foster care. I have negotiated findings and appropriate treatment plans. I have helped my clients reach their treatment goals and defended their rights to visit their children. I have helped many clients reunite with their children after successfully completing treatment. On the other side I have also represented parents in abuse and neglect matters that are unsuccessful in completing their treatment plan. Those clients I then often represent in a termination of parental rights action where the court terminates their parental rights. I have handled severe cases including cases where a child died, and my client also faced significant charges on the criminal side of their case. I have filed actions to intervene on behalf of other relatives to obtain custody of children in foster care.

Juvenile justice: While in law school I represented juveniles through my work with the juvenile justice clinic. I also previously volunteered as arbitrator in juvenile cases while in

law school. I am familiar with the statutes and the process juveniles who are involved in Family Court go through. I have had abuse and neglect matters that were also Department of Juvenile Justice matters. While I have no significant court experience in this area, I believe that I would be able to work with the solicitor, public defender, Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Mental Health, Department of Social Services and other parties in handling these cases. I am a quick learner and the primary thing I learned while studying for my LL.M in taxation at the University of Florida was to how to read and interpret statutes as the law and accompanying regulations are always changing.

Ms. Cahoon reported the frequency of her court appearances as follows:
(a) federal:
(b) state: weekly in Family Court.

Ms. Cahoon reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters as follows:

(a) Civil: 0%
(b) Criminal: 0%
(c) Domestic: 85%
(d) Other: Estate Planning, Probate, Elder Law, General Business Law: 15%

Ms. Cahoon reported the following about her practice in trial court during the past five years:
(a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial? 85%
(b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict? 45-50%
(c) What number of cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case? NA (Resolved may include settlement, plea, by Judge's order during a motion hearing, etc.
(d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements? NA

Ms. Cahoon provided that during the past five years she most often served as a sole or chief counsel.

The following is Ms. Cahoon's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *SCDSS v. E.B. et al*, 15-DR-28-661. This was a four-day contested Termination of Parental Rights action where I successfully defended a father. The Court determined that SCDSS had not met its burden of proof and my client's parental rights were not terminated. There was expert testimony and many witnesses for the state. There was also a section 19-1-180 motion that was argued regarding the testimony of the minor child.

(b) *D v. G&R*, 2020-DR-40-2387. This was a three-day contested custody and grandparent visitation action where my clients as defendants maintained custody of their niece who had been in their care for over seven years. This matter is currently set for appeal on other issues.

(c) *O v F &W*, 2020-DR-40-0363. I represented the defendant grandmother who after multiple hearings and multiple day hearing maintained custody of her two grandchildren against her son, their birth father.

(d) *DSS v MB*, 2018-DR-40-0661. I represented the defendant mother in a five day termination of parental rights action that also involved a private termination of parental rights action.

(e) *DSS v W*, 2019-DR-40-3218. I represented the agency a one day contested termination of parental rights action that included the foster parents as intervenors was granted by the trial court.

The following is Ms. Cahoon's account of three civil appeals that she has personally handled:

(a) *SCDSS v. Carter*, Appellate Case No. 2019-001657 (unpublished), May 12, 2021. SC Court of Appeals reversed the trial court resulting in my client having no finding of abuse and neglect.

(b) *SCDSS v. S.B.*, Appellate Case No. 2015-002008. Unpublished opinion affirmed the decision of the Family Court.

(c) *SCDSS v CS*, Appellate Case No. 2019-000555. Case was remanded by agreement of parties and the Family

Court vacated the termination of parental rights order against my client.

Ms. Cahoon reported that she has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Ms. Cahoon reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
I ran for Family Court, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1 in 2019. I was found qualified and removed my name from consideration before the scheduled vote by the Legislature.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Ms. Cahoon's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Ms. Cahoon to be "Unqualified" as to the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications due to lack of residence. The Committee did not make findings on the other evaluative criteria. The Committee noted that Ms. Cahoon "[h]as not moved. Has not brought a property. Has not rented a property. She said it is likely 'her plan' to move here. Committee believes she did not meet the constitutional residency requirement at time of interview" in their related comments.

After being contacted by Commission staff regarding the language of the SC Code Section 63-3-30 (A) (1) which provides that a person must meet the residential requirements at the time of assuming office, the Citizens Committee confirmed their report. In any event, since meeting with the Lowcountry Citizens Committee, Ms. Cahoon has established a legal residence in Berkeley County. The Commission found that Ms. Cahoon meets the statutory qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.
Ms. Cahoon is married to Frank Ellwood Cahoon III. She has two children.

Ms. Cahoon reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(c) South Carolina Bar
(d) Richland County Bar Association
(e) SC Women Lawyers

Ms. Cahoon provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Junior League of Columbia
(b) Alala Cancer Society Board of Directors
(c) Blythewood Soccer Club Board of Directors
(d) Northeast United Methodist Church; Former Lay Leader, Former Chair of Administrative Counsel, certified lay servant for Columbia District
(e) Sandhills Community Church – current co-third grade leader
(f) Trinity Home School Academy Board of Directors
(g) St. Peter's Catholic PTA - President

Ms. Cahoon further reported:

Family Court Judges have a tremendous impact on children and families. Family Court more than any other court is about personal issues that affect children and families. From my personal experience as a child of divorced parents, as a parent to two children, from my daughter's adoption through foster care and my professional work with clients in all aspects of Family Court I truly believe I can help other children and families who are navigating the Family Court system. With my personal history and work experience I understand the personal and legal issues that would be brought before me.

Family Court is a frightening and stressful place for everyone. A courtroom where all parties feel safe, heard and respected can make a huge difference in how parties perceive and experience Family Court. This is an adversarial system so absent an agreement between the parties; one or both parties will disagree with my ruling as the decision maker. My biggest challenge would be wording my ruling in such a way to help parties who consider themselves the "loser" to understand that I did hear and consider their viewpoint when making my ruling. Words matter and taking time to ensure that address the issues before the Court from both sides in an impartial manner makes a difference.

Addressing parties with respect throughout the process is important.

As a Judge I hope that my demeanor, courtesy, empathy, attention, knowledge and diligence would help facilitate a positive experience even when the parties disagree over the outcome. Even though they may not agree with my decision, I want the people who leave my courtroom, whether lawyers, pro se litigants, other parties or court personnel, to have felt that they were in a safe place, that their voice was heard, that they were respected and that their outcome was based on a thoughtful, deliberate decision which was issued within the confines of the existing laws that govern Family Court.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commended Ms. Cahoon for the glowing comments she received in the BallotBox survey and congratulated her on being the kind of lawyer that other lawyers want in the profession.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Ms. Cahoon qualified, and nominated her for election to Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Gina J. McAlhany
Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6, two candidates applied for this vacancy, and one candidate withdrew. Accordingly, the name and qualifications of one candidate is hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. McAlhany meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Ms. McAlhany was born in 1967. She is 56 years old and a resident of Summerville, South Carolina. Ms. McAlhany provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1993.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. McAlhany.

Ms. McAlhany demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. McAlhany reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Ms. McAlhany testified she has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. McAlhany testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Ms. McAlhany to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. McAlhany reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I gave a lecture in 2019 at Charleston Southern University to graduate and undergraduate students in the criminal justice program as to juvenile waiver proceedings;
(b) I served as an adjunct professor for one semester at Trident Technical College in Charleston, teaching business law in their paralegal program in 1998;
(c) I gave a presentation to foster parents in 1997 at their foster parent symposium.

Ms. McAlhany reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Ms. McAlhany did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Ms. McAlhany did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Ms. McAlhany has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Ms. McAlhany was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. McAlhany reported that her rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, is Distinguished, Peer Rated for High Professional Achievement, Client Champion Silver 2023.

Ms. McAlhany reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. McAlhany reported that she has never held public office.
(6) Physical Health:
Ms. McAlhany appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Ms. McAlhany appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Ms. McAlhany was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1993.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) November 1993 – current day. Solo practitioner and owner of Gina J. McAlhany, Inc. d/b/a Gina J. McAlhany Attorney at Law

I have been a solo practitioner from the day I began practicing law, maintaining my office in Summerville, South Carolina for the entirety of my practice. I have practiced as a private practitioner exclusively in family court and specifically in the Berkeley, Dorchester, and Charleston County Family Courts. I have handled all types of cases in the family court including divorce, actions for separate support and maintenance, equitable distribution, custody, visitation, paternity, name changes, termination of parental rights, adoptions, settlement agreements, abuse and neglect cases and juvenile defense work.

On March 23, 1999 I became a certified Family Court mediator, and began mediating more frequently over the past eight (8) years. In 2018, I decided I would no longer serve as an attorney for parties in contested custodial cases as I have grown my mediation practice and would characterize my current practice as fifty (50%) percent mediations and fifty (50%) percent family court litigation.

As of June 2023, I have opened one hundred sixty-eight (168) total domestic and juvenile cases, inclusive of eighty-four (84) mediations.

I have always been solely responsible for the financial management of my law firm, including payroll, as well as sole management of my IOLTA trust account. I have always

had a full time legal secretary or paralegal regarding daily administration of my office and assistance with clients and cases.

(b) September 1, 1995 – November 30, 1997

I served as the Dorchester County DSS attorney, prosecuting abuse and neglect cases through a contract position. I maintained my own office and my private practice with my individual staff and had a court docket every week for one half day, exclusive of any additional trial time or emergency hearings and had staffings at least one day per week at the Department of Social Services Office to prepare cases with the caseworkers. I was involved in the administration of these cases regarding notices, drafting of pleadings, orders, and subpoenas to include arguing an appeal in the Court of Appeals. I was not responsible for the financial management of the Department of Social Services in any manner.

(c) 1998, Adjunct Professor of Business Law, Trident Technical College

For one semester, I taught students participating in the paralegal program a course in business law at Trident Technical College in downtown Charleston. The course was essentially one of court procedures. I was responsible for the preparation of the lectures and materials, as well as testing and grading the students' work. I was not responsible for the financial management in any manner.

(d) January 2, 2006 – June 30, 2008, South Carolina Governor's Office, Attorney for Dorchester County guardian ad litem program

I served as the attorney for the volunteer guardians through the Governor's program in the abuse and neglect cases in Dorchester County as a contract attorney. I maintained my own office and my private practice with my staff. I participated in the weekly court trial docket in the abuse and neglect cases, in addition to additional time for trials. My role was to advocate the position of the guardian ad litem

appointed to represent the best interest of the children in the Department of Social Services cases. I was responsible for meeting with the volunteer guardians, preparing them for court, reviewing their written reports, and preparing them, as well as any evidence for trial. I was responsible for preparing legal motions and recall on one occasion preparing and successfully litigating a Rule to Show Cause against the Department of Social Services for failing to comply with a court order resulting in further harm to the children involved. I was not responsible for the financial management in any manner.

(e) November 1993 – 1997 and 1998 to current, Juvenile Public Defender for Dorchester County

I have served as the attorney representing indigent juveniles in the Family Court twenty-seven (27) of my thirty (30) years of practice. I have maintained my private practice and my own office and staff, and am responsible upon my notice of appointment for all further aspects of the juvenile proceeding, including Rule 5 Motions, letters to juveniles, meeting with juveniles, meeting with parents, interagency staffings, representation of the juvenile in all hearings from detention, full probable cause hearings, adjudications, disposition, and review hearings. I appear in court once weekly on the regular half-day docket, in addition to initial detention hearings as a courtesy and statutory detention hearings thereafter if I am appointed as counsel. Saving my initial appointment through the Public Defender's Office, I handle all further administration of the file until closure in the Defender data system. I am in no manner responsible for any financial management.

Ms. McAlhany further reported regarding her experience with the Family Court practice area:

I have practiced in all areas of Family Court since the beginning of my practice in November 1993, including cases of divorce, equitable division of property, alimony, child custody, termination of parental rights, adoption, abuse and neglect, and juvenile justice.

I have handled domestic cases which have been amicable under the circumstances from the inception, including the preparation of written settlement agreements with custodial and equitable division issues and thereafter filing and obtaining final court approval of the agreements. I have handled high conflict cases involving custody and modification of custody based on a substantial change in circumstances. I have handled contested domestic cases regarding issues of alimony and equitable distribution, as well as stepparent adoption cases by consent. The majority of my contested filings would include motions for temporary relief, which I have prepared and argued. I have filed and litigated actions regarding custody or visitation for a de facto custodian/psychological parent, contested termination of parental rights and adoptions, as well as actions for grandparent visitation due to the death of a parent. I have prepared prenuptial agreements. I have also handled adult name changes.

I prepare qualified domestic relations orders for equitable division of retirement accounts not only for my clients, but I am also hired to prepare these orders for attorneys and clients generally in the Lowcountry area. I handle approximately three (3) to five (5) QDROs a month at the current time.

In 2018, I made the conscious decision to step away from handling contested custody cases, as although I have been a licensed mediator since 1999, my mediation practice has grown tremendously, and I now mediate one hundred (100) to one hundred fifty (150) cases a year.

As set forth above, I have not only represented defendants in abuse and neglect cases, but I have also been the county attorney in the prosecution of these cases as well as the attorney for the volunteer guardian ad litem program in the abuse and neglect cases.

I continue to maintain the juvenile public defender position, as I have for almost the entirety of my practice representing juveniles charged with status offenses to murder, including waiver hearings, one of which I have been recently assigned.

In the past five (5) years, I appear at least once or twice a week before a Family Court judge both for juvenile cases and for domestic cases.

Ms. McAlhany reported the frequency of her court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: none;
(b) State: I appear in Family Court once or twice per week on average.

Ms. McAlhany reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 0%;
(b) Criminal: 0%;
(c) Domestic: 100% (inclusive of juvenile proceedings and family court mediations);
(d) Other: 0%.

Ms. McAlhany reported her practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) 50% of her practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial;
(b) 0 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict;
(c) In the past five years, as 50% of my practice is Family Court litigation and 50% is devoted to mediating family court cases, I would estimate 40% of my litigation Family Court cases resolved after a motion, plea, or settlement. The number of cases would be dependent on the number of files I handled each year. By example as of June 2023, I have opened one hundred sixty-eight (168) cases, eighty-four (84) which are mediations.
(d) N/A regarding number of cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Ms. McAlhany provided that during the past five years she most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Ms. McAlhany's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *The State of South Carolina v. R.S.F., a minor,* 2015-JU-18-274, 2015-JU-18-275, and 2015-JU-18-276

My client, a juvenile, was charged in 2015 with murder, armed robbery, and burglary second when he was fourteen (14) years old. The State filed a waiver petition to seek to waive him to General Sessions court. There were a sixteen (16) and seventeen (17) year old co-defendants who were charged as adults and were each sentenced to approximately twenty-five (25) years in prison.

My client had not finished eighth grade, had never been adjudicated in the Family Court, was one of eight (8) children, whose mother although caring, had her own limitations. I hired my own psychologist as an expert witness for his waiver hearing regarding my client's treatability, risk, and rehabilitation. He was diagnosed with PTSD from the event. In the spring of 2017, after the first day and one-half day of trial, I was offered a plea to allow my client to remain and be adjudicated in Family Court. After almost two years in May 2017, his dispositional hearing was held, and he was given a suspended indeterminate commitment sentence with alternative placement for twelve (12) months. The victim's family had been present for all of his proceedings and did not object to his sentencing.

The resolution of this case prevented a fourteen-year-old from receiving an adult sentence in an adult prison system, and allowed him the opportunity to receive the services to rehabilitate and return to the community.

(b) *South Carolina Department of Social Services v. Kimberly Love, Jason Buckley and Kelvin Mendoza*, 2012-DR-18-246

I was appointed by the Family Court to represent the Defendant Mother. Ms. Love was charged with murder of her special needs child and her three (3) other children were removed from her custody by the Department of Social Services. Early in the case, I was able to have her three children moved from foster care to a relative placement to allow her supervised visitation. Ms. Love's deceased son had a congenital condition which did not allow him to speak nor ambulate and he had a history of seizures.

Ms. Love's three other children who were removed from her custody were straight "A" students and there was no prior Department of Social Services history, nor criminal history as to her and her children. After multiple hearings, deposition of the pathologist, review from a second pathologist, the case was concluded with no required treatment nor findings and her children were returned to her custody. Ms. Love's special needs child was loved and was cared for by his mother. It was later determined her son had a seizure and died in his sleep. Ultimately in January 2017, the murder charge against Ms. Love was also dismissed by the solicitor.

(c) *The State of South Carolina v. D.W., a minor,* 2021-JU-18-001, and 2021-JU-18-092

This juvenile came into the juvenile system in 2021, initially with assault and battery third degree charges, but continued to accrue multiple charges during the next twenty-four (24) months, although ultimately not adjudicated on the charges. I was aware that he had seizures in the past, but they had been in remission. Based on my multiple interactions with my client and based on his inability to control his actions or process his thoughts at times, although he was articulate, I believed there needed to be further evaluation. I appeared at approximately fifteen (15) hearings for this child, and ultimately was able to have a neuropsychological evaluation ordered by the Family Court. The neuropsychological evaluation found he had a cerebral condition that affected his executive functioning, and therefore his reasoning, if in a heightened or agitated state. As a result, in May 2022, I was able to have his adjudications vacated and my client committed to the Department of Mental Health for placement and treatment rather than remain in the juvenile system.

(d) *Steven Singletary v. Verlie C. Vanzant f/k/a Verlie C. Fender ,* 2010-DR-08-893 and 2012-DR-08-871

I represented a father in a custody proceeding. In his initial Final Order, my client had represented himself, leaving him susceptible to the mother and his child relocating, which is what occurred with a relocation to Texas. Neither parent was unfit.

An agreement was reached in mediation, which allowed the mother and child to remain in Texas; however, the mother withdrew and the case was scheduled for trial. At the commencement of trial, I was able to make motions regarding exclusion of witnesses based on the failure of counsel to comply with discovery and responsive pleadings, and as a result, settlement negotiations ensued which allowed the child to remain in South Carolina in the custody of my client, provided if the mother relocated back to South Carolina from Texas, the parties would share custodial time. Subsequent to the Final Order, the Mother filed a second action with a new attorney seeking to vacate the prior Final Order, as she did not want to return to South Carolina, claiming she was forced/coerced into the agreement due to her prior counsel's representation. I represented Father again in this action. My client maintained custody of his daughter in South Carolina.

(e) *Sherrie Winn v. Alicia Cates and Donald Winn, Sr. and Sean Rucker and Amanda Rucker v. George Cates v. Alicia Cates, Donald Winn, Sr. and Sherrie Winn,* 2011-DR-18-328

This was a complex custody case involving a paternal grandmother, maternal grandfather, mother, father, and my clients who were unrelated third-parties and had assumed significant caretaking responsibility for the child. I filed an action on behalf of my clients seeking custody of the child as psychological parents/defacto custodians and moved to intervene in the pending case with the parental grandmother and biological parents. Subsequently, the maternal grandfather moved to intervene and became a party in the case seeking custody. After multiple motions, pretrial hearings, and discovery, the case resolved with my clients maintaining primary physical and legal custody of the child until and unless the father completed a reunification plan and conditions. Provided the father was able to comply and maintain the conditions of the transition plan, primary custody would return to Father, however, my clients maintained joint custody with specific custodial rights, such as the child would continue care with the current pediatrician, my clients would continue as the childcare provider, and the child would attend private school of my clients choosing if they were financially responsible for

same. Ultimately due to this case, this child was given a loving and stable home with my clients.

The following is Ms. McAlhany's account of three civil appeals she has personally handled:

(a) *Dorchester County Department of Social Services, Respondent v. Clyde Mitchell and Krista Atkinson, Defendants, of whom Clyde Mitchell is Appellant,* (S.C. Ct. App. heard June 5, 1996);

(b) *Department of Social Services v. Miller,* Court of Appeals, date of decision October 14, 1996, Case No. 324 S.C. 445, 477 S.E.2d 476 (Ct. App. 1996);

(c) *S.C. Dept. of Social Services v. C.H.*, Court of Appeals, date of decision October 28, 2009, Case No. 386 S.C. 58, 685 S.E.2d 835 (Ct. App. 2009).

Ms. McAlhany reported that she has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Ms. McAlhany's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Lowcountry Citizens Committee found Ms. McAlhany "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee stated in summary, "Super-qualified and experienced, well regarded and well liked. Excellent experience, wonderful disposition, empathetic, smart, dedicated – make GREAT FAMILY COURT JUDGE A+."

Ms. McAlhany is married to Peter Them Thomason. She has one child.

Ms. McAlhany reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Family Law American Inn of Court, Master;
(b) Dorchester County Bar Association;
(c) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association.

Ms. McAlhany provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organization:
United States Tennis Association.

Ms. McAlhany further reported:
In completing my application for my candidacy, it required me to reflect on my legal career as a family court practitioner. Throughout this process, it reminded me of the impact the Family Court has in the lives of not only the adult litigants, but on the lives of the children who are brought into the Family Court through custody actions, abuse and neglect proceedings, or as juveniles. I believe having practiced in all areas of the Family Court, I have a recognition of the tremendous responsibility I would have as a judge to those that appeared before me.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Ms. McAlhany had universally positive comments in the BallotBox survey, which is not frequently seen. Further, the Commission stated that she has earned a reputation that has distinguished her among members of the Bar, and that is something of which all members can be proud.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Ms. McAlhany qualified, and nominated her for election to Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6.

David J. Brousseau
Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, three candidates applied for this vacancy, and one candidate withdrew. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Brousseau meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Mr. Brousseau was born in 1976. He is 47 years old and a resident of Anderson, South Carolina. Mr. Brousseau provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2003.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Brousseau.

Mr. Brousseau demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Brousseau reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Brousseau testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Brousseau testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Brousseau to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Brousseau reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I taught an Introduction to Law course at Anderson University from 2015-2018.
(b) I lectured on all topics at the Advanced Family Law Seminar CLE by NBI on March 18, 2015.
(c) I lectured on the topic of appeals, alimony and equitable division for the 2023 Family Court Seminar by the Anderson County Bar on February 3, 2023

Mr. Brousseau reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Brousseau did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Brousseau did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Brousseau has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Brousseau was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:

Mr. Brousseau reported that his rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, is 4.4 out of 5.

Mr. Brousseau reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Brousseau reported that he has held the following public office:

2009-Curent: Anderson County Tax Assessor Appeals Board, Member. This is an appointed position by the Anderson County Council that serves as part of the assessor's office. No report is required with the State Ethics Commission for this position. I have never been subject to a penalty.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Brousseau appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Brousseau appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Brousseau was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2003.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 2002-2003, law clerk at McIntosh, Sherard & Sullivan; Anderson, South Carolina. I assisted the attorneys on their files while I awaited the results of the Bar Exam and getting sworn in. I did title searches for the real estate attorneys at the firm, and particularly assisted in discovery, legal research, and trial preparation on the litigation side of the firm.

(b) 2003-2009, Associate attorney at McIntosh, Sherard & Sullivan; Anderson, South Carolina. During this time period my practice consisted of general litigation with a particular emphasis on civil litigation. By 2005, I took over all domestic relations cases at the firm. Over fifty percent of my caseload was in all facets of domestic relations law. Additionally, I was handling a number of cases involving personal injury, breach of contract, construction litigation, and real estate disputes in Circuit Court.

(c) 2009-Current, Partner at McIntosh, Sherard, Sullivan & Brousseau; Anderson, South Carolina. In 2009, I became a partner at my firm. My practice continues to be in civil litigation with an emphasis in domestic relations law, personal injury, real estate litigation, and construction litigation. I also handle criminal defense cases, but typically on the lower end of the penalty threshold. Over fifty percent of my caseload involves family court cases. Additionally, I serve as mediator on a number of family court cases by agreement of the attorneys. I am involved in the administrative decisions of the firm, management of trust accounts on my cases and other related financial matters directly related to the litigation side of my firm.

(d) 2015-2018, Adjunct Professor, Anderson University; Anderson, South Carolina. In 2015, Anderson University asked me to teach an Intro to Law course. It was offered every fall term. I lectured on the basics of American law and jurisprudence; including, but not limited to: constitutional law, criminal law, criminal procedure, civil law and civil procedure.

Mr. Brousseau further reported regarding his experience with the Family Court practice area:

In my 20 years of practicing law, I have handled cases of all types in the Family Court system. I appear before the Family Court on a weekly basis for motion hearings, contempt hearings and trials on the merits. I have handled countless divorce cases where issues of custody, support, alimony, and equitable division are often involved. Some of those matters may be complex and involve closely-held family businesses. Some of those matters may be emotionally charged due to custody issues or allegations of fault regarding the breakdown of the marriage. I have also represented clients in quite a few multi-state custody disputes involving 4 the Uniform Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA). I have represented clients in termination of parental rights (TPR) and adoption cases. Further, I have handled and tried a number of cases involving DSS. I have been involved in DJJ cases; however, those cases are much less frequent than my normal caseload. I also have an appellate practice, and have argued many of the issues that often are

presented in Family Court to the appellate courts. Lastly, I serve as mediator on family court matters upon the agreement of the attorneys involved in those cases.

I believe that my experience in all areas of domestic relations law have prepared me to serve as Family Court judge. I am aware of the procedure and rules on all types of cases in Family Court. I am also familiar with the substantive law on the issues that often appear before the Family Court. I feel that the experience I could bring to the bench would be an asset to the attorneys and litigants that would appear before me.

Mr. Brousseau reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) Federal: have handled two federal court cases in the past five years
(b) State: I appear frequently in state court. These appearances likely average, on an annual basis, at least once per week, if not more, when court is in session.

Mr. Brousseau reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) Civil: 35%;
(b) Criminal: 5%;
(c) Domestic: 60%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Mr. Brousseau reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) 100% of cases practiced in trial court including cases that settled prior to trial.
(b) 8-10 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict.
(c) 0 cases went to trial and resolved after plaintiff's or State's case.
(d) 0 cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Mr. Brousseau provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Brousseau's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) McDermott, et al v. Melvin, et al, CA No. 2020-DR-04-1105; Appellate CA No. 2023-000115 – This was my most recent trial. It was a three-day, TPR trial in which my clients, the foster parents, were successful in having the Family Court find that TPR was in the child's best interests. It is significant because DSS believed that reunification with the birth mother was in the child's best interests. The Guardian ad Litem in the DSS case recommended reunification. The Guardian ad Litem in the TPR case recommended TPR. We were able to convince the Court, by clear and convincing evidence, that TPR was appropriate and in the child's best interests despite DSS's position. The child in this case has only known the foster family as her family. She is 5 years old. I strongly believe that the Family Court correctly decided that TPR was in this child's best interests. This case is currently pending on appeal with The South Carolina Court of Appeals.

(b) Holland v. Holland, 438 S.C. 69, 881 S.E.2d 766 (Ct. App. 2022) – This case established that there is no statute of repose on enforcement of a child support order. The Family Court dismissed a contempt action because the youngest child had been emancipated for over ten years at the time that the father was served with a Clerk's Rule to Show Cause for failure to pay child support. In doing so, the Family Court applied the general ten-year statute of repose on judgments as provided in S.C. Code Ann. § 15-39-30. The Court of Appeals reversed the Family Court and found that the general statute of repose on enforcement of judgments does not apply to child support orders. Initially, the opinion was unpublished. Father filed a petition for a writ of certiorari to the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court denied the Father's petition, and requested that the Court of Appeals publish Its opinion.

(c) Miller Construction Co. v. PC Construction of Greenwood, 418 S.C. 186, 791 S.E.2d 321 (Ct. App. 2016) – This case established that the licensing statutes do not apply in contractor versus contractor claims. This was a three-day, non-jury trial between contractors related to the

construction of the Lander University sports complex. My client, Miller Construction, sued for breach of contract for not being paid by the general contractor. The general contractor contended that my client, Miller Construction, was not properly licensed for its work. Additionally, the general contractor argued that my client owed the general contractor for delay damages it said was attributable to Miller Construction. The trial court disagreed with the general contractor, and my client was granted nearly all its damages except pre-judgment interest. The general contractor appealed, and we cross-appealed on the issue of pre-judgment interest. The Court of Appeals affirmed the decision of the lower court, and reversed the trial court's decision on the issue pre-judgment interest.

(d) Hicks Unlimited v. UniFirst Corp., (Howard Advance Sheet, June 14, 2023) - I handled this case on appeal. This is a breach of contract case. UniFirst moved to compel arbitration pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act (FAA). My client, Hicks Unlimited, moved to stay arbitration. The arbitration provision did not comply with the notice requirements of the South Carolina Arbitration Act. However, the FAA does not have the same notice requirements. The question was whether or not the contract implicated interstate commerce thereby triggering the FAA. The Circuit Court found that interstate commerce was not implicated, and therefore the FAA did not apply. As a result, the arbitration provision was unenforceable pursuant to the South Carolina Arbitration Act. The Court of Appeals reversed the Circuit Court, and found that interstate commerce was implicated and the FAA did apply. We filed a petition for a writ of certiorari to The Supreme Court. The Supreme Court granted the petition, and reversed the Court of Appeals in a recently published opinion.

(e) SCDSS v. Johnnie B., 2014-UP-080 (Ct. App. 2014): DSS brought this case alleging abuse and neglect against my client's ex-wife and her boyfriend related to three children. My client was the father of the oldest child, and was a non-offending parent. However, DSS did not want the oldest child to go to my client. My client obtained a custody order for the child in Georgia where he lived and

where the child was from. I argued that Georgia had jurisdiction over the issues related to the oldest child pursuant to the Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA). The Family Court disagreed and found South Carolina had jurisdiction, not Georgia, and that DSS was to retain custody over the child. We appealed the decision. The Court of Appeals reversed the Family Court's decision, and found that Georgia did have jurisdiction over the issues related to my client's child. This resulted in my client being granted custody under the Georgia custody order.

The following is Mr. Brousseau's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) SCDSS v. Johnnie B., SC Court of Appeals, decision filed February 21, 2014, Unpublished Opinion 2014-UP-080.
(b) Robin Carr Smith v. James Rory Smith, SC Court of Appeals, decision filed September 19, 2018, published opinion, 425 S.C. 119, 819 S.E.2d 769 (Ct. App. 2018),
(c) Elizabeth Holland v. Richard Holland, SC Court of Appeals, initial decision filed August 4, 2021, as an unpublished opinion. The opinion was then re-filed as a published opinion on September 7, 2022, following an order from the Supreme Court denying the petition for a writ of certiorari, 438 S.C. 69, 881 S.E.2d 766 (Ct. App. 2022).
(d) Miller Construction v. PC Construction of Greenwood, SC Court of Appeals, decision filed September 14, 2016, published opinion, 418 S.C. 186, 791 S.E.2d 321 (Ct. App. 2016)
(e) Hicks Unlimited v. UniFirst Corp., SC Supreme Court, decision filed June 14, 2023, published opinion, Howard Advance Sheet, June 14, 2023.

Mr. Brousseau reported that he has not handled any criminal appeals.

Mr. Brousseau further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
Yes. I ran for Family Court judge in 2018. I withdrew my application.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Brousseau's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Brousseau to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluation criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability

Mr. Brousseau is married to Amy Boggs Brousseau. He has one child.

Mr. Brousseau reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Anderson County Bar Association, member
(b) South Carolina Bar, member
(c) South Carolina Association for Justice, member 9
(d) Anderson County Inns of Court, member
(e) Tenth Circuit Fee Dispute Resolution Board, member

Mr. Brousseau provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Anderson County Inns of Court, member
(b) Cobb's Glen Country Club, golf and social member

Mr. Brousseau further reported:

In my twenty years of practice, I have handled all types of family court cases. Those cases have ranged from the court-appointed cases involving DSS to divorces involving millions of dollars in assets. Additionally, I often serve as mediator on family court cases by agreement of counsel. In addition to my family court practice, I have also tried a number of jury and non-jury cases, of all types, in the Court of Common Pleas. I am well-versed in

the procedural and substantive law that is often presented in the Family Court. I have often witnessed the emotions that litigants experience going through a family court case, and I am mindful of how difficult the process can be for litigants in Family Court.

Over the years, I have appeared before some fantastic judges. I have seen how they handle their courtrooms, and I learned from them. A family court judge is often dealing with litigants who are going through the loss of a marriage, lost time with a child, or both. Those litigants are anxious about the amount of time they may get with their child, or how they are going to financially make ends meet without the support of their former partner. Litigants are always best served not only by a judge who is well-versed in the procedural and substantive law, but also a judge who will listen and understand.

My parents divorced was I was in middle school. I recall what it was like to be a child with parents going through the divorce process. My wife and I are parents of a middle schooler. I mention this because during custody cases, we often forget how hard it is to be a parent and how hard the litigation process can be for a child.
I try to stay calm under even the toughest of circumstances, as it is difficult to think clearly when you are upset. We want judges who know the law but also understand the difficulties and emotions that litigants may be experiencing. It is my belief that my legal experience, life experience, temperament, and attitude would all be an asset to parties who may appear before me as well as the Family Court bench and bar.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Mr. Brousseau enjoys a good reputation in his community for having a fair, even temperament. The Commission further commented that Mr. Brousseau's experience make him a good candidate for the bench.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Brousseau qualified and nominated him for election to Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

Heather Vry Scalzo
Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, three candidates applied for this vacancy, and one candidate withdrew before the public hearing. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. Scalzo meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.
Ms. Scalzo was born in 1974. She is 49 years old and a resident of Anderson, South Carolina. Ms. Scalzo provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2002.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. Scalzo.

Ms. Scalzo demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. Scalzo reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Ms. Scalzo testified she has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. Scalzo testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Ms. Scalzo to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. Scalzo reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I taught the Juvenile Justice class (1 hour and a half) through the SC Bar's Law School for Non-Lawyers at Greenville Tech in fall 2023, spring 2023 and fall 2022. This class is an overview of juvenile justice.
(b) I taught the Child Protection class (1 hour and a half) through the SC Bar's Law School for Non-Lawyers at Greenville Tech in fall 2023, spring 2023 and fall 2022. This class is an overview of child protection proceedings.
(c) I presented "Waiver Hearings for Clinicians" to DJJ's psychologists in the spring of 2023. This presentation is an overview of the law relating to cases where the state is seeking to transfer or waive a juvenile to General Sessions for adult prosecution.
(d) I presented "How Truancy, Suspensions, Expulsions, & Other School Issues Affect the Child Custody Case" at the 2023 SC Bar's Annual Guardian ad Litem Training. This topic dealt with the mechanics of school issues and how they relate to child custody.
(e) I presented "Motions Practice" with a co-presenter to juvenile public defenders at SCCID's Juvenile Defense Essentials Training in February 2023. This topic informs attorneys how to use motions to advocate for their client.

I have been a frequent presenter and trainer for juvenile public defenders and DJJ staff through my position with the Children's Law Center at the USC School of Law. I am also certified by the

National Juvenile Defender Center in their Juvenile Training Immersion Program (JTIP) curriculum featuring forensic training exercises ("on your feet" practices and interactive break-out sessions). In 2014, I became the first certified JTIP trainer in the state of SC. As a trainer, I adapt the lessons to relevant South Carolina law. The following list is not exhaustive.

(f)I taught the JTIP lesson "Motions Practice as a Juvenile Defender" on March 29, 2019 (1 hour and a half) with a co-trainer for defense attorneys.

(g) I taught the JTIP lesson "Ethics Issues for Juvenile Defenders" on March 29, 2019 (1 hour) with a co-trainer for defense attorneys.

(h) I taught the JTIP lesson "Challenging ID Testimony" on March 29, 2019 (2 hours) with a co-trainer for juvenile defense attorneys.

(i)I was a guest lecturer for a family law class at Greenville Senior High Academy for Law, Business and Finance on March 15, 2019.

(j)I presented "Pitfalls of DJJ Practice" in August 2018 at the South Carolina Association of Justice Annual Convention (15 minutes). This topic gave helpful hints on representing juveniles in criminal matters.

(k) I presented "Competency to Stand Trial" (2 hours) on April 13, 2018 with a co-trainer for SC public defenders.

(l)I presented a JTIP lesson, "Disposition Advocacy," (2 hours) on April 13, 2018 with a co-trainer for SC public defenders.

(m) I taught, with a co-trainer, "Advanced Legal Training for Community Staff," a two-hour class on legal terminology, DJJ policies related to community intake and probation, testifying in a court hearing, and responding to subpoenas under DJJ policies, for DJJ staff on April 3, 2017 and May 15, 2018.

(n) I was a break-out group leader on the JTIP lesson "Fourth Amendment Challenges" at the Southern Juvenile Defender Center Regional Summit on June 2, 2017 (45 min).

(o) I taught, with a co-trainer, "Advanced Courtroom Training for Clinicians," a two-hour class on legal terminology, testifying in a court hearing, and responding to subpoenas under DJJ policies for DJJ social workers and psychologists in February 2016 and February 2017.

(p) I taught a class entitled "Waiver Training for Clinicians" on March 21, 2016 with a co-trainer for DJJ staff.
(q) I taught "Role of Juvenile Defense Counsel: Ethics in Practice" with a co-trainer on March 6, 2017 for South Carolina public defenders. This topic dealt with the ethical pitfalls attorneys face when representing juveniles.
(r)I taught the JTIP lesson "Dispositional Advocacy for Juvenile Defenders" with a co-trainer at the South Carolina Public Defender's Conference in September 2016.
(s) I presented juvenile defense basics at the Greenville County Bar End of Year CLE in February 2016.
(t)I taught "Legal 101 for Juvenile Correctional Officers", a three-hour class for new correctional officers at DJJ encompassing Constitutional issues, legal terminology, case law, statute and DJJ policies impacting officers about two to three times a year from 2016 to 2019.
(u) I taught "Legal Update and Prison Rape Elimination Act," a two-hour update certification class for correctional officers at DJJ encompassing statutes and policies impacting officers at DJJ about two to three times a year from 2015 to 2018.
(v) I was on a panel with other juvenile justice attorneys at the 2015 SC Bar Convention in Columbia.
(w) I was a co-presenter at the 2023 SC Public Defender Conference in Myrtle Beach on October 10, 2023. I presented on Preparing for a Juvenile Waiver Hearing.

Ms. Scalzo reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Ms. Scalzo did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Ms. Scalzo did not indicate any evidence of disqualifying financial issues.

The Commission noted that the state tax lien for individual income taxes filed against Ms. Scalzo in 2004 has been satisfied.

The Commission also noted that Ms. Scalzo was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. Scalzo reported that she has not sought membership or rating in any legal rating organization, and that she was selected by her peers as the *Greenville Business Magazine* "Legal Elite" in 2022 for Education Law and in 2023 Appellate, Education, and Family Law.

Ms. Scalzo reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. Scalzo reported that she has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Ms. Scalzo appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Ms. Scalzo appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Ms. Scalzo was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2002.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Attorney-Advisor, Social Security Administration Office of Hearings and Appeals, Greenville, SC, June 2003 – June 2005
I drafted disability decisions for Administrative Law Judges.

(b) Attorney, Heather Scalzo Attorney at Law, Greenville, SC, June 2005 – June 2015
My practice was almost exclusively juvenile criminal defense, except for a short period of time (August 2005 to November 2006) when I also handled Social Security appeals cases on a

contract with another lawyer. I managed the administrative and financial activities of my solo practice.

(c) Juvenile Justice Resource Attorney, Children's Law Center, University of South Carolina School of Law, December 2014 to December 2019

I did trainings and presentations on juvenile justice issues to public defenders and Department of Juvenile Justice staff. This was a part-time position.

(d) Attorney/Partner, Byford & Scalzo, LLC, Greenville, SC, June 2015 to May 2022

During my seven years in this practice, I steadily increased my domestic relations practice from doing almost exclusively juvenile defense and school disciplinary hearings to doing 80% domestic relations (divorce, custody, adoptions, abuse and neglect) in 2022.

From March 2018 to December 2019, I had a contract with the Anderson County Public Defender's Office to handle their probation violation cases. This necessitated my being in court an average of two to three days per month in Anderson County.

From July 2018 to June 2022, I had a contract with the SC Commission on Indigent Defense to represent clients in (DSS) abuse and neglect proceedings in Greenville County.

I assisted my law partner in the administrative and financial activities of the practice.

(e) Counsel, Offit Kurman, Spartanburg, SC, June 2002 to April 2023, promoted to Principal April 2023 to present.

Invited to open the Greenville SC office September 2023.

My practice is almost exclusively high conflict custody cases and high net worth equitable division cases. I have some abuse and neglect cases, juvenile delinquency cases, and the occasional probate litigation and school disciplinary case.

Ms. Scalzo further reported regarding her experience with the Family Court practice area:

I am well-versed in all practice areas in Family Court.

Divorce/Custody/Equitable Distribution: Currently, my caseload is almost exclusively high conflict custody cases and high net worth divorce and equitable division cases. My cases involve financial experts, psychologists, custody evaluators, and

therapists. As an example, I have the following pending trials for 2023-24: a five-day trial for divorce, child custody, and equitable distribution, a three-day trial for divorce and equitable distribution of property, a three-day trial for custody modification, a two-day trial for custody modification, a one-day trial for custody modification, and a one to two day trial for alimony modification. I had a three-day custody trial earlier this year. I have the requisite experience and knowledge to preside over divorce, custody, and equitable division cases.

Adoption: I have represented biological parents, foster parents, step-parents, and kinship caregivers in adoption proceedings as well as termination of parental rights proceedings. I have filed actions to withdraw consent to relinquish parental rights and had contested multi-day trials to resolve them. I have filed actions for private termination of parental rights and adoption and have represented foster parents in adoption cases where the Department of Social Services filed the termination of parental rights. I have the requisite experience and knowledge to preside over adoption cases.

Abuse and neglect: I had a contract with SCCID from 2018 to 2022 to represent indigent caregivers in DSS actions. I was in court two to three times a week during this four-year period. I averaged a trial about every month for merits hearings and termination of parental rights cases. I continue to handle abuse and neglect cases. This past year I had a five-day trial for an abuse and neglect action that was combined with a petition to withdraw consent to relinquish parental rights. I have the requisite experience and knowledge to preside over abuse and neglect cases.

Juvenile Defense: I was a part-time juvenile public defender for 14 years. For 13 years (2005 to 2018) I was in Greenville County and for one year Spartanburg County (2021 to 2022). I have represented juveniles charged with all manner of offenses, from status offenses to drug offenses to criminal sexual assaults and homicides. I have handled five waiver cases, one as co-counsel and four as sole counsel. As a result, I have been asked to conduct juvenile waiver trainings for multiple organizations

over several years. I have the requisite experience and knowledge to preside over juvenile cases.

From June 2005 to June 2022, I appeared before a Family Court judge on average two times a week. Currently, I appear in court a few times per month and have a statewide practice; at one point this year, I had cases pending in ten counties.

Ms. Scalzo reported the frequency of her court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: none;

(b) State: From June 2018 to June 2022, I was in court two to three times per week. For the past year, I have been in court a few times per month.

Ms. Scalzo reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five yearsas follows:

(a) Civil: 0%;
(b) Criminal: juvenile criminal 18%, adult criminal 1%;
(c) Domestic: 79%;
(d) Other: school discipline, probate 2%.

Ms. Scalzo reported their practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) Almost all [settled prior to trial]. I also handle school disciplinary hearings, which are not in trial court.
(b) Because mediation is mandatory in family court, most of my cases settled. In the past five years, I have tried to verdict at least twenty cases.
(c) Most of my cases that go to trial go to a verdict [after the plaintiff's or State's case].
(d) No jury cases [settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements].

Ms. Scalzo provided that during the past five years she most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Ms. Scalzo's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *DSS v. [Redacted]*

In 2022, I was appointed (through the SCCID contract) to represent [Redacted] in an abuse and neglect action. [Redacted], a Texas resident, gave birth to a baby in Texas and placed her baby at birth with [Redacted], a South Carolina couple. Several weeks after the couple returned to South Carolina with the baby, they took the baby to the hospital and the baby was found to have serious injuries. DSS then brought an abuse and neglect action against the couple, who, at that time, were only prospective adoptive parents, and added [Redacted] as named party because the adoption was still pending. I reviewed the case and determined it was necessary to challenge [Redacted] consent to relinquish her parental rights in the adoption. The adoption action and DSS action were consolidated, and, after a five-day trial, I succeeded in getting [Redacted] baby returned to her. The court found [Redacted] consent was not freely and voluntarily given. This was based on several factors. One of those factors was that [Redacted], who did not speak English, was not provided a certified translator and she was not given copies of the consent in Spanish. This was a significant case because it was legally complex, in that it dealt with termination of parental rights, withdrawal of consent, and abuse and neglect. It was also a complex case to litigate, involving testimony by multiple medical professionals, law enforcement officers, DSS personnel, as well as the parties and their lay witnesses. In addition, the trial itself, while highly contested, was enjoyable because I worked alongside six other attorneys, each with their own position to advocate and a fabulous judge who ensured that we were able to get our respective positions on the record.

(b) *Casea David v. Timothy Hall, Elizabeth Langley*

In 2023, I represented Ms. Langley, the aunt of two children who had been in her care for over seven years. Ms. David, the biological mother, was seeking to have the children returned to her because she'd recently gotten sober. After a three-day trial, the judge returned

the children to their mother, finding that she was now fit to care for them again. This was a significant case for me. To start with, it was in a county several hours from my home and office, requiring me to navigate the challenges of trial preparation without the support of home and office. But more importantly, it was significant because, although she was not successful in the lawsuit, my client told me I was the first of the four attorneys she'd had in two years who fought for her.

(c) *State v. Juvenile A.*

In 2021, my juvenile client was charged with murder and attempted murder. The state was alleging my client shot two people during a drug transaction and moved to waive him to General Sessions to be prosecuted as an adult. My client, however, maintained he was defending himself because the two people were robbing him at gunpoint. After a two-day waiver trial, I was successful in keeping my juvenile client within the jurisdiction of family court. I was ultimately able to negotiate a guilty plea to one count of voluntary manslaughter and my client was given an indeterminate sentence. This case was significant because it was legally and factually complex. In addition to the complexity of any waiver hearing, this case presented a challenge on whether my client could maintain a self-defense claim despite defending himself from two armed robbers. It was also significant because the ramifications to my client being waived to adult court were at the highest ends of an adult criminal sentence but because he was a model inmate in detention with no write-ups for over a year while simultaneously earning his high school diploma, I was able to present a strong and successful case for him to remain in Family Court.

(d) *State v. Juvenile C.*

In 2011, at age 14, my client was charged with the murder of a homeless man who had significant ties to the community. The state petitioned to waive jurisdiction to General Sessions and prosecute my client as an adult. I handled the waiver hearing as sole counsel and was successful in keeping the case in Family Court. I then negotiated an agreement to a plea of guilty to

involuntary manslaughter for which my client received an indeterminate sentence as a juvenile. This case is significant because it was the first complex case I did as sole counsel. It is also significant because I had to examine a DSS caseworker and law enforcement officer, both of whom were reluctant witnesses for the defense, to provide the trial judge with the fullest picture of this child's experience and environment through his history with both DJJ and DSS involvement.

(e) *Does v. Does*

This is a case where my clients, who are the maternal grandparents of a child who has lived with them since birth, have filed for termination of parental rights of both parents, each of whom live outside of South Carolina. The mother filed an action in her home state (the father did not respond) seeking to withdraw a prior custody determination made by her home state's probate court. While that was pending, she filed a motion in our case contesting jurisdiction and seeking to dismiss my clients' action. This case required a UCCJEA conference because of the prior custody determination in mother's home state. Ultimately, I was successful in having the South Carolina Family Court terminate the parents' rights and allow the grandparents to adopt. This was a significant case because it had legal complexities stemming from the involvement and rulings of a second state but also because assisting grandparents with gaining stability for the grandchild they had raised since birth was personally rewarding.

The following is Ms. Scalzo's account of five civil appeals she has personally handled:

(a) *Reginald Swain v. Daniel Allen Bollinger and Jane Doe*, S.C. Supreme Court, January 5, 2022, 435 S.C. 280, 866 S.E.2d 923 (2022)

(b) *Lani and Amanda Johnson v. Shianne Leigh Jarrett*, S.C. Ct. App., August 3, 2022, 2022-UP-324

(c) *SCDSS v. Laci Smith*, S.C. Ct. App., April 1, 2022, 2022-UP-171

(d) *SCDSS v. Heather Lynn Dean and Joseph Kasey*, S.C. Ct. App., May 14, 2021, 2021-UP-169

(e) *SCDSS v. Danielle Gay and Samuel Ogg*, S.C. Ct. App., No. 2023-UP-273, July 19, 2023

The following is Ms. Scalzo's account of the criminal appeal she has personally handled:
State v. Gerald Haltiwanger, S.C. Ct. App., April 13, 2016, Appellate Court No. 2013-002460

Ms. Scalzo further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
I ran for Family Court, At-Large Seat 1 in 2019-20. I was found Qualified.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Ms. Scalzo's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Ms. Scalzo to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, reputation, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee had the following comment: "The candidate currently does not live in Anderson County, and it is unclear when she may actually establish residence in that county. She lacks involvement in Anderson community affairs."

Ms. Scalzo is married to Christopher Dominic Scalzo. She has four children.

Ms. Scalzo reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) Greenville County Bar
(c) National Juvenile Defender Center (now, The Gault Center) certified trainer, 2014-present
(d) South Carolina Supreme Court's Family Court Docketing Subcommittee, 2011-2019

(e) Southern Juvenile Defender Center, Advisory Committee, 2013-2018

(f) South Carolina Justice Act Task Force, 2012-2017

(g) South Carolina Public Defender Association, 2005-2018, Juvenile Public Defender of the Year, 2012

(h) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 2021-present

Ms. Scalzo provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Junior League of Greenville, Member, 2008 to present
Served on Board of Directors: Fund Development Vice President, 2015-2016 and Strategic Planner, 2018-2019
Nearly New Shop Chair, 2013-2014; Led a committee that oversees the business operations of the Nearly New Shop, a second-hand store with annual sales of over $200,000. As Chair, I was involved in all aspects of running the business, including hiring and firing employees and managing store operations. I served on the committee for two years prior to becoming Chair.
Property Management Chair, 2014-2015, 2017-2018; Responsible for routine and emergency maintenance of the two buildings owned by the Junior League of Greenville. I was tasked with getting quotes for roofing, flooring, plumbing, security, etc. for presentation to the Board.
Advisor to the Property Management Chair, 2022-2023

(b) Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alumni Chapter Advisor, Furman University Chapter; 2015-2019, I served as an advisor for the college chapter.

(c) Buncombe Street United Methodist Church, Missions and Outreach Committee, 2019-2020; Greeter; Sunday School Teacher/Assistant

Ms. Scalzo further reported:

About ten years ago, several people in the family court system told me that I should run for judge as they believed I had a good judicial temperament. As a person of faith, I contemplated this and asked God for a sign that I should run. What a surprise to pull into the Lowe's parking lot and see a bush on fire! Was this literal burning bush a sign? Of course, it wasn't but it was a

reminder of my faith. So, I continued to prayerfully consider whether to run and decided in 2019 that I would run for an at-large Family Court seat. Although I was not elected, I have neither lost hope nor faith in the importance of the process of running for judge. There is value in the journey to being elected a judge, and having been through an election before, I believe I have what it takes to be an excellent family court judge.

As for my faith, the story of my life has been evidence that, regardless of wins or losses, God is at work in my life. My father died in June 1976. I was just shy of two years old and the youngest of three girls. My mother was a homemaker, having stopped working as a teacher when my oldest sister was born. My father had been a psychiatrist in Greenville. He was the first in his family to go to college (Furman) and then put himself through medical school (Wake Forest). His parents were sharecroppers in Horry County who later saved to buy their own land. Unfortunately, all the years of him working in the fields without sunscreen led to his getting melanoma, which took his life. When he was dying, my father told my mother he wanted his daughters to have a father. That dying wish gave my mother peace to move forward.

My mother was introduced to a widowed physician who was new to Greenville and had lost his wife around the same time my father had passed. He had two young girls, one older than me and one younger. This man and my mother married in January 1978 after dating a short six weeks! They have been married ever since. Fortunately, this man wanted to be a father to me and my two older sisters, and so he adopted us. My mother adopted his two girls. Altogether, we became a family of seven and then eight when, several years later, they had my youngest sister.

My life was forever changed by having an adoptive father who became “Dad.” I am thankful that he chose me to be his daughter. He has been the most supportive and caring father I could ever have imagined. I would not be the person that I am without his wisdom and influence.

In my professional career, I am reminded often that children have little power to change their life situations; the adults do. My parents – my biological father, my mother, and my adoptive father – all wanted the very best for me. But that is not always the case for many children in South Carolina.

Family Court judges have immense power to make positive changes in children's lives, whether it is through ordering termination of a parent's rights, granting an adoption, requiring supervised visitation, granting a divorce, ordering sole or joint custody arrangements, finding a child delinquent and imposing services to assist the child, or any number of things. Many of these things have their beginnings in tragedy and trauma. So, when these cases come before the Family Court, the parties are looking for solutions, help, and even closure. It takes compassion, understanding, a sense of fairness, and a commitment to the law and to justice to exercise the role and responsibilities of a Family Court judge. I believe I possess these qualities. In my personal life and my professional life, I am the same: compassionate and fair, a rule-follower, a seeker of justice. I would be honored to serve the families of South Carolina as a Family Court judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission noted that Ms. Scalzo has significant past experience with family court matters in the public sector, and was impressed that she is now expanding her practice areas by joining a law firm.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Ms. Scalzo qualified, and nominated her for election to Family Court, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Sammy Diamaduros
Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, one candidate applied for this vacancy. Accordingly, the name and qualifications of one candidate is hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Diamaduros meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Mr. Diamaduros was born in 1965. He is 58 years old and a resident of Union, South Carolina. Mr. Diamaduros provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1991.
(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Diamaduros.

Mr. Diamaduros demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Diamaduros reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Diamaduros testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Diamaduros testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Diamaduros to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Diamaduros reported that he has not taught or lectured at any Bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.

Mr. Diamaduros reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Diamaduros did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Diamaduros did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Diamaduros has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Diamaduros was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Diamaduros reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Diamaduros reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Diamaduros reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Diamaduros appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Diamaduros appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Diamaduros was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1991.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Assistant Solicitor Sixth Judicial Circuit; Criminal law; fall of 1990 to fall of 1992

(b) Whitney, White & Diamaduros; I was in private practice with William E. Whitney, Jr., Thomas H. White IV and Pete G. Diamaduros; 1992 – 2000

(c) White, Diamaduros & Diamaduros; I was in private practice with Thomas H. White IV and Pete G. Diamaduros; 2000 – 2014

(d) The Diamaduros Law Firm; I am in private practice with Pete G. Diamaduros; 2014 – present

General nature of my practice: When I began my career from the fall of 1990 until the fall of 1992, I was an Assistant Solicitor for the Sixth Judicial Circuit which included Lancaster, Fairfield and Chester counties. I prosecuted cases in General Sessions Court and handled numerous trials and a large volume of guilty pleas. I also prosecuted juvenile cases in Family Court.

Thereafter, I went into private practice which the name of our partnership changed over the years, but the general character of my practice did not.

-I handle Family Court matters including DSS, DJJ, and all matters in Family Court such as divorce, child custody, child support, adoptions, termination of parental rights, equitable division of marital property, abuse and neglect cases and all other matters involved in Family Court. I have also served as a mediator and guardian ad litem numerous times in Family Court.

-I handle criminal matters in Magistrate Court, Municipal Court and General Sessions Court.

-I handle general civil matters including personal injury cases in Magistrate and Common Pleas Court and workers compensation cases.

-I handle real estate matters, deeds, wills, power of attorneys, and other general matters.

-I have served as Union County Attorney for Union County, South Carolina since May of 2000 to present and handle a wide range of issues pertaining to County legal matters and County affairs.

Office management - When I began my law practice with Whitney, White & Diamaduros, I was hired as an employee and was not over management or escrow matters, but I did eventually become a partner with that law firm and thereafter, my partners and I were all equal managers, and we all participated in administrative decisions and management of trust accounts; however, Pete Diamaduros was mainly over balancing and reviewing the trust account and managing the finances of the firm. When our firm changed to White, Diamaduros & Diamaduros and The Diamaduros Law Firm, we equally did the same managerial, administrative and management of trust accounts as stated above.

Mr. Diamaduros further reported regarding his experience with the Family Court practice area:

When I graduated from law school, I served as Assistant Solicitor in the Sixth Judicial Circuit from the fall of 1990 until the fall of 1992 whereby I handled numerous Department of Juvenile Justice cases in Family Court in addition to General Sessions Court in Lancaster, Fairfield and Chester counties. The volume of cases we handled in both Family Court with juveniles and General Sessions Court was large due to the fact that we had a small staff and covered all three counties.

From 1992 until today, I have been in private practice for over 30 years and have vast experience in all areas of Family Court practice throughout my career. I estimate that I appear several times per month before a Family Court Judge. I will not attempt to estimate the number of cases I have handled because it would be extremely large due to the fact that I have continuously handled Family Court cases throughout my career. With respect to divorce and equitable division of property, I have handled a large volume of cases in these areas and have dealt with every ground for divorce and handled numerous equitable division cases with a wide variety of disputes covering virtually every

issue. With respect to child custody cases, I have handled many child custody cases, some of which were contested, some agreed upon and some settled at mediation. With respect to adoptions, I have handled many adoptions during my career, and the vast majority were intra-family adoptions, but I have recently handled an adoption that was a more complex non-family adoption. With respect to abuse and neglect cases, I have handled many such cases, and I have been both retained and appointed to handle these cases. These cases have involved abuse and neglect of juveniles and cases dealing with vulnerable adults. With respect to juvenile justice, early in my career, I prosecuted a large volume of juvenile justice cases in Lancaster, Fairfield and Chester County, and I have handled juvenile justice cases as a defense attorney and had several trials in Family Court involving juveniles. I have also served as a mediator for Family Court cases, and I have served as a guardian ad litem many times.

As a result of serving as a general practitioner attorney throughout my career and handling a wide range of Family Court matters, I believe that my experience will allow me to do well as a Family Court Judge. I feel that I have handled the most common legal issues that are addressed day to day in Family Court. I have handled Family Court matters for in excess of 30 years in front of many different judges in numerous counties which has allowed me to have vast experience and see many different styles, tactics and opinions of different judges and attorneys throughout my career. I am also sure that there will be numerous complex issues that we rarely see or did not see in our day to day practice that I may not have experience in, but I do understand that there are numerous legal resources and research that will need to be utilized throughout my career if I become a Judge.

In conclusion, I believe that my 30 year plus career of being a general practitioner lawyer and handling a large volume of Family Court matters throughout my career has allowed me to gain a legal knowledge and experience to move forward in any endeavor in Family Court.

Mr. Diamaduros reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: zero;
(b) State: approximately 50 appearances per year.

Mr. Diamaduros reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 10%;
(b) Criminal: 20%;
(c) Domestic: 30%;
(d) Other: 40%.

Mr. Diamaduros reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) 50%
(b) 5 – 10
(c) Zero
(d) Zero

Mr. Diamaduros provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Diamaduros's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) SC DSS vs. Boulware, 809 S.E.2d 223, 422 S.C. 1 (2018)

This was a Family Court matter involving the abuse and neglect of a child brought by DSS and involved the natural parents, Ruth and Darryl Armstrong as relatives, and Edward and Tammy Dalsing as foster parents. This case went on for several years, and I was only involved in it for a short time, but I did represent Darryl & Ruth Armstrong at trial which lasted approximately three days and had numerous attorneys, guardian ad litems and parties involved. The Family Court found that the Petitioner/Foster Parents Edward and Tammy Dalsing did not have standing to go forward, so the case was a success for my clients. However, the case was appealed to the South Carolina Supreme Court and due to the fact that I do not have an extensive history in appellate work, I did not handle the appeals of this

case to the South Carolina Supreme Court where it was later reversed. The Court concluded that Petitioners/Foster Parents did have standing to pursue a private adoption and the case continued from there with the Courts.

(b) Clark v. South Carolina Dept. of Pub. Safety, 362 S.C. 377, 608 S.E.2d 573 (2005)

This was a case that I handled with Suzanne E. Coe whereby we sued on behalf of the Estate of Amy Danielle Clark who was tragically killed in a head on collision by a drunk driver who was being pursued in a high speed chase by law enforcement. Suzanne E. Coe and I sued on behalf of the Estate of Amy Danielle Clark, and the jury returned a 3.75 million dollar verdict for Clark against the Department of Public Safety and Charles Clyde Johnson, the Defendant driver. The jury concluded that Johnson was 80% at fault and the Department of Public Safety was 20% at fault, and the department's liability was reduced to $250,000.00 as was required by the Tort Claims Act. I was involved throughout the trial process and participated with my co-counsel Suzanne E. Coe for this case. Even though she was lead counsel at trial, I participated and handled the closing arguments. After the verdict, the State appealed to the Court of Appeals and eventually the Supreme Court with numerous law enforcement agencies joining in support of the Department of Public Safety. We eventually won the case on appeals and the verdict was upheld. I was involved with the appeal process, but Suzanne E. Coe prepared the documentation and made the arguments in front of the Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. This was an extremely complex case and involved numerous parties that were in and out of the case throughout the case which began in 1997 and concluded with a Supreme Court decision in 2005.

(c) State vs. Rick Keisler (98-GS-44-160)

This was a case where Mr. Keisler and other defendants were charged with lynching resulting from a fight where several defendants allegedly beat up one victim. This trial lasted approximately two days and had four defendants and four defense lawyers presenting evidence during this trial. At the end

of the State's case, we obtained a positive verdict for Mr. Keisler and the judge granted a directed verdict and the case against Mr. Keisler was dismissed during the trial. I find this case interesting due to the fact that there were four defense lawyers and prosecutors all cross examining different witnesses and many different techniques and styles were used during that trial.

(d) Wille Edward Randall, Jr. & Heather Daum Randall vs. AGS, a minor under 14 years (22-DR-44-47)

This was a case where DSS had removed a child from the home of the parents due to neglect and placed the child with my clients, Willie and Heather Randall. After the Randalls had the child for over one year, we filed for adoption of this child and were successful in getting an adoption granted to them. This case was an outside adoption and required that we follow all procedures of the statute due to the fact that it was not an intra-family adoption. This case was important to me due to the fact that I have handled very few adoptions that were not intra-family adoptions and due to the fact that C4 Ministries, a Christian based group that helps people in Union County, was involved along with many others, and the result was joyous to all involved. When the adoption was granted, there was approximately twenty people in court to witness this wonderful event of the adoption being granted for this minor child. I received great joy in handling this case and learned a lot of details about adoption.

(e) State vs. Bailey (13CP44142)

This was a DUI case against the Defendant whereby he had a wreck in the front yard of the City of Union Police Department while they were in a meeting. He was subsequently arrested for driving under the influence with videotapes showing numerous sobriety tests that were not favorable to the Defendant. This case did not actually go to trial, but a motion hearing was set in Magistrate Court, which took several hours, and there was a large volume of complex arguments for dismissal including technicalities, video requirements, evidentiary matters, etc. The Magistrate subsequently dismissed the charge against the Defendant, and the State appealed, and the case was heard in

Common Pleas Court in front of the Honorable John C. Hayes III, and he affirmed the dismissal, and I prepared a nine page Order. This case was memorable to me due to the fact of the complex issues involved and due to the fact that it was appealed by the State, and we were successful at both levels.

The following is Mr. Diamaduros's account of the civil appeal he has personally handled:
(a) *Clark v. South Carolina Dept. of Pub. Safety*, 362 S.C. 377, 608 S.E.2d 573 (S.C. 2005); Common Pleas Court; January 18, 2005;

The following is Mr. Diamaduros's account of three criminal appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *State of South Carolina vs. Bailey* ; Common Pleas Court Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; 09/03/2013; 2013CP4400142 (appeal from Magistrate Court)
(b) *State v. Melton*; Common Pleas Court Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; 1997; no citation (appeal from Magistrate Court)
(c) *State vs. Warren*; Common Pleas Court Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; 1994; no citation (appeal from Magistrate Court)

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Diamaduros's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Piedmont Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Diamaduros to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Mr. Diamaduros was a member of this Committee for many years. He impressed us then, and impresses us now, as a lawyer with a deep commitment to his clients and his community, a deep knowledge of the areas of law required of Family Court practitioners, and deep reserves of humility and

compassion. We think that he would make an excellent Family Court Judge."

Mr. Diamaduros is married to Elizabeth Leigh Diamaduros. He has three children.

Mr. Diamaduros reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association

(b) President of the Union County Bar Association; approximately five years

Mr. Diamaduros provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) University of South Carolina - Union Educational Board

(b) Piedmont Citizen Committee on Judicial Qualification

(c) Union Rotary Club

(d) Union County Bar Association (current President)

(e) St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Mr. Diamaduros further reported:

I believe my experience practicing law for over 30 years and prosecuting cases in Family Court for two years will greatly benefit me if I became a judge. Also, I think it is important that for over 30 years now, I have been in private practice and have continuously handled Family Court cases during my entire career which has allowed me to have vast experience. Furthermore, I think being divorced in 2009 and having three children has made be understand the emotional aspect of going through a divorce in addition to the legal side of being involved in a divorce. During my divorce, we had joint custody, child support, division of property and assets, and I think it helped me understand both sides of the legal process and allows me to have more compassion for the true feelings that are involved while people go through divorces which are difficult for all parties involved.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. Diamaduros was very experienced and has handled nearly every type of case in the family court area. The Commission further noted Mr. Diamaduros has the high regard and esteem of his colleagues.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Diamaduros qualified, and nominated him for election to Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

R. Chadwick "Chad" Smith
Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, four candidates applied for this vacancy and two candidates withdrew. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Smith meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Mr. Smith was born in 1971. He is 52 years old and a resident of Rock Hill, South Carolina. Mr. Smith provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2000.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.
Mr. Smith reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Smith testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Smith testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Smith to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Smith reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I have taught the course section on Child Abuse/ Neglect and Child Protection at the 2023, 2022, 2017 and 2014 Law School for Non-Lawyers, York Technical College, Rock Hill, South Carolina.
(b) I have presented an overview of child protection proceedings to students in 2017 in Dr. Kori Bloomquist's Social Work 533 course at Winthrop University, Rock Hill, South Carolina.
(c) I have presented a session entitled "Overview of Child Protection Proceedings in South Carolina" at the Old English Consortium Professional Development Conference in 2017 to elementary and secondary educators who work in school districts within the north-central region of South Carolina.

(d) I have presented a session entitled "SCDSS Information: Beyond Mandatory Reporting" at the Old English Consortium Professional Development Conference in 2016 to elementary and secondary educators who work in school districts within the north-central region of South Carolina.
(e) I have presented a session to alternative caregivers and guardians for children enrolled in the Rock Hill School District at the Rock Hill School District Caregiver/ Guardian Forum in 2016.
(f) I have presented a session at the Rock Hill School District Secondary School Counselor's Forum in 2015 and discussed statutory child abuse/ neglect reporting requirements; various child custody arrangements; the scope and effect of safety plans implemented by SCDSS; and different court actions and the potential consequences of each action on child's custody status.

Mr. Smith has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Smith did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Smith did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Smith has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Smith was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Smith reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Smith reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Smith reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Smith appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Smith appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Smith was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2000.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) The Honorable John C. Hayes, III, Sixteenth Circuit Court of South Carolina, York, South Carolina. From August 1999 to August 2000, I served as law clerk to The Honorable John C. Hayes, III. During my tenure as Judge Hayes' law clerk, I researched case and statutory law; drafted bench memoranda; drafted proposed orders; prepared civil and criminal jury charges; and acted as liaison between the court, attorneys, and court personnel.

(b) Sixteenth Judicial Circuit Solicitor's Office, York, South Carolina. From August 2000 to July 2001, I served as an assistant solicitor for Solicitor Thomas E. "Tommy" Pope. As an assistant solicitor, I evaluated law enforcement reports; researched statutory law, case law, the South Carolina Rules of Criminal Procedure, and the South Carolina Rules of Evidence; drafted indictments; interviewed and prepared witnesses for trial; and prepared and prosecuted cases in General Sessions, Transfer and Magistrate courts.

(c) Harrelson, Hayes and Guyton, LLC, Rock Hill, South Carolina. From July 2001 to February 2004, I practiced as an associate attorney with the law firm Harrelson, Hayes and Guyton, along with firm partners Hugh L. Harrelson, Sr., Senator Robert W. Hayes, Jr., and David G. Guyton. I engaged in a general practice and represented clients of the firm in a variety of matters, including adoptions, child custody, divorce, equitable division of property and debts, separation and property settlement agreements, and child

visitation; general civil litigation; criminal defense; residential real estate; and probate. The firm was dissolved when David G. Guyton was elected Judge of the Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2. As an associate attorney, I was not involved with the administrative and financial management of the firm.

(d) R. Chadwick Smith, Attorney at Law, LLC, Rock Hill, South Carolina. From February 2004 to May 2013, I operated my own law office and practiced family law exclusively. I represented clients in a wide array of family law matters, involving abuse and neglect of children; adoptions; alimony and separate maintenance and support; child custody, child support; divorce; domestic violence, including petitions seeking orders of protection; equitable division of property and debts; mediation; minor and adult name changes; non-compliance of a court order; premarital agreements; separation and property settlement agreements; termination of parental rights; and child visitation. I served as guardian ad litem representing numerous children subject to custody disputes brought as part of divorce actions; modification of custody cases; visitation cases; adoption actions; and abuse and neglect cases filed by the South Carolina Department of Social Services. In 2009, I completed the South Carolina Bar's Family Court Mediation Certification Training Program and became a Certified Family Court Mediator. I mediated numerous cases involving complex marital litigation; child custody; child and spousal support; property and debt division; and child visitation. I was involved with the daily administrative and financial management of my office, including management of my trust account.

(e) South Carolina Department of Social Services ("SCDSS"), Rock Hill, South Carolina. I joined the South Carolina Department of Social Services as a staff attorney in May 2013, and I am currently employed with SCDSS. In June 2021, I was named the managing attorney for the legal departments in York and Union counties. I manage the daily operations of the legal department, supervise work flow of four attorneys and four paralegals, ensure effective scheduling and docketing procedures, address human resources issues, assist in hiring and training new

attorneys and staff, conduct employee performance evaluations, monitor all legal department operations, and handle a very active caseload. I represent SCDSS before the Family Court in York and Union counties in cases regarding alleged abuse and neglect of children and vulnerable adults. I advise SCDSS county directors, supervisors, and caseworkers regarding the status of cases and legal matters; research case and statutory law; draft pleadings for ex parte removal, removal, and intervention actions; prepare cases for court by conducting and responding to discovery, interviewing and preparing fact and expert witnesses for hearings and trials; review SCDSS documentation and reports; represent SCDSS at probable cause, merits, judicial review, permanency planning, and termination of parental rights hearings; represent SCDSS in private custody, visitation, and adoption actions in which SCDSS has been named as a defendant; draft proposed orders for the Family Court; assure that SCDSS complies with state and federal law, and agency policies; represent SCDSS at MultiDisciplinary Team Meetings at Carolinas Medical Center-Levine Children's Hospital, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Piedmont Medical Center, Rock Hill, South Carolina; utilize Legal Case Management System; and provide legal training for SCDSS attorneys and staff.

Mr. Smith further reported regarding his experience with the Family Court practice area:

I have significant experience in the private and public sectors representing and advising clients in the following Family Court practice areas: divorce and equitable division of property and debts; child custody; visitation; adoption; and abuse and neglect. Within the past five years, I appeared before the Family Court in approximately six hearings each week.

Divorce and Equitable Division of Property. I represented clients in prosecuting and defending actions for divorce based upon adultery, habitual drunkenness, physical cruelty, and the parties having lived separate and apart without cohabitation for a period of one year. I represented and advised clients in cases

involving equitable division of property, including specifically the validity and effect of premarital agreements; property acquired by inheritance, devise, bequest, or gift from an individual other than the spouse; premarital property; non-marital property; transmutation of premarital or non-marital property; special equity interest in property; identification and location of property in the marital estate; valuation of marital and non-marital property; division of marital property, taking into consideration statutory apportionment factors; deviation from an equal division of marital property; personal injury claims; stock options; and retirement accounts.

Child Custody. I represented and advised clients in prosecuting and defending child custody cases, including initial child custody as part of a divorce action; modifications of child custody/visitation based upon changed circumstances such as the parties voluntarily modifying custody, the custodial parent being unfit, and the custodial preference of an older child; child custody/visitation sought by fathers who were never married to the child's mother; child custody sought by de facto custodians; child custody sought by foster parents; child custody sought by a non-parent over a natural parent; child custody based upon the psychological parent doctrine; and child custody actions when the custodial parent seeks to relocate with the child. I have served as guardian ad litem for children involved in contested custody and visitation cases; contested and uncontested adoptions; SCDSS abuse and neglect actions; and termination of parental rights cases.

Adoption. I represented and advised clients and their families in various adoption cases, including newborn, step-parent, grandparent, special-needs, uncontested, and contested adoptions. I have served as guardian ad litem for children involved in uncontested and highly contested adoption cases. I have represented SCDSS in contested termination of parental rights and adoption cases involving various intervening parties who wish to adopt children in foster care.

Abuse and Neglect. I have represented SCDSS before the Family Court in cases relating to the abuse and neglect of children and vulnerable adults. While I was in private practice,

I represented parents and caregivers who were involved in actions brought by SCDSS. I have handled numerous cases involving children who have been physical abused, physically neglected, sexually abused, and mentally injured. I have represented SCDSS in uncontested and contested probable cause, merits, judicial review, permanency planning, and termination of parental rights hearings. I often represent SCDSS in complex cases involving severe abuse and neglect of children and in cases involving the Indian Child Welfare Act and the Uniform Child-Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act.

Juvenile Justice. I have represented several juvenile clients in proceedings before the Family Court who have been charged with criminal and status offenses. I have worked closely with assistant solicitors of the Sixteenth Circuit Solicitor's Office, attorneys with the Sixteenth Circuit Public Defender Office, and representatives of the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice when a child is placed in the emergency protective custody of SCDSS by the Family Court during a juvenile proceeding. I have represented SCDSS before the Family Court in cases involving dully-involved juveniles at detention hearings, adjudicatory hearings, and dispositional hearings. I am familiar with the statutory procedures concerning juvenile justice cases.

Mr. Smith reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:
(a) federal: I have not appeared in Federal Court in the past five years.
(b) state: I appear before the Family Court on a weekly basis in an average of six hearings. I often appear before the Family Court two to three days each week.

Mr. Smith reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:
(a) civil: 0%
(b) criminal: 0%
(c) domestic: 100%
(d) other: 0%

Mr. Smith reported his practice in trial court as follows:

(a) 100% of his practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial;

(b) 30% of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict;

(c) 30% of cases went tot rial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case;

(d) N/A

Mr. Smith provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Smith's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *S.C. Dep't of Soc. Servs. v. Brittany A. Thomas-Scibuola, Jeffrey Scibuola, Sr., Jeffrey Scibuola, Jr., and Tracy Scibuola, Defendants, of Whom Tracy Scibuola is the Appellant*, Unpublished Opinion No. 2022-UP-237. In 2022, I represented SCDSS in this appeal. Appellant asserted the Family Court lacked subject matter jurisdiction, within the context of an SCDSS action, to find a common-law marriage existed between the Scibuolas, and the Family Court erred in denying Appellant's Rule 60(b)(4), SCRCP. This case was unique because SCDSS is not typically involved in actions challenging the validity of a marriage. The Court of Appeals issued an unpublished opinion on June 1, 2022 which affirmed the Family Court's order denying Appellant's Rule 60(b)(4), SCRCP, motion to declare void a portion of a non-emergency removal order finding the Scibuolas were common-law married. The Court of Appeals stated that whether the Family Court lacked jurisdiction to declare the Scibuolas common-law married was moot and that the Family Court had the authority to order Appellant to pay attorney's fees.

(b) *S.C. Dep't of Soc. Servs. v. Patricia Carter, Terry Barrow. and Gary James, Defendants, of Whom Patricia Carter is the Appellant,* Unpublished Opinion No. 2018-UP-290. In 2018, I represented SCDSS in this appeal. Appellant's three-year old child obtained an unsecured loaded handgun inside Appellant's residence and while in Appellant's custody and control. Appellant's child died tragically from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Appellant's

older child was inside the home at the time of the younger child's death. The Family Court found Appellant had physically neglected her older child, based upon the circumstances of the death of her younger child. Appellant appealed the Family Court's order and contended she had not physically neglected her older child. The Court of Appeals issued an unpublished opinion on June 27, 2018 which affirmed the Family Court's finding that Appellant had physically neglected her older child. The Court of Appeals stated that, under the specific circumstances of the case, Appellant's act of maintaining an unsecured, loaded, chambered firearm that was accessible to Appellant's child at the time of the death of her younger child constituted an act or omission that presented a substantial risk of physical injury to a child.

(c) *S.B.H. v. W.B.H.* I represented S.B.H. ("Wife") in a divorce action from W.B.H. ("Husband"). At the time marital litigation was commenced, Husband and Wife had been married for fifteen years. Husband and Wife were the parents of two children and were well-educated professionals in the community. Wife sought a divorce from Husband based upon the grounds of Husband's habitual intoxication, custody of the parties' children, child support, equitable apportionment of property and debts, and attorney's fees. One of the most significant issues in this case was Wife's assertion that Husband had engaged in a pattern of economic misconduct during the parties' marriage which adversely affected the economic circumstances of the marital partnership and that, because of Husband's economic misconduct, the Family Court should consider Husband's economic misconduct when equitably apportioning property and debts. The case came before the Family Court for a highly contested final hearing. The Family Court ruled, in relevant part, that Wife was entitled to a divorce from Husband; that Wife would have sole custody of the parties' children; and that any visitation Husband may exercise with the parties' children would be strictly supervised. In relevant part as to the issue of Husband's economic misconduct, the Family Court ruled that Wife was entitled to exclusive use and ownership of the parties' former marital home valued at

approximately $450,000.00 and that Wife would receive sole ownership of her retirement account valued at approximately $100,000.00, despite Wife's retirement account being marital property subject to equitable apportionment.

(d) *T.J. v. H.J.* I represented H.J. ("Wife") in a divorce action filed by T.J. ("Husband"). At the time marital litigation was commenced, Husband and Wife had been married for six years. Husband and Wife were parents of two children. Husband sought a divorce from Wife based upon the grounds of Wife's adultery, custody of the parties' children, child support, equitable apportionment of marital property and debts, and attorney's fees. Wife filed an answer and counterclaim. Wife sought a decree of separate support and maintenance, child custody, child support, alimony, equitable apportionment of marital property and debts, and attorney's fees. The most significant issue in this case was Wife's assertion that she should be entitled to relocate to New Mexico with the parties' children. Husband vehemently opposed Wife's proposed out-of-state relocation. The case came before the Family Court for a contested final hearing. Wife was able to satisfy the requirements for a proposed out of state relocation, as articulated by the South Carolina Supreme Court in Latimer v. Farmer, 360 S.C. 375, 602 S.E.2d 32 (2004). Wife presented evidence of the potential advantages of the proposed move; the likelihood that the move would improve substantially the life of Wife and the parties' children and was not a random decision to relocate; the integrity of Wife's motives to relocate; and the availability of realistic substitute visitation arrangements to foster an ongoing relationship between the parties' children and Husband. The Family Court ruled, in relevant part, that Husband and Wife were entitled to a divorce based upon the grounds of the parties having lived separate and apart for a period in excess of one year; that Wife was granted custody of the parties' children; and that Wife could relocate to New Mexico with the parties' children.

(e) *R.R. v. J.S., et. al*. I represented R.R. ("Psychological Father") in a custody action, based upon the psychological parent doctrine. Psychological Father and the natural

mother of Child A were never married to each other but resided together for over four years at the time litigation was commenced. Child A was five years old. Psychological Father was the only father Child A had ever known. The natural father of Child A allegedly resided in California, but his location in California was not known. Child A's father had never been involved in Child A's life. The natural mother of Child A died tragically, and at the time of the mother's death, she and Psychological Father resided together with Child A. Psychological Father sought an order of the Family Court granting him emergency custody of Child A. The significant issue presented by this case was the psychological parent doctrine. The South Carolina Court of Appeals' opinion in Middleton v. Johnson, 369 S.C. 585, 633 S.E.2d 162 (Ct. App. 2006), was issued on June 28, 2006, and adopted the psychological parent doctrine. Psychological Father commenced his action seeking custody of Child A on July 31, 2006. Psychological Father presented compelling evidence that Child A's natural mother consented to and fostered Psychological Father's establishment of a parent-like relationship with Child A; that Psychological Father and Child A had lived together in the same household; that Psychological Father assumed parental obligations by taking significant responsibility for Child 's care; and that Psychological Father had been in a parental role sufficient to have established a bonded, dependent relationship with Child A. I represented Psychological Father in an action seeking to terminate the parental rights of Child A's, natural father and to adopt Child A. In 2011, Psychological Father became simply "Father" when he successfully adopted Child A.

The following is Mr. Smith’s account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *S.C. Dep't of Soc. Servs. v. Brittany A. Thomas-Scibuola, Jeffrey Scibuola, Sr., Jeffrey Scibuola, Jr., and Tracy Scibuola, Defendants, of Whom Tracy Scibuola is the Appellant*, Unpublished Opinion No. 2022-UP-237.

(b) *S.C. Dep't of Soc. Servs. v. Patricia Carter, Terry Barrow. and Gary James, Defendants, of Whom Patricia*

Carter is the Appellant, Unpublished Opinion No. 2018-UP-290.
(c) *S.C. Dep't of Soc. Servs. v. Kimberly Bolin and Angela Gibson, Defendants. of Whom Kimberly Bolin is the Appellant*, Unpublished Opinion No. 2016-UP-016.
(d) *Amanda Lake v. Jonathan Lake*, Unpublished Opinion No. 2014-UP-099.
(e) *Kevin McCrowey v. The Zoning Bd. of Adjustment of the City of Rock Hill, South Carolina,* 360 S.C. 301, 599 S.E.2d 617 (Ct. App. 2004).

Mr. Smith reported that he has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Mr. Smith further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
(a) I was an unsuccessful candidate for Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 8. On December 1, 2016, I withdrew as a candidate.
(b) I was an unsuccessful candidate for Family Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 1. I was found qualified and nominated by the JMSC. On January 30, 2020, I withdrew as a candidate.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Smith's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Piedmont Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications reported Mr. Smith to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee made the following related comment: "Mr. Smith has many years of experience in Family Court handling a wide range of issues. He is well-versed in relevant areas of law and well-attuned to the particular challenges that face litigants and practitioners in that court. All of this experience has given him the judgment, insight and humility required of a successful

Family Court judge, and the Committee believes that he would serve well in that role."

Mr. Smith is married to April Edwards Smith. He has two children.

Mr. Smith reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association, Member, May 2000 to present.

(b) Resolution of Fee Disputes Board for the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Member, January 2018 to present.

(c) South Carolina Bar's Law Related Education Committee, Member, July 1, 2014 to present, Scoring Judge in numerous middle school and high school mock trial competitions.

(d) South Carolina Bar's Children's Law Committee, Member, July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

(e) York County Bar Association, Member, May 2000 to present, Secretary (2003) and Treasurer (2004)

Mr. Smith provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, South Carolina. My wife and I are active members of First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. On January 11, 2015, I was ordained and installed as a deacon, and served as a deacon for a three-year term. I served on the Board of Deacons, the Christian Education/ Preschool Committee, and the Transportation and Insurance Committee. For seven years, my wife and I have served as Sunday School teachers for three, four, and five-year- old children.

(b) Kiwanis Club of Rock Hill, South Carolina. I am a member of the Kiwanis Club, and have been a member for approximately twelve years. I am an active volunteer with the Terrific Kids Program, which is a student-recognition program for elementary school students that promotes character development, self-esteem, and perseverance. I participated in monthly Terrific Kids recognition programs at The Palmetto School in Rock

Hill. I have been involved with the Terrific Kids Program for ten years.

(c) ROAR Sports League. Since 2016, I have been involved with ROAR Sports League through Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, South Carolina. I have served as a volunteer soccer and basketball coach for children in kindergarten and first grade.

(d) Rock Hill Country Club, Rock Hill, South Carolina. My family and I are members of Rock Hill Country Club. My children are members of the club's competitive swim team and junior golf team. My wife serves as an active parent volunteer and timer for swim meets.

Mr. Smith further reported:

I am a lifelong resident of South Carolina and of York County, and I am committed to public service. I was reared in a Christian home with parents who valued and demonstrated their commitment to public service. As I have practiced law in the private and public sectors for twenty-three years, I have practiced the habit of giving respect to any client whom I have represented. I have a deep admiration for judges who have earned the respect of practicing attorneys and citizens in their courtrooms, and I have had the privilege to practice before many of South Carolina's outstanding Family Court Judges. I admire greatly those judges who have control of their courtrooms, are well-organized, even tempered, and treat litigants, attorneys, and court personnel fairly, regardless of their social or financial standing. Judges with whom I have contact who have high ethical standards and are admired in the community have become role models for me.

My family and my faith define the purpose of my life. Two of the most important life experiences for me have been my marriage to my best friend and love of my life, April Edwards Smith, who serves our community as a School Psychologist in the Rock Hill School District, and the birth of our [children]. I will have lived a successful life if someday it is said, "Chad was a devoted and loving husband and father; a man of deep faith;

and a well-respected Family Court Judge who applied the rule of law equitably."

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented that Mr. Smith's career path, was unique; from the Solicitor's office, to private practice, to now being with the Department of Social Services. The Commission appreciated Mr. Smith's affirmation of his desire for fairness to all parties in the Family Court.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Mr. Smith qualified, and nominated him for election to Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Erin K. Urquhart
Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3, four candidates applied for this vacancy and two candidates withdrew. Accordingly, the names and qualifications of two candidates are hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. Urquhart meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Ms. Urquhart was born in 1981. She is 42 years old and a resident of Rock Hill, South Carolina. Ms. Urquhart provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2006.

(2) Ethical Fitness:

The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. Urquhart.

Ms. Urquhart demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. Urquhart reported that she has made $2,015.75 in campaign expenditures for stationary, graphic design services, and photography services.

Ms. Urquhart testified she has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. Urquhart testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:

The Commission found Ms. Urquhart to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. Urquhart reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) 2006 SC Bar CLE. Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners; presentation titled "Continuing Benefit of Continuing Education"

(b) 2008 York County Bar Association. Ethics Seminar, presentation on ethics opinion updates

(c) 2008 Winthrop University Pre-Law Society. Presentation to students interested in legal careers

(d) 2011 and 2014. York Technical College. Law School for Non-Lawyers, co-taught domestic relations section

(e) 2011 Domestic Relations Update, York County Sherriff's Department

(f) 2011 SC Bar CLE. Hot Tips from the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners; presentation titled "Hot Tips Index Update"
(g) 2015 Winthrop University John C. West Forum on Politics and Policy. Panel discussion for NEW Leadership South Carolina (collegiate women's leadership and public affairs organization)
(h) 2017 SC Bar CLE. Family Court Practice Management. Presentation on Financial Declarations, Rule 20, SCRFC.
(i) 2021 Winthrop University Political Science Department. Zoom lecture and Q&A on career readiness with political science majors

Ms. Urquhart reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Ms. Urquhart did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Ms. Urquhart did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Ms. Urquhart has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Ms. Urquhart was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. Urquhart reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Ms. Urquhart reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. Urquhart reported that she has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Ms. Urquhart appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Ms. Urquhart appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Ms. Urquhart was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2006.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Associate, Law Office of Thomas F. McDow (August 14, 2006 – June 31, 2015).
Provided direct representation of clients in in domestic relations matters both in the Family Court and South Carolina Court of Appeals as well as office management assistance, including all financial matters, including trust accounting.
(b) Partner, McDow & Urquhart, LLC (July 1, 2015 – present).
I represent clients in domestic relations matters both in the Family Court and South Carolina Court of Appeals, often as co-counsel with my partner. Aside from legal and ethical duties to my clients, I either personally manage or oversee many aspects of running the business including personnel, billing, collections, accounts payable, marketing, vendor relationships, and accounting, to include trust accounting.

Ms. Urquhart further reported regarding her experience with the Family Court practice area:

(i) Divorce and equitable division of property. Approximately 80% of the Family Court cases I handle include the division of marital property and debts. I have handled cases with negative value marital estates up to marital estates worth multiple millions. I have represented both primary breadwinners and supported spouses whose contributions to the marital estate were arguably minimal. I am familiar with valuation procedures and

concepts such as transmutation and special equity interests. I take particular pride in preparing thorough, accurate, and helpful financial declarations.

(ii) Child custody. This is the bulk of my Family Court experience. Probably 85% of my practice involves the contested issues of custody and visitation. I manage these issues nearly every day of my professional life. I am familiar with the law on the subject matter, including handling appeals on these issues, and am comfortable with clients experiencing these legal issues.

(iii) Adoption. I have handled approximately a dozen domestic adoption cases, either representing the adoptive parent or parents, the terminating parent, or participating as guardian ad litem. I have handled one international adoption.

(iv) Abuse and neglect. Until the introduction of the Rule 608 Indigent Defense Contract Attorney program in York County (approximately 2013), I received approximately yearly appointments to represent defendants in SCDSS abuse and neglect cases in addition to private cases which have a collateral abuse and neglect case. I have also served as guardian ad litem in several SCDSS abuse and neglect cases where I was also serving as guardian in a collateral Family Court case. Since that time, I have represented Family Court clients in SCDSS cases collateral to their private cases, one or two per year on average.

(v) Juvenile justice. Minimal direct experience, however, I am familiar with South Carolina agency structure and its fundamental goals, limitations, and practical application within the local community.

In the past five years I have appeared before a Family Court Judge approximately once a week on average. Some hearings are as short as fifteen minutes; some are multi-day trials lasting as much as five days

Ms. Urquhart reported the frequency of her court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 0%;
(b) State: 100%.

Ms. Urquhart reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 0%;
(b) Criminal: 0%;
(c) Domestic: 99% (including appeals from Family Court);
(d) Other: 1%.

Ms. Urquhart reported her practice in trial court as follows:
(a) 99% of her practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial.
(b) (Not Applicable) - cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict
(c) (Not Applicable) - cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case
(d) (Not Applicable) - cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements

Ms. Urquhart provided that during the past five years she most often served as co-counsel. She provided the following information:
My law partner and I find that we are most effective for our clients when we each bring our strengths to a case. While one or the other of us will take the role as lead counsel, the other is heavily involved in evaluating facts, researching law, determining strategy, preparing clients and documents for court, and settlement negotiations.

The following is Ms. Urquhart's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Johnson v. Johnson*, File book # 2003DR4602259. This was my first trial, first contested case, first client with multiple issues, first case with emergency issues, and the case from which all my future Family Court case strategy decisions would be educated. It was tried for five days beginning February 26, 2007, only 105 calendar days from my swearing-in as a baby lawyer. But for my boss and mentor serving as co-counsel, I would not have had the courage to go forward. The custody and visitation issues were complicated, including findings of abuse and neglect

in a collateral SCDSS case, relocation, and split custody where the parents who were incapable of communication outside of litigation each received primary custody of one of the two children. In total, there were three guardians as litem appointed and five therapists during the litigation. The equitable apportionment of property, alimony, and child support issues were complicated by one spouse earning significantly more than the other spouse, despite our allegation that he was currently grossly underemployed. In the end, we did far better than we, the client, or the rest of the York County Bar thought we would do. That week I learned more lessons than I can share here, but the most important of which are these: (1) The reality of sixteen hour workdays before and during trial. Have a good paralegal, partner, and spouse…and maybe dog sitter. (2) I could be trusted to think on my feet. (3) Bad cases can be won and good cases can be lost. (4) Credibility is everything. And (5) Judges prefer civility between lawyers, but they also appreciate it between parents as parties.

(b) *Hess v. Koziara*, file book # 2009DR4602493, and Hess v. Koziara, file book # 2014DR460294. The initial case in 2009 was a custody modification case with the mother seeking restricted visitation for the father who suffered mental health problems and who resided with his parents in Pennsylvania, approximately 550 miles from mother. My boss (later my law partner) and I represented the father. The Family Court decided in our favor, ruling that the child's relationship with father was important and needed protection just as much as the visitation guidelines to safeguard the child during visitation. Father was not deprived of the relationship because of his illness so long as he maintained treatment and crisis situations were met with appropriate responses. The visitation order promoted fewer and longer visitation periods over frequent and shorter visitation periods given the distance between parents. This case taught me a great deal about accepting bad facts with grace and admitting fault in order to maintain the ever-critical credibility. There are also lessons in parties accepting their co-parent as they are and avoiding short-term strategic gains when the damage to the

co-parent relationship cannot be undone. The 2014 case taught lessons in the importance of learning your lesson from the Family Court the first time, and the award of attorney's fees as a significant method of leveling the playing field between parties.

(c) *Pittman v. Pittman*, 407 S.C. 141, 146, 754 S.E.2d 501 (2014). This case was important in my career regarding the issues of marital fault, alimony, equitable apportionment of property, transmutation, and attorney's fees awards. My boss and I represented the husband, who committed pre-separation marital fault and lost nearly every substantive battle in the case all the way from the Family Court's temporary order to the Supreme Court of South Carolina finding intent for transmutation could be gleaned from the behavior of the non-owner spouse. Discovery rules and business appraisal were important in this case as well. I learned about losing with dignity and fighting until the final loss. Having a pleasant and grateful client does not affect the outcome of a case.

(d) *Lester v. Sanchez*, No. 2015-000027, 2017 WL 4817527 (S.C. Ct. App. Aug. 30, 2017). Not reported. The Supreme Court of South Carolina granted cert, Lester v. Sanchez, No. 2017-002043, 2019 WL 1486760, (S.C. Apr. 3, 2019), but dismissed as improvidently granted. This case (cases) were my deep-end plunge into third-party (specifically grandparent) custody battles. I learned important concepts about the psychology of parenting and bonding, as well as the importance of expert witnesses.

(e) *Atkinson v. Kinsler*, file book # 2020DR01439. This case is a custody and visitation case (child support being a minor issue) where the adverse party has been on a seemingly unstoppable campaign of hostility and, in my view, abuse of the system at every possible turn. The original contested litigation began before the child at issue was even a year old and he is now twelve. The father has filed grievances against medical and legal professionals. He has made unfounded allegations of abuse with SCDSS as well as criminal allegations against mother at local, state, and federal levels of law enforcement. He has been overtly critical of female professionals and females as a subset of rational human beings. There have been more

than a handful of contempt proceedings; Father is currently incarcerated as a result of two of them, and is facing an upcoming hearing on our allegation of criminal contempt. This case is about perseverance, taking the high road, and believing the system will promote justice in the end.

The following is Ms. Urquhart's account of five civil appeals she has personally handled:

(a) *Walrath v. Walrath*, 2023-UP-152 (S.C. Ct. App. Apr. 12, 2023). Not reported. The file book number is 2018DR4601773, and the Family Court just received the remittitur from the Court of Appeals.
(b) *Stasi v. Sweigart*, 434 S.C. 239, 863 S.E.2d 669 (2021).
(c) *Brown v. Brown*, 408 S.C. 582, 758 S.E.2d 922 (Ct. App. 2014).
(d) *Schultze v. Schultze*, 403 S.C. 1, 741 S.E.2d 593 (Ct. App. 2013).
(e) *Snipes v. Snipes*, 2013-UP-329 (S.C. Ct. App. 2013). Not reported.

Ms. Urquhart reported that she has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Ms. Urquhart's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Piedmont Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Ms. Urquhart to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualification, physical health, mental stability, and experience. The Committee stated: "Ms. Massengale [Urquhart] struck the Committee as an enthusiastic and talented lawyer who has handled well a wide range of issues in the Family Court. The Committee rated her 'qualified' rather than 'well-qualified' in the area of experience, however, because we do not believe that her experience is as board [sic] as some other candidates running for this seat.

Nevertheless, we believe that she is an able lawyer who would serve well as a judge."

Ms. Urquhart is married to T. Ray Massengale Jr. She has two step-children.

Ms. Urquhart reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) York County Bar Association. Secretary (2008-2009) and Treasurer (2009-2010)
(c) South Carolina Women's Lawyer Association

Ms. Urquhart provided that she was not a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organization.

Ms. Urquhart provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Camp Adam Fisher, Board member. For thirty years I have been heavily involved with CAF, the largest all-volunteer camp for children with Type I Diabetes in the Southeast. I started as a camper, have been a counselor-in-training (CIT), counselor, and currently serve as board member and CIT Coordinator.
(b) Rock Hill Adult Soccer League. Until Covid, I was an active participant in RHASL having spring and fall seasons for co-ed adults looking to play competitive but recreational soccer.
(c) My Legal BFF, FaceBook group offering support among a community of women lawyers, primarily in South Carolina or who attended school in South Carolina.

Ms. Urquhart further reported:

(a) To better show the extent of my appellate experience, my cases are included in bullet point fashion below: (Citations including "UP" were unpublished opinions and "MO" are memorandum opinions)

(I) SC Court of Appeals
   i. *Roberts v. Roberts*, 2009-UP-190 (S.C. Ct. App. 2009)
   ii. *Hicks v. Hicks*, 2011-UP-124 (S.C. Ct. App. 2011)

iii. *Pittman v. Pittman*, 395 S.C. 209, 717 S.E.2d 88 (Ct. App. 2011)
iv. *Jennifer K. v. Robert K.*, 2012-UP-489 (S.C. Ct. App. 2012)
v. *SC Dept. of Social Services v. Sandra G.*, 2012-UP-052 (S.C. Ct. App 2012)
vi. *Fortenberry v. Fortenberry*, 2013-UP-364 (S.C. Ct. App. 2013)
vii. *Schultze v. Schultze*, 403 S.C. 1, 741 S.E.2d 593 (Ct. App. 2013)
viii. *Snipes v. Snipes*, 2013-UP-329 (S.C. Ct. App. 2013)
ix. *Brown v. Brown*, 408 S.C. 582, 758 S.E.2d 922 (Ct. App. 2014)
x. *Brown v. Brown*, 2014-UP-307 (S.C. Ct. App. 2014)
xi. *Forman v. SC Dept of Labor*, 419 S.C. 64, 796 S.E.2d 138 (Ct. App. 2016)
xii. *Miteva v. Robinson*, 418 S.C. 447, 792 S.E.2d 920 (Ct. App. 2016)
xiii. *Lester v. Sanchez*, 2017–UP–241 (S.C. Ct. App. 2017)
xiv. *Gay v. Gay*, No. 2016-001679 (S.C. Ct. App. 2019)
xv. *Vitale v. Vitale*, 2019-UP-068 (S.C. Ct. App. 2019)
xvi. *Whitesell v. Whitesell*, 431 S.C. 575, 848 S.E.2d 588, (Ct. App. 2020)
xvii. *Hughes v. Corretjer*, 2022-UP-411 (S.C. Ct. App. 2022)
xviii. *Walrath v. Walrath*, 2023-UP-152 (S.C. Ct. App. 2023)

(II) Supreme Court

i. *Brunson v. Brunson*, 2009-MO-054, (S.C. 2009)
ii. *Pittman v. Pittman*, 407 S.C. 141, 146, 754 S.E.2d 501 (2014)
iii. *Lester v. Sanchez*, 2019-MO-020 (2019)
iv. *Stasi v. Sweigart*, 434 S.C. 239, 863 S.E.2d 669 (2021)

(b) In addition to private practice of representing Family Court litigants, since 2011, I have been a certified Family Court mediator, mediating all types of Family Court cases. I have been appointed by Family Court Judges and stipulated to by lawyers. Since 2018, I serve as a self-represented litigant pro bono mediation volunteer with the Family Court of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit.

(c) My time in law school primarily focused on the child protection system. I clerked my 1L summer for the DSS Attorney for Cherokee County (2004). In the spring of 2006, I received the Cali Award (American Jurisprudence) -- Child Abuse and the Legal System.

(d) Even my college experience helped to prepare for me for the judicial system. From 2002-2003 I served as the Winthrop University Model United Nations, Secretary General training committee chairs, editing conference resolutions, and interpreting and enforcing the conference rules of order.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission questioned Ms. Urquhart about various situations that she would face as a Family Court judge if she was elected. In response, Ms. Urquhart demonstrated the depth of her knowledge and answered the questions to the Commission's satisfaction.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Ms. Urquhart qualified, and nominated her for election to Family Court, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT
QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

The Honorable Ralph K. Anderson III
Administrative Law Court, Seat 1

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Anderson meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Court of Appeals judge.

Judge Anderson was born in 1959. He is 64 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Judge Anderson provided in his application he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1984.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Anderson.

Judge Anderson demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to a judge, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Anderson reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Anderson testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Anderson testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Anderson to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Anderson reported that he has spoken or lectured for the following classes, programs, or seminars:

(l) USC School of Law Class (Jurisdiction before the ALC) on February 13, 2023.
(m) SCAARLA (Administrative Law Court's New E-Filing System) on February 10, 2023.
(n) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on February 7, 2022.
(o) Recorded CLE for SC Bar & SCAARLA (How to Craft an Order) on December 13, 2021.
(p) Seminar sponsored by the ABA Judicial Division & Commission on Disability Rights as a panelist concerning "Living with a Disability in the Profession on October 27, 2021
(q) SC Administrative Law Court (How to Craft an Order) on October 8, 2021.
(r) How to Craft an Order (Pub. Serv. Comm'n) on June 8, 2021.
(s) Recorded SC Judicial CLE (The Administrative Law Court: Overview and Judicial Considerations) on March 29, 2021.
(t) USC School of Law Class (Jurisdiction before the ALC) on March 17, 2021.
(u) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on February 8, 2021.
(v) SC Bar Convention - Virtual CLE (Tales from Emails) on January 22, 2021.
(w) Recorded CLE for SCAARLA (Appellate Jurisdiction before the ALC) on October 8, 2020.
(x) SCAARLA (Tales from Emails) on February 21, 2020.
(y) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on February 10, 2020.

(z) SC Bar Convention (Case Law Update: Administrative Law) on January 24, 2020.
(aa) SC Bar Diversity Committee (Panel: How ____ can I be?) on January 7, 2020.
(bb) Central Panel Directors Conference (Asheville NC) - Report of the South Carolina ALC on November 1, 2019.
(cc) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on February 25, 2019.
(dd) SC Bar Convention (Case Law Update: Recent Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Cases from the ALC and Recent ALC Cases) on January 17-18, 2019.
(ee) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on February 26, 2018.
(ff) SCAAO Conference on October 6, 2017, concerning tax law cases and statutory construction.
(gg) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on April 3, 2017.
(hh) DHEC (What is Effective Regulation?) on October 28, 2016.
(ii) Fifth Circuit's Spring Courthouse Keys event on April 1, 2016.
(jj) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on February 8, 2016.
(kk) SC Bar Convention for the Regulatory and Administrative Law Section on January 22, 2016.
(ll) SC Bar (Fifth Circuit Tips from the Bench) on January 8, 2016.
(mm) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on February 9, 2015.
(nn) A seminar for SC HHS Hearing Officers on April 13, 2015.
(oo) An Administrative Law & Practice in S.C. Seminar on January 31, 2014.
(pp) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on March 3, 2014.
(qq) S.C. Bar Convention (Panel Discussion on Administrative Law) on January 25, 2013.
(rr) A seminar for the Public Service Commission. (APA, Agency Decision & Ethics) on March 20, 2013.
(ss) Two separate CLEs on Administrative Law on February 21 & 22, 2013.

(tt) S.C. Bar CLE (Hot Topics in Administrative Law) on October 30, 2009.
(uu) A panel discussion for the Judicial Merit Selection Commission CLE on July 31, 2009.

Judge Anderson reported that he has published the following books or articles:
(a) "A Survey on Attributes Considered Important for Presidential Candidates," Carolina Undergraduate Sociology Symposium, April 17, 1980.
(b) "An Overview of Practice and Procedure Before the Administrative Law Judge Division," South Carolina Trial Lawyer, Summer 1996.
(c) The Majesty of the Lord's Prayer: An Analytical Review of Its Meaning and Implications (Murrels Inlet: Covenant Books, Inc., 2020).

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Anderson did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Anderson did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Anderson has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Anderson was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Anderson reported that he is rated by one legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, as AV Preeminent.

Judge Anderson reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Anderson reported that he has held the following public office: from 1985 to 1995 Judge Anderson was appointed and served as an Assistant Attorney General

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Anderson appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Anderson appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Anderson was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1984.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

I began my legal career at the South Carolina Attorney General's Office in September 1984. During my career at the AG's office, I prosecuted numerous criminal cases of all types and handled a wide variety of civil litigation. My duties included:

(a) Statewide criminal prosecutor
(b) Assisting in the implementation of the Statewide Grand Jury
(c) Extradition hearing officer on behalf of the Governor of South Carolina
(d) Counsel to the State Ethics Commission
(e) Representing the State in a variety of civil litigation matters
(f)Representing the State in post-conviction relief matters
(g) Committee Attorney for the State Employee Grievance Committee
(h) Prosecutor for the Engineering and Land Surveyor's Board

I also prosecuted Medical Board cases, wrote Attorney General Opinions and handled Criminal Appeals.
On May 25, 1994, I was elected to Administrative Law Judge Seat No. 6 and re-elected to that position in 1996, 2001 and 2006. Administrative Law Judges hear appellate, injunctive and trial cases in a broad range of administrative matters involving governmental agencies and private parties.

On May 13, 2009, I was elected Chief Administrative Law Judge and re-elected to this position February 5, 2014, and February 6, 2019.

As an Assistant Attorney General, I did not have any significant administrative and financial management. As an Administrative Law Judge, I did not have any legal obligation regarding administrative and financial management but was occasionally assigned those duties by the Chief Judge. As Chief Administrative Law Judge, I am responsible for the administration of the court, including budgetary matters, assignment of cases, and the administrative duties and responsibilities of the support staff. See S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-570. Also, Section 1-23-660 of the South Carolina Code (Supp. 2017) provides "The chief judge is solely responsible for the administration of the [Office of Motor Vehicle Hearings], the assignment of cases, and the administrative duties and responsibilities of the hearing officers and staff."

Judge Anderson reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):

I was elected by the General Assembly to serve as an Administrative Law Judge beginning February 1, 1995. On May 13, 2009, I was elected Chief Administrative Law Judge and have been serving continuously since that date.

Administrative Law Judges hear appellate, injunctive, and trial cases in a broad range of administrative matters involving governmental agencies and private parties.

The Administrative Law Court's appellate jurisdiction includes appeals involving Medicaid; driver's license revocations and suspensions; licensing decisions from boards/commissions under the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation; Budget and Control Board's Employee Insurance Program; AFDC benefits; operation of day care facilities and foster home licensing; food stamps; and revocations or suspensions of teachers' certificates. The Administrative Law Court also hears appeals from final decisions of the Department of Employment and Workforce; the Department of Corrections in "non-collateral" matters; and appeals from final decisions of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services permanently denying parole eligibility.

The contested case litigation includes hearings involving environmental and health permitting; Certificates of Need; State

Retirement Systems' disability determinations; Disadvantaged Business Enterprises; state and county tax matters; alcoholic beverage issues; and wage disputes.

Judge Anderson provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) *Travelscape, LLC v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue*, Docket No. 08-ALJ-17-0076-CC. Holding affirmed in *Travelscape, LLC v. S. C. Dept. of Revenue*, 391 S.C. 89, 705 S.E.2d 28 (2011)

(b) *Duke Energy Corp. v. S. C. Dep't of Revenue*, Docket No. 10-ALJ-17-0270-CC. Holding affirmed in *Duke Energy Corp. v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue* 410 S.C. 415, 417, 764 S.E.2d 712, 713 (Ct. App. 2014), reh'g denied (Nov. 21, 2014), cert. granted (Apr. 9, 2015) and further affirmed by the Supreme Court in *Duke Energy Corp. v. S. C. Dep't of Revenue*, 415 S.C. 351, 782 S.E. 2d 590 (2016).

(c) *Kiawah Dev. Partners, II v. S.C. Dep't of Health and Envtl. Control, Docket No. 09-ALJ-07-0029-CC and S.C. Coastal Conservation League v. S.C. Dept. of Health and Envtl. Control, Docket No. 09-ALJ-07-0039-CC (February 26, 2010) (consolidated cases)*. Holding originally reversed by the Supreme Court, then affirmed and then reversed 3-2 in *Kiawah Dev. Partners, II v. S.C. Dep't of Health & Envtl. Control*, 411 S.C. 16, 766 S.E.2d 707 (2014).

(d) *Amazon Servs., LLC v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue*, Docket No. 17-ALJ-17-0238-CC (September 10, 2019) (Currently on appeal)

(e) *Lexington Cty. Health Servs. Dist. Inc., d/b/a Lexington Med. Ctr. v. S.C. Dep't of Health and Envtl. Control and Prisma Health-Midlands, Providence Hosp., LLC d/b/a Providence Health, Providence Health Northeast, Providence Health Fairfield, and Kershaw Hosp., LLC d/b/a KershawHealth Med. Ctr.*, Docket No. 20-ALJ-07-0108-CC (December 7, 2020) (Originally appealed to the Court of Appeals, appeal later withdrawn by parties)

Judge Anderson reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Anderson reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) Administrative Law Judge, Seat 3 (February 23, 1994)
(b) Fifth Judicial Circuit Court, Seat 3 (May 24, 2000) - Found qualified and nominated but withdrew prior to election.
(c) Circuit Court, At-Large Seat 9 (January 16, 2003) - Found qualified but not nominated.
(d) Court of Appeals, Seat 9 (March 10, 2008) - Found qualified but not nominated.
(e) Supreme Court, Seat 2 (January 14, 2016) - Found qualified and nominated but withdrew prior to election.
(f) Supreme Court, Seat 5 - Found qualified and nominated on November 15, 2016, but later found qualified and not nominated on December 5, 2016.
(g) Supreme Court, Seat 4 - Found qualified but not nominated on January 17, 2023.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Anderson's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Anderson to be "Well Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee had the following related comment, "Exceptionally experienced".

Judge Anderson is married to Linda Corley Anderson. He has no children.

Judge Anderson reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) Administration and Regulatory Law Committee of the SC Bar

(c) South Carolina Administrative and Regulatory Law Association; President since 2009.

Judge Anderson provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Shandon Baptist Church. I am a member of the church but have not held any office with the church.

(b) South Carolina Administrative and Regulatory Law Association (SCAARLA). I became a member and board member of SCAARLA following its formation in 2002. In 2009, I was elected President of SCAARLA and have been serving in that capacity since that date.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission noted that Judge Anderson's intellect and organizational skills have made him a highly effective Administrative Law Judge and Chief Judge.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Judge Anderson qualified, and nominated him for re-election to Administrative Law Court, Seat 1.

QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

Grayson Lambert
Court of Appeals, Seat 9

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Lambert meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Court of Appeals judge.

Mr. Lambert was born in 1986. He is 37 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Lambert provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2013. He was also admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 2012.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Lambert.

Mr. Lambert demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Lambert reported that he has made $582.51 in campaign expenditures for paper, envelopes, stamps, and printing services.

Mr. Lambert testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Lambert testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Lambert to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Lambert reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I planned and delivered, with another partner in the firm, a CLE for associates on legal writing at Burr & Forman in 2021.

(b) I planned the Trial & Appellate Advocacy Council's 2023 South Carolina Bar Convention CLE about legal writing, and I moderated a panel of four judges discussing how to be a better writer.

Mr. Lambert reported that he has published the following:

(a) *Lawsuits and Legislative Leadership*, SC Lawyer 26 (July 2019) (with Brad Wright)

(b) *Getting from Award to Judgment: Where to Confirm or Vacate Arbitration Awards*, SC Lawyer 26 (July 2018)
(c) *The Necessary Narrowing of General Personal Jurisdiction*, 100 Marq. L. Rev. 375 (2016)
(d) *Unmixing the Mess: Resolving the Circuit Split over the* Brillhart/Wilton *Doctrine and Mixed Complaints*, 64 U. Kan. L. Rev. 793 (2016)
(e) *Focusing on Fulfilling the Goals: Rethinking How Choice-of-Law Regimes Approach Statutes of Limitations*, 65 Syracuse L. Rev. 491 (2015)
(f) *Toward a Better Understanding of Ripeness and Free Speech Claims*, 65 S.C. L. Rev. 411 (2013)
(g) *Keeping the Inference in the Adverse Inference Instruction: Ensuring the Instruction Is an Effective Sanction in Electronic Discovery Cases*, 64 S.C. L. Rev. 681 (2013)
(h) Note, *The Real Debate over the Senate's Role in the Confirmation Process*, 61 Duke L.J. 1283 (2012)

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Lambert did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Lambert did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Lambert has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Lambert was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Lambert reported that his rating by a legal rating organization, Super Lawyers, is Rising Star: Appellate; and his rating by Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch, is Appellate, Commercial Litigation.

Mr. Lambert reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Lambert reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Lambert appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Lambert appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Lambert was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2013.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Law Clerk, Hon. Dennis W. Shedd, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2012–2013
I handled traditional law clerk duties, including drafting bench memoranda, assisting in oral-argument preparation, and drafting and editing opinions. I was not involved in administrative or financial management in this role.
(b) Associate, McGuireWoods LLP, 2013–2017
My first job after clerking was focused on civil litigation. I was fortunate, while a young lawyer at a large firm, to have the opportunity to do substantive work on dispositive motions and discovery motions in significant matters. By the end of my time at the firm, about a quarter of my work was in appellate proceedings. I was not involved in administrative or financial management in this role.
(c) Partner (2021), Associate (2017–2020), McNair Law Firm, P.A./Burr & Forman, LLP, 2017–2021
My practice at McNair (which became Burr & Forman while I was there) was again almost exclusively civil. I had a goal to build an appellate practice, and my work grew from about 25% appellate work to almost exclusively appellate work by the end of my time there. The trial court work I did usually focused on novel or

complex legal questions or high-value disputes. I was not involved in administrative or financial management in this role.

(d) Senior Litigation Counsel, Office of Governor Henry McMaster, 2021–present

I joined the Governor's Office specifically to handle his litigation. The majority of that litigation involves novel legal questions in high-profile cases. Many of those cases proceed quickly through trial court and into the appellate courts. I am not involved in administrative or financial management in this role.

Mr. Lambert reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: Given the nature of my appellate practice, most of my appearances are in written form. I have been counsel in 18 cases in federal courts of appeals in the past five years (typically as lead counsel), as well as counsel on three amicus briefs (again typically as lead counsel). I have argued three appeals in the Fourth Circuit during that time. In the U.S. Supreme Court, I have led two and participated in drafting three amicus briefs, and I was counsel of record in two U.S. Supreme Court cases.

In federal district court, my appearances in court have all been to argue major motions. I have typically handled several of those types of motions per year over the past five years.

(b) State: My state court practice mirrors my federal practice. I have been lead counsel in 13 cases in the South Carolina Supreme Court in the past five years, and I have argued five of those

cases. I have also led five amicus briefs in the South Carolina Supreme Court in the past five years. I have been lead counsel in 15 cases in the South Carolina Court of Appeals in the past five years, and I have led one and participated in another amicus brief in that time.

In circuit court, I have been co-counsel in one bench trial, and I have argued a wide range of motions, averaging between eight and ten per year, over the past five years.

Mr. Lambert reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 99%;
(b) Criminal: 1%;
(c) Domestic: N/A
(d) Other: N/A

Mr. Lambert reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) Cases that settled prior to trial: 10%
(b) Cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: One
(c) Cases that went to trial and resolved after plaintiff or State's case: None
(d) Cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements: None

Mr. Lambert provided that during the past five years he most often served as lead counsel in appellate proceedings and co-counsel in trial court proceedings.

The following is Mr. Lambert's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Andino v. Middleton*, 141 S. Ct. 9 (2020): This was the culmination of the COVID-related voting cases in which I represented the members of the S.C. Election

Commission. After the district court enjoined the State's witness requirement for absentee ballots for the 2020 general election, we appealed. The Fourth Circuit initially granted our motion to stay the injunction, but the en banc court vacated that order and denied the motion. We sought emergency relief in the U.S. Supreme Court. The Supreme Court granted that relief, which meant the witness requirement remained in effect for the 2020 general election.

(b) *Planned Parenthood South Atlantic v. State*, No. 2023-000896 (S.C.): This case involves a challenge to the 2023 Fetal Heartbeat and Protection from Abortion Act. The General Assembly enacted this statute in response to the divided Supreme Court decision that the 2021 Fetal Heartbeat and Protection from Abortion Act was unconstitutional. The circuit court quickly enjoined the 2023 Act, and we immediately appealed. I was the principal author of the Governor's brief, and I argued the case on his behalf on June 27, 2023. The case is pending, as we await a decision from the Supreme Court.

(c) *Disability Rights S.C. v. McMaster*, 24 F.4th 893 (4th Cir. 2022): This case was a challenge to the budget proviso that prohibited school districts from using state funds to impose mask mandates on students. The district court enjoined the Governor and others from enforcing the budget proviso, and we appealed. We raised jurisdictional and merits argument. After I argued the case in the Fourth Circuit, that court held that the district court lacked jurisdiction to enjoin the Governor. After losing on appeal, the plaintiffs essentially gave up on the case on remand against other defendants. Therefore, the budget proviso protecting students from mask mandates enforced with state money remained in effect.

(d) *Owens v. Stirling*, 438 S.C. 352, 882 S.E.2d 858 (2023): This case challenged the constitutionality of the firing squad and electrocution as methods of execution under article I, section 15 of the South Carolina Constitution. The circuit court held both methods were unconstitutional, and we appealed, arguing that the original understanding of the Constitution makes clear that both methods are constitutional. I argued the case in the

Supreme Court, which remanded part of the case for more information on the efforts of the Department of Corrections to obtain lethal injection drugs while holding the remainder of the appeal in abeyance. Proceedings on remand are stayed in light of the recently enacted shield statute, as the Department of Corrections attempts to obtain the drugs necessary for carrying out an execution by lethal injection. This case is significant because it will determine whether and how the State can carry out lawfully imposed death sentences for convicted murderers.

(e) *Brannon v. McMaster*, 434 S.C. 386, 864 S.E.2d 548 (2021): The Governor ended South Carolina's participation in federal unemployment benefits during the COVID pandemic in an effort to encourage people to fill the more than 80,000 open jobs across the State. People who had been receiving those benefits challenged the Governor's authority to end the State's participation in that federal program. I argued this case on appeal, and the S.C. Supreme Court held that the Governor did in fact have the authority under state law to make the decision he did. This case meant that people were incentivized to get back to work, rather than to stay at home and collect extra benefits from the federal government.

The following is Mr. Lambert's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *Planned Parenthood South Atlantic v. State*, 438 S.C. 188, 882 S.E.2d 770, (2023)

(b) *Pinckney v. Peeler*, 434 S.C. 272, 862 S.E.2d 906 (2021)

(c) *League of Women Voters v. Andino*, 849 F. App'x 39 (4th Cir. 2021)

(d) *Bailey v. S.C. Election Comm'n*, 430 S.C.268, 844 S.E.2d 390 (2020)

(e) *Pershing, L.C.C. v. Kiebach*, 819 F.3d 179 (5th Cir. 2016)

The following is Mr. Lambert's account of two criminal appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *State v. Troutman*, No. 2017-002224, 2020 WL 2213643 (S.C. Ct. App. May 6, 2020)

(b) *United States v. Rivers*, 576 F. App'x 282 (4th Cir. 2014)

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Lambert's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Lambert to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Will be a great asset to the Court of Appeals!"

Mr. Lambert is married to Mary Elizabeth Ward Lambert. He has three children.

Mr. Lambert reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar
Trial and Appellate Advocacy Council, 2018–present
Immediate Past Chair, 2023–present
Chair, 2022–2023
Chair-Elect, 2021–2022
Secretary, 2020–2021
Young Lawyers Division
Community Law Week Co-Chair, 2019–2022
Out-of-State Representative, 2015–2017
iCivics Committee, 2013–2014
Practice and Procedure Committee, 2014–present
(b) Federalist Society, 2013–present
(c) Fourth Circuit Rules Advisory Committee, 2017–2023
Chair, 2021–2023

(d) New Lawyers Division, Duke Law Alumni Association Board of Directors, 2012–2017
Chair, 2016–2017
Vice Chair, 2015–2016

Mr. Lambert provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) First Presbyterian Church
Deacon
Sunday School class moderator and teacher
Youth basketball coach
(b) Forest Lake Club
(c) Palmetto Club

Mr. Lambert further reported:

I am excited about the possibility of serving as a judge on the Court of Appeals for three reasons. First, it is an opportunity to serve the State. Public service is important—that is one of the primary reasons I left private practice to join the Governor's Office. Serving on the Court of Appeals would provide a new and exciting way to continue my public service.

Second, serving on the Court of Appeals would allow me to use the skill set I have developed. I have been involved in more than 80 appeals in every context—from appellant to respondent to amicus to emergency motions to oral arguments. This has taught me how to carefully study the record, effectively analyze the case law, rigorously construct a logical argument, and precisely and concisely put pen to paper. These same skills are necessary as a judge.

Third, judges perform a critical role in society. The rule of law provides order and stability, and courts ensure that the rule of law always prevails. That said, the judicial role is limited to resolving only cases that are brought to the courts. It is not a policymaking role, and judges must be careful to respect the separation of powers.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented that Mr. Lambert has an excellent reputation and vast experience in appellate law. They noted his superb intellect and work ethic.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Lambert qualified, but did not nominate him for election to Court of Appeals, Seat 9.

Jason P. Luther
Court of Appeals, Seat 9

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Luther meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Court of Appeals judge.

Mr. Luther was born in 1980. He is 43 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Luther provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2009.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Luther.

Mr. Luther demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Luther reported that he has made $161.07 in campaign expenditures for paper, envelopes, labels for introduction letters, and postage.

Mr. Luther testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Luther testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Luther to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Luther reported the following about teaching law-related courses:

I do not keep a list of speaking engagements, but these are the instances I have been able to recall to the best of my recollection:

(a) I served as judge for USC School of Law's annual Kate Bockman Moot Court competition on numerous occasions since 2012
(b) State and Local Tax Case Law Update, 2018 Annual SC Bar Convention
(c) Update from the SCDOR, Council on State Taxation Southeast Regional State Tax Seminar (April 2018)
(d) Top 10 Things OGC Learned at SCDOR, 2019 Annual SC Bar Convention
(e) I was a panelist for a USC School of Law panel re: careers as an in-house attorney
(f) Beware – the Taxman Cometh, 2020 Annual SC Bar Convention
(g) I participated in an Alcohol Laws and Regulation Education Seminar with SLED and Columbia Police Department
(h) State and Local Tax Case Law Update, 2021 Annual SC Bar Convention
(i)OMG, I'm being audited! What do I do now?, recorded CLE as round table panelist for South Carolina Administrative and Regulatory Law Association seminar (December 2021)

(j)State and Local Tax Case Law Update, 2022 Annual SC Bar Convention
(k) SALT Seminar, hosted by Nexsen Pruet (January 2022)
(l)The Twelve Days of Taxmas, 2023 Annual SC Bar Convention
(m) I presented at the SALT Seminar - South Carolina Association of CPAs, hosted by Nexsen Pruet (February 2023)

Mr. Luther reported that he has published the following:
(a) A Tale of Two Cities: Is *Lozano v. City of Hazleton* the Judicial Epilogue to the Story of Local Immigration Regulation in Beaufort County, South Carolina?, 59 S.C. L. REV. 573 (2008).
(b) Reflections on Professionalism: A Student Perspective, S.C. YOUNG LAW., February 2009 (Vol. 1, Issue 2)
(c) Peer Review as an Aid to Article Selection in Student-Edited Legal Journals, 60 S.C. L. REV. 959 (2009) (co-authored with John P. Zimmer)
(d) South Carolina Nonprofit Corporate Practice Manual (3rd Ed., forthcoming), contributing author/editor for chapter dealing with state taxes

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Luther did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Luther did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Luther has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Luther was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Luther reported that his rating by a legal rating organization, Super Lawyers, is Rising Star.

Mr. Luther reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Luther reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Luther appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Luther appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Luther was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2009.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) From 2009 to 2010, I was in private practice with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in Columbia. I worked primarily on a team that handled commercial litigation and business torts, with a focus on franchise & distribution litigation. However, because of my interest in appellate practice, I also had the opportunity to brief an appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and work on an amicus brief to the United States Supreme Court. No administrative or financial management.

(b) From August 2010 to August 2012, I served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Dennis W. Shedd, United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. While clerking for Judge Shedd, I reviewed briefs and records in a variety of different appeals, including criminal, civil, employment and labor, energy and utilities, environmental law, finance and banking, immigration, taxation, insurance, construction, intellectual property, government contracts, products liability, administrative law, civil rights, family law, etc. For each appeal, I

researched legal issues and prepared bench memoranda for Judge Shedd, assisted him in preparing for oral arguments, attended oral arguments during each term of court in Richmond, VA, and drafted opinions. No administrative or financial management.

(c) After completing my judicial clerkship I returned to private practice to work for Murphy & Grantland, P.A. from September 2012 to May 2017. There, I was primarily a civil litigator focusing on general commercial and business litigation, insurance defense and coverage matters, and any appellate matters that arose out of my civil litigation practice. This included appeals both at the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. No administrative or financial management.

(d) In May 2017, I accepted a job as the General Counsel for Litigation at the South Carolina Department of Revenue. In that role, I served as Deputy Director and the managing head of the litigation division, providing senior leadership, oversight, and direction on all legal matters impacting the agency, including civil and administrative litigation and criminal tax prosecutions, bankruptcy, and foreclosures. I also provided general legal advice and counsel on a variety of matters including Freedom of Information and alcohol beverage licensing. One of the reasons I chose to leave private practice and join the Department was because it presented a unique opportunity to be involved in more appellate work, and especially appeals that dealt with novel legal and constitutional issues. This job has not disappointed; since joining the Department six years ago I have had an active role in over 30 appellate matters at the South Carolina Court of Appeals or Supreme Court, as well as one matter at the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. No financial management.

(e) In the summer of 2020, the Department of Revenue restructured and consolidated all of its legal services and functions in a single, centralized Office of General Counsel. My title changed to Chief Legal Officer. My duties also expanded to include oversight of the Department's Appeals Section, as well as advice and

counsel on matters related to high-balance collections, contracts and procurement, and agency policy on wide-ranging tax, regulatory, and administrative law issues.

Mr. Luther reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: Infrequent. There was one case, *CSX Transportation, Inc. v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue*, 959 F.3d 622 (4th Cir. 2020), that was litigated and tried in federal court prior to my joining the Department. The Fourth Circuit vacated and remanded the case to the district court. I appeared as co-counsel in the remanded proceedings, a second appeal to the Fourth Circuit, and subsequent reversal and remand to the district court, all of which occurred between 2017–2020;

(b) State: Frequent. The majority have been at the Administrative Law Court, with some Circuit Court and appellate court appearances.

Mr. Luther reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 15%;
(b) Criminal: 0%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 85% (administrative cases).

Mr. Luther reported the following about the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years:

I would estimate that during the past 5 years approximately 50% of my practice has been in trial court, 20% has been on appellate matters, and 30% has dealt with other non-trial matters. Nearly all of the Department's cases are non-jury contested case hearings (trials) in the Administrative Law Court, and therefore do not result in a jury verdict. To the best of my knowledge, in

the past five years our criminal prosecutor has had four jury trial verdicts—three in favor of the State—and one case in which the defendant pled guilty after the first day of trial.

Mr. Luther provided the following about his role as counsel during the past five years:

My practice at the Department of Revenue is unique. Our Office of General Counsel handles hundreds of administrative appeals, criminal cases, and civil matters each year. As Chief Legal Officer, I have supervisory responsibility for all of these cases, in addition to other non-trial legal matters.

I serve as co-counsel on many of the administrative cases, although my level of involvement varies widely depending on the complexity and policy implications of the case. In the majority of cases, my involvement is limited primarily to assisting with developing case strategy and reviewing significant pleadings and filings. I am more involved in the complex or significant matters, including actively participating in the discovery process and serving as part of the trial team. My other non-litigation duties as Chief Legal Officer prevent me from handling a full litigation caseload, but I do maintain a small caseload in which I serve as sole counsel or chief counsel. I am typically chief counsel on all circuit court matters. On the appellate matters where I am not the chief or sole counsel, I am heavily involved in the brief-writing process and conducting moot court sessions to prepare our attorneys for oral argument. We have a Special Assistant Attorney General in our office that has primary responsibility on all criminal matters; I supervise this attorney and we frequently collaborate on prosecution strategy.

With that as background, I would estimate that during the past 5 years approximately 50% of my practice has been in trial court, 20% has been on appellate matters, and 30% has dealt with other non-trial matters. Nearly all of the Department's cases are non-jury contested case hearings (trials) in the Administrative Law Court, and therefore do not result in a jury verdict. To the best of my knowledge, in the past five years our criminal prosecutor has had four jury trial verdicts—three in favor of the State—and

one case in which the defendant pled guilty after the first day of trial.

The following is Mr. Luther's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. f/k/a SCE&G v. South Carolina Department of Revenue*, Docket No. 19-ALJ-17-0170-CC.

This contested case hearing at the Administrative Law Court (ALC) arose out of South Carolina Electric and Gas Company's (SCE&G) abandonment of the two-unit nuclear project at the VC Summer Nuclear Station. The issue was whether SCE&G owed sales and use tax on all of the materials and equipment it had purchased tax-free during construction of the project, even though the project was never completed or operational. Ultimately, after several years of administrative appeals and litigation, we negotiated a settlement with Dominion Energy.

The case was significant for a number of reasons. The settlement allowed the State to recover $165 million for the tax revenues it had foregone during the construction of the project. We also capitalized on a rare opportunity and negotiated for Dominion to transfer four unique and desirable properties to the State as part of the settlement amount. As a result, Ramsey Grove (a 2,600 acre planation in Georgetown County); Misty Lake (191 acres in Aiken County); and Pine Island (27 acres) and Bundrick Island (94 acres) (both islands are on Lake Murray in Lexington County) will become new state parks or public lands that all South Carolinians will be able to enjoy for generations to come. I am grateful to have played a small part in this piece of South Carolina's history.

(b) *Richland Cty. v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue*, 422 S.C. 292, 811 S.E.2d 758 (2018).

I was lead counsel in the "second half" of a case involving Richland County's expenditure of certain sales and use tax revenues, commonly known as the "Penny Tax." When I

joined the Department in May 2017, the case had already proceeded through Circuit Court and was pending at the Supreme Court. After the Supreme Court issued its opinion in March 2018, there was over three years of subsequent litigation on remand to the Circuit Court (including an audit that was conducted in conjunction with discovery), as well as a companion case that Richland County filed in the Administrative Law Court. We also filed an amicus brief in a separate appeal that also dealt with Richland County's and the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority's (CMRTA) use of penny tax revenues. Ultimately, in July 2021 we reached an agreement with Richland County and CMRTA that brought to a final conclusion a very public dispute that had been ongoing for over six years.

This case was significant because it established, as a matter of first impression, the Department's authority to review and audit a local government's use of penny tax funds. The case also resulted in the County and CMRTA reimbursing the penny tax program for improper expenditures, and led to the development of a uniform standard (Guidelines) to be applied to all local governments to ensure that transportation penny tax funds are spent only on transportation-related projects, in compliance with state law.

(c) *Clarendon County et al. v. South Carolina Department of Revenue and Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc. et al.*, Docket No. 17-ALJ-17-0237-CC; Appellate Case No. 2020-000983.

This contested case hearing at the ALC dealt with the interpretation of S.C. Code § 12-37-220(B)(10), which provides a property tax exemption to any property of a rural telephone cooperative that is "used in providing rural telephone service." There were a number of issues in the case, but the primary dispute centered on whether the exemption extended to property used to provide rural *wireless* telephone service, or only rural *landline* telephone service. The ALC's final decision agreed with the Department's position that wireless assets qualify for the exemption, at least partially. During the pendency of the

appeal at the Court of Appeals, the General Assembly amended section 12-37-220(B)(10) to clarify the exemption applies to modern facilities and technology as well as dual-use assets/property. This clarification confirmed the Department's interpretation of the exemption. As a result of the amendment, the counties and telephone cooperative reached a settlement, and the appeal was dismissed.

This case was significant to me because it concerned important issues relating to the provision of affordable and accessible telephone service in underserved rural areas, with implications for things like rural internet and broadband access. It also exposed me to many of the unique aspects of ad valorem property taxes and the interplay between the Department and counties concerning assessment and taxation of property in the state.

(d) *Grange Mutual v. 20/20 Auto Glass*, Unpublished Opinion No. 2019-UP-419 (Dec. 31, 2019).

This case dealt with whether a unilateral contract is created when an auto glass repair company performs repair services after being told that performance constitutes acceptance of the offer to pay a certain amount for those services. I was sole counsel on this case through the bench trial; the trial court ruled in my client's favor. After the other party appealed and shortly before our brief was due at the Court of Appeals, I took a job with Department of Revenue and had to withdraw as counsel in this case. One of my former colleagues did a wonderful job handling the appeal. The Court of Appeals affirmed the trial court; after holding oral arguments, the Supreme Court dismissed the writ as improvidently granted.

The case was significant for at least two reasons: first, this same issue was being litigated around the country, and courts in other jurisdictions had diverged on how to resolve this particular unilateral contract issue. Second, the case had statewide implications relating to contract formation, and was the first time the Court of Appeals had addressed this issue since deciding *S. Glass & Plastics Co. v. Kemper*, 399

S.C. 483, 732 S.E.2d 205 (Ct. App. 2012), which dealt with a similar scenario as a matter of first impression.

(e) *Sidney Edwards Graham as Personal Representative of the Estate of Darrell Wayne Graham v. Allied Barton Security Services, LLC, et al.*, Civil Action No. 2015-CP-26-0426.

This case arose out of the drowning of a plastic surgeon at Broadway at the Beach (Myrtle Beach, SC). The decedent's wife brought a wrongful death and survival action against a number of defendants alleging theories of premises liability and negligence. My client had contracted with the property owners to provide security services at Broadway at the Beach. The plaintiff alleged my client had contributed to the decedent's death by failing to provide a reasonably safe premise and permitting the decedent to become inebriated on the property and drown in the lake.

I handled a number of litigation matters for this particular client and considered all of their cases to be important, but this case was especially important to them and therefore significant to me. The circumstances were tragic, but the case presented a number of unique factual issues and novel legal questions, including the extent to which a private security company owes a duty to monitor intoxicated patrons, and whether the attractive nuisance doctrine extends to adults. Unfortunately, the court never had an opportunity to answer those questions; we litigated the case for 2 years but it settled shortly after I filed a motion for summary judgment. Nevertheless, it remains one of the more memorable and interesting matters that I have handled.

The following is Mr. Luther's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *Aiken v. South Carolina Department of Revenue*, 429 S.C. 414, 839 S.E.2d 96 (2020).

(b) *Greenville Hospital System v. South Carolina Department of Revenue*, Op. No. 2020-UP-065, 2020 WL 1170173 (S.C. Ct. App. filed Mar. 11, 2020).

(c) *Cramer v. Nat'l Cas. Co.*, 690 F. App'x 135, 2017 WL 2333591 (4th Cir. 2017). Personally handled briefing at trial level and on appeal, did not argue appeal.
(d) *Pennsylvania National Mutual Casualty Insurance Company v. Lewis*, 650 Fed. Appx. 159 (4th Cir. 2016). Personally handled litigation and tried the case with co-counsel; personally handled appellate briefing, did not argue appeal.
(e) *Lytle v. BI-LO, LLC*, Op. No. 2015-UP-027, 2015 WL 164323 (2015). Personally handled briefing, did not argue appeal.

I am currently lead counsel on three cases pending at the Court of Appeals that are on the preliminary list for the September or October 2023 terms: *Synovus Bank v. SCDOR*, Appellate Case No. 2020-000999; *Duke Energy Corporation v. SCDOR*, Appellate Case No. 2020-001542; and *Lowe's Home Centers, LLC v. SCDOR*, Appellate Case No. 2021-000031. I am also co-counsel on four other cases pending at the Court of Appeals and three at the Supreme Court.

Mr. Luther reported that he has not personally handled any criminal appeals.
All of our criminal appeals are handled by the Attorney General's office. We have had one criminal appeal involving felony tax evasion during my time at the Department, *see State v. Hughes*, 2018 WL 679482 (S.C. Ct. App. Jan. 24, 2018).

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Luther's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Mr. Luther to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted, "Past experience makes him well qualified."

Mr. Luther is married to Emily Suzette Luther. He has three children.

Mr. Luther reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association (2009 to present)

(b) Torts and Insurance Practices Section Council (approximately 2015–2017)

(b) Richland County Bar Association (2009 to present)

(c) South Carolina Administrative Law Court Rules Committee (2022 to present)

Mr. Luther provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) South Carolina Law Review Association, Board Member

(b) Junior Achievement of Greater South Carolina, Midlands District Board Member

(c) First Presbyterian Church, Elder (Columbia, SC)

(d) Historic Columbia, Palladium Member

(e) South Carolina Philharmonic Conductor's Cabinet

(f) 20 Under 40 (The State Newspaper)

(g) Leadership Columbia, Class of 2017

(h) South Carolina Executive Institute, Class of 2023

(i)School Improvement Council, Brennen Elementary (2022–2023)

(j)I also volunteer as a coach for each of my sons' teams in the Palmetto Baseball League and Christian Youth Basketball League.

Mr. Luther further reported:

My first trial experience was at age 14; my first appellate argument came three years later. Both of those experiences changed the trajectory of my life.

The trial involved a friend of my father, who was the plaintiff and represented (pro bono, as I recall) by Rep. Terry Haskins, later the Speaker pro-tempore of the South Carolina House of Representatives. I come from a family of non-lawyers and did not understand most of the technical aspects of the trial. But that

experience is what motivated me to pursue law. More importantly, I was inspired by Rep. Haskins' example of public service.

The appellate argument was part of a high school moot court competition, and I argued the final round in the Supreme Court of Georgia. Even as a teenager, I found in appellate advocacy the perfect intersection of my personality, abilities, and interests. Appellate practice remains the most rewarding and satisfying element of my law practice.

I am mindful of the many people who have supported, guided, and invested in my personal and professional development. I am grateful for those individuals; along with various life experiences, they have taught me valuable lessons, shaped my character and worldview, and given me unique perspectives—all of which will undoubtedly influence the type of judge I will be.

For example, as a byproduct of growing up the oldest of six children, when making decisions I typically consider all sides of a situation while remaining open to different ideas and viewpoints. My working class grandparents taught me the virtues of industriousness and selflessness. My parents (career missionaries) instilled in me a love for learning and self-development, and challenged me to find my purpose through serving others. I believe these are important traits for a judge.

Through a variety of internships, fellowships, my study of history in college, and a judicial clerkship I developed a profound appreciation for the exceptional nature of democracy in America and the role of our courts within our constitutional frameworks—both federal and state. I believe judges are duty bound to preserve and uphold our first principles like the rule of law and separation of powers, and that the province and duty of the judiciary is to say what the law is, not what it should be.

Life experiences—legal and non-legal—will undoubtedly affect my perspective as a judge as well. I have enjoyed a diverse practice: state and federal, jury and non-jury, trial and appellate, administrative and civil and criminal. I appreciate the immense

time and effort that goes into presenting an effective appeal; I have also seen what it takes for the judge to be equally prepared, informed, and willing to engage (and actively listen). I understand the challenges unique to working in a firm representing multiple clients, or in-house with one organizational client. As general counsel for a state agency, I have gained experience in deciding specific controversies or issues against a backdrop of precedent and longstanding administrative practice—always with an eye on the long-term ramifications of each particular decision. Starting a roofing business in the aftermath of hurricane Wilma also gave me a glimpse into the world of entrepreneurship and small business. That experience regularly motivates me to ensure that our government works best for its constituents by being timely, responsive, and efficient.

It is said that to whom much is given, much is required. Throughout my career, I have tried to steward the talents entrusted to me and honor those who have invested in my life by working diligently and zealously for my clients and community. To pay it forward, in a sense. It would be a tremendous privilege and honor to serve my fellow citizens and our State as a judge on the Court of Appeals.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. Luther has significant experience in the appellate field. The Commission further commended Mr. Luther for his desire to serve on the bench in addition to his extensive service to South Carolina, and applauded his many other qualifications.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Luther qualified, but did not nominate him for election to Court of Appeals, Seat 9.

Jason A. Daigle
Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Daigle meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Daigle was born in 1976. He is 47 years old and a resident of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. Mr. Daigle provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2005.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Daigle.

Mr. Daigle demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Daigle reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Daigle testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Daigle testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Daigle to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Daigle reported that he has not taught or lectured at any bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.

Mr. Daigle reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Daigle did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Daigle did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Daigle was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Daigle reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Daigle reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Daigle reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Daigle appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Daigle appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Daigle was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2005.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Fish & Richardson, Dallas, TX (2004) – Paralegal/unlicensed attorney – civil litigation
(b) Robertson & Hollingsworth, Charleston, SC (2005-2006) – associate attorney – civil litigation
(c) Anastopoulo & Clore, Charleston, SC (2006) – associate attorney – civil litigation
(d) Pierce Herns Sloan & McLeod, Charleston, SC (2006-2009) – associate attorney – civil litigation
(e) Maybank Law Firm, Charleston, SC (2009-2014) - associate attorney – civil litigation
(f)Clement Rivers (formerly Young Clement Rivers) (2014 – 2019) associate attorney – civil litigation; (2020 - present) Partner – civil litigation
(g) I was not involved with the administrative or financial management (including management of trust accounts) of any of those firms as an associate attorney. As a partner at Clement Rivers I have been involved with the administrative and financial management of the firm as a voting partner. I have had no involvement with the management of the trust account.

Mr. Daigle further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Civil Court – I have been a civil litigator for over 18 years. I have tried about 15 civil cases in state court – both jury trials and bench trials. I have arbitrated several other cases. I have argued and defended motions dozens and dozens of times in state court. Conservatively, I would estimate I have appeared in state court, one way or another, well over 200 times. I have handled a wide array of civil cases including: construction defects, termite claims, slip/trip and falls, premises liability, dram shop, trucking, civil rights, products liability, public nuisance, contract disputes, mechanic's liens, insurance disputes, professional liability, auto accident, tort claims act cases, business negligence, and commercial disputes. I have represented both plaintiffs and defendants over the course of my career. I would estimate that my practice has been 80% defense and 20% plaintiff. Although, of the cases I have tried the split was about 50/50 plaintiff and defense. The past 5 years has been

slow for court appearances because of COVID. However, on average, I would still estimate have appeared at least monthly, if not several times a month, before a circuit court judge in the past five years.

Criminal Court – I have never practiced criminal law. I have been involved in about five criminal matters that were related to civil cases that I was defending. Of those, I have only gone to General Sessions court a few times and was not actively involved in the process. As a judge in criminal proceedings, I would not be the one trying the case. My job in criminal cases is to ensure that everyone gets a fair trial and that the rules are followed. My civil practice has given me more than adequate experience with the rules of evidence and jury trials in general. Further, my experience in civil litigation has exposed me to all kinds of people. I have had to evaluate people regularly in depositions and trials. Knowing people and evaluating people is critically important in criminal proceedings, especially bonding and sentencing. I will have to go back and familiarize myself with criminal procedure, sentencing guidelines, and the criminal code in general. These are all things I had to in both law school and for the bar exam. I have no doubt I will be up to speed on criminal matters well before I would take the bench.

Mr. Daigle reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: about 1 case a year;
(b) State: frequently – at least monthly, sometimes weekly.

Mr. Daigle reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 100%;
(b) Criminal: 0%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Mr. Daigle reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) 100% settled prior to trial

(b) 0 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict
(c) 1 case went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case
(d) 0 cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements

Mr. Daigle provided that during the past five years he most often served as chief counsel.

The following is Mr. Daigle's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Andrew McIntire, et al vs. Seaquest Development Company Inc. et al*
2016CP1001833 – Charleston County Circuit Court
This case was one of the first cases in South Carolina to use the Notice and Opportunity to Cure Act to dismiss a case. The case was appealed and the ruling was overturned on other grounds. We then had a week long arbitration where the same motion was made prior to openings and again at the conclusion of the arbitration. The case was settled prior to the arbitrator's ruling on the motion.

(b) *Allan Dapore, et al vs. Upper Deck Tavern Limited, et al*
2016CP1002198 – Charleston County Circuit Court
This case involved a trip a fall inside a business that resulted in catastrophic injuries. The liability was complicated as the building was under a series of leases and subleases between the named defendants. Although I did not have to try the case, we were able to work through the complicated array of leases and obligations between the defendants to negotiate an excellent settlement for the plaintiff.

(c) *Stephen Paul Young vs. STIHL Incorporated, et al*
2015CP0802283 – Berkeley County Circuit Court
This case involved a product defective design of a chop saw against an international company with $5B in yearly revenue and defended by a high powered international law firm. Defective design cases are inherently complicated and involve legal issues unlike other civil cases. I had to litigate this case and avoid summary judgment and exclusion of experts in order to obtain an excellent settlement for the plaintiff.

(d) *James E King vs. Santee Resort Condominium Association Inc., et al*
2011CP1400541 – Clarendon County Circuit Court
This was a defamation case that went to trial in Clarendon County. We obtained a jury verdict that, according to the Clerk, was the second biggest verdict in Clarendon County at the time.

(e) *Concord West Of The Ashley Homeowners Association, et al vs. Julian Lecraw & Company Holdings Inc., et al*
2008CP1001659 – Charleston County Circuit Court
This was huge construction defect case where I represented the developers that converted apartment buildings in to condominiums. This was one of the largest construction defect cases in the state at the time and involved complicated issues of original construction, conversion renovations, and the duties of conversion developers.

The following is Mr. Daigle's account of the civil appeal he has personally handled:
Seaquest Development Company, Inc., Third-Party Plaintiff/Appellant vs. Red Bay Constructors Corp., et al, Respondents
Case No. 2016-CP-10-01833 – Charleston County Circuit Court
Appellate Case No. 2021-001055 – SC Court of Appeals

Mr. Daigle reported that he has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Daigle's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Mr. Daigle to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, mental stability, and experience; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character,

reputation, and judicial temperament. The Committee did not provide a summary statement or related comments.

Mr. Daigle is married to Kathy Aboe Carlsten Daigle. He has three children.

Mr. Daigle reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) Charleston County Bar Association
(c) Federal Bar Association (formerly)
(d) American Bar Association (formerly)

Mr. Daigle provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

Academic Magnet High School Foundation Board - Chairman

Mr. Daigle further reported:

More than anything, my professional experiences as a litigator have influenced the kind of judge I plan to be. Throughout my 18 year career I have encountered many different kinds of lawyers and judges. I have learned from each of them. Some of them inform what I want to be as a judge, while others inform what I do not want to be as a judge. I feel very strongly about the integrity of the South Carolina Bar and our Oath of Civility. I feel very strongly about the impartiality and service of the judiciary. Judges perform a very important public service that ensures litigants get a fair shot at the legal system and that lawyers are able to properly represent their clients. Insisting on high standards of integrity and civility from lawyers goes a long way in that endeavor. I think being composed, engaged, and respectful from the bench encourages attorneys to maintain civility and builds confidence within the bar and the public in general.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented that while Mr. Daigle has a lack of criminal experience, he also has vast experience as a civil litigator for over 19 years, and an excellent temperament.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Daigle qualified, but did not nominate him for election to Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

The Honorable Ittriss J. Jenkins
Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Jenkins meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Jenkins was born in 1972. He is 51 years old and a resident of Charleston, South Carolina. Judge Jenkins provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2007.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Jenkins.

Judge Jenkins demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Jenkins reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Jenkins testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Jenkins testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Jenkins to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Jenkins reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
Contracts July 17 Orientation School for Magistrates and Municipal Judges- I described the basics of contract law.

Judge Jenkins reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Jenkins did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Jenkins did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Jenkins has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Jenkins was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Jenkins reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization as follows:
The National Black Attorney Top 100 2016-present;
Premier Lawyers in America 2019;
American Institute of Legal Counsel 2018-2019;
American Association of attorney advocates 2021;
American Jurist Institute 2019

Judge Jenkins reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Jenkins reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Jenkins appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Jenkins appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Jenkins was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2007.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:
(a) Charleston County North Area 2
Magistrates Judge (5/2015-Present)

- Presides over cases involving civil matters under $7,500.00, landlord- tenant issues, traffic tickets and claim and delivery disputes,
- Served as Judge in Domestic Violence Court,
- Sets bonds for individuals accused of a misdemeanor and felony crimes in Charleston County,
- Preside over preliminary hearings which establish probable cause for criminal cases,
- Serve as presiding judge in Transfer Court,
- Review and Issue warrants, based on the standard of the 4th amendment of the Constitution,

(b) Law Office of Ittriss J. Jenkins LLC Charleston, S.C.
Managing Attorney (11/07-Present)

- Practicing Attorney, in the areas of Estate Planning, Probate Administration and Elder law,
- Serve as Special Administrator in probate cases,
- Prepare wills, trusts, power of attorneys, and other estate planning documents,
- Provide counsel relating to incapacity and asset protection planning,

- Serves as an attorney appointed by the State to represent committed patients under the mental health system
- Serve as Attorney- Guardian-at-litem in the Charleston County Probate Court,
- Represents criminal clients in Federal, Circuit, Magistrate and Municipal Courts,
- Certified Equal Employment Opportunity Investigator,
- Presenter for continuing legal education courses in the area of trusts and HIPPA regulations
- Responsible for day-to-day operations of the office.

Judge Jenkins further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

After I was appointed as a Magistrate Judge in Charleston, I was forced to terminate my representation in Circuit Court in Charleston. I did represent a defendant in Berkeley County whom was accused of operating an illegal repair shop and another individual whom had drug charges and flee from the police.

Prior to becoming a Magistrate, I represented criminal clients charged with a wide variety of charges ranging from trafficking to attempted murder.

In the Common Please Court, I represented Plaintiffs and Defendants. I have a lot of clients who own small businesses, so I have appeared in Circuit Court representing the Plaintiff and Defendant on different cases. In October 31st 2022, I won a jury trial in Allendale Court of Common Pleas. I represented the Plaintiff in that case on the issue was fraud.

As a Magistrate Judge, I have had the pleasure of hearing small claims actions where the amount in question is less than $7500.00. Although the rules are slightly different when is comes to default hearings, most of the other rules are identical to Circuit Court.

Judge Jenkins reported the frequency of his court appearances prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Federal: quarterly;
(b) State: every six months.

Judge Jenkins reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Civil: 10%;
(b) Criminal: 30%;
(c) Domestic: 1%;
(d) Other: 59% probate.

Judge Jenkins reported the percentage of his practice in trial court prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Jury: 10%;
(b) Non-jury: 90%.

Judge Jenkins provided that during the past five years prior to his service on the bench he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Jenkins's account of his most significant litigated matter:

(a) Riley vs. Riley. 2020-CP-03-0176 (involved fraud and statute of limitations)

The following is Judge Jenkins's account of one civil appeal he has personally handled.
Riley vs. Riley 2023-001281

Judge Jenkins reported he has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Judge Jenkins reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
Magistrate Judge, Charleston County April 2015-present
- Appointed
- This Court has jurisdiction in Charleston County

Judge Jenkins provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) 2018CV1010500915- Clemons vs. Washington
(b) 2017CV1010500447 – Valentine vs. Denham
(c) 2016CV1010500760- Extended Stay vs Allen

Judge Jenkins reported the following regarding his employment while serving as a judge:
Law Office of Ittriss J. Jenkins LLC

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Jenkins's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Judge Jenkins to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Energetic, magnetic, smart, caring, insightful, diverse experience, personable, and serves as judge now."

Judge Jenkins is married to Loquita Sucaria Bryant Jenkins. He has two children.

Judge Jenkins reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) Charleston County Bar
(c) South Carolina Summary Court Judges Association
(b) Better Business Bureau A+ rating

Judge Jenkins provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Historic Rotary Club of Charleston
(b) North Central Neighborhood Association Member
(c)One-80 Place Board member
(d) Preservation Society of Charleston, Board Member
(e) Children's Museum Charleston Board of Member

(f) Carolina Voyager Charter School Inc. Board Member
(g) Royal Foundation, Vice-Chair
(h) City of Charleston Short-term rental task force

Judge Jenkins further reported:
I am a Deacon at the Royal Baptist Church. I take this role seriously. I feel it is important to show the love of Jesus Christ in my interaction with others. In showing love I will always be patient and kind to the people who appear in Court.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Jenkins has an outstanding personality and energy that would serve him well as a Circuit Court judge.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Jenkins qualified, but did not nominate him for election to Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Elizabeth Morrison
Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. Morrison meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Ms. Morrison was born in 1985. She is 38 years old and a resident of Charleston, South Carolina. Ms. Morrison provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2012.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. Morrison.

Ms. Morrison demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. Morrison reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Ms. Morrison testified she has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. Morrison testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Ms. Morrison to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. Morrison reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

2023 – PLUS Healthcare & MedPL Webinar: Sexual Abuse and Molestation Claims
Discussed trends and defense strategy for sexual abuse claims in the medical profession.

2020 - COVID-19: Current State of Immunity and Potential Liability For Healthcare Providers, DRI Webinar – *Discussed the PREP Act and its impact on liability for claims involving vaccines and other federal directives in response to Covid-19* .

Ms. Morrison reported that she has published the following:
"Time is Not on Your Side: Avoiding Pitfalls When Filing Motions to Alter or Amend under Rule 59(e), S.C.R.Civ.P.," South Carolina Lawyer Magazine, March 2017

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Ms. Morrison did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.
The Commission's investigation of Ms. Morrison did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Ms. Morrison has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Ms. Morrison was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. Morrison reported that her rating by a legal rating organization, Best Lawyers in America, is One to Watch; and her rating by Charleston Business Magazine, is Legal Elite of the Lowcountry, insurance law.

Ms. Morrison reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. Morrison reported that she has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Ms. Morrison appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Ms. Morrison appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Ms. Morrison was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2012.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:
Whelan Mellen & Norris, LLC, Charleston, SC September 2023 – Present
Partner

Civil Litigation practice focused on landlord-tenant, general liability, transportation, insurance coverage, sexual assault, negligent security, and professional negligence. Also provide general representation and counseling to local businesses including contractors, property managers, landlords and those in the retail and hospitality industry.

Hall Booth Smith, P.C., Mount Pleasant, SC, December 2017 – 2023

Senior Associate / Partner (2020 – 2023)

Civil Litigation practice focused on landlord-tenant, general liability, transportation, insurance coverage, professional negligence and medical malpractice. Also provide general representation and counseling to local businesses including contractors, property managers, landlords and those in the retail and hospitality industry. Since making partner, I am responsible for ensuring collections from clients, establishing scope of representation and payment. As a partner, I also participate in approving compensation for all employees and focus on staff hiring needs for the South Carolina office.

Pritchard Law Group LLC, Charleston, SC, April 2014 – December 2017

Associate Attorney

Litigation practice with a focus on general municipal and magistrate matters, business litigation, insurance coverage, including first party bad faith and contractual indemnity, appellate work, residential and commercial landlord tenant disputes, premises liability, personal injury, including exposure to toxic mold, workers compensation, and construction defects.

Corrigan & Chandler LLC, Charleston, SC, November 2012 – April 2014

Associate Attorney

Civil Litigation practice with a focus on construction defect litigation, insurance defense, business disputes, horizontal property regimes, and premises liability. Drafted subpoenas, minor settlements and discovery requests, including non-privileged document review.

Ms. Morrison further reported regarding her experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Criminal Experience last five years: Early on in my career, I handled some criminal matters at the municipal court level, which required court appearances wherein the matter was either amicably resolved or the matter was adjudicated by a judge. In the last five years of my practice, which is nearly all civil, I have represented clients who either have criminal charges pending in connection with the civil matter, or another party in the case has criminal charges pending, which has required me to monitor the criminal action and/or collaborate with a client's criminal attorney. Generally, the criminal charges involved are criminal sexual misconduct, Felony DUI, reckless driving, and/or assault and battery. I am familiar with the discovery process in criminal court, and the differing evidentiary standards from circuit court as well as the procedural process prior to trial.

Civil Experience last five years: Over the last five years, my civil experience has become more expansive with cases ranging from landlord/tenant, motor vehicle accidents, premises liability actions, professional negligence, medical malpractice, first party insurance actions, dram shop actions, §1983 claims, education law, dog bites, mechanics liens, wrongful death, negligent security and sexual assault. In the last five years, I have tried three cases to verdict and resolved countless others at various stages in litigation, most often at mediation.

Parties Represented: Generally, I represent defendants (individuals, businesses, UIM carriers) but take on 1-2 Plaintiff cases a year, typically in commercial landlord tenant cases or life insurance bad faith cases.

Appearances before Circuit Court Judge in the last five years: I routinely appear before Judge Price and Judge McCoy in Charleston County. I also have several cases in the Fourteenth Circuit and have appeared before Judge Bonds and Judge Mullen. The last case I tried was before Judge McKinnon and I have an upcoming trial before Judge Young. Other judges I have appeared before include Judge Jocelyn Newman, Judge DeBerry, Judge Curtis, Judge Murphy, Judge Gibbons, Judge

Pope, Judge Goodstein, Judge Dickson, Judge Culbertson, Judge Seals, and Judge Burch.

Ms. Morrison reported the frequency of her court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 1-2 times per year;
(b) State: 1-2 times per month.

Ms. Morrison reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 90 percent;
(b) Criminal: 0;
(c) Domestic: 5 percent (representing therapists and psychologists subpoenaed in domestic matters);
(d) Other: 5 percent (business formation, LLR licensures, ABL licensing).

Ms. Morrison reported the percentage of her practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) What percentage of your practice was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial? 90 percent
(b) What number of cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict? 3 cases – 2018, 2019, 2022
(c) What number of cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case? 0 – However in 2017, 2 trials resolved after Plaintiffs tried their case. (Resolved may include settlement, plea, by Judge's order during a motion hearing, etc.)
(d) What number of your cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements? 0

Ms. Morrison provided the following as to her role as counsel during the past five years: Magistrate Court: Sole Counsel – 2 times Circuit Court – Co-Counsel – 3 times

The following is Ms. Morrison's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Huck v. Oakland Wings, LLC*, 422 S.C. 430, 813 S.E.2d 288 (Ct. App. 2018)(representing the Plaintiffs, this case established procedures for disclosing pre-trial set-off/settlement of other parties)

(b) *Charleston Elec. Services., Inc. v. Rahall*, 427 S.C. 317, 831 S.E.2d 122 (Ct. App. 2019)(On behalf of Defendant in a contribution/indemnity action, the Court of Appeals declined to find a "special relationship" exists between an adult child and their elderly mother to create a duty of care)

(c) *Key v. Ansonborough House*, 732 F. App'x 224 (4th Cir. 2018)(affirming in an unpublished opinion that for purposes of HUD, a parking fee does not constitute rent as contemplated under 42 U.S.C. § 1437(a)(1), and Ansonborough House was allowed to collect the parking payment as a separate fee).

(d) *Patti Silva v. Allstate Property and Casualty Insurance Company* (Civil Action No. 3:17-163-RMG, 2017) (Certified Question to the SC Supreme Court finding that absence of an eyewitness to the incident leading to death of Plaintiff's decedent barred recovery under S.C. Code Section 38-77-140 for uninsured motorist coverage).

(e) *Fields v. Crane Transport, LLC, et. al (C.A. No. 8:20-cv-00659)(D.S.C. – Anderson Division)* (trucking fatality where the plaintiff burned alive at the scene after striking defendant's truck that was legally stopped on I-85. Liability was heavily disputed. This case involved several issues concerning discovery, specifically financial discovery, a motion to "trifurcate" and resolved within 2 weeks of trial).

The following is Ms. Morrison's account of five civil appeals she has personally handled:

(a) *AML, et. al v. Wright Directions, LLC*, S.C. Court of Appeals, Case No. 2023-000791 (pending)

(b) *Gregory Muxlow v. Natasha Anglin, et. al*, S.C. Court f Appeals, Case No. 2020-00129 (voluntarily dismissed on March 29, 2022)

(c) *Charleston Elec. Services., Inc. v. Rahall*, 427 S.C. 317, 831 S.E.2d 122 (Ct. App. 2019)

(d) *Huck v. Oakland Wings, LLC*, 422 S.C. 430, 813 S.E.2d 288 (Ct. App. 2018)

(e) *Jonathan Barber v. Ansonborough House Corp.,* SC Court of Appeals, Case No. 2017-002150 (dismissed on November 21, 2017)

Ms. Morrison reported that she has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Ms. Morrison further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
2013 – unsuccessfully ran for Charleston County City Council, District 4

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Ms. Morrison's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Ms. Morrison. to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, mental stability, and experience; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary statements.

Ms. Morrison is married to George Edmondston Morrison. She one child.

Ms. Morrison reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) Charleston County Bar Association, 2012 - present
(b) DRI, 2017 – 2019, Member Trucking Law Committee
(c) South Carolina Bar Foundation, Ambassador, 2015 – 2020
(d) South Carolina Bar House of Delegates, Ninth Circuit Delegate, 2018 – present
(e) South Carolina Lawyers Fund for Client Protection, 2017 – 2021

Ms. Morrison provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organization:

Lowcountry Street Grocery, Advisory Board Member 2018 – present

Ms. Morrison further reported:

I am not a native South Carolinian, and I have always been concerned that not being born and raised in this state could be a potential barrier to being elected to the bench. However, having lived here for the last 14 years and practicing law for the last 11 years, I have had an amazing opportunity to travel around South Carolina and represent clients in several different venues. Charleston has been my home since 2009 and I could not imagine living anywhere else. In fact, I unsuccessfully ran for City Council in 2013. That experience was very eye-opening as I had the opportunity to meet and hear from my fellow residents their opinions about issues that mattered to them and their less than cordial opinions about a then-28-year-old running for public office. Even though I did not win my race, I experienced a renewed faith in the electoral process as well as a renewed commitment to service to those in my community.

For me, the legal profession is not just a job, it is a calling. I do not come from a legal background, and I am proud to be the first lawyer in my family. My mom taught special education for thirty years and my dad was an intensive probation officer. Neither had much advice to give me about going to law school other than to be prepared for student loans. They have been happily married for 45 years and continue to be a great source of inspiration and provide great advice. They raised my older sister and I to work hard and to keep focus on personal and professional growth. This philosophy inspired me to put myself through law school, secure legal employment in an unfamiliar town with no connections during a recession, survive an apartment fire six months into my legal career, all of which ultimately led me to forging a life and career in South Carolina.

In the last 5 years, I have gotten married, survived breast cancer and become a mother. All of these life events have pushed me forward in my legal career and made me more empathetic and understanding of others. I always thought about running for a judicial seat as a “someday” goal, but with the creation of this new seat, I took it as a sign to throw my name in to the hat. I love being in the courtroom and I love trying cases. There is something about the entire process and then hearing the verdict, that always reinforces my faith in our society. Of course, I may

not always agree with every verdict, but I have always understood them. Yet, some of my favorite days are when I attend a motion hearing where there are several attorneys present and you get the opportunity to observe and learn from others, which always includes the presiding judge. I have never had a bad experience before any circuit court judges, although I have received some pointed criticism that I have tried to learn from.

I recognize that my criminal experience is lacking, but I am confident that I will be able to learn what is necessary to preside over these matters and will also make it a priority to do all that I can to ensure a more streamlined resolution of outstanding matters.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented extensively on Ms. Morrison's enthusiasm, positive energy, and optimism, and commended her on her commitment to public service and the law. Ms. Morrison received admiration from the Commission for her personality and character, and the Commission appreciated her offering to serve.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Ms. Morrison qualified, but did not nominate her for election to Circuit Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Maryann Blake
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. Blake meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Ms. Blake was born in 1968. She is 55 years old and a resident of Walterboro, South Carolina. Ms. Blake provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed

attorney in South Carolina since 2006. Ms. Blake was also admitted to the Georgia Bar in 2009.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. Blake.

Ms. Blake demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. Blake reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Ms. Blake reported that she has made $1.11 in campaign expenditures for postage

Ms. Blake testified she has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. Blake testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Ms. Blake to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. Blake reported that she has not taught any law-related courses.

Ms. Blake reported that she has written the following:

(a) "Hope for the Juvenile Criminal: A Review of the Manatee County Juvenile Boot Camp." September 1995 article included in the National Criminal Justice

Reference Service (NCJRS) document database at call number 156752. (non-refereed)
(b) "Brain Development and the Legal Rights of Children." Encyclopedia of Forensic and Legal Medicine. June 2005. Co-author Judge Frank Orlando. (Refereed)
(c) "Worker Rights and Health Protection for Prostitutes: A Comparison of the Netherlands, Germany and Nevada." November 2012. Chosen as one of twenty from over 300 papers for publication in special conference edition for International Council on Women's Health Issues (ICOWHI), 19th International Congress. Women's Health 2012: Partnering for a Brighter Global Future." (Refereed)
(d) "Worker Rights and Health Protection for Prostitutes: A Comparison of the Netherlands, Germany and Nevada." Health Care for Women International. 2015, 36: 784-796.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Ms. Blake did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Ms. Blake did not indicate any evidence of disqualifying financial issues.

The Commission also noted that Ms. Blake was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Ms. Blake reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Ms. Blake reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. Blake reported that she has held the following public office:
(a) I was appointed by Governor Henry McMaster for the term of September 2016-September 2020 to the Board of

Voter Registration and Elections for Colleton County. I was reappointed and served until March 2022 when I withdrew to run for Colleton County Council. I have timely filed my reports with the State Ethics Commission. I had to pay a penalty of $100.00 in 2018 because I missed the deadline.

(b) I was appointed by the Colleton County Council for the term of September 2017-September 2022 to the Colleton County Board of Assessment Appeals. I am not required to file a report with the State Ethics Commission.

(c) I was appointed by the Colleton County Council to the Planning Commission 2020-present and to the Lowcountry Community Action Agency Board 2022-23. I am not required to file a report with the State Ethics Commission.

(6) Physical Health:

Ms. Blake appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:

Ms. Blake appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:

Ms. Blake was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2006 and the Georgia Bar in 2009.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Harvey & Battey, PA, Beaufort, SC. June –October 2004. I completed the field part of the Environmental Law Clinic at this firm during my last semester of law school and was asked to stay on as a temporary law clerk to W. Brantley Harvey, Jr. I researched issues involved with building docks in wetlands in Beaufort County for the clinical part of my stay with the firm. During my tenure as law clerk, I assisted with probate work including an estate involving over one hundred heirs.

(b) Bogoslow, Jones, and Stephens, Walterboro, SC. October 2004-November 2007. I began working for the firm as a law clerk and then continued on as an associate attorney after passing the bar in 2006. The law firm's focus was

insurance defense of governmental agencies through the Insurance Reserve Fund. My duties included extensive legal research and writing dealing with governmental regulations and liability, the South Carolina Tort Claims Act, and the public duty doctrine. I reviewed and drafted contracts and leases and established small corporations. A major project that was assigned to me was assisting the Jasper County Animal Rescue Mission to become a charitable nonprofit organization. I assisted the senior partner in being the attorney for Jasper County as well. I drafted appeal briefs, pleadings, Wills, and discovery responses. I assisted in developing and teaching a training course on courtroom procedures for law enforcement officer cadets. I also spoke to middle school students about the legal profession during career week.

(c) Woodard & Butler, LLC, Walterboro, SC. June 2008-October 2020. I served as senior associate with this firm. The law firm's focus is on creditor's rights and does extensive debt collecting throughout South Carolina and Georgia. My main job focus was litigation with a strong emphasis on negating settlement before trial. The firm also does insurance subrogation work and was contract attorney for the Department of Social Services in child abuse and neglect cases.

(d) City of Walterboro, October 2014-Present. I serve as part-time prosecutor for the City of Walterboro. I have prosecuted a wide range of offenses including minor traffic violations, drug charges, assault and battery cases and shoplifting. I have tried many cases before a jury and have never lost.

(e) Maryann Blake, Attorney at Law, LLC, Walterboro, SC. October 2018-Present. I manage all aspects of my own solo practice including its trust accounts. While still at Woodard & Butler, with the encouragement of the senior partner, I established my own firm in early 2018 and became an LLC in 2019. I have a general practice focusing on personal injury, probate, property disputes, real estate, and family law. I am certified as both a Circuit Court and Family Court Mediator. I serve as court appointed counsel for the Colleton County Probate Court through SCCID.

(f)Town of Edisto Beach, November 2022-Present. I serve as attorney for Edisto Beach. My duties include drafting resolutions, reviewing contracts, and responding to subpoena requests and FOIA requests.

Ms. Blake further reported regarding her experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Over the past five years my practice has focused on civil, probate, and family court matters. I have also served as part-time prosecutor for the City of Walterboro since 2014. The majority of my civil work has been for the plaintiff. I have handled a wide variety of cases during the past five years including the following: debt collection, creditors' rights, personal injury, wrongful death, heirs' property, real estate closings, boundary disputes, HOA disputes, and establishing businesses. I have also represented a juvenile in court for the charge of assault. As prosecutor for Walterboro I have handled over 100 cases including DUI/DUS, shop lifting, assault and battery, drug possession, and larceny. These cases were either settled or tried before a jury. While I was with Woodard & Butler, I appeared on average at least once a month before a circuit court judge or Master in Equity. My wide variety of experience has developed my procedural knowledge of how trials work from pretrial procedure through jury verdicts.

Ms. Blake reported the frequency of her court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 1%;
(b) State: 99%

Ms. Blake reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 55%;
(b) Criminal: 15%;
(c) Domestic: 25%;
(d) Other: 5%.

Ms. Blake reported her practice in trial court as follows:

(a) Jury: 20%
(b) Non-jury: 80%

Ms. Blake provided that during the past five years she most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Ms. Blake's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Wilmington Savings Fund Society v. James Edwin Hiott, et.al*, 2022CP1500284. I represented Beth Bolt, the personal representative of the Estate of James Edwin Hiott in this matter. This was a foreclosure of a reverse mortgage. This case was significant in that it gave me experience in how estate matters also are tried in circuit court.

(b) *Janie Singleton, et. al v. Connie Johnson, et.al*, 2020CP1500024. I represent the Plaintiffs in this matter. This is an heirs property case. This case is significant because of the decades of family strife involved. At issue is whether Mrs. Singleton's husband was adopted and thus, an heir.

(c) *Jon Attridge et. al v. The Board of Directors of Bull Point Plantation Property Owners Association, Inc., et. al*, 2018CP0702345. I represented two of the Defendants in this case. This was an exceptionally complex dispute over the declarancy to Bull Point. It was significant to me because I learned a lot about pretrial procedure and motion practice.

(d) *Estate of Mary Susan Crerar v. Jon Andrews, et. al*, 2021CP3700006. I represented The Estate and the personal representative in this wrongful death action. Since this was an Oconee County case the client also retained local counsel. This case involved the death of an 80-year-old woman resulting from the malfunction of a dumbwaiter. The case was significant for me because I learned how expert testimony can either make or break a case. This was settled at mediation against one defendant and with a $1.5 million judgment against the other defendant.

(e) *State v. Marceia Sanders* No 5102P0331719. This is a jury case I tried for the City of Walterboro. Mrs. Sanders was charged with violation of a window tinting ordinance and resisting or obstructing an officer. The Defendant was the wife of a county deputy. There was some thought in the community that the charges should be dismissed because of that fact. The evidence supported the charges, so I had to try

the case. This case was significant because laws should be applied equally and justly no matter the familial status of the Defendant.

Ms. Blake has not personally handled any civil appeals. She reports the following:

None of the cases I have personally handled from start to finish have been appealed. However, I do have experience in the appeals process through work on the following two cases.

(a) Bewersdorf v. South Carolina Department of Public Safety, 2001CP150677. Appeal from the Fourteenth Circuit Court of Common Pleas. I worked as associate counsel on this case while working at Bogoslow, Jones, and Stephens. We represented the Department of Public Safety who was the Respondent in the appeal. I completed all the research and drafting of Respondent's Brief. The trial court's directed verdict based on the public duty doctrine was affirmed.
(b) Stancel E. Kirkland and El Cid Holdings, LLC v. Robert Wolfson, 2019-000203. Appeal from the Fourteenth Circuit. I was co-counsel for Respondent El Cid Holdings, LLC for a short while and assisted in drafting Respondent's initial brief.

Ms. Blake has not personally handled any criminal appeals. She reports the following:

None while being a practicing lawyer. However, during law school I assisted with several criminal appeals through my employer Bogenschutz & Dutko in Ft. Lauderdale Florida. I worked as a law clerk for the firm. My duties included researching and drafting briefs for both state and federal appeals.

Ms. Blake further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

I ran for Colleton County Council at Large seat in 2022 but did not win the primary run-off. Also, I was a candidate for Circuit Court at large seat 13 in 2019. I withdrew to gain more experience.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Ms. Blake's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Ms. Blake to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, professional and academic ability, reputation, physical health, mental stability, and experience; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, character, and judicial temperament.

Ms. Blake is married to Stephen Brian Blake. She has one child.

Ms. Blake reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) South Carolina Bar Association, Board of Governors 2020-23; Strategic Plan Implementation subcommittee
(c) South Carolina Bar Association, House of Delegates, At-large seat 2017-19.
(d) South Carolina Bar Association, House of Delegates Fourteenth Judicial Circuit
2023-25.
(e) South Carolina Bar Association, Board of Fee Disputes Resolutions, Fourteenth Circuit, 2017-Present.
(f) South Carolina Supreme Court Commission on Lawyer Conduct 2021-present.
(g) South Carolina Bar Foundation Board Member 2023-24
(h) Georgia Bar Association
(i) South Carolina Women Lawyers Association
(j) Colleton County Bar Association, Technology Committee, Chair, 2019-20
(k) American Bar Association 2022-present
(l) South Carolina Bar Solo and Small Firm Section member

Ms. Blake provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) I was a member of Civitans, Walterboro. I served as president elect 2016-17 and president 2017-18.
(b) I attend Bethel United Methodist Church, Walterboro where I volunteer as church attorney and serve on the church council.
(c) I am a board member of the Colleton County Chamber of Commerce and currently serve as vice-chair.

Ms. Blake further reported:

I am the first college graduate and first lawyer in my family. Since moving away from my hometown I have had the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, and Thailand. I have been exposed to many different cultures and people from varied walks of life. I have worked in various areas of the justice system since entering college at American University. These jobs included secretary to a chief of police; assistant to the chair of the Department of Justice Law and Society at AU; litigation support services; volunteer at a victim witness program; and law clerk for one of the leading criminal defense firms in Fort Lauderdale. These jobs coupled with living in many different locations have allowed me to see the justice system from many different perspectives. I have seen people at their very worst and at their very best I have seen people suffer from court decisions and I have seen people rejoice as well. I learned from my various jobs in the justice system that all people, no matter where they live or who they are, come to the courts seeking to be treated fairly and justly. Using this knowledge and experience I would strive to be an impartial judge capable of firmness but compassion as well.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Ms. Blake appears professional, prepared, and respectful.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Ms. Blake qualified, but did not nominate her for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8.

The Honorable Russell A. Blanchard IV
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Blanchard meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Judge Blanchard was born in 1982. He is 41 years old and a resident of Orangeburg, South Carolina. Judge Blanchard provided in his application he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2007.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Blanchard.

Judge Blanchard demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to a judge, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Blanchard reported that he has made $570.52 in campaign expenditures for business cards, letterhead, copies, and postage.

Judge Blanchard testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Blanchard testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Blanchard to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Blanchard reported that he has never taught law-related courses or lectured at bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs.

Judge Blanchard reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Blanchard did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Blanchard did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Blanchard has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Blanchard was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problem with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Blanchard reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Blanchard reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Blanchard reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Blanchard appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Blanchard appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Blanchard was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2007.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Attorney at Williams & Williams Attorneys at Law, LLC- November 2007 through present day. My practice involves personal injury, workers' compensation, real estate closings, deed transfers, family court, traffic court, general sessions, real estate litigation, probate court, drafting Estate planning paperwork, representing municipalities, and civil practice in circuit and magistrate court. I have had some involvement in the administrative and financial management of the firm. The administrative matters that I am involved in relate to the staff and paralegals that work directly with me. The financial management that I am involved in is making sure that best practices are followed for the money on cases that I am handling.

(b) Municipal Judge for Allendale, South Carolina. 2019 through present. This is a part time position. I handle primarily traffic/criminal charges and preliminary hearings. I handle bond hearings when the other municipal judge is unable to do them.

Judge Blanchard further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

I have handled criminal cases in Magistrate, Municipal, and Circuit Court since became an attorney in 2007. Two of the cases ended in jury trials, and the remaining cases ended in pleas or bench trials. The types of cases include traffic tickets, misdemeanor charges, and a wide range of felonies (for example-

drug charges, domestic violence, financial crimes, murder, kidnapping, and breach of the peace of a high and aggravated nature). I have also represented clients in civil cases in Circuit Court and Magistrate Court throughout my career. I have handled evictions, quiet title actions, foreclosures, easement disputes, personal injury claims, contract disputes, and had at least two cases transferred from probate court to circuit court. In litigating these cases, I have dealt with a wide variety of motions on issues related to discovery, summary judgment. venue, and amendment of pleadings. The majority of the time I have represented plaintiffs, but there have been some cases where I represented defendants. All of my civil cases in Circuit Court were either settled, resolved by motion, or ended with a non-jury trial. I have not had a civil case go to jury trial in Circuit Court, but I have had sufficient experience litigating cases in various courts that I would be comfortable presiding over a trial. I have had civil cases go to jury trial in Magistrate Court. I appear in Circuit Court multiple times per month.

Judge Blanchard reported the frequency of his court appearances as follows:
(a) federal: I have had one case in federal court in the past five years. It resolved after jury selection but prior to trial.
(b) state: I appear in state court about once a week.

Judge Blanchard reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters as follows:

(a) Civil: 40%
(b) Criminal: 20%
(c) Domestic: 1%
(d) Other: 39%

Judge Blanchard reported his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) 60% was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial;
(b) 1% of his cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict;
(c) 0% went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case;

(d) 1% of his cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Judge Blanchard reported that during the past five years, he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Blanchard's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State v. Tawes- 2021GS380994. This case was significant because the State attempted to try Mr. Tawes three times (twice in Magistrate Court and once in General Sessions). The case ended when a jury in General Sessions found him not guilty of Breach of Peace of a High and Aggravated Nature and not guilty of Breach of the Peace.

(b) Mederos v. Pifer dba Pure Gold Gentleman's Club- 1423068- This case was significant because it was the first Workers' Compensation case that I tried as sole counsel, and it involved an uninsured employer. One of the major issues was whether Ms. Mederos was an independent contractor. A single commissioner agreed with us that she was not an independent contractor, and an appellate panel agreed.

(c) State v. Houser- This was my first general sessions jury trial, and I tried it as co-counsel with Charles H. Williams, III. Mr. Houser was charged with multiple felonies. We obtained a verdict of not-guilty on the murder charge, but Mr. Houser was found guilty of other charges.

(d) McCurry v. Robinson- 5:17-cv-03156-JMC. This was my first wrongful death case, and it was in Federal Court. It involved a tractor-trailer, an individual on a bicycle, and disputed liability. The case was resolved in mediation after jury selection but prior to trial.

(e) Jones v. Jamison- 2007-CP-38-883. When I took this case on, my client was in default, and I filed and successfully argued a Motion to Set Aside Default. This was one of the first motions I argued in Circuit Court, and it was against an attorney that had been practicing law longer than I had been alive. It taught me the

importance or reading the rules, reading case law, and being prepared.

Judge Blanchard reported that he has never handled the following civil appeals:

(a) Riley v. Outlaw, Court of Appeals, 2016-001867, decided 1/4/2019

(b) Fairey v. Gillespie, Court of Appeals, 2021-000787, decided 5/31/2023

Judge Blanchard reported that he has not handled any criminal appeals.

Judge Blanchard reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
Municipal Judge for the Town of Allendale. 2019 through present day. I was appointed to this position. This court has limited jurisdiction over traffic tickets, misdemeanor criminal charges, bond hearings, and preliminary hearings.

Judge Blanchard reported the following about his most significant orders or opinions:
I have not had to prepare any Orders or opinions as Municipal Judge for Allendale other than form orders related to bonds and discharges.

Judge Blanchard reported the following regarding his employment while serving as a judge:
I have worked as an attorney at Williams & Williams Attorneys at Law, LLC, while serving as a Municipal Judge for the town of Allendale.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Blanchard's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee reported Judge Blanchard to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the

evaluative criteria of constitutional qualification, physical health, mental stability, and experience. The Committee noted: "Personable, bright, good communicator."

Judge Blanchard is married to Jennifer G. Blanchard. He has two children.

Judge Blanchard reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) American Bar Association
(c) South Carolina Association for Justice
(d) South Carolina Summary Court Judges Association
(e) Orangeburg County Bar

Judge Blanchard provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) First Baptist Church of Orangeburg. I served as a Deacon, including Deacon Chair and Deacon Vice-Chair. I have also served on the Missions Committee and Stewardship Committee.
(b) Catch the Vision International. I assisted in creating this non-profit, and I served on the Board of Directors. I am not currently on the Board.
(c) Rotary. I served as President in 2019. I am also a Paul Harris Fellow.
(d) Orangeburg Country Club.

Judge Blanchard further reported:
I believe that my knowledge of the law, experience dealing with a wide variety of legal issues, ability to relate to people with different backgrounds and life experiences, and empathy for people gives me the necessary skill set to serve as a Circuit Court Judge. The only types of cases that I have not handled are income tax, social security, and employment law. In my 15 years of practicing as an attorney, I have helped clients or other attorneys with a wide array of legal issues. While I have not tried a civil case before a jury in Circuit Court and only had two General Sessions cases go to jury trial, I have the necessary knowledge of procedural, evidentiary, and substantive law to

preside over these types of cases as a Circuit Court Judge. I have litigated numerous cases in Circuit Court which resolved prior to a jury trial, and I have had cases resolved by bench trial before a Circuit Court Judge or Master-in-Equity. I have had civil and criminal cases go to jury trial in Magistrate Court, and I have served as sole counsel on numerous bench trials in Magistrate and Municipal Court. I have also presided over jury trials in Municipal Court in Allendale. All this experience makes me confident that I have the knowledge of the Rules of Evidence, Rules of Civil Procedure, and other rules needed to preside over trials in Circuit Court. When I become a Circuit Court Judge and am no longer in private practice, I will keep my knowledge sharp by continuing to study the rules while serving as a Judge.

My time spent working in Woody's Pawn and Jewelry prior to becoming an attorney gave me additional skills that I believe will be important when serving as a Circuit Court Judge. This job exposed me to people from all walks of life outside of the bubble that I grew up in. It helped me become a better listener which has served me in my job as an attorney and will serve me in my work as a Circuit Court Judge. I took this experience into my practice as a lawyer in a small town firm and used it to help in relating to my clients and the various people that were involved in the cases I handle.

My faith also plays an important role in my law practice and would play a role in how I handle my duties as a Circuit Court Judge. I believe that I am required to do all things in a manner that is pleasing to the Lord and that includes how I carry out my responsibilities at work. I strive to treat everyone with respect, kindness, grace, and truthfulness.

(11)Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission noted that Judge Blanchard has a great reputation as evidenced by many positive comments from the BallotBox survey and noted that his letters of recommendation were also very complimentary.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Blanchard qualified, but did not nominate him for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8.

Ashley A. McMahan
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Ms. McMahan meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Ms. McMahan was born in 1978. She is 45 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Ms. McMahan provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2004.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Ms. McMahan.

Ms. McMahan demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Ms. McMahan reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Ms. McMahan testified she has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Ms. McMahan testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Ms. McMahan to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Ms. McMahan reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I taught law-related courses while an adjunct at South University between 2010-2018. I taught Environmental Law, which was an overview of the more significant federal environmental law as well as an overview of South Carolina's environmental laws. I also taught Introduction to Paralegalism, which was a basic overview of the court system in the United States as well as South Carolina, basic legal terms, and how to find cases online, etc.

I also taught Real Estate (an overview of property rights and types of deeds), Trust and Estates (an overview of wills, intestacy, etc.), and Intellectual Property (an overview of trademarks, copyright, patents, etc.).

I taught Introduction to Information Literacy (LIBR 101) at the University of South Carolina from August 2013 through December 2016. While this is not specifically a legal or law type course, the course does relate to the legal field as it teaches basic research and information literacy skills, which apply to all fields. This course teaches the basics of how to do competent research online by analyzing the source, date of publication, the author, etc., while also teaching the differences between opinions (most blogs) to news and periodicals.

(b) I have lectured at the following:

1. Post-Conviction Relief and Habeas Corpus: Preserving the Conviction

South Carolina Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar - September 18, 2009

Columbia, South Carolina

2. Protecting Convictions from Collateral Attack
South Carolina Solicitors' Association Annual Conference - September 29, 2009
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

3. Environmental Statutes and Related Crimes & Preparing a Case for the Prosecutor
Southeastern Environmental Enforcement Network - June 28-30, 2010
Columbia, South Carolina

4. Environmental Crimes in South Carolina
South Carolina Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar – January 21, 2011
Columbia, South Carolina

5. Natural Resources & Environmental Law
South Carolina Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar – August 22, 2014
Columbia, South Carolina

6. Advanced Environmental Crimes Training Program
Federal Law Enforcement Training Center – July 2015 & April 2016
Glynco, Georgia

7. Environmental Law in South Carolina
South Carolina Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar – June 3, 2016
Columbia, South Carolina

8. Thirty-First Annual Criminal Practice in South Carolina
South Carolina Bar Continuing Legal Education Seminar – February 18, 2022
Columbia, South Carolina

9. Prosecution CLE Series - Case Round Up
South Carolina Commission on Prosecution Coordination – October 11, 2022
Zoom Webinar.

Ms. McMahan reported that she has published the following:

(a) Environmental Law in South Carolina, Fourth Edition, (SC Bar CLE 2016)

Contributing author, Chapter 12 – Environmental Crimes in South Carolina

(b) The South Carolina Post-Conviction Relief Manual, Second Edition, (SC Bar CLE 2008)

Case law update through December 31, 2009 published March 2010

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Ms. McMahan did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Ms. McMahan did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Ms. McMahan has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Ms. McMahan was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:

Ms. McMahan reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Ms. McMahan reported that she has not served in the military.

Ms. McMahan reported that she has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:

Ms. McMahan appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:

Ms. McMahan appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:

Ms. McMahan was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2004.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) McMahan Law, LLC – Columbia, SC
Owner, January 2022 - present
(formerly McMahan & Taylor Attorneys, LLC - Owner/partner, July 2016 – Dec 2021)

Defends criminal matters across the midlands.
Handles family based immigration matters such as fiancé(e) visas, spousal visas, etc.
Files and handles naturalization cases.
Prosecutes post-conviction relief matters across the state.
Files and handles civil matters in magistrate and Common Pleas courts
Handles appeals in the South Carolina Court of Appeals and the South Carolina Supreme Court.
Files pardons and expungements on behalf of clients.
Litigates vital record amendment matters in both Common Pleas and Family Court.
Litigates simple divorce matters in Family Court.

Handles all financial and administrative management of law firm, including trust accounts.

(b) Sixth Circuit Solicitor's Office - Lancaster, SC
Assistant Solicitor, February 2017 – present
Lancaster & Fairfield Offices

Tried at least five cases to jury verdict.
Handled prosecution of special victims' crimes:
sexual misconduct, domestic violence, etc.
Prosecute felony level offenses including murders, armed robbery, etc.
Handle juvenile criminal cases in Family Court.

(c) South University - Columbia, SC
Adjunct Professor, June 2010 – May 2018

Taught Environmental Law; Intro to Paralegalism; Intellectual Property; Real Estate; Trusts & Estates.

(d) South Carolina Attorney General's Office - Columbia SC
Assistant Attorney General August 2006 – July 2016
Special Assistant United States Attorney, May 2011 – July 2016

Prosecution & State Grand Jury Section (2008-2016)
Handled State Grand Jury cases, including appeals and PCRs.
Sworn Delegate to the South Carolina State Grand Jury, with statewide jurisdiction.
Prosecuted South Carolina criminal environmental matters and other matters as assigned.
Handled all State Grand Jury post-conviction relief matters.
Indicted the first-ever State Grand Jury environmental criminal case.
Provided guidance and interpretation of laws to investigators.

Post-Conviction Relief & Criminal Appeals Section (2006-2008)
Handled approximately 550 Post-Conviction Relief and State Habeas Corpus cases.
Wrote approximately seven Petitions for Writs of Certiorari to the state Supreme Court and approximately 110 Returns to Petitions for Writs of Certiorari, and handled other Appellate Court briefings

(e) The Honorable Clifton Newman - Kingstree, SC
Judicial Law Clerk, November 2004 – July 2006
Wrote orders, handle scheduling, liaison between the judge and members of the Bar, organized the office, saved judge's life from a heart attack.

(f) Rogers, Townsend, & Thomas, PC - Columbia, SC
Law Clerk/Title Reviewer, June 2004 – November 2004
Reviewed title abstracts for title insurance binders.

(g) Anderson & Brown, LLC – Hampton, SC
Law Clerk, June 2004 – November 2004
General law clerk duties, drafting deeds, abstracting, assisting with court matters, etc.

Ms. McMahan further reported regarding her experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

My experience with criminal law started once I graduated from law school and started clerking for Judge Newman back in 2004. I have been handling criminal law matters for eighteen years now. Most of my criminal law experience has been as a prosecutor; however, in private practice I have had criminal defense clients with cases in Summary Court as well as in General Sessions. I also work with the Sixth Circuit Solicitor's Office prosecuting all kinds of criminal matters from domestic violence court, to juvenile court, to high level felonies.

The issues involved in my criminal cases are all over the board. It could be a juvenile waived up to General Sessions, it could be issues related to the chain of custody for drugs, it could be a statement made by a child in a forensic interview setting. I've had all of these issues come up before and then some. I am in Circuit Court at least five days a month, usually more.

My civil practice consists mostly of post-conviction relief matters, a few personal injury matters, as well some immigration cases. While most people probably don't think of post-conviction relief as a civil matter, these cases are civil and are filed in Common Pleas. Instead of a Summons & Complaint, the Applicant files an Application. Instead of an Answer, the State files a Return. Otherwise, all the same civil rules of procedure apply. I have been doing post-conviction relief matters since 2006. I continue to do them now via appointment or by being retained. I have probably handled close to 400 of these cases. Most of the issues involved in these cases related to ineffective assistance of counsel of their prior criminal attorney since these cases are collateral attacks on criminal convictions.

In addition, my civil practice also consists of general civil matters in magistrate courts as well as appeals from magistrate

court, some family court matters, probate, and civil cases in federal court. Some of the types of cases I have handled/filed in magistrate courts include breach of contract type matters, restraining orders, etc. My family court experience has been with simple divorces, name changes, gender marker changes, as well as juvenile prosecution matters. In probate court I have mostly dealt with death certificate amendments, while in federal court I have filed federal habeas corpus cases and writs of mandamus related to immigration matters. I have also handled vital records litigation in Circuit Court.

Ms. McMahan reported the frequency of her court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 1%;
(b) State: 99%

Ms. McMahan reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 45%;
(b) Criminal: 45%;
(c) Domestic: 3%;
(d) Other: 7%.

Ms. McMahan reported her practice in trial court as follows:

(a) The vast majority of my practice is in trial court. I would estimate at least 85% of what I do is in trial court. (I am including both jury trials and bench trials.) If I were to split between jury and non-jury practice, I would estimate that 20% of my criminal cases end up as a jury trial, while the remainder of my cases are bench trials or are matters that are generally handled short hearings. (i.e. Juvenile trials, post-conviction relief matters, and family court matters.)

(b) This is a hard number to quantify as I handle both jury and non-jury matters but over the past five years I estimate I have tried to verdict at least five jury trials. (This includes during the COVID shut down.)

(c) Again, difficult to quantify simply because record management does not distinguish between a matter that started as a trial and ended up with a guilty plea. I

estimate I have had at least another five cases where a jury was pulled and/or opening statements or the State's case was presented and then the Defendant decided to plead guilty.

(d) Please see the above answer.

Ms. McMahan provided that during the past five years she most often served as sole counsel, occasionally co-counsel.

The following is Ms. McMahan's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *State of South Carolina v. David Matthew Carter* (Lancaster County 2016-GS-29-00036, 37, 38) – Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, First Degree. A week-long trial involving a minor who was the step-daughter of the defendant. Judge allowed the defendant to be in secondary courtroom while the minor victim testified. Matter is currently on appeal and oral arguments were recently held at the Supreme Court. https://www.heraldonline.com/news/local/crime/article211857364.html

(b) *Ivis Ahimara Reyes Yedra v. State of South Carolina* (Lexington County 2017-CP-32-04132) – Post-Conviction Relief matter stemming from a State Grand Jury conviction. Applicant was not properly advised of immigration consequences, among other things. Was denied relief in lower court. Certiorari was denied. Remittitur sent on March 23, 2023.

(c) *State of South Carolina v. George W. Smolen* (State Grand Jury 2013-GS-47-0003) – First and only State Grand Jury environmental case. Defendant was an armchair chemist and was attempting to create biodiesel. Contaminated large areas of land and runoff seeped into Lake Hartwell. https://regionalassociations.org/upstate-businessman-target-of-first-sc-state-grand-jury-pollution-indictment/

(d) *State of South Carolina v. Charlie Tillman* (Abbeville County 2013-GS-01-00175, 176, 177) – Calhoun Falls town councilman was arrested for driving under the influence and threatening a public official. Trial was started but after two days of testimony,

defendant decided to plead guilty. Very contentious matter within that community, defendant was the reason the entire police force of Calhoun Falls quit. https://www.wyff4.com/article/upstate-councilman-charged-with-dui-takes-plea-deal/7009388

(e) *State of South Carolina v. George Ralph Bobo* – (Greenville County, 2013-GS-23-08476, 08477) – Defendant was former police officer for Simpsonville. During a job interview with SLED, he admitted to destroying evidence in a murder case. Charged with misconduct in office and obstruction of justice. https://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/golden-strip/2015/06/16/bobo-guilty-misconduct-investigation-murder/28839239/

The following is Ms. McMahan's account of five civil appeals she has personally handled:

(a) *Simuel v. State of South Carolina*, 390 S.C. 267, 701 S.E.2d 738 (Sup. Ct. 2010)

(b) *Robinson v. State of South Carolina*, 387 S.C. 568, 693 S.E.2d 402 (Sup. Ct. 2010)

(c) *Edwards v. State of South Carolina*, 392 S.C. 449, 710 S.E.2d 60 (Sup. Ct. 2011)

(d) *Barber v. State of South Carolina*, 393 S.C. 232, 712 S.E.2d 436 (Sup. Ct. 2011)

(e) *Yedra v. State of South Carolina*, Appellate Case No.: 2019-1309. Remittitur sent on March 23, 2023. Not reported.

The following is Ms. McMahan's account of two criminal appeals she has personally handled:

(a) *State of South Carolina v. Whitesides*, 397 S.C. 313, 725 S.E.2d 487 (Sup. Ct. 2012).

(b) *Rosetta Miller v. State of South Carolina*, criminal appeal from magistrate court to Common Pleas. Not reported. (2022-CP-20-00253)

Ms. McMahan further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

I ran for a Circuit Court, At-Large Seat 3 in 2022. I withdrew from the race mid-November 2022.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Ms. McMahan's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Ms. McMahan to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, character, reputation, physical health, mental stability, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness and professional and academic ability. The Committee commented "Needs more past experience, but willing to prepare for future application."

Ms. McMahan is not married. She does not have any children.

Ms. McMahan reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) Richland County Bar Association
(b) Lexington County Bar Association – Executive Committee 2020 & 2021
(c) Lancaster County Bar Association
(d) American Immigration Lawyers Association – CLE Committee 2019 to present
(e) Trial & Appellate Advocacy Committee – Executive Committee 2022 to present
(f) Practice & Procedure Committee
(g) South Carolina Association for Justice
(h) Solo & Small Firm Section
(i) Fairfield County Bar Association
(j) Young Lawyers Division – YLD Executive Committee, 5th Circuit Representative
July 2009 – June 2013
(k) South Carolina Women Lawyers' Association – 2005 to 2007 (approx..)

Ms. McMahan provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) SQ Rescue – SBT (pet rescue)
(b) Carolina Hearts Aussie Rescue

(c) South Carolina Bar Leadership Academy, Inaugural Class 2008-2009
(d) South Carolina Bar YLD Star of the Quarter – FY 2010-2011
(e) John R. Justice award – 2018 Solicitor's Conference
(f) SC Women Lawyer's Association – Young Lawyer to Watch, September 2006
(g) Series 6 & 63 securities licenses – 2000 to 2001
(h) SC Life, Accident, & Health Insurance License – 2000 to 2001
(i) Certified Circuit Court Mediator – August 2023.

Ms. McMahan further reported:
Upon information and belief, I have no other information at this time.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Ms. McMahan has a plethora of experience and presented as a professional and knowledgeable candidate.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Ms. McMahan qualified, but did not nominate her for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8.

R. Bruce Wallace
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Wallace meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Wallace was born in 1971. He is 52 years old and a resident of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. Mr. Wallace provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1996.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Wallace.

Mr. Wallace demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Wallace reported that he has made $5.00 in campaign expenditures for postage.

Mr. Wallace testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;

(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;

(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Wallace testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Wallace to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Wallace reported the following about teaching law-related courses:
I have taught continuing legal education courses for National Business Institute in the past, but it has been more than 15 years since I last taught a course.

Mr. Wallace reported that he has published the following:

(a) Co-Author, Roadmap to Collection – How to Navigate Debtor Exemptions in South Carolina, approved for publication, S.C. Lawyer, September 2018

(b) Co-Author, Show Me the Money – Collecting Judgments Against the Savvy Judgment Debtor, S.C. Lawyer, September 2016

(c) Author, Serving the Master: Challenging the Authority Power or Jurisdiction of the Master-in-Equity, S.C. Lawyer, January 2015
(d) Contributing Author, Federal Consumer Credit Protection Statutes (DRI 2015)
(e) Co-author, Strategies to Obtain Early Settlement of General Aviation Claims, Skywritings (DRI 2014)
(f) Author, With Friends Like These, Who Needs Enemies? Getting Out of Default is Never Easy, S.C. Lawyer, November 2013
(g) Author, SC Chapter, The Collateral Source Rule: A Compendium of State Law (DRI 2012)
(h) Author, SC Chapter, Professional Liability Insurance: A Compendium of State Law (DRI 2012)
(i)Co-author, Using Non-reliance Clauses in Defense of Fraud Claims, The Business Suit (DRI March 2006).
(j)Regional Editor, Unfair Trade Practices: A Compendium of State Law (DRI 2005).

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Wallace did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Wallace did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Wallace has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Wallace was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Wallace reported the following:
(a) I am listed as AV "preeminent" rated, Martin Hubbell.
(b) I am listed in Best Lawyers in America for Commercial Litigation (since 2015) and Litigation – Insurance (since 2016). I was named Lawyer of the Year in Litigation – Insurance, for 2017 and 2020.

(c) I have been listed in SuperLawyers 2008-2009, and 2016-2022.

(d)

Mr. Wallace reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Wallace reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:

Mr. Wallace appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:

Mr. Wallace appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:

Mr. Wallace was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1996.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 1996-1998. Law Clerk, the Honorable C. Weston Houck, United States District Court. Served as a judicial law clerk, assisting the court with orders, trials, motions, and other administrative tasks.

(b) 1998-2002. Wallace and Wallace (formerly Wallace and Tinkler). I was an associate attorney then a partner in a personal injury law firm. We handled domestic cases, criminal defense cases, personal injury, legal malpractice defense, probate and trust litigation. I was not involved in the financial management of this entity, nor did I manage trust accounts.

(c) 2002-present. Maynard Nexsen PC (formerly Nexsen Pruet, LLC). I am a shareholder in the law firm. I handle matters involving commercial litigation (plaintiff and defense), insurance coverage (mostly defense), legal malpractice defense, probate and trust litigation (plaintiff and defense), and real estate disputes (plaintiff and defense). I have been a signatory on several trust accounts, but have no involvement in the management of the firm.

Mr. Wallace further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

During my 27-year career, I have actively appeared before the Circuit Court in at least 20 counties in South Carolina. In the past five years, I have appeared before a Circuit Court judge on a regular basis.

(a) I have limited experience in criminal matters in the Circuit Court during the past five years. However, I practiced criminal law from 1998 to approximately 2011 in all courts, including the Circuit Court. I studied criminal procedure and substantive criminal law during those years, and I plan to draw on that experience to preside over criminal matters in Circuit Court. Additionally, I plan to study each case and each matter as they come before me, researching the statutes, case law, and applicable Rules of Criminal Procedure.

(b) I have extensive experience in civil matters before the Circuit Court in the past five years. I have served as lead counsel or sole counsel in all of those matters. I regularly file and argue motions, and I have tried cases in Circuit Court, both bench and jury trials. I represent individuals and companies in a wide variety of commercial litigation claims. I have handled insurance coverage disputes, mostly representing insurance companies, but several times I have represented the insureds. I have handled numerous real estate matters in Circuit Court, involving Homeowner Association rules, boundary disputes, and restrictive covenants. I have defended lawyers in legal malpractice actions. I have handled other general civil matters, including litigation involving financial institutions, where I mostly represent the financial institutions. I have represented landowners in condemnation proceedings, both in the proceedings to fix the award and proceedings to challenge the condemnation. I have handled personal injury matters, both large and small, usually representing defendants.

Mr. Wallace reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 30%;
(b) State: 70%.

Mr. Wallace reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 90%;
(b) Criminal: 5%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 5% (probate).

Mr. Wallace reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) 90% of my practice is in trial court. About 10% involve appeals.
(b) Three (3) cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict.
(c) No cases went to trial.
(d) No cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements.

Mr. Wallace provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel or chief counsel.

The following is Mr. Wallace's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *Christina Jones v. Mary P. Miles*, Case No. 2022-CP-32-00867 (Eleventh Judicial Circuit). I defended a lawyer in a legal malpractice action. After a jury trial, the jury found the plaintiff to be forty percent (40%) comparatively negligent.
(b) *MAC Coastal Properties, Inc. v. Shoestring Retreat, LLC*, Case No. 2020-CP-22-0072 (Fifteenth Judicial Circuit). I represented a homeowner in a restrictive covenant enforcement action that involved complex legal principles and significant equitable defenses. The court ruled against my client, and my client appealed the final order. The case remains on appeal.
(c) *SM Charleston, LLC v. Daniel Island Riverside Developers, LLC*, Case No. 2020-CP-08-00914 (Ninth Judicial Circuit). I represented a developer in a contract dispute with another developer, involving complex contractual issues, development ordinances, and equitable defenses.

(d) *City of Folly Beach, et al. v. State, et al.*, Case No. 2019-CP-10-00717 (Ninth Judicial Circuit). I represented a homeowner in a civil action where the municipality offered a novel legal theory to prevent development of the homeowner's lot. The trial court dismissed the complaint and the municipality appealed the dismissal. The case is pending on appeal.

(e) *Brown, et al. v. Richardson, et al.*, Case no. 2018-CP-26-3173 (Fifteenth Judicial Circuit). I represented several members of the board of directors for a homeowners' association. We obtained partial summary judgment on plaintiffs' main cause of action for declaratory relief. The case is highly contested and involved the complex interplay of recorded homeowner documents, statutes, and case law. Plaintiffs appealed the Order granting summary judgment, and the case is pending on appeal.

The following is Mr. Wallace's account of three civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *Accident, Injury & Rehab., PC v. Azar*, 943 F.3d 195 (4th Cir. 2019).

(b) *Regions Bank v. Owens*, 402 S.C. 642, 741 S.E.2d 51 (Ct. App. 2013).

(c) *Charleston Trident Home Builders, Inc. v. Town Council of Town of Summerville*, 369 S.C. 498, 632 S.E.2d 864 (2006).

Mr. Wallace reported that has has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Mr. Wallace further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) I withdrew from consideration for Circuit Court, At Large Seat No. 9 in 2014.

(b) I was an unsuccessful candidate for a United States Magistrate Judge position in 2015.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Wallace's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Mr. Wallace to be "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, mental stability, and experience.

Mr. Wallace is married to Sally M. Wallace. He has four children.

Mr. Wallace reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) S.C. Bar Association, 1996 to present
  (1) Board of Governors, 2017-2020.
  (2) House of Delegates, 2004-2017.
  (3) Chair-Elect, Trial and Appellate Advocacy Council, 2016.

(b) Federal Bar Association, SC Chapter, Board of Directors, 2008-2012.

(c) Defense Research Institute (DRI), Program Chair, Professional Liability Committee, 2019.

Mr. Wallace provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Member, St. Andrews Church, Mt. Pleasant.

(b) Secretary and Director, North Charleston Dental Outreach, 2020-present.

(c) Standing Committee, Diocese of the Carolinas, 2019-2022.

(d) Mentor, USC School of Law 1L Professionalism Series, 2020.

(e) Mentor, Supreme Court Lawyer Mentoring Program, 2022-present.

(f) Recipient, Compleat Lawyer, USC School of Law, Gold, 2020.

(g) Legal Elite of the Lowcountry, Charleston Business Magazine
Insurance, 2018-2019.
Estate and Trust – Litigation, 2022.

Mr. Wallace further reported:
My grandfather, O. T. Wallace, served as master-in-equity in Charleston County. My father, Robert Wallace, served as the Ninth Circuit Solicitor from 1968 to 1976. I learned from both of these men the value of the rule of law, the integrity of the judicial system, and the effort it takes to maintain both. I hope to serve as a Circuit Court judge consistent with the highest principles embraced and demonstrated by these two men.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission was impressed by Mr. Wallace's vast litigation experience, his intellect, and his temperament. The Commission noted that the BallotBox survey overwhelming reflected in a positive manner his skills as a lawyer as well as his qualities as a person.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Wallace qualified, but did not nominate him for election as Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8.

Christian G. Spradley
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Spradley meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Spradley was born in 1969. He is 54 years old and a resident of Batesburg-Leesville, South Carolina. Mr. Spradley provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1997.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Spradley.

Mr. Spradley demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Spradley reported that he has made $807.69 in campaign expenditures for printing business cards, resumes, magnetic name badges, and hand cards and note cards.

Mr. Spradley testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Spradley testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Spradley to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Spradley reported that he has taught or lectured at the following bar association conferences, educational institutions, or continuing legal or judicial education programs:

(a) I lectured at the March 18, 2002 DUI Trial Advocacy From Arrest to Verdict presented by the South Carolina Prosecution Commission, the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, and the South Carolina Sheriffs' Association.
I lectured at the March 17, 2008 Magistrate Orientation School.

(b) I lectured at the July 21, 2008 Magistrate Orientation School.
(c) I lectured at the March 16, 2009 Magistrate Orientation School.
(d) I lectured at the July 20, 2009 Magistrate Orientation School.
(e) I lectured at the August 17, 2009 Annual Intensive Training for Magistrate and Municipal Judges.
(f) I lectured at the August 16, 2010 Annual Intensive Training for Magistrate and Municipal Judges.
(g) I lectured at the May 1, 2012 Criminal Litigation from A to Z CLE.
(h) I lectured at the February 20, 2014 "May it Please the Court" Effective Case Presentation at Trial CLE.
(i)I lectured for SDDOR in 2015 to County Auditors, Treasurers, and Tax Collectors on FOIA issues.
(j)I lectured at the August 15, 2016 Annual Intensive Training for Magistrate and Municipal Judges
(k) I lectured at the August 4, 2019 SCACA Annual Conference.
(l)I lectured at the March 6, 2020 Sex Crimes: Getting Serious about Sex Crime Defense.
(m) I lectured at the October 13, 2021 SCMA Conference.
(n) I have lectured at the SCFFA Leadership Institute for multiple year on legal issues.
(o) I have lectured at the SCFFA Officer's Academy for multiple years on legal issues.
(p) I have lectured at multiple fire departments throughout the state for years on legal issues.

Mr. Spradley reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. Spradley did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Spradley did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Spradley has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Spradley was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. Spradley reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Spradley reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. Spradley reported that he has never held public office**.**

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Spradley appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Spradley appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Spradley was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1997.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 1997 Law Office of John Harte – Only employed for a period of weeks

(b) 1998-1999 Aiken County Public Defenders' Office – Defense of Indigents on matters ranging from DUI to Murder.

(c) 1999-2002 Lexington County Solicitors' Office – Prosecution of Criminal Cases from DUI to Murder. First Prosecutor for the LCMANET.

(d) 2002-Present Moore Bradley Myers Law Firm P.A. (with preceding names excluded). – Hired as an Associate, became Partner in 2005 and became Managing Partner in 2021. My practice is a General Practice covering many areas of the law. In operating the Saluda office, I personally have been responsible for the day to day

operation, administrative operation and financial management of the office since it opened. Since becoming Managing Partner, I am responsible for the overall operation of the firm. All attorneys are responsible for the management of trust accounts. In Saluda, I have a trust account for which I am responsible.

Mr. Spradley further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

Criminal Experience: During my employment with the Aiken County Public Defenders' Office and the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Solicitors' Office I both prosecuted and defended cases ranging from DUI to Murder. I learned valuable lessons from both positions.

As a Public Defender I learned how to deal with large caseloads while ensuring that each client received both the legal and personal time needed for their cases. It was driven home that every case is important to ensure that rights are not infringed upon. The time management skills that I learned have been a great help to me in my practice.

As an Assistant Solicitor I was hired to originally run Transfer Court. This entailed setting a docket and running the Court. I was later moved to General Sessions where I eventually became the prosecutor for the Lexington County Narcotics Enforcement Team. I spent time with law enforcement and directed them as to what was expected from them from a prosecution standpoint. I learned how to determine which cases were worthy of prosecution and which defendants were worthy of second chances. In essence, dispensing justice does not equate to obtaining a conviction in every case. I learned that certain cases required rehabilitation, while others called for housing a defendant.

In private practice I have solely defended accused individuals. I handle cases in both city/magistrate courts as well as General Sessions. I have handled cases ranging from traffic tickets to Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor and Murder.

Civil Experience: Once I entered private practice I began obtaining experience in the civil realm. Most of my civil practice has revolved around Plaintiffs' cases, but I have also had a few cases on the defense side as well as appearing often in Family Court. I have also served as County Attorney for a number of years as well as representing municipalities and a Special Purpose District. I have handled probate matters as well as cases before Masters-In-Equity/Special Referees.

From a Plaintiff's standpoint, I have dealt with wreck cases, property cases, contractual disputes, fiduciary issues, election issues, as well as others. My defense practice has been limited to auto and civil issues over property.

Mr. Spradley reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: Very infrequently. Once in total;
(b) State: Depending on time of year, weekly.

Mr. Spradley reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 33%;
(b) Criminal: 33%;
(c) Domestic: 25%;
(d) Other: 8%.

Mr. Spradley reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
(a) 90% was in trial court including cases that settled prior to trial;
(b) 3% went to trial and resulted in a verdict
(c) 6% went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case
(d) 1% settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements

Mr. Spradley provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. Spradley's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *State v. James Michael Lucas* – As an Assistant Solicitor I was assigned this case which was originally charged as Involuntary Manslaughter by another Assistant Solicitor. When I received the case to prosecute, the fact pattern led me to believe that something other than an accident took place. I requested that a SLED Crime Scene team perform a blood spatter analysis nearly a year after the incident. Based on newly discovered evidence I was able to prove that Mr. Lucas shouldered his weapon and fired it killing a 13 year old mentally handicapped girl. Mr. Lucas was Straight Indicted for and convicted of Murder. He received a Life Sentence.

(b) *State v. Johnny West* – Mr. West was charged with Driving with an Unlawful Alcohol Concentration when the law was first adopted. A ticket was never written for the original DUI which negated law enforcement's ability to request a breath sample. The order that I obtained dismissing my client's charges and the theory I used has been utilized by numerous defense attorneys in the State.

(c) *State v. Donnie Brown* – As a Public Defender I represented Mr. Brown who was charged with Murder in Aiken County. His defense was self-defense. At the end of the State's case, Mr. Brown was offered a plea to involuntary manslaughter with a negotiated sentence which would have resulted in time served. Mr. Brown declined the offer and was later convicted of Murder. This case is significant in that though my vigorous defense was able to obtain an offer which would have afforded Mr. Brown a life outside of prison.

(d) *Durst v. Koontz* – This case involved property on Lake Murray where the Defendant claimed ownership of portions of land deed to Plaintiff. In representing Plaintiff I was able to establish ownership in my client and defeat Defendant's claim of acquiescence in the property line.

(e) *Wiszowati v. Republican Party* – Client was a candidate for a South Carolina House seat and was removed from the ballot on the Saturday before the primary. I was able to have my client remain on the ballot.

The following is Mr. Spradley's account of three civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *Lambries v. Saluda County Council*, 760 S.E.2d 785 (S.C. 2014) – June 18, 2014. This case dealt with the Freedom of Information Act issue as to whether it was proper for a County Council to amend its agenda during a regular meeting. I was successful in having the Circuit Court uphold the amendment as proper and Plaintiff appealed. In a split decision the Court of Appeals held that it was not proper. The case was argued before the Supreme Court of South Carolina which overturned the Court of Appeals and affirmed the Circuit Court.

(b) *Perry v. Perry*, Unpublished – January 5, 2009. Family Court post-divorce custody action. Representing the Mother/Plaintiff we requested the Court name a primary custodian in a split custody situation due to significant discord in the decision making process between the parents. We argued that no change in circumstance was necessary because we were not changing the custodial situation, only clarifying it. Trial Court ruled that a change in circumstance was necessary and refused to make any changes. We appealed and the Court of Appeals upheld the Trial Court's ruling.

(c) *Clark v. Irving et al* – September 26, 2013. This is a partition action in which I represent the Plaintiff. Several different people own smaller shares of a large tract of land. After obtaining the results desired by my client, one of the defendants appealed. The Appeal was dismissed.

The following is Mr. Spradley's account of the criminal appeal he has personally handled:

State v. Fayth Leeann Dickson – September 15, 2010. Client was convicted of DUI in Magistrates Court. We appealed based on eight separate grounds. In the case the proper advising of Miranda, chain of custody, proper foundation for admission of evidence, and Rule 5 of the Criminal Rules of Procedure were major issues. The Circuit Court granted the appeal and dismissed the charges against the Defendant.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. Spradley's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Mr. Spradley to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional requirements, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Well qualified all the way around. Pleasant and endearing."

Mr. Spradley is married to Christina "Christy" Reece Spradley. He has two children.

Mr. Spradley reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) Tri-County Bar
(c) Saluda County Bar – President 2019 – Present
(d) Lexington County Bar
(e) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers – Board Member 2016-2018
(f) SC Bar Ethics Advisory Committee 2022-Present
(g) SC Bar Convention Committee 2022-Present
(h) SC Bar House of Delegates 2018-Present
(i) SC Association of Justice
(j) 11th Circuit Fee Dispute Board Member

Mr. Spradley provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) B-L Rotary Club – Member 2017-Present, President 2019-2020, Board of Directors 2020-2021
(b) Town of Saluda Fire Department – Firefighter 2012-Present
(c) F3 Nation – F3 Lexington – F3 Smokehouse

Mr. Spradley further reported:

I have learned that attorneys that work in trial courts deal with people who are at the lowest point of their lives. They have either lost someone, been injured, been victimized, accused of a crime, going through a divorce, or some other life altering event. Most of the time, if these individuals feel that they have been heard and have been treated fairly, they may not like it but will accept the result. In many cases, how the result is delivered can make all the difference in how it is perceived. Harsh results can be handed down with a velvet glove. I would aspire to be the kind of judge that may not rule a way that everyone likes, but in a way that everyone understands and hopefully can live with.

I have been blessed with a great family. My father instilled in me the belief that public service and giving back to my fellow man are cornerstones of society. My wife has been very supportive of my desire to serve our State as a Circuit Court Judge. I am offering myself out of pure desire to continue a lifelong commitment to my fellow man.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented that Mr. Spradley has outstanding knowledge of the law and diverse experience in handling civil and criminal matters, including as a prosecutor, that would serve him well as a jurist.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Mr. Spradley qualified, but did not nominate him for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16.

S. Boyd Young
Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:

Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. Young meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Circuit Court judge.

Mr. Young was born in 1974. He is 49 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Mr. Young provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at

least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1999. He was also admitted to the Georgia Bar in 2005.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. Young.

Mr. Young demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. Young reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Mr. Young testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. Young testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. Young to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. Young reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I have lectured and taught at the National Criminal Defense College annually since 2009. It is a two-week trial advocacy program for criminal defense attorneys with various levels of experience.
(b) I have lectured and taught at the National College of Capital Voir Dire annually since 2007. It is a program

dedicated to teaching constitutional voir dire requirements to attorneys.

(c) In 2010 I founded a public defender training program for South Carolina, and it has since been turned into a mandated training program for all new public defenders. I continue to teach and lecture in the program.

(d) I am on the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, Capital Committee where I serve as Co-Chair. I put on an annual continuing legal education seminar regarding capital defense.

(e) I participate annually in the South Carolina Bar Mock Trial competition.

(f) In 2009 South Carolina Solicitors and defense lawyers received a joint grant to host training programs for capital cases. I managed the defense lawyer training and over the course of three years held multiple training events around the state. This was a joint effort to combat South Carolina's near 80% reversal rate in capital cases.

Mr. Young reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Young did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. Young did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. Young has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. Young was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:

Mr. Young reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. Young reported the following military service:

May 1993 – February 5, 1996. United States Navy, Midshipman. Honorable Discharge, February 5, 1996

Mr. Young reported that he has never held any public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. Young appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. Young appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. Young was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1999.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 1999-2000 I was hired as a law clerk to A. Victor Rawl, Circuit Court Judge in Charleston, SC. My duties included assisting Judge Rawl with both criminal and civil matters throughout South Carolina.

(b) 2000-2005 I was hired at the Charleston County Public Defender's Office. I was an assistant public defender for five years and promoted to senior trial attorney. I handled all levels of criminal cases.

(c) 2005-2008 I joined the newly formed Georgia Capital Defender Office in Atlanta where I handled trial level capital cases throughout the state of Georgia.

(d) 2008-2017 I returned to South Carolina to help form the Capital Trial Division for the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense. I was initially hired as the Deputy Attorney of the office.

(e) 2017-Present I have served as the Chief Attorney of the Capital Trial Division. I supervise two other attorneys, a paralegal, and numerous interns and externs. We handle trial level death penalty cases throughout the state and have been directly responsible for saving South Carolina over $1 Million annually.

Mr. Young further reported regarding his experience with the Circuit Court practice area:

As the Deputy and Chief Attorney for the Capital Trial Division for the South Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense, I have been involved in almost every death penalty trial conducted in South Carolina in the past fifteen years. I appeared before a Circuit Court Judge at least once a month during the past five years. Recently I was lead counsel on the longest capital trial ever held in South Carolina, State v. Timothy R. Jones, Jr. in Lexington County. This case involved numerous forensic and legal issues. It included everything from DNA to serious mental health claims, and Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Eighth Amendment Constitutional issues. In preparation for the trial there were over one hundred pretrial motions litigated and a multi-state investigation conducted over the course of several years. Witnesses from all over the country had to be coordinated and brought to Court by the State and Defense for the trial. The central issue was whether Mr. Jones suffered from a mental illness, and if so, was it to the extent that he could not form the criminal intent necessary to be found guilty of murder. It was an extraordinarily complicated case that involved hundreds of witnesses and lasted for almost eight weeks including several weeks of jury selection.

Throughout my 23 year career as a trial lawyer, I have handled every type of criminal case at all court levels, from parking tickets in Municipal Court to death penalty cases in General Sessions Court. I have also handled cases involving every possible defense, from mistaken identification to insanity. I have dealt with every type of forensic issue from multi-source DNA statistics to tire track comparisons.

My civil court experience is limited to quasi-civil matters such as PCR and appeals from Magistrate Court. While my direct experience with Common Pleas Court is limited, capital cases often involve ancillary matters that must be dealt with, both for clients and their family members. I have dealt with these matters throughout my legal career and I am always quick to review the rules of civil procedure and help guide people through the process. Putting together a mitigation case for a capital case is not all that different from a civil case in which you are seeking a “but – for” causation. I feel that my extensive capital trial background makes me well suited for constantly learning and

staying up to date on the law and its many changes. I would bring this same dedication to civil matters. Being a good capital trial attorney means that you have to be knowledgeable and well-versed in all aspects of the law – civil, criminal, appellate, domestic, and administrative.

Mr. Young reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: None;
(b) State: Monthly.

Mr. Young reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 1%;
(b) Criminal: 97%;
(c) Domestic: 1%;
(d) Other: 1%.

Mr. Young reported his practice in trial court as follows:
(a) 97% of his cases were in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial
(b) 15 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict
(c) 0 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case
(d) 0 cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements

Mr. Young provided that during the past five years he most often served as chief counsel.

The following is Mr. Young's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *State v. Timothy R. Jones, Jr.* 2023 WL 2671754 (March 29, 2023) This was a death penalty trial in Lexington, SC in 2019. The case is currently pending in the South Carolina Supreme Court for direct review. This was the longest, most complicated death penalty case in recent history. This case was significant for a multitude of reasons, but I think it was an important example of how our mental health facilities and social institutions fail to protect our most vulnerable citizens. While there were

several open Department of Social Services investigations, Mr. Jones continued to spiral out of control, and it eventually resulted in the killing of five innocent children. I was lead counsel for Mr. Jones. The trial was tremendously impactful on me, both as a person and a lawyer.

(b) *Kenneth Simmons v. State*, 416 S.C. 584, 788 s.E.2d 220 (2016). A Post Conviction Relief case in which I became involved based on my knowledge and experience with DNA evidence. My representation at Mr. Simmons' PCR resulted in a reversal of his conviction, and ultimately Mr. Simmons pleaded guilty for a reduced sentence. The Solicitor in the case had presented false DNA results implicating Mr. Simmons. The case demonstrates the necessity of attorneys and judges being well educated on the forensic issues that impact jury trials.

(c) *State v. Todd Kohlhepp*. A 2017 case involving a serial killer from Spartanburg. Mr. Kohlhepp was charged with seven murders and the kidnapping and sexual assault of a woman found chained in a storage container on his property. This case demonstrated that early and adequate representation for the accused leads to better outcomes for all involved. Because of my early involvement I was able to ensure that all of Mr. Kohlhepp's personal property went into receivership, resulting in the victims' ability to recover, monetarily, some small part of their losses. Through the early cooperation of Mr. Kohlhepp, and with the consent of the victims, we were able to negotiate life without parole sentences for Mr. Kohlhepp - saving the State significant expense and the victims the emotional impact of a long, drawn out process. I was lead counsel for Mr. Kohlhepp.

(d) *State v. Crystal Johnson*. A murder case out of Spartanburg in 2016. Ms. Johnson was already in prison serving a sentence for child neglect when the Sheriff identified her as a suspect in a double murder that occurred several years prior. The State's intention to seek the death penalty was announced at a press conference. Once warrants were drafted I was able to get involved and conduct a thorough investigation. I was able to prove that Ms. Johnson was not involved in the murders.

Additionally, I was able to uncover the identity of the actual murderer which I forwarded to the Solicitor's Office. This case is important to show why a thorough investigation is necessary, how devastating a rush to judgement can be, and why attention to detail is crucial in the administration of justice.

(e) *State v. John Edward Weik*. This was a 2016 death penalty retrial in Dorchester County. Mr. Weik was tried, convicted, and given the death penalty. His sentence was affirmed in 2004. The PCR Judge found that his counsel was deficient for failing to investigate and present Mr. Weik's extensive mental health history to the jury. Weik v. State, 409 S.C. 214, S.E.2d 757 (2014). I was able to provide the Solicitor with proof that Mr. Weik was schizophrenic. He then received an offer to plead to life without parole which he accepted. The case is significant because it demonstrates the value of the appointment of qualified counsel in complicated cases to avoid costly retrials.

Mr. Young reported that he has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

Mr. Young further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

In 2020 I was screened as a candidate for Circuit Court, At Large, Seat 12. I was found to be well qualified but was not selected as a final candidate by the Committee.

In 2021 I was screened out as a candidate for Circuit Court, Fifth Circuit, Seat 2. I was submitted to the legislature as one of 3 well qualified candidates but withdrew prior to the election. In 2022 I was screened out as a candidate for Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 3, and withdrew prior to the election.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Mr. Young's temperament would be excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:

The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. Young to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of

constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee stated: "No doubt well-qualified".

Mr. Young is married to Laura W. Young. He has two children.

Mr. Young reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers - Member

(b) National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers – Capital Trial Committee – Co-chair

(c) South Carolina Public Defender Association – Board Member

(d) Richland County Bar Association – Member

(e) South Carolina Association for Justice - Member

Mr. Young provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Recognized by the Red Cross as a Platelet Donor

(b) I run an annual charity yard sale at my house to support children with an incarcerated parent at Christmas.

(c) My wife worked with Achieve Columbia – a group dedicated to providing support services to at risk youth in local schools – which resulted in us getting an educational guardianship for a minor and having her live with us for her last two years of High School, there was a recognition by Achieve Columbia.

Mr. Young further reported:

I had the great fortune of clerking for a Judge that was respected by all parties that came before him. He taught me how to maintain poise even when others could not, the value of always being prepared, and treating others with dignity and respect no matter the circumstances. I have spent my career as a trial lawyer in courtrooms across South Carolina applying these lessons. I have appeared in front of great jurists, and some not so great, but we have always managed to get along and get the work done. I have managed some of the most complex cases in South

Carolina and maintained a case budget that saves the citizens of South Carolina money. At the same time, I have maintained good relationships with not only opposing counsel, but also with many of the victims in cases that I was defending. If selected, I will make a good addition to the South Carolina Judiciary.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Mr. Young has an outstanding reputation, noting his intellect, demeanor, and reputation. The Commission also noted his years of service to the state and extensive experience and knowledge handling criminal matters.
(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. Young qualified, but did not nominate him for election to Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16.

NOT QUALIFIED

Paul F. LeBarron
Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4

Commission's Findings: NOT QUALIFIED

Pursuant to § 2-19-80(A), if fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the Commission concludes that there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.

For the vacancy for Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4, three candidates applied for this vacancy, one candidate was found not qualified, and one withdrew. Accordingly, the name and qualifications of one candidate is hereby submitted in this report.

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Mr. LeBarron meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Family Court judge.

Mr. LeBarron was born in 1970. He is 53 years old and a resident of Ladson, South Carolina. Mr. LeBarron provided in his

application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1995. He was also admitted to the North Carolina Bar in 1995.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Mr. LeBarron.

Mr. LeBarron demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Mr. LeBarron reported that he has made $97.18 in campaign expenditures for postage, and cards.

Mr. LeBarron testified he has not:

(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Mr. LeBarron testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Mr. LeBarron to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Mr. LeBarron reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I have lectured at the New Family Court Judge Orientation School every year since 2017, discussing the Division's supplementary processes and remedies in the framework of support obligation enforcement.

(b) I have presented regarding the income-shares model of support determination at the Lake County (IL) Family Law Conference held in Charleston in 2019.
(c) I have presented at the 2019 Hot Tips for the Coolest Domestic Law Practitioners seminar regarding the rollout, implementation, and immediate anticipated effects of the new Palmetto Automated Child Support System.
(d) I have presented regarding the child support guidelines and impacts of PACSS to the Charleston County Bar Association (2019), Berkeley County Bar Association (2019), Horry County Bar Association (2023), with the Cooperative Family Law Association (2023), and as part of a Hot Topics from the Bench in the Fourteenth Circuit (2022).

Mr. LeBarron reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Mr. LeBarron did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Mr. LeBarron did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Mr. LeBarron has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Mr. LeBarron was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Mr. LeBarron reported that he is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Mr. LeBarron reported that he has not served in the military.

Mr. LeBarron reported that he has never held public office.

(6) Physical Health:
Mr. LeBarron appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Mr. LeBarron appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Mr. LeBarron was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1995.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) 1995-March 1, 2000: sole practitioner with general practice. Handled individual tax issues along with some domestic practice and estate planning. I handled all administrative and financial functions of the practice, including the trust account.

(b) March 2, 2000 – present: state attorney with the Department of Social Services Child Support Services Division. Practice limited to the establishment of paternity and the establishment, modification, and enforcement of child support obligations for both in-state orders as well as those from other states and countries. I have no involvement with the financial management of the agency, and I maintain no trust account. I have little involvement with the administration in the Division, limited to improvement or implementation of case processing for efficiency.

Mr. LeBarron further reported regarding his experience with the Family Court practice area:

Divorce and equitable division of property: Prior to joining the Child Support Division in 2000, I handled a very simple divorce where parties pretty much had all of their property divided and only wished the divorce be granted. Since then, I did assist a co-worker in her divorce where all property, custody, and support issues had already been resolved by agreement. Because child support deviations can be granted based upon equitable division, I am aware and have been exposed to hundreds of cases to

review the equitable division to see if deviations would apply. This exposure to these end results has provided me an insight as to how such decisions are made, which I can apply to pursue similar results.

Child custody: The Child Support Division does not handle issues of custody or visitation, so my practice has been limited to recognizing the custody vested in unmarried mothers, or accepting and incorporating the agreement of the parties. As custody determinations primarily dictate the application of the child support guidelines, I have reviewed and applied many different custody arrangements to child support calculations, and have seen some of the factors rising to the determinations by the Court.

Adoption: As a fellow division of the Department of Social Services, I have access to Adoption Services and have addressed the related child support cases from that office's activities. I am frequently consulted both before and after adoptive cases to address child support issues, but have never handled such a case before.

Abuse and neglect: The county Abuse and Neglect offices of DSS are separate from the Child Support Division, but there is significant overlap of Child Support in the cases pursued by County DSS. I have worked with my counterparts in the counties for literal decades, so I have been exposed to many different aspects of the cases in addition to child support. On one rare occasion, I stood in for my colleague on a simple placement case due to conflict.

Juvenile justice: I have had no direct involvement with juvenile justice, but my contested child support dockets are held along with those of the Department of Juvenile Justice, which has given me the opportunity to observe many, many juvenile hearings and the manner in which the various judges arrive at their determinations.

My background is analytical, beginning with my college degree in mathematics, continuing with my initial practice of tax and estate planning, and throughout my practice in calculating and

analyzing child support issues. Presiding as a judge is an exercise in problem-solving, just with a different set of tools. Having limited or no prior experience as an advocate gives me the ability to develop these tools as a neutral, without any bias or predisposition that adversarial exposure may have given another practitioner.

Mr. LeBarron reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years as follows:

(a) Federal: 0%
(b) State: 100%

Mr. LeBarron reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years as follows:

(a) Civil: 0%
(b) Criminal: 0%
(c) Domestic: 99.50%;
(d) Other: 0.5%

Mr. LeBarron reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:

(a) Percentage of practice at trial court: 100%
(b) Cases that went to trial and resulted in a verdict: 0 - all in family court;
(c) Cases that went to trial and resolved after plaintiff or State's case: 0 - Other side always allowed opportunity to be heard in family court;
(d) Cases settled after a jury was selected but prior to opening statements: 0 - No juries in family court.

Mr. LeBarron provided that during the past five years he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Mr. LeBarron's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) *SCDSS v. Donellevin Polite*. Family Court. At a hearing to reduce child support brought by the Division based on emancipation of one of three children, the judge ordered the reduction retroactive to eighteen months earlier. I appealed this decision as a violation of statutory and case law. This case was significant as it provided the

opportunity to properly prepare an appeal and pursue it to its conclusion. It involved not only the initial hearing, but also a lengthy reconsideration hearing in anticipation of the appeal. Without oral argument, the appellate court agreed that the retroactive application was improper. SCDSS v. Polite, 391 S.C. 275, 705 S.E.2d 78 (S.C.App. 2011).

(b) *SCDSS v. John Hicks*. Family Court. In this 2004 matter, I was seeking to register a 1992 Florida order for enforcement in South Carolina. However, in 1993, Florida sent the order with a petition to establish an order, which South Carolina established for a lesser amount. The new registration involved a significant amount of arrears that had accrued under the Florida order. At the confirmation hearing, the judge initially ruled that the South Carolina order prevailed, as Florida could not ask for something one day and then ask for something different years later when the laws changed. Upon my request, the Court allowed briefs to be submitted. My brief summarized the changes in the interstate law while persuading the Court that the result I sought was not only correct, but intended by the changes. This matter is significant as it was the first time I was able to change a judge's mind with my argument, outside of an appeal.

(c) *In Re Sammie Webb, Debtor*. Bankruptcy Court. I joined a motion with the Trustee to have this debtor's Chapter 13 plan dismissed for failure to comply with the plan. This was the first time I had to appear and pursue relief directly with the Bankruptcy Court. Mr. Webb had several child support cases totaling several thousand dollars, and has used the bankruptcy court to stay enforcement of those arrears several times. Of his ten previous filings, this was the fifth I personally handled. This case was significant because it was the first time I argued in the Bankruptcy Court, leading to a dismissal of the filing, with prejudice, preventing further enforcement delays.

(d) *SCDSS v. Nathaniel Roberts*. Family Court. At a Rule to Show Cause in the early part of my practice with the Division, it was brought out that two of the three children under the support order had emancipated. The judge sua sponte ordered that the support obligation was to be

reduced retroactively to the 18th birthday of each child. I objected and declared my intent to appeal. This case was significant to me because I failed to properly create the record with the proper arguments that the law supported. I was a hard lesson learned, and a situation I would not allow to repeat.

(e) *In Re the Estate of Henry Picard*. Probate Court. This was the only probate matter I litigated while still in private practice. I represented one of the living children, who believed is father wished only to provide for the surviving children, and not the heirs of the deceased child. The hearing was for interpretation o the will as there was no mention or other clear indication of provision for the predeceased child. I pursued a rather novel theory of determining intent through the constructed design of the will itself. It was significant to me as it was the first opportunity I had as a new lawyer to argue before a judge as well as prepare and conduct cross-examination.

The following is Mr. LeBarron's account of three civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) *SCDSS v. Donellevin Polite*, Court of Appeals of South Carolina, January 19, 2011, 391 S.C. 275, 705 S.E.2d 78.

(b) *SCDSS v. Nathaniel Roberts*, Court of Appeals of South Carolina, June 21, 2005. Not reported.

(c) *Theon Smith v. SCDSS*, Court of Appeals of South Carolina. Still pending.

Mr. LeBarron reported that has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Mr. LeBarron further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) Family Court At-Large seat 3, 2012, withdrew before screening completed

(b) Family Court Ninth Circuit seat 2, 2014, withdrew before screening completed

(c) Family Court Ninth Circuit seat 3, 2015, withdrew before screening completed

The Commission noted that while Mr. Lebarron has extensive experience with child support issues while working with the Department of Social Services, he lacked the necessary experience in most other areas of family law including divorce, adoption, and juvenile justice.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Mr. LeBarron's temperament would not be acceptable for a position on the bench. Mr. LeBarron demonstrated questionable judgment evidenced by his involvement in an organization and its corresponding website that publicly celebrated unsavory humor and proposals of unethical behavior that could suggest or bring disrepute upon a member of the judiciary.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualifications found Mr. LeBarron to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, mental stability, and experience; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, and judicial temperament. The Committee noted: "Extremely qualified in DSS Child Support, but has no experience representing clients in other family court matters. Sterling individual."

Mr. LeBarron is married to Barbara Ann Cyrek. He has three children.

Mr. LeBarron reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar
(b) North Carolina Bar (inactive)

Mr. LeBarron provided that he was not currently a member of any civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organization.

Mr. LeBarron further reported:
I have been exclusively practicing establishment and enforcement of child support orders, and have been present for

several hundred Rules to Show Cause. In my years, I have seen many, many individuals detained for failure to pay support obligations. I believe that there are situations where incarceration is necessary to reinforce the authority of a court, and especially the importance of complying with a support order. There have been many times that this power has been abused by payees seeking to punish individuals for reasons other than non-support. I have become very aware of the philosophy behind contempt, and the need to wield the power responsibly.

I have been privileged to have a good working relationship with the Father-to-Father program in the Charleston area. I have been educated firsthand that having a relationship with a child makes even the most deadbeat parent a responsible parent. Parents that previously had been serving a life sentence of contempt one year at a time turned themselves around and became responsible role models because of their time with their children. The benefit is mutual: children need both their parents. Although families may not share the same household, both parents can and should remain a large part of their children's lives.

I have been a public servant for over two decades, in a capacity that is not specifically as an advocate. The Child Support Enforcement Division is able to participate in legal matters pursuant to an assignment given to us by the party entitled to receive support. In representing the State of South Carolina in these cases, I have developed a working framework where I try to find the best scenario to provide for the child or children given the resources of the parties. I aim to benefit all parties, even if it means going against the wishes of the party that granted the assignment. I look to use this neutral persona as a base upon which I'll expand to encompass all matters before me as a judge.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented that Mr. LeBarron has an outstanding reputation as an attorney for the Department of Social Services in the Child Support Services Division for over 20 years. However, they noted that he lacked experience in most additional subject matters within the Family Court purview.

Further, several questions arose during his screening regarding his character and temperament to be a member of the judiciary.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Mr. LeBarron not qualified for election to Family Court, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

CONCLUSION

The Judicial Merit Screening Commission found the following candidates QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED:

SUPREME COURT

CHIEF JUSTICE The Honorable John W. Kittredge

COURT OF APPEALS

SEAT 8 The Honorable Jerry Deese Vinson, Jr.
SEAT 9 Whitney B. Harrison
The Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes
The Honorable Matthew Price Turner

CIRCUIT COURT

SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2
Grant Gibbons
David W. Miller
Martha M. Rivers Davisson
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1
The Honorable S. Bryan Doby
Christopher R. DuRant
Samuel L. Floyd
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2
The Honorable Kristi Fisher Curtis
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2
The Honorable Michael S. Holt
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1
James Smith
Justin T. Williams
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2
The Honorable Daniel McLeod Coble
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1
J. Derham Cole, Jr.
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2
The Honorable Eugene Cannon Griffith, Jr.
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4
The Honorable Daniel E. Martin, Jr.
Thomas J. Rode
The Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2
The Honorable R. Scott Sprouse
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1
The Honorable William Paul Keesley
ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2
The Honorable Walton J. McLeod IV
TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1
The Honorable Michael G. Nettles
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2
The Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini
THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4
Vernon F. Dunbar
Ken Gibson
Will Grove
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1
The Honorable Robert Bonds
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3
The Honorable Marvin Dukes III
FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3
David Pierce Caraker, Jr.
Joshua D. Holford
Douglas M. Zayicek
AT-LARGE, SEAT 4
Daniel J. Ballou
William C. McMaster III
AT-LARGE, SEAT 8
Kimberly V. Barr
T. William “Billy” McGee III
William Vickery Meetze
AT-LARGE, SEAT 11
R. Allyce Bailey
Joseph Bias
The Honorable Milton G. Kimpson

AT-LARGE, SEAT 16
Riley Maxwell
Charles J. McCutchen
Jane H. Merrill

FAMILY COURT

FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4
Jerrod A. Anderson
Deanne M. Gray
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4
Pete G. Diamaduros
Jonathan W. Lounsberry
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4
Blakely Copeland Cahoon
NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 6
Gina J. McAlhany
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1
David J. Brousseau
Heather Vry Scalzo
SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1
Sammy Diamaduros
SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3
R. Chadwick "Chad" Smith
Erin K. Urquhart

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

SEAT 1
The Honorable Ralph K. Anderson III

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Sen. Luke A. Rankin
/s/Sen. Ronnie A. Sabb
/s/Rep. Scott Talley
/s/Ms. Hope Blackley
/s/Mr. J.P. "Pete" Strom, Jr.
/s/Rep. Micajah P. "Micah" Caskey IV
/s/Rep. J. Todd Rutherford
/s/Rep. Wallace H. "Jay" Jordan, Jr.
/s/Mr. Andrew N. Safran
/s/Ms. Lucy Grey McIver

APPENDIX

Report from the South Carolina Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee

The Honorable John W. Kittredge
Supreme Court, Chief Justice

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable John W. Kittredge's candidacy for the Supreme Court, Chief Justice, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Jerry Deese Vinson, Jr.
Court of Appeals, Seat 8

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Jerry Deese Vinson, Jr.'s candidacy for the Court of Appeals, Seat 8, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Whitney B. Harrison
Court of Appeals, Seat 9

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Whitney B. Harrison's candidacy for the Court of Appeals, Seat 9, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes
Court of Appeals, Seat 9

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes' candidacy for the Court of Appeals, Seat 9, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Grayson Lambert
Court of Appeals, Seat 9

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Grayson Lambert's candidacy for the Court of Appeals, Seat 9, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Jason P. Luther
Court of Appeals, Seat 9

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Jason P. Luther's candidacy for the Court of Appeals, Seat 9, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Matthew Price Turner
Court of Appeals, Seat 9

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Matthew Price Turner's candidacy for the Court of Appeals, Seat 9, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Grant Gibbons
Circuit Court – 2nd Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Grant Gibbons' candidacy for the Circuit Court, 2nd Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

David W. Miller
Circuit Court – 2nd Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding David W. Miller's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 2nd Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

Martha Rivers Davisson
Circuit Court – 2nd Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Martha Rivers Davisson's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 2nd Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable S. Bryan Doby
Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable S. Bryan Doby's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Christopher R. DuRant
Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Christopher R. DuRant's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Samuel L. Floyd
Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Samuel L. Floyd's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Kristi Fisher Curtis
Circuit Court – 3rd Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Kristi Fisher Curtis' candidacy for the Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Michael S. Holt
Circuit Court – 4th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Michael S. Holt's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 4th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

James Smith
Circuit Court – 5th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding James Smith's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

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Justin T. Williams
Circuit Court – 5th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Justin T. Williams' candidacy for the Circuit Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

The Honorable Daniel McLeod Coble
Circuit Court – 5th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Daniel McLeod Coble's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 5th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

J. Derham Cole, Jr.
Circuit Court – 7th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding J. Derham Cole, Jr.'s candidacy for the Circuit Court, 7th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie
Circuit Court – 7th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 7th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Eugene Cannon Griffith, Jr.
Circuit Court – 8th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Eugene Cannon Griffith, Jr.'s candidacy for the Circuit Court, 8th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Brent S. Halversen
Circuit Court – 9th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Brent S. Halversen's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

Jason A. Daigle
Circuit Court – 9th Circuit, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Jason A. Daigle's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Ittriss J. Jenkins
Circuit Court – 9th Circuit, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Ittriss J. Jenkins's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Daniel E. Martin, Jr.
Circuit Court – 9th Circuit, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Daniel E. Martin, Jr.'s candidacy for the Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Elizabeth Morrison
Circuit Court – 9th Circuit, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Elizabeth Morrison's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Thomas J. Rode
Circuit Court – 9th Circuit, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Thomas J. Rode's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook
Circuit Court – 9th Circuit, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable R. Scott Sprouse
Circuit Court – 10th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable R. Scott Sprouse's candidacy for Circuit Court, 10th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable William Paul Keesley
Circuit Court – 11th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable William Paul Keesley's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Walton J. McLeod IV
Circuit Court – 11th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Walton J. McLeod IV's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 11th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Michael G. Nettles
Circuit Court – 12th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Michael G. Nettles' candidacy for the Circuit Court, 12th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini
Circuit Court – 13th Circuit, Seat 2

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 13th Circuit, Seat 2, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Vernon F. Dunbar
Circuit Court – 13th Circuit, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Vernon F. Dunbar's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 13th Circuit, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Ken Gibson
Circuit Court – 13th Circuit, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Ken Gibson's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 13th Circuit, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Will Grove
Circuit Court – 13th Circuit, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Will Grove's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 13th Circuit, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Robert Bonds
Circuit Court – 14th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Robert Bonds' candidacy for the Circuit Court, 14th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Marvin Dukes III
Circuit Court – 14th Circuit, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Marvin Dukes III's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 14th Circuit, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

David Pierce Caraker, Jr.
Circuit Court - 15th Circuit, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding David Pierce Caraker, Jr.'s candidacy for the Circuit Court, 15th Circuit, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Joshua D. Holford
Circuit Court - 15th Circuit, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Joshua D. Holford's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 15th Circuit, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Douglas M. Zayicek
Circuit Court - 15th Circuit, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Douglas M. Zayicek's candidacy for the Circuit Court, 15th Circuit, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

Daniel J. Ballou
Circuit Court – At-Large, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Daniel J. Ballou's candidacy for Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

William C. McMaster III
Circuit Court – At-Large, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding William C. McMaster III's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Kimberly V. Barr
Circuit Court – At-Large, Seat 8

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Kimberly V. Barr's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Maryann Blake
Circuit Court – At-Large, Seat 8

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Maryann Blake's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Russell A. Blanchard IV
Circuit Court – At-Large, Seat 8

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Russell A. Blanchard IV's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

T. William "Billy" McGee III
Circuit Court – At-Large, Seat 8

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding T. William "Billy" McGee III's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Ashley A. McMahan
Circuit Court – At-Large, Seat 8

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Ashley A. McMahan's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

William Vickery Meetze
Circuit Court – At-Large, Seat 8

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding William Vickery Meetze's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

R. Bruce Wallace
Circuit Court – At-Large, Seat 8

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding R. Bruce Wallace's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 8, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

R. Allyce Bailey
Circuit Court – At-Large, Seat 11

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding R. Allyce Bailey's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 11, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

Joseph Bias
Circuit Court – At-Large, Seat 11

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Joseph Bias' candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 11, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Russell D. Hilton
Circuit Court – At-Large, Seat 11

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Russell D. Hilton's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 11, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Milton G. Kimpson
Circuit Court – At-Large, Seat 11

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Milton G. Kimpson's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 11, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Riley Maxwell
Circuit Court – At-Large, Seat 16

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Riley Maxwell's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

Charles J. McCutchen
Circuit Court - At-Large, Seat 16

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Charles J. McCutchen's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Jane H. Merrill
Circuit Court - At-Large, Seat 16

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Jane H. Merrill's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Well-Qualified
Physical Health	Well-Qualified
Mental Stability	Well-Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Christian G. Spradley
Circuit Court – At-Large, Seat 16

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Christian G. Spradley's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

S. Boyd Young
Circuit Court - At-Large, Seat 16

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding S. Boyd Young's candidacy for the Circuit Court, At-Large, Seat 16, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Jerrod A. Anderson
Family Court – 1st Circuit, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Jerrod A. Anderson's candidacy for the Family Court, 1st Circuit, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Deanne M. Gray
Family Court – 1st Circuit, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Deanne M. Gray's candidacy for the Family Court, 1st Circuit, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Pete G. Diamaduros
Family Court – 7th Circuit, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Pete G. Diamaduros' candidacy for the Family Court, 7th Circuit, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Jonathan W. Lounsberry
Family Court – 7th Circuit, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Jonathan W. Lounsberry's candidacy for the Family Court, 7th Circuit, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

Blakely Copeland Cahoon
Family Court – 9th Circuit, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Blakely Copeland Cahoon's candidacy for the Family Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Paul F. LeBarron
Family Court – 9th Circuit, Seat 4

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Paul F. LeBarron's candidacy for the Family Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 4, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Gina J. McAlhany
Family Court – 9th Circuit, Seat 6

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Gina J. McAlhany's candidacy for the Family Court, 9th Circuit, Seat 6, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

David J. Brousseau
Family Court – 10th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding David J. Brousseau's candidacy for Family Court, 10th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Heather Vry Scalzo
Family Court – 10th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Heather Vry Scalzo's candidacy for the Family Court, 10th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

Sammy Diamaduros
Family Court – 16th Circuit, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Sammy Diamaduros' candidacy for Family Court, 16th Circuit, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

R. Chadwick Smith
Family Court – 16th Circuit, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding R. Chadwick Smith's candidacy for Family Court, 16th Circuit, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

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Erin K. Urquhart
Family Court – 16th Circuit, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding Erin K. Urquhart's candidacy for Family Court, 16th Circuit, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Qualified
Reputation	Qualified*
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

** The Judicial Qualifications Committee has concerns about the candidate's reputation.*

The Honorable Ralph K. Anderson III
Administrative Law Court, Seat 1

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Ralph K. Anderson III's candidacy for The Administrative Law Court, Seat 1, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

Received as information.

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4807 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SUMTER NATIVE JORDAN MONTGOMERY ON HIS DEBUT AS A STARTING PITCHER FOR THE 2023 WORLD SERIES AND TO APPLAUD HIS TEAM, THE TEXAS RANGERS, ON CAPTURING THEIR FIRST WORLD SERIES TITLE IN TEAM HISTORY.

H. 4830 -- Reps. Taylor, Blackwell, Oremus, Hixon and Clyburn: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AIKEN EVENTING TEAM MEMBERS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE UNIVERSITY'S FIRST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN ANY SPORT.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:45 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. MITCHELL, adjourned in memory of Gloria Bell, to meet at 10: 00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 72:11: "May all things fall down before him, all nations serve him."

Let us pray. Lord God, Heavenly Father remind us to be grateful for each day You have made. Keep us always close to You that we might, together with each other, accomplish great things for this State. Bless and keep safe our first responders and defenders of freedom. Continue Your blessings on these Your people as they return home with family and friends. Grant all of us continued trust in You. We pray for our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort for the good of our State. Look in favor upon our women and men who serve in the Armed Forces, especially those who suffer from wounds, those seen and those hidden. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 4617 -- Reps. Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Bannister, Pope, Wooten, Haddon, Brewer, Burns, Thayer, Kirby, Oremus, Hager, Hyde, Sessions, Carter, McDaniel, Magnuson, Hayes, W. Newton, Bauer, Trantham, J. L. Johnson, Henegan, Guffey, Chapman, Leber, Kilmartin, Robbins, Felder, Jefferson, Caskey, Ligon and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-230, RELATING TO SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ADD XYLAZINE AS A SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, WITH EXCEPTIONS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-372 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE PRODUCTION, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, OR POSSESSION OF XYLAZINE, WITH

EXCEPTIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH ASSOCIATED CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:20 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, January 16.

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Tuesday, January 16, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 61:2-3: "From the end of the earth I call to you, when my heart is faint, lead me to the rock that is higher than I; for you are my refuge, a strong tower against my enemy."

Let us pray. We give thanks to God our Father who provides everything to keep us safe, alive, and well. We pray for our first responders and defenders of freedom as they care for us. Bless and keep safe these women and men who give of their time and talents for the good of the people of South Carolina. We pray, O God, for our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all their families. Bless our men and women who serve to keep us free. We remember those who suffer from hidden wounds. Heal them. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Reverend James McGee, which was agreed to.

ROLL CALL

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

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter

Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--118

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. MAY signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Thursday, January 11.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BANNISTER a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HIXON a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BALLENTINE a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. J.E. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Christopher Yeakel of Richland County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3162
Date:	ADD:
01/16/24	MAGNUSON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4555
Date:	ADD:
01/16/24	BAUER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4587
Date:	ADD:
01/16/24	SANDIFER and HARDEE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4618
Date:	ADD:
01/16/24	LEBER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4624
Date:	ADD:
01/16/24	PACE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4646
Date:	ADD:
01/16/24	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4680
Date:	ADD:
01/16/24	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4823
Date:	ADD:
01/16/24	CARTER

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4836 -- Reps. Hartnett, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SARAH CLEVELAND PINCKNEY AMBLER OF CHARLESTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4837 -- Reps. Howard, Ballentine, Bauer, Bernstein, Garvin, Hart, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, Rose, Rutherford, Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey,

Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT KENNETH FITZSIMMONS OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4838 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore,

White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT JACK CORBETT, JR., AND CORPORAL ANDREW ARLEDGE OF THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2023 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4839 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MASTER DEPUTY ALFRED J. DOCTOR OF THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2023 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4840 -- Reps. Bamberg, Cobb-Hunter, Hosey, Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR SERGEANT DWAYNE DUCKSON OF THE BAMBERG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND LANCE CORPORAL BENTRICE FRAZIER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2023 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4841 -- Rep. Hayes: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF FRIENDSHIP ROAD IN DILLON COUNTY

FROM STATE ROAD 308 (LESTER ROAD) TO STATE ROAD 71 (JUDGE ROAD) "JACKSON RYAN WINKELER MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS DESIGNATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 948 -- Senators Grooms, Stephens, Adams, Senn, Campsen, Goldfinch, Climer and Bennett: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21-27, 2024, AS NATIONAL CORONER AND MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATOR WEEK IN HONOR OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CORONERS ASSOCIATION, CORONERS, DEPUTY CORONERS, AND MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATORS.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4842 -- Rep. Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA AGE-APPROPRIATE DESIGN CODE ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR INFORMATION FIDUCIARY, TO PROVIDE SCOPE AND EXCLUSIONS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR COVERED ENTITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR PROHIBITIONS FOR COVERED ENTITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR DATA PRACTICES, TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4843 -- Reps. Bailey, Brittain, Guest and J. E. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-39-148 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE

BUSINESSES WITH A DECK, DOCK, OR OTHER STRUCTURE LOCATED IN A CRITICAL AREA TO USE THE STRUCTURE FOR PURPOSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS WITH LOCAL ZONING APPROVAL.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4844 -- Reps. Hartnett, W. Newton, Erickson, M. M. Smith, Bradley, B. L. Cox, Hager, Wetmore, Hewitt, West, B. Newton, Taylor, Neese, Robbins, Landing, Brewer, Vaughan, Bustos, Herbkersman, Hixon, Moss, Murphy, Rutherford, Sandifer, Stavrinakis and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-23-37 SO AS TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF CERTAIN BOATS ANCHORED IN THE WATERS OF THIS STATE TO MAINTAIN MARINE RECOVERY INSURANCE ON THEIR BOATS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4845 -- Reps. Murphy, G. M. Smith, Brewer, T. Moore, Guest, Hager, Yow, Mitchell, W. Newton, Lawson and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR MILITARY CHAPLAINS AND TO PROVIDE THAT MILITARY CHAPLAINS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO REFUSE TO DISCLOSE CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 801 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-430, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN OCONEE COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

Referred to Oconee Delegation

H. 4624--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4624 -- Reps. Hiott, G. M. Smith, McCravy, Davis, Vaughan, Trantham, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Oremus, Hartnett, Leber, Long, Nutt, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Murphy, Mitchell, Brewer, Robbins,

Gatch, West, Gilliam, Cromer, Kilmartin, O'Neal, Yow, S. Jones, Landing, Ballentine, Sandifer, Crawford, Guest, Willis, Ligon, Forrest and Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO DEFINE GENDER, SEX, AND OTHER TERMS, TO PROHIBIT THE PROVISION OF GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES TO A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-32-36 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF AND OFFICIALS FROM WITHHOLDING KNOWLEDGE OF A MINOR'S PERCEPTION OF THEIR GENDER FROM THE MINOR'S PARENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Reps. HIOTT, MCCRAVY, HARRIS, MAGNUSON, O'NEAL, POPE, BLACKWELL, NUTT, GUEST, HAYES, BAUER, M. M. SMITH, S. JONES, OTT, BEACH, CHAPMAN, MAY, CROMER, HADDON, ROBBINS, LEBER, PACE, ERICKSON, GIBSON, GILLIAM, WHITE, HAGER and B. L. COX requested debate on the Bill.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:35 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. COBB-HUNTER, adjourned in memory of Reverend James McGee, to meet at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow.

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 2:00 p.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 61:4: "Let me abide in your tent forever, find refuge under the shelter of your wings."

Let us pray. Eternal God, Lord of time, You have graciously brought these women and men to another day to do the work for the people of this State. We are grateful for those who give of their time and effort to keep us from harm's way, our first responders, and those who serve us in time of need. Bless and keep us always in Your love. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort for this State. Remember our women and men who serve and keep us from harm. Keep them safe. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. M. M. SMITH moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Pamela Gayle Lamb, which was agreed to.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4846 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS STUDENT GOVERNMENT FALL CONFERENCE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024, AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024, PROVIDED THE HOUSE IS NOT IN SESSION, AND THE

CHAMBER MAY NOT BE USED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS IN SESSION OR THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4847 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CINDERELLA SHAW OF LADY'S ISLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BEAUFORT AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING CHOSEN AS AN EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATOR BY CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4848 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox,

B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE THE NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL FOR WINNING THE CLASS 3A SOUTH CAROLINA CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4850 -- Rep. Rose: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF KATHY TERESA MITCHELL HOPE OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4851 -- Rep. Forrest: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE BARBARA JEAN "BJ" MORRIS WILLIAMS UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RECENT RETIREMENT AS CLERK OF COURT FOR THE BATESBURG-LEESVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT, TO COMMEND HER FOR MORE THAN FORTY-FOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH

HER MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4852 -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE BARBARA RIPPY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4853 -- Reps. Pope, Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam,

Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND TAIWAN FOR ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4854 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CLARENDON HALL VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH

CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4855 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR OBADARE PETER ADEWALE, FOUNDER AND CHIEF VISIONARY OFFICER OF DIGITAL ENCODE LIMITED.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4856 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Bradley, Erickson, Hager, W. Newton, Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon,

Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE BREAKING GROUND OF THE ARTHUR E. BROWN REGIONAL WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER AT THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY AND TO HONOR U.S. ARMY GENERAL (RET.) ARTHUR E. BROWN.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4857 -- Reps. Erickson, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Bradley and Hager: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BARRIER ISLAND OF DATAW.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4858 -- Reps. Atkinson, Alexander, Anderson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber,

Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2024 AS "CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS, COMMUNITIES, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PRIVATE BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE MEDIA TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF WHAT CAN BE DONE TO SUPPORT THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILDHOOD CANCER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4877 -- Reps. Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF AVERY MATTHEW DAVIS OF ORANGEBURG, TO CELEBRATE HIS

LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4849 -- Reps. Calhoon, Erickson and Bradley: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DELARE JULY 2024 AS JUVENILE ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH AND URGE CITIZENS TO BE MINDFUL OF THE CONDITION AND ITS EFFECT ON SOUTH CAROLINA'S YOUTH.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4859 -- Reps. B. Newton, Mitchell, Neese and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEPUTY THOMAS HUMANIK OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4860 -- Reps. Bustos, Brewer, Gatch, Gilliard, Hartnett, Hewitt, Landing, Leber, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott,

Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEPUTY EVAN CUBBAGE AND DEPUTY ALEXANDER HODGE OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON BEING AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4861 -- Rep. Hiott: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE VITAL ROLE OF FIRST RESPONDERS THROUGHOUT OUR STATE AND TO PROCLAIM SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST RESPONDER PRAYER AND APPRECIATION DAY" AND THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST 2024 AS "SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST RESPONDER PRAYER AND APPRECIATION WEEK" IN SOUTH CAROLINA, BRINGING AWARENESS, PRAYER, AND APPRECIATION FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO STAND IN THE GAP EVERY DAY PROVIDING CIVILITY AND SAFETY TO OUR COMMUNITIES.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4862 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAMES DENNIS GARDNER, FORMER CHIEF OF THE MACEDONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT, UPON THE RECENT OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS CHIEF AFTER DECADES OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4863 -- Reps. Anderson and Hewitt: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF EXODUS DRIVE IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY (SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY #S-264), BEGINNING WITH ITS INTERSECTION AT NORTH FRASER STREET (UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701), SPANNING APPROXIMATELY 7.97 MILES, AND ENDING AT A SECOND INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701 "JOHNNY MORANT HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE

MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4878 -- Rep. Ott: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 6 IN LEXINGTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH TICKLE WEED ROAD "STANLEY MYERS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 961 -- Senators Shealy, Cromer, Harpootlian, Massey and Setzler: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MASTER DEPUTY JACOB ALAN SMITH OF THE LEXINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 963 -- Senators Garrett and Massey: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT JOHN COKER AND DEPUTY HEATHER CAMPBELL OF THE MCCORMICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF

DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2023 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 964 -- Senator Peeler: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEPUTY TYLER ATKINS, SERGEANT SARDARIUS HENDERSON, AND DEPUTY JOHN RODGERS OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON BEING AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4864 -- Rep. Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "TEACHER BILL OF RIGHTS" BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-60 SO AS TO ENUMERATE THE BASIC RIGHTS TO WHICH ALL CERTIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THIS STATE ARE ENTITLED.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4865 -- Rep. Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "MEDICAL CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 44-20-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-71-280, RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER,

SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND REMOVE THE AGE REQUIREMENT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4866 -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, G. M. Smith and Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMART HEART ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ATHLETICS EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN IN EACH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-17-155, RELATING TO THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ONSITE AND WITHIN CERTAIN PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL ATHLETIC VENUES, TO PROVIDE RELATED TESTING, MAINTENANCE, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4867 -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, G. M. Smith and Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-45 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL 911 TELECOMMUNICATORS THAT PROVIDE DISPATCH FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITIONS TO BE TRAINED IN HIGH-QUALITY TELECOMMUNICATOR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (T-CPR).

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4868 -- Reps. Kirby, Lowe, Jordan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 84 OF 2011, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TIME AND METHOD BY WHICH THE NINE MEMBERS OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER THREE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED, TO REAPPORTION THE FIVE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS AND THE TWO MULTIMEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THESE NINE MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED, TO DESIGNATE A MAP

NUMBER ON WHICH THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Referred to Florence Delegation

H. 4869 -- Reps. Sandifer and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-3-150, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE OR HIS DESIGNEES TO CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUCH INVESTIGATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-9-200, RELATING TO CONDITIONS FOR ALLOWING REINSURANCE CREDITS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-13-10, RELATING TO INSURER EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE SUCH EXAMINATIONS ARE FINANCIAL EXAMINATIONS, TO APPLY THE PROVISIONS TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER LICENSEES OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE MARKET CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-13-70, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEES MAY CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INVESTIGATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FINAL ORDERS DISCIPLINING LICENSEES ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-57-130, RELATING TO INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REVISED EXEMPTIONS FROM PROVISIONS PROHIBITING MISREPRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS, AND REBATES IN INSURANCE CONTRACTS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4870 -- Rep. May: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-190, RELATING TO SCHEDULE 1 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ADD TIANEPTINE TO SCHEDULE 1.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4871 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47-9-420 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTERFERENCE OR INTERACTION WITH FARM ANIMALS BEING TRANSPORTED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4872 -- Reps. Haddon, Forrest and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-116-10, SECTION 59-116-20, SECTION 59-116-30, SECTION 59-116-80, AND SECTION 59-116-120, ALL RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONDUCT OF CAMPUS SECURITY DEPARTMENTS BY PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS, THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE, AND THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ARTS AND HUMANITIES AMONG THE INSTITUTIONS THAT MAY ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN SUCH CAMPUS SECURITY DEPARTMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4873 -- Reps. Ligon and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 141 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF GENE THERAPY BY REQUIRING CERTAIN LABELING OF GENE THERAPY PRODUCTS, DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION, AND INFORMED CONSENT.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4874 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 17 TO TITLE 50 SO AS TO REGULATE CAPTIVE WILDLIFE BY DEFINING TERMS, OUTLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS, LISTING EXCEPTIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-16-40, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR WILDLIFE IMPORTED FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES, SO AS TO LIMIT THE EXCEPTIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-

11-1180 RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PERMITS TO COLLECT PROTECTED WILDLIFE FOR SCIENTIFIC OR PROPAGATING PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4875 -- Rep. Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-1910, RELATING TO THE SALE OF DEER OR DEER PARTS, SO AS TO ALLOW A PROCESSOR TO PROCESS A LEGALLY TAKEN DOE DONATED BY A HUNTER AND RECOVER THE COSTS OF PROCESSING FROM SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE HUNTER WHO DONATED THE DOE, AND TO INCREASE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4876 -- Reps. Jefferson, Cobb-Hunter, Robbins, Gatch, Murphy and Brewer: A BILL TO CHANGE THE CANDIDATE FILING METHOD FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 FROM THE PETITION METHOD TO THE FILING OF A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY WITH THE DORCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS.

Referred to Dorchester Delegation

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard

Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total Present--115

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. J. E. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BANNISTER a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HENEGAN a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HIXON a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due a business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3293
Date:	ADD:
01/17/24	POPE, FELDER and SESSIONS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3618
Date:	ADD:
01/17/24	ATKINSON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3708
Date:	ADD:
01/17/24	POPE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4113
Date:	ADD:
01/17/24	JEFFERSON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4436
Date:	ADD:
01/17/24	FORREST, HIOTT, DAVIS, POPE, HERBKERSMAN, M. M. SMITH and ROBBINS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4618
Date:	ADD:
01/17/24	GUFFEY, POPE, SESSIONS and LIGON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4624
Date:	ADD:
01/17/24	W. NEWTON, BRADLEY, ERICKSON, GIBSON, BLACKWELL and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4655
Date:	ADD:
01/17/24	COLLINS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4680
Date:	ADD:
01/17/24	SESSIONS, POPE, FELDER, LIGON, GUFFEY and O'NEAL

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4691
Date:	ADD:
01/17/24	TRANTHAM and BURNS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4697
Date:	ADD:
01/17/24	O'NEAL

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4820
Date:	ADD:
01/17/24	GIBSON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4825
Date:	ADD:
01/17/24	WILLIAMS, JEFFERSON and GILLIARD

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. KIRBY a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. THAYER a temporary leave of absence.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

September 1, 2023
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State House, Second Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

I am hereby transmitting my appointment of the Honorable Joseph M. Strickland to continue serving as Richland County Master-in-Equity for the remainder of the unexpired term. In accordance with sections 2-19-110 and 14-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission has found Judge Strickland qualified and the Richland County Legislative Delegation has submitted his name as candidate for appointment. Pursuant to the aforementioned statutory provisions, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for consideration.

LOCAL APPOINTMENT:
Richland County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: April 30, 2021
Term Expiring: April 30, 2027
Vice: Self

Home Information:
Hon. Joseph M. Strickland
410 Hampton Trace Lane
Columbia, South Carolina 29209
strickland.joseph@richlandcountysc.gov
803-917-4456

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
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Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total—0

The appointment was confirmed and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

DEBATE ADJOURNED ON MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Rep. RUTHERFORD moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House confirmed the appointment of the Richland County Master-in-Equity.

Rep. RUTHERFORD moved to adjourn debate on the motion to reconsider until Thursday, January 18.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved to table the motion to adjourn debate.

By a division vote of 32 to 48, the House refused to table the motion to adjourn debate.

The question recurred to the motion to adjourn debate on the motion to reconsider until Thursday, January 18, which was agreed to.

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. FORREST.

H. 4624--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4624 -- Reps. Hiott, G. M. Smith, McCravy, Davis, Vaughan, Trantham, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Oremus, Hartnett, Leber, Long, Nutt, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Murphy, Mitchell, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, West, Gilliam, Cromer, Kilmartin, O'Neal, Yow, S. Jones, Landing, Ballentine, Sandifer, Crawford, Guest, Willis, Ligon, Forrest, Pace, W. Newton, Bradley, Erickson, Gibson, Blackwell and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO DEFINE GENDER, SEX, AND OTHER TERMS, TO PROHIBIT THE PROVISION OF GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES TO A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-32-36 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF AND OFFICIALS FROM WITHHOLDING KNOWLEDGE OF A MINOR'S PERCEPTION OF THEIR GENDER FROM THE MINOR'S PARENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4624 (LC-4624.VR0006H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION 1. Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 42

Gender Reassignment Procedures

Section 44-42-310. For the purposes of this article:

(1) "Sex" means the biological indication of male and female in the context of reproductive potential or capacity, such as sex chromosomes, naturally occurring sex hormones, gonads, and nonambiguous internal and external genitalia present at birth, without regard to an individual's psychological, chosen, or subjective experience of gender.

(2) "Cross-sex hormones" means testosterone, estrogen, or progesterone given to an individual in an amount greater than would normally be produced endogenously in a healthy individual of that individual's age and sex.

(3) "Gender" means the psychological, behavioral, social, and cultural aspects of being male or female.

(4) "Gender reassignment surgery" means any surgical service that seeks to surgically alter or remove healthy physical or anatomical characteristics or features that are typical for the individual's sex, in order to instill or create physiological or anatomical characteristics that resemble a sex different from the individual's sex including, without limitation, genital or nongenital gender reassignment surgery performed for the purpose of assisting an individual with a gender transition.

(5) "Gender transition" means the process in which a person goes from identifying with and living as a gender that corresponds to his or her sex to identifying with and living as a gender different from his or her sex, and may involve social, legal, or physical changes.

(6) "Gender transition procedures" means puberty-blocking drugs, cross-sex hormones, or genital or nongenital gender reassignment surgery, provided or performed for the purpose of assisting an individual with a physical gender transition.

(7) "Genital gender reassignment surgery" means a surgical procedure performed for the purpose of assisting an individual with a physical gender transition including, without limitation, penectomy, orchiectomy, vaginoplasty, clitoroplasty, vulvoplasty, hysterectomy, ophorectomy, reconstruction of the urethra, metoidioplasty or phalloplasty, vaginectomy, scrotoplasty, or implantation of erection and/or testicular prostheses.

(8) "Nongenital gender reassignment surgery" means surgical procedures performed for the purpose of assisting an individual with a physical gender transition including, without limitation, augmentation mammoplasty, facial feminization surgery, liposuction, lipofilling, voice surgery, thyroid cartilage reduction, gluteal augmentation, hair reconstruction, subcutaneous mastectomy, pectoral implants, or various

aesthetic procedures.

(9) "Puberty-blocking drugs" means gonadotropin releasing hormone analogues or other synthetic drugs used to stop luteinizing hormone and follicle stimulating hormone secretion, synthetic antiandrogen drugs used to block the androgen receptor, or any drug to suppress or delay normal pubertal development in children.

Section 44-42-320. (A) A physician, mental health provider, or other health care professional shall not knowingly provide gender transition procedures to a person under eighteen years of age.

(B) A physician, mental health provider, or other health care professional shall not engage in the provision or performance of gender transition procedures to a person under eighteen years of age. This section may not be construed to impose liability on any speech protected by federal or state law.

(C) If prior to August 1, 2024, a health care professional initiated a course of treatment that includes the prescription, delivery, or administration of a puberty-blocking drug or a cross-sex hormone to a person under the age of eighteen, and if the health care professional determines and documents in the person's medical record that immediately terminating the person's use of the drug or hormone would cause harm to the person, the health care professional may institute a period during which the person's use of the drug or hormone is systematically reduced. That period may not extend beyond January 31, 2025.

(D) Nothing in this section prohibits a mental health provider from offering mental health services, except those procedures defined in Section 44-42-310(6).

Section 44-42-330. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in Section 44-42-320, a physician or other health care professional may provide to a patient who is under eighteen years of age:

(1) appropriate medical services to a person who was born with a medically verifiable disorder of sexual development including, but not limited to, a person with external biological sexual characteristics that are ambiguous including, but not limited to, people who were born with forty-six XX chromosomes with virilization or forty-six XY chromosomes with under virilization or having both ovarian and testicular tissue;

(2) appropriate medical services to treat a disorder of sexual development arising because the person does not have normal sex chromosome structure, sex steroid hormone production, or sex steroid hormone action that was diagnosed through genetic or biochemical

testing;

(3) treatment of any infection, injury, disease, or disorder that has been caused by or exacerbated by the performance of gender transition procedures, whether or not the gender transition procedure was performed in accordance with state or federal law; and

(4) any procedure undertaken because the person suffers from a physical disorder, physical injury, or physical illness that would, as certified by a physician, place the person in imminent danger of death or impairment of a major bodily function unless treated by the physician.

Section 44-42-340. Public funds may not be used directly or indirectly for gender transition procedures.

Section 44-42-350. The South Carolina Medicaid Program shall not reimburse or provide coverage for practices prohibited under the provisions of this chapter to an individual under twenty-six (26) years of age.

Section 44-42-360. (A) The provision of services described in Section 44-42-320 to any person under eighteen years of age shall, upon an adverse ruling by the appropriate licensing board, be considered unprofessional conduct and shall be subject to discipline by the licensing entity with jurisdiction over the physician, mental health provider, or other medical health care professional.

(B) A person may assert an actual or threatened violation of Section 44-42-320 as a claim or defense in a judicial or administrative proceeding and obtain compensatory damages, injunctive relief, declaratory relief, or any other appropriate relief.

(C) A person shall be required to bring a claim for a violation of Section 44-42-320 no later than three years after the day the cause of action accrues. A minor may bring an action before reaching eighteen years of age through a parent or guardian and may bring an action in the minor's own name upon reaching eighteen years of age at any time from that point until twenty-one years after.

(D) An action or proceeding initiated under this section for an actual or threatened violation of Section 44-42-320 may be commenced, and relief may be granted, in a judicial proceeding without regard to whether the person commencing the action has sought or exhausted available administrative remedies.

(E) In any action or proceeding initiated under this section for an actual or threatened violation of Section 44-42-320, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs.

(F) The Attorney General may bring an action to enforce compliance with Section 44-42-320 and Section 44-42-340. Nothing

herein shall be construed to deny, impair, or otherwise affect any right or authority of the Attorney General, the State, or any agency, officer, or employee of the State to institute or intervene in any proceeding.

SECTION 2. Chapter 32, Title 59 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 59-32-36. A nurse, counselor, teacher, principal, or other official or staff at a public school shall not knowingly:

(1) encourage or coerce a minor to withhold from the minor's parent or legal guardian the fact that the minor's perception of his or her gender is inconsistent with his or her sex, as defined in Section 44-42-310; or

(2) withhold from a minor's parent or legal guardian information related to the minor's perception that his or her gender is inconsistent with his or her sex, as defined in Section 44-42-310.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MCCRAVY explained the amendment.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the amendment.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Pendarvis proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4624 (LC-4624.SA0037H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Sections 44-42-340 and 44-42-350 and inserting:

Section 44-42-340. Reserved.

Section 44-42-350. Reserved.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PENDARVIS explained the amendment.

Rep. MAGNUSON moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 81; Nays 30

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hyde	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten

Total--81

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Hart	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
McDaniel	Ott	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford

Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams

Total--30

So, the amendment was tabled.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Rep. Pendarvis proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 4624 (LC-4624.SA0036H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Sections 44-42-340 and 44-42-350 and inserting:

Section 44-42-340. Public funds may not be used directly or indirectly for gender transition procedures to a minor.

Section 44-42-350. The South Carolina Medicaid Program shall not reimburse or provide coverage for practices prohibited under the provisions of this chapter to a minor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PENDARVIS explained the amendment.

Rep. PENDARVIS spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MAY moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 82; Nays 29

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson

Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hyde	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Trantham	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Hart	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
McDaniel	J. Moore	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Thigpen	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	Williams	

Total--29

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. Moore proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 4624

(LC-4624.SA0034H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-42-320(C) and inserting:

(C) Notwithstanding subsections (A) and (B), a physician may continue to prescribe a cross-sex hormone or puberty-blocking drug to a minor individual if the minor individual has initiated a course of treatment for the minor individual prior to January 1, 2025. That includes the prescription of a cross-sex hormone or puberty-blocking drug prohibited by subsection (A) and (B).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. MOORE explained the amendment.

Rep. MCCRAVY spoke against the amendment.

Rep. OTT spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. OTT spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCCRAVY moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 78; Nays 31

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hyde
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe

McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten

Total--78

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Hart	Hartnett
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	McDaniel	J. Moore
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Thigpen
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--31

So, the amendment was tabled.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4624, Amendment No. 4. If I had been present, I would have voted to table the Amendment.

Rep. Heath Sessions

Rep. Rose proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 4624 (LC-4624.SA0038H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-42-320(A) and inserting:

Section 44-42-320. (A) A physician, mental health provider, or

other health care professional shall not knowingly provide gender transition procedures that do not align with the most recent standard of care of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health to a person under eighteen years of age.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-42-320(B) and (C) and inserting:

(B) A physician, mental health provider, or other health care professional only shall engage in the provision or performance of gender transition procedures to a person under eighteen years of age if the procedures align with the most recent standard of care of the World Professional Association for Transgender Health. This section may not be construed to impose liability on any speech protected by federal or state law.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROSE explained the amendment.

Rep. MCCRAVY spoke against the amendment and moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 83; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hyde
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber

Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	

Total--83

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Hart	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	McDaniel
J. Moore	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Thigpen
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--28

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. Ott proposed the following Amendment No. 6 to H. 4624 (LC-4624.SA0041H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by deleting SECTION 2.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

Rep. OTT spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCCRAVY spoke against the amendment and moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 29

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hyde	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
McDaniel	J. Moore	Ott
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Thigpen	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	Williams	

Total--29

So, the amendment was tabled.

Reps. Pace and Magnuson proposed the following Amendment No. 7 to H. 4624 (LC-4624.VR0043H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-42-360(A) and inserting:

Section 44-42-360. (A) The provision of services described in Section 44-42-320 to any person under eighteen years of age shall, upon an adverse ruling by the appropriate licensing board, be considered unprofessional conduct and shall result in, at a minimum, an immediate one-year suspension of licensure and a five thousand dollar fine by the licensing entity with jurisdiction over the physician, mental health provider, or other medical health care professional.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE spoke in favor of the amendment.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. PACE continued speaking.

Rep. CASKEY spoke against the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY spoke against the amendment and moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 67; Nays 38

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	Connell	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
Ligon	Lowe	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thigpen	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--67

Those who voted in the negative are:

Atkinson	Ballentine	Beach
Burns	Calhoon	Chumley
Crawford	Cromer	Elliott
Gatch	Haddon	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan

Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Trantham
Vaughan	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	

Total--38

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. Magnuson proposed the following Amendment No. 9 to H. 4624 (LC-4624.VR0035H), which was tabled:

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

Section 44-42-370. A physician, mental health provider, or other health care professional who violates any provision of Section 44-42-320 is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined not more than ten thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MAY raised the Rule 3.6 Point of Order that the questions directed to Mr. Magnuson concerning Amendment No. 9 were out of order and in violation of the Rules because they referenced personalities.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* POPE stated that the questions were not in violation of Rule 3.6 but that they might possibly be phrased in a more civil manner. He overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. MAGNUSON continued speaking.

Rep. MAGNUSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG moved to commit the Bill to the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. MAGNUSON moved to table the motion.

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

Yeas 80; Nays 26

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Connell	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hyde	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King

McDaniel	J. Moore	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Thigpen	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	Williams	

Total--26

So, the motion to commit the Bill was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

Rep. M. M. SMITH moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 79; Nays 26

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hosey	Hyde
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Lowe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions

G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thigpen	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams
Wooten		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Gilliam	Haddon
Harris	Hayes	Jefferson
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Trantham	Vaughan
White	Willis	

Total--26

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. Beach proposed the following Amendment No. 10 to H. 4624 (LC-4624.VR0020H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION X. Chapter 32, Title 59 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 59-32-36. (A) A nurse, counselor, teacher, principal, or other official or staff at a public school shall not knowingly:

(1) encourage or coerce a minor to withhold from the minor's parent or legal guardian the fact that the minor's perception of his or her gender is inconsistent with his or her sex, as defined in Section 44-42-310; or

(2) withhold from a minor's parent or legal guardian information related to the minor's perception that his or her gender is inconsistent with his or her sex, as defined in Section 44-42-310.

(B) The principal, vice principal, or counselor at a public school shall immediately notify a minor's parent or legal guardian if the minor:

(1) asserts to any school employee that the minor's gender is inconsistent with his or her sex, as defined in Section 44-42-310;

(2) requests a school employee to address the minor by a name other than the minor's legal name or a derivative thereof; or

(3) requests a school employee to address a minor using a pronoun or title that does not align with the minor's sex.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BEACH explained the amendment.

Rep. BEACH spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. KING spoke against the amendment.
Rep. HIOTT spoke against the amendment.
Rep. A. M. MORGAN spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. A. M. MORGAN spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. MAGNUSON spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. MAGNUSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WHEELER a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. HIOTT spoke against the amendment.
Rep. OTT spoke against the amendment.
Rep. OTT spoke against the amendment.

Rep. MCCRAVY moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 84; Nays 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson

Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Lowe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Harris	Kilmartin	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Nutt
O'Neal	Pace	White

Total--15

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 11 to H. 4624 (LC-4624.VR0058H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-42-320(C) and inserting:

(C) Notwithstanding subsections (A) and (B), a physician may continue to prescribe a cross-sex hormone or puberty-blocking drug to a minor individual if two medical doctors state that it is not in the minor individual’s best interest, as the change will likely harm the minor’s

health or well being, to decrease or discontinue the prescription.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. MCCRAVY moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 23

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hiott	Hyde	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Trantham	Vaughan

White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten		

Total—79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	King	McDaniel
J. Moore	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Thigpen	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--23

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. Ott proposed the following Amendment No. 12 to H. 4624 (LC-4624.VR0060H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, Section 59-32-36, by striking the undesignated paragraph before the numbered items and inserting:

Section 59-32-36. A nurse, counselor, teacher, principal, or other official or staff at a public and private school shall not knowingly:

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

Rep. MCCRAVY moved to table the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 64; Nays 33

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos

Chapman	Chumley	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hyde	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Trantham
Vaughan	West	Whitmire
Willis		

Total--64

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bauer
Bernstein	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Dillard	Forrest	Garvin
Gilliard	Guffey	Hardee
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Magnuson
McCabe	McDaniel	J. Moore
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Weeks	Wetmore
White	Williams	Wooten

Total--33

So, the amendment was tabled.

Reps. Magnuson and Pace proposed the following Amendment No. 13 to H. 4624 (LC-4624.HA0065H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-42-360(A) and inserting:

Section 44-42-360. (A) The provision of services described in Section 44-42-320 to any person under eighteen years of age shall, upon an adverse ruling by the appropriate licensing board, be considered unprofessional conduct and shall result in, at a minimum, an immediate one-year suspension of licensure by the licensing entity with jurisdiction over the physician, mental health provider, or other medical health care professional.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

Rep. MCCRAVY moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 72; Nays 24

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Lawson	Ligon
Lowe	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton

W. Newton	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Whitmire	Williams	Wooten

Total--72

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Gilliam	Haddon
Harris	Hartnett	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Landing	Leber
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Trantham	White

Total--24

So, the amendment was tabled.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Reps. Caskey and T. Moore proposed the following Amendment No. 14 to H. 4624 (LC-4624.HA0070H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 44-42-320, by adding a subsection to read:

(E) A physician who knowingly performs genital gender reassignment surgery in violation of this chapter is guilty of inflicting great bodily injury upon a child as provided for in Section 16-3-95(A).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

Rep. MAY spoke in favor of the amendment.

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

Yeas 83; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hyde	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	

Total--83

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Guffey
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Jefferson

W. Jones	King	J. Moore
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--20

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the Bill.
Rep. WETMORE spoke against the Bill.
Rep. ROSE spoke against the Bill.
Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke against the Bill.
Rep. J. MOORE spoke against the Bill.
Rep. THIGPEN spoke against the Bill.
Rep. MAY spoke in favor of the Bill.
Rep. PEDALINO spoke in favor of the Bill.
Rep. HIOTT spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 82; Nays 23

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hyde
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe

McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Trantham	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	McDaniel
J. Moore	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Thigpen
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--23

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was absent on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, due to illness and was unable to attend the legislative session. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of H. 4624, as amended by the House of Representatives.

Rep. Bill Hixon

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was granted leave on Tuesday, January 16 and Wednesday, January 17, 2024. During this time of excused leave, the House of Representatives gave second reading to H. 4624. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jeffery E. Johnson

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was granted leave on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, due to a family illness. During this time of excused leave, the House of Representatives gave second reading to H. 4624. If I had been present, I would have voted against the Bill.

Rep. Patricia Henegan

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4837 -- Reps. Howard, Ballentine, Bauer, Bernstein, Garvin, Hart, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, Rose, Rutherford, Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT KENNETH FITZSIMMONS OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.

H. 4838 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox,

B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT JACK CORBETT, JR., AND CORPORAL ANDREW ARLEDGE OF THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2023 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

H. 4839 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MASTER DEPUTY ALFRED J. DOCTOR OF THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE

OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2023 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

H. 4840 -- Reps. Bamberg, Cobb-Hunter, Hosey, Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR SERGEANT DWAYNE DUCKSON OF THE BAMBERG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND LANCE CORPORAL BENTRICE FRAZIER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2023 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:44 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. M. M. SMITH, adjourned in memory of Pamela Gayle Lamb, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Job 12:10: “In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.”

Let us pray. Creator God, help us to see how deep and wide Your saving grace is for all creation, and Your love that is shown through the works of God within us. We remember Your saving grace, O God, as we ask for Your help in keeping all people free from danger. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. May You, O God, give these Representatives and Staff the time and talent to do what is asked of them. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, and Staff. Bless and keep our Armed Forces and those who suffer wounds those seen and unseen. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Tailor Regan Richardson, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of David Barker.

REGULATION RECEIVED

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

Document No. 5263
Agency: Clemson University
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 46-13-30
Pesticide
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 18, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration January 21, 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4879 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE HISTORIC ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAINT BEULAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND THE REVEREND TERRENCE L. WASHINGTON AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THEIR GOD AND TO THE FLORENCE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4880 -- Reps. Thayer, West, Gagnon, Chapman, Cromer, Beach, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JOHNNIE RAMEY OF ANDERSON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4881 -- Reps. Cromer, Beach, Thayer, Chapman, West, Gagnon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson,

J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ERIC AUTENRIETH, CEO OF THE STANLEY-AUTENRIETH AUCTION GROUP, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING NAMED THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL AUTO AUCTION ASSOCIATION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4882 -- Reps. Cromer, Beach, Thayer, Chapman, West, Gagnon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE WREN HIGH SCHOOL HURRICANES FOR WINNING THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA VOLLEYBALL STATE

CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON A SPECTACULAR SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4883 -- Reps. Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF ALBERTHA "MOTT" GARDNER LADSON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4884 -- Reps. Chapman, Beach, West, Cromer, Gagnon, Thayer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson,

Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4885 -- Reps. Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW

OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF BRIGADIER GENERAL (RETIRED) HINTON ARNOLD PRICE, JR., OF UNION COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4886 -- Reps. Wheeler, Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM CALEB "CALE" YARBOROUGH AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4887 -- Reps. Lowe, Alexander, Jordan, Kirby, Williams, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos,

Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEPUTY CORPORAL EARL "TOMMY" RAUCH OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2023 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4888 -- Reps. Lowe, Alexander, Jordan, Kirby, Williams, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore,

A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEPUTY JOHN SCOTT POSTON OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2023 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4889 -- Rep. Gagnon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THURMOND BISHOP OF ABBEVILLE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EIGHTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4895 -- Reps. Caskey, Jordan and Rutherford: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JULY 31, 2034; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 8, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE, 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 9,

AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE, 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL

EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 4, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2027; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 8, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2027; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 11, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 16, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM

JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 6, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; AND TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4890 -- Reps. Bernstein, Rose, Bauer, Rutherford and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-61-125 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT EVERY AMBULANCE OPERATING IN THE STATE BE EQUIPPED WITH EPINEPHRINE AUTO-INJECTORS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4891 -- Reps. Trantham, Moss, Crawford, Oremus, Bailey, A. M. Morgan, McCabe, Burns, Long, Cromer, Chumley, Ligon,

J. L. Johnson, Jordan, Pope, Gagnon, J. E. Johnson, Kilmartin and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS FAILING TO STOP WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4892 -- Reps. Thayer, West, Chapman, Beach, Cromer and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 510 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE DISTRICTS FROM WHICH BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELECTED; AND TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THESE DISTRICTS.

Referred to Anderson Delegation

H. 4893 -- Reps. Forrest and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1110, RELATING TO PERSONS REQUIRED TO FILE STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN VOLUNTEERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 8-13-1308 AND 8-13-1309, BOTH RELATING TO THE FILING OF CAMPAIGN REPORTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCEPTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4894 -- Reps. Pope, Hiott, Felder and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-605 SO AS TO CREATE AN ENHANCED PENALTY FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY CONVICTIONS AGAINST AN EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL OR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER DURING THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West

Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--115

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BANNISTER a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BALLENTINE a leave of absence for the day due to personal reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HIXON a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HENEGAN a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WETMORE a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Melanie Lobel of Lexington County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its

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

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3424
Date:	ADD:
01/18/24	GUEST and SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3616
Date:	ADD:
01/18/24	MCCRAVY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4534
Date:	ADD:
01/18/24	MCCRAVY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4535
Date:	ADD:
01/18/24	MCCRAVY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4538
Date:	ADD:
01/18/24	MCCRAVY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4556
Date:	ADD:
01/18/24	MCCRAVY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4691
Date:	ADD:
01/18/24	MCCRAVY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4700
Date:	ADD:
01/18/24	GUEST and MCCRAVY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4865
Date:	ADD:
01/18/24	CARTER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4866
Date:	ADD:
01/18/24	HIOTT and BLACKWELL

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4867
Date:	ADD:
01/18/24	HIOTT and BLACKWELL

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4873
Date:	ADD:
01/18/24	CARTER

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. COLLINS a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. O'NEAL a temporary leave of absence.

DEBATE ADJOURNED ON MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Rep. HOWARD moved to adjourn debate on the motion to reconsider the confirmation of the Richland County Master-in-Equity until Tuesday, January 23, which was agreed to.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 4624 -- Reps. Hiott, G. M. Smith, McCravy, Davis, Vaughan, Trantham, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Oremus, Hartnett, Leber, Long, Nutt, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Murphy, Mitchell, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, West, Gilliam, Cromer, Kilmartin, O'Neal, Yow, S. Jones, Landing, Ballentine, Sandifer, Crawford, Guest, Willis, Ligon, Forrest, Pace, W. Newton, Bradley, Erickson, Gibson, Blackwell and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO DEFINE GENDER, SEX, AND OTHER TERMS, TO PROHIBIT THE PROVISION OF GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES TO A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-32-36 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF AND OFFICIALS FROM WITHHOLDING KNOWLEDGE OF A MINOR'S PERCEPTION OF THEIR GENDER FROM THE MINOR'S PARENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was granted leave on Tuesday, January 16 and Wednesday, January 17, 2024. During this time of excused leave, the House of Representatives gave second reading to H. 4624. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jeffery E. Johnson

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4859 -- Reps. B. Newton, Mitchell, Neese and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEPUTY THOMAS HUMANIK OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

H. 4860 -- Reps. Bustos, Brewer, Gatch, Gilliard, Hartnett, Hewitt, Landing, Leber, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEPUTY EVAN CUBBAGE AND DEPUTY ALEXANDER HODGE OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON BEING AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.

H. 4862 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAMES DENNIS GARDNER, FORMER CHIEF OF THE MACEDONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT, UPON THE RECENT OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS CHIEF AFTER DECADES OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:40 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. J. E. JOHNSON, adjourned in memory of Tailor Regan Richardson, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Friday, January 19, 2024
(Local Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 5:2: "Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray."

Let us pray. Almighty God, You who care for each of these people, protect them from all harm and guide them this day. Give them the tools to do the work required of them. We give thanks for our first responders and those who serve and keep us grounded in our belief. Bless and keep these men and women as they go about the business of this Assembly. Especially we pray for these Representatives as they return home to family and friends. Continue to bless our men and women who serve in places of danger. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who suffer wounds, especially those wounds that are hidden. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, January 23.

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Tuesday, January 23, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Daniel 10:18: "Again the One who looked like a man touched me and gave me strength. He said, do not be afraid, O man highly esteemed. Peace, be strong now, be strong."

Let us pray. We pray our prayers because we need help from the One who made us and gives us the strength to carry the burdens of the day and the days ahead. With these powerful words, guide these women and men to carry out the duties assigned to them. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Cause Your blessings to be upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. Bless our men and women who serve in the Armed Forces. Keep them safe and alert. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. ROSE moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Steve Fooshe, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Harry Gatch, father of Representative Gatch, as he recovers from heart surgery.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Dexter Scott King.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family of Steve Davidson.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. PEDALINO, from the Clarendon Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 738 -- Senator K. Johnson: A BILL TO DELINEATE THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THESE DISTRICTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4896 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA FARM BUREAU YOUNG FARMERS AND RANCHERS TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR PART OF ITS ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024, UNLESS THE HOUSE IS IN SESSION, OR THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4897 -- Reps. Gatch, Murphy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CITADEL CADET SULLIVAN CONNOR "SULLY" WATKINS OF CHARLESTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4898 -- Rep. Henderson-Myers: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KENNEDY MWILA, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF LUSAKA SOUTH MULTI-FACILITY ECONOMIC ZONE LIMITED IN ZAMBIA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4899 -- Reps. Murphy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PINEWOOD PREPARATORY SCHOOL BOYS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4900 -- Reps. Murphy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon,

Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE PINEWOOD PREPARATORY SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4901 -- Reps. Murphy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE THE PINEWOOD PREPARATORY SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM ON ITS EXCELLENT SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM'S

FINE ATHLETES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2023 CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4913 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF FRANKIE L. JOHNSON, JR., AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4902 -- Rep. Hager: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 IN HAMPTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 363 TO THE HAMPTON-ALLENDALE

COUNTY LINE THE "HONORABLE JAMES RISHER, SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4903 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CLARENDON HALL VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4904 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE BROAD RIVER ALONG SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAYS 49 AND 9 IN UNION COUNTY "1ST LT. ROY D. BRATTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS DESIGNATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4905 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 49 IN UNION COUNTY "PFC FRANKLIN LEROY BARBER BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4906 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE LOCKHART CANAL ON SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAYS 49 AND 9 "SP5 WALTER 'BUBBA' BRANNON MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

S. 980 -- Senator Sabb: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT ADRIAN DUNMORE, DEPUTY ERIC WHETSELL, DEPUTY STEPHANIE LAW, CHIEF DEPUTY VERNEY D. CUMBEE, AND LIEUTENANT SHANNON L. COKER, ALL OF THE WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2023 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4907 -- Reps. Magnuson, Burns, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Long, Nutt, S. Jones, Harris, White, Pace, Beach, Chumley, May, Oremus, Trantham, Gagnon, Kilmartin and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CONSUMER PROTECTION FROM INDEMNIFIED PRODUCTS ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROHIBIT MANDATING INDEMNIFIED PRODUCTS TO CONSUMERS WHICH WOULD RESULT IN CERTAIN LOSSES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4908 -- Reps. Bamberg, Collins, W. Newton, Robbins, J. L. Johnson, Gatch, Murphy, Rutherford and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-1230, 63-7-1410, AND 63-7-1430, RELATING IN PART TO THE AUTOMATIC ENTRY OF THE NAMES OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS IN THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT BASED ON AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE

DEPARTMENT'S ROLE IN REVIEWING THESE ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE IN THE REVIEW OF SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS AND TO PROHIBIT AUTOMATIC ENTRY IN THE CENTRAL REGISTRY PRIOR TO JUDICIAL REVIEW; AND BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-1605 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FAMILY COURT PROCEEDING AND PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENT DETERMINATIONS OF FINDINGS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4909 -- Reps. B. Newton, Neese, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-350, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LANCASTER COUNTY, SO AS TO REMOVE ONE PRECINCT AND REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

On motion of Rep. B. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 4910 -- Rep. Bustos: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT ALL SCHEDULED COUNTYWIDE PROPERTY TAX EQUALIZATION AND REASSESSMENT PLANS FOR ALL COUNTIES ARE DELAYED UNTIL PROPERTY TAX YEAR 2026.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4911 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 46, ENTITLED "AGING PETROLEUM TANK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM" SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND OUTLINE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 46 AS ARTICLE 1 ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 4912 -- Rep. Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT RATIOS FOR AD VALOREM TAXATION, SO AS TO ALLOW CERTAIN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO

CONTINUE TO CLAIM THE SPECIAL FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO WHEN THE CIVILIAN RECEIVES CERTAIN ORDERS FOR A CHANGE OF STATION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 916 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1(C) OF ACT 485 OF 1998, RELATED TO THE NEWBERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL PERSONS DESIRING TO QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY WITH THE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION INSTEAD OF FILING A PETITION.

Referred to Newberry Delegation

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe

McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--117

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GUFFEY a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HADDON a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. TRANTHAM a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Phyllis MacGilvray of Pickens County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3424
Date:	ADD:
01/23/24	MOSS, MAGNUSON, HARRIS and PACE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3430
Date:	ADD:
01/23/24	BEACH, MOSS, LAWSON and ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3616
Date:	ADD:
01/23/24	BUSTOS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3618
Date:	ADD:
01/23/24	GILLIARD, RIVERS, HAYES and J. MOORE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3676
Date:	ADD:
01/23/24	JORDAN, W. NEWTON, ELLIOTT, LOWE, J. E. JOHNSON and GUEST

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3989
Date:	ADD:
01/23/24	ANDERSON and CALHOON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4436
Date:	ADD:
01/23/24	LAWSON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4625
Date:	ADD:
01/23/24	MITCHELL and YOW

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4626
Date:	ADD:
01/23/24	MITCHELL and YOW

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4709
Date:	ADD:
01/23/24	MCDANIEL, GILLIARD, BERNSTEIN, LANDING, BUSTOS, HARTNETT, KING, HERBKERSMAN, ERICKSON, BRADLEY and BALLENTINE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4832
Date:	ADD:
01/23/24	ANDERSON

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

H. 3989–DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3989 – Reps. Ott, G. M. Smith, Cobb-Hunter, Ligon, Kirby, Haddon, Oremus, Brewer, Gagnon, Sandifer, Weeks, Williams, Henegan, Bauer, Forrest, Jefferson, Wheeler, Anderson and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOLAR, AGRICULTURAL, FARMLAND, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACT"; TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; TO ESTABLISH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES; TO ESTABLISH THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION PROCESS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEARINGS REGARDING THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION; TO ESTABLISH THE PARTIES TO A CERTIFICATION PROCEEDING; TO REQUIRE A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO CONSOLIDATE THE REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS; TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S DECISION REGARDING AN APPLICATION; TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ISSUE AN ORDER WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS FROM THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS FILED; TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A FILED APPLICATION; AND TO CREATE THE AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND VIABILITY PROTECTION FUND.

Rep. WEST moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, February 6, which was agreed to.

APPOINTMENT RECONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

September 1, 2023
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives

State House, Second Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

I am hereby transmitting my appointment of the Honorable Joseph M. Strickland to continue serving as Richland County Master-in-Equity for the remainder of the unexpired term. In accordance with sections 2-19-110 and 14-11-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission has found Judge Strickland qualified and the Richland County Legislative Delegation has submitted his name as candidate for appointment. Pursuant to the aforementioned statutory provisions, this appointment is made with the advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for consideration.

LOCAL APPOINTMENT:
Richland County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: April 30, 2021
Term Expiring: April 30, 2027
Vice: Self

Home Information:
Hon. Joseph M. Strickland
410 Hampton Trace Lane
Columbia, South Carolina 29209
strickland.joseph@richlandcountysc.gov
803-917-4456

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster

Rep. BAUER moved to table the motion to reconsider the vote whereby the House confirmed the appointment of the Richland County Master-in-Equity, which was refused by a division vote of 39 to 54.

The House then reconsidered the vote whereby the House confirmed the appointment of the Richland County Master-in-Equity by a division vote of 64 to 40.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the confirmation.
Rep. BAUER spoke in favor of the confirmation.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 31; Nays 62

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Cobb-Hunter	Cromer
Gilliam	Harris	Hartnett
Jefferson	S. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Leber
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	Mitchell	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	O'Neal	Pace
Robbins	White	Whitmire
Willis		

Total--31

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bannister	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Carter
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliard
Guest	Hardee	Hart
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	Kirby
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McGinnis	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer

Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wheeler	Wooten	

Total--62

So, the House refused to confirm the appointment of the Richland County Master-in-Equity and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

R. 102, H. 4300--GOVERNOR'S VETO --DEBATE ADJOURNED ON VETO MESSAGE

The Veto message on the following Act was taken up:

(R. 102, H. 4300) -- Ways and Means Committee: AN ACT TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN moved to adjourn debate on the Veto message until Tuesday, February 6, which was agreed to.

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4887 -- Reps. Lowe, Alexander, Jordan, Kirby, Williams, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Kilmartin, King,

Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEPUTY CORPORAL EARL "TOMMY" RAUCH OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2023 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

H. 4888 -- Reps. Lowe, Alexander, Jordan, Kirby, Williams, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEPUTY JOHN SCOTT POSTON OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2023 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.

H. 4889 -- Rep. Gagnon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THURMOND BISHOP OF ABBEVILLE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EIGHTY-FIFTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:09 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. ROSE, adjourned in memory of Steve Fooshe, to meet at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 2:00 p.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Ecclesiastes 8:5: “The wise mind will know the time and the way. For every matter has its time and way, although the trouble of mortals lie heavy upon them.”

Let us pray. God of justice and mercy, may our time together here reflect Your compassion for all those in need and may our strong and life-giving relationships come to bear with these Representatives and Staff. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders. Provide for all who are in need, find rest for their souls, and keep us all in Your loving care. May we be the light that shines for each person here. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who work and serve in this vineyard. Remember our men and women who serve in the Armed Forces. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. W. NEWTON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Charles Edward Dean, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of former Representative Wade "Ronnie" Crow.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

January 24, 2024
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State House, Second Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. This appointment is made with advice and consent of the Congressional Legislative Delegation and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

STATEWIDE APPOINTMENT:
Department of Transportation Commission
Term Commencing: 2/15/2020
Term Expiring: 2/15/2024
Seat: 5th Congressional District
Vice: David Branham, Sr.

Home Information:
Mr. Curtis M. Spencer
American Forest Management/AFM Real Estate
732 Mattison Avenue
Sumter, South Carolina 29150-3108

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster

Referred to the 5th Congressional District

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. LOWE, from the Florence Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4868 -- Reps. Kirby, Lowe, Jordan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 84 OF 2011, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE

TIME AND METHOD BY WHICH THE NINE MEMBERS OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER THREE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED, TO REAPPORTION THE FIVE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS AND THE TWO MULTIMEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THESE NINE MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED, TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3424 -- Reps. T. Moore, Carter, McCravy, Lawson, Beach, Pope, Nutt, Oremus, Vaughan, Long, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Kilmartin, Cromer, O'Neal, Yow, Gilliam, W. Newton, Guest, Schuessler, Moss, Magnuson, Harris, Pace, Brittain, Bailey, Robbins, Sessions, Ligon, Felder, B. L. Cox and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN OPERATOR TO MAKE A PORNOGRAPHIC WEBSITE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL CREATE CERTAIN PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4700 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope, Guffey, Chapman, Leber, Beach, Kilmartin, Cromer, Oremus, O'Neal, Vaughan, Nutt, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, West, Felder, Guest, McCravy, Bailey, Brittain, Robbins and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY MAY NOT PERMIT CERTAIN MINORS TO BE ACCOUNT HOLDERS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL

MEDIA COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL RESTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS TO MINORS DURING CERTAIN HOURS; TO PROVIDE FOR CONSUMER COMPLAINTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION HAS AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT; TO PROVIDE FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN WAIVERS AND LIMITATIONS ARE VOID.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3608 -- Reps. Hixon, Bailey and Brittain: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-39-260, RELATING TO RECORDS OF SALES OR CONVEYANCES AND RESULTING CHANGES IN DUPLICATES AND ENDORSEMENT OF DEEDS BY AUDITORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE RECORDS OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY SALES AND TO REMOVE COUNTY AUDITOR FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5-120, RELATING TO THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN CONVEYANCES NOT ENDORSED BY A COUNTY AUDITOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY CONVEYANCE MEETING THE STATUTORY PREREQUISITES FOR RECORDING ARE VALID AND BINDING; BY REPEALING SECTION 30-5-80 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF THE AUDITOR'S ENDORSEMENT BEFORE THE RECORDATION OF DEEDS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 8-21-130 RELATING TO FEES COLLECTED BY COUNTY AUDITORS FOR AN ENDORSEMENT ON A DEED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4825 -- Reps. Hewitt, Murphy, W. Newton, Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Kirby, Mitchell, Crawford, Yow, Bailey, Pope, Guest, Hartnett, West, Oremus, Leber, Williams, Jefferson and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLAWFULLY LURING ANOTHER PERSON, TO PROVIDE FOR A SENTENCING ENHANCEMENT WHEN THE VICTIM IS A MINOR, TO SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE FOR PUNISHMENT FOR ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING OFFENSES, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "MINOR".

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4029 -- Reps. Dillard, Hyde, Bailey and Brittain: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-1-103, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCLUDE HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3523 -- Reps. McCravy, Lawson, Yow, Leber, Bailey, Brittain, Robbins and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 1 SO AS TO CREATE THE "FALLEN FIRST RESPONDER SURVIVOR ADVOCATE" POSITION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND PROVIDE ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4231 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Davis, Bernstein, Guest, Brittain, Henegan, B. Newton, Carter, B. L. Cox, Bannister, Herbkersman and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-1155, RELATING TO MICRO-DISTILLERIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MICRO-DISTILLERY MAY SELL CERTAIN LIQUORS DISTILLED ON THE PREMISES ON SUNDAYS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION

61-6-4160, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON CERTAIN DAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES MAY AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON SUNDAYS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4364 -- Reps. W. Newton, Davis, Rutherford, Bernstein, M. M. Smith, Ott, Brittain, Guest, Hewitt, Elliott, Stavrinakis, Bradley, Wooten, Murphy, Herbkersman, Leber, Sessions, Caskey, Rose, Mitchell, Brewer, Guffey, Hardee, Collins, Gatch, B. Newton, Pace, Bauer and Bailey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-170, RELATING TO DRIVE-THROUGH OR CURBSIDE SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-280 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN BEER AND WINE AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1570 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; AND BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1580 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. THAYER, from the Anderson Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4892 -- Reps. Thayer, West, Chapman, Beach, Cromer and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 510 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE DISTRICTS FROM

WHICH BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELECTED; AND TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THESE DISTRICTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HYDE, from the Spartanburg Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 410 -- Senator Talley: A BILL TO CONVEY THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION TO SPARTANBURG COUNTY; TO DISSOLVE THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION; AND TO REPEAL ACT 819 OF 1978, RELATING TO THE CREATION AND DUTIES OF THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4674 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1240, RELATING TO THE DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY, TO PROVIDE HOW LICENSE PLATES MUST BE FASTENED TO VEHICLES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPLAY OF TEMPORARY LICENSE PLATES ON LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3309 -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope, Erickson, Bradley and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-97 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SEIZURE ACTION PLANS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO

PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH PLANS AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

S. 245 -- Senators Kimbrell and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WITH CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS IS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING AS THE TREASURER OF A BOOSTER CLUB, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH BOOSTER CLUB WITHIN A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ANNUALLY REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD MUST RUN A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK TO DETERMINE IF THE TREASURER OF A BOOSTER CLUB IS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING IN THAT ROLE DUE TO A CRIMINAL CONVICTION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4914 -- Reps. Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A

HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DAWN LYNN HENDRICK OF MAULDIN ON BEING SELECTED TO COMPETE AT THE INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS' SOCIETY NATIONAL CONVENTION AND ON PLACING IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION'S MILITARY VEHICLES COMPETITION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4915 -- Reps. Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE KAYLA BRIANA HENDRICK OF MAULDIN ON BEING SELECTED TO COMPETE AT THE INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS' SOCIETY NATIONAL CONVENTION AND ON PLACING IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION'S MISCELLANEOUS ENTRY COMPETITION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4916 -- Reps. Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley,

Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KATE HOPKINS, A GOOD SAMARITAN IN ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND, WHOSE IMPACT WAS FELT BY HER "NEIGHBOR" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4917 -- Rep. Bannister: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE STAFF SERVING THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS NOT REQUIRED TO WORK ON GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024, AND EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4918 -- Reps. Ott, McDaniel, J. Moore, Wetmore, King, Pendarvis, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers, Gilliard, Garvin, Kirby, W. Jones, Atkinson, Williams, Henegan, Rutherford, Jefferson, Anderson, Hosey, Hayes, Bauer, J. L. Johnson, Stavrinakis and Weeks: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO URGE CONGRESS TO EXTEND THE

DEADLINE FOR THE NOTICE OF INTENT FOR THE 2024 SUMMER EBT PROGRAM.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4919 -- Reps. Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND FRANK'S JEWELERS, ONE OF CLOVER'S MOST RESPECTED SMALL BUSINESSES, FOR NEARLY SEVENTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF ITS COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4920 -- Reps. Bernstein, Hartnett, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KAHAL KADOSH BETH ELOHIM AND TO CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CHARLESTON COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4921 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE

HAMMOND SCHOOL CHEER SQUAD, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4922 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, REMEMBERING THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LOST TO CANCER, AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024, AS "SUITS AND SNEAKERS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4923 -- Reps. Bernstein, McCravy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach,

Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SHOW ITS UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S DEFENSE OF ITS TERRITORY AND CITIZENS AND TO CONDEMN THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY HAMAS AGAINST ISRAEL.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4924 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore,

Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HAMMOND SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4925 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CROSS SCHOOLS COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2023 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 1A JV STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM AND ITS COACHES ON THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4926 -- Rep. J. Moore: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO FAMED STAND-UP COMEDIAN AND ACTOR KATT WILLIAMS AS HE VISITS THE PALMETTO STATE AND PERFORMS ON MARCH 29, 2024, AT THE NORTH CHARLESTON COLISEUM.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4927 -- Reps. Herbkersman, W. Newton and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE THE "EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY", TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE OFFICE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO BECOME COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO THE MEDIATION OF GRIEVANCES BY THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY, THE OFFICE'S COMPONENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS TO THE LIST OF EXEMPTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-70, RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTER 9 OF TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4928 -- Rep. Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-21-10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS' TRUST

FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDRAISING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 25-21-30, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABILITY TO FUNDRAISE.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4929 -- Reps. Bustos, Ballentine, Brewer, Gatch, Hartnett, Hewitt, Landing, Leber, McCabe, Pedalino and Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-1-92 SO AS TO REQUIRE PERSONS WHO DISCHARGE CERTAIN POLLUTANTS INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE TO BE LIABLE FOR ALL RESPONSE, CONTAINMENT, AND CLEANUP COSTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4930 -- Reps. W. Jones, Pendarvis, Dillard, J. L. Johnson, Henegan, Anderson, Ott, Kirby, Gilliard, Howard, Weeks and Wheeler: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4931 -- Reps. Felder, Bernstein, Calhoon and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-23-540 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINALLY NEGLIGENT STORAGE OF A FIREARM, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4932 -- Rep. Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-722, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF FILING FALSE POLICE REPORTS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE OFFENDERS MUST PAY RESTITUTION FOR VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-47-80,

RELATING TO MAKING UNLAWFUL 911 EMERGENCY CALLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE OFFENDERS MUST PAY RESTITUTION FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4933 -- Reps. Wooten and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-5015, RELATING TO SUNSCREEN DEVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4934 -- Reps. Mitchell, Gilliam, Pace, Yow, Murphy, Guffey, Pope and Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-7-90, RELATING TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVE MILITARY FORCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF PAID MILITARY LEAVE EACH YEAR.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4935 -- Reps. Bustos, Leber, Hartnett and Landing: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SECURE, ACCURATE, AND VERIFIABLE ELECTIONS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-200 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE USE OF PAPER POLL BOOKS ONLY AT VOTING LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-870 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT ALL VOTES CAST IN A STATEWIDE PRIMARY, GENERAL, OR SPECIAL ELECTION BE ON HAND-MARKED, PAPER BALLOTS AND PRINTED ON SECURE PAPER, AND TO REQUIRE THAT ALL BALLOTS BE COUNTED IN VIEW OF THE PUBLIC; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-880 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE USE OF CHAIN OF CUSTODY DOCUMENTATION FOR ALL ELECTION-RELATED MATERIALS AND THE MAINTENANCE OF CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORDS FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME AFTER AN ELECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-320, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO EARLY VOTING, AND TO

DELETE THE PROVISION ALLOWING PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 53-5-10, RELATING TO THE ENUMERATION OF LEGAL HOLIDAYS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH GENERAL ELECTION DAY AS A STATE HOLIDAY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 882 -- Senators M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Gustafson, Climer, Garrett, Loftis, Adams and Cash: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 63-5-380 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PARENT OR THE LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A MINOR MUST BE NOTIFIED WHEN A HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL PRESCRIBES MEDICATION TO THE MINOR, TO PROVIDE THAT A PHARMACIST CANNOT FILL A PRESCRIPTION FOR A MINOR WITHOUT THE MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN CONSENTING, TO PROVIDE THAT A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN CANNOT BE PROHIBITED FROM VIEWING HIS MINOR'S PRESCRIPTION HISTORY, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THESE PROVISIONS DO NOT APPLY TO AN EMANCIPATED MINOR OR A MARRIED MINOR.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest

Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--121

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS a leave of absence for the day due to a speaking engagement out of the country.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Gerald Harmon of Georgetown County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3115
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	HOWARD, PACE, DAVIS, SCHUESSLER, M. M. SMITH, BRITTAIN, GUEST, T. MOORE, B. NEWTON, WILLIAMS, ATKINSON, HARDEE, SESSIONS, HIOTT, CASKEY, MCDANIEL, J. L. JOHNSON, MURPHY, W. JONES and BREWER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3424
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	BRITTAIN, BAILEY, ROBBINS, SESSIONS, LIGON, FELDER, B. L. COX and GUFFEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3430
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	BREWER and MURPHY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3523
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	BAILEY, BRITTAIN, ROBBINS and SESSIONS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3608
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	BAILEY and BRITTAIN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3618
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	Thayer

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4029
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	BAILEY and BRITTAIN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4231
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4364
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	BAILEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4568
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	THAYER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4623
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	LIGON and O'NEAL

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4625
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	HEWITT

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4659
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	BAILEY, SCHUESSLER, HARDEE and BRITTAIN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4689
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	LIGON, LAWSON, MOSS and B. L. COX

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4700
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	ROBBINS, SESSIONS, BAILEY and BRITTAIN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4709
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	PEDALINO

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4710
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	CASKEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4866
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	B. L. COX and SESSIONS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4867
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	B. L. COX

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4891
Date:	ADD:
01/24/24	THAYER and CONNELL

CO-SPONSOR REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3236
Date:	REMOVE:
01/24/24	LANDING

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

S. 738--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 738 -- Senator K. Johnson: A BILL TO DELINEATE THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THESE DISTRICTS.

Rep. Pedalino proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 738 (LC-738.HDB0003H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding another provision of law:

(A) The nine single-member districts from which each of the members of the Clarendon County School District Board of Trustees must be elected beginning with the 2024 General Election are as shown on the Clarendon County School District map designated as S-27-00-23A and maintained by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

(B) The demographic information for each of the nine single-member districts shown on the Clarendon County School District map is as follows:

District	Pop.	Dev.	%Dev.	Hisp.	%Hisp.
1	3,430	-30	-0.87%	44	1.28%
2	3,486	26	0.75%	80	2.29%
3	3,441	-19	-0.55%	74	2.15%
4	3,391	-69	-1.99%	166	4.90%

5	3,452	-8	-0.23%	76	2.20%
6	3,443	-17	-0.49%	92	2.67%
7	3,472	12	0.35%	168	4.84%
8	3,519	59	1.71%	117	3.32%
9	3,510	50	1.45%	90	2.56%
Total	31,144			907	2.91%

District	NH White	%NH White	NH Blk.	%NH Blk.	VAP	%VAP
1	2,669	77.81%	595	17.35%	2,943	85.80%
2	982	28.17%	2,344	67.24%	2,868	82.27%
3	2,310	67.13%	925	26.88%	3,048	88.58%
4	1,387	40.90%	1,756	51.78%	2,658	78.38%
5	1,433	41.51%	1,780	51.56%	2,674	77.46%
6	1,019	29.60%	2,233	64.86%	2,581	74.96%
7	1,724	49.65%	1,522	43.84%	2,878	82.89%
8	2,348	66.72%	992	28.19%	2,642	75.08%
9	1,437	40.94%	1,908	54.36%	2,757	78.55%
Total	15,309	49.16%	14,055	45.13%	25,049	80.43%

District	HVAP	%HVAP	WVAP	%WVAP	BVAP	%BVAP
1	34	1.16%	2,339	79.48%	468	15.90%
2	53	1.85%	817	28.49%	1,926	67.15%
3	70	2.30%	2,108	69.16%	761	24.97%
4	99	3.72%	1,129	42.48%	1,373	51.66%
5	53	1.98%	1,165	43.57%	1,331	49.78%
6	51	1.98%	820	31.77%	1,641	63.58%
7	104	3.61%	1,380	47.95%	1,348	46.84%
8	68	2.57%	1,797	68.02%	735	27.82%
9	62	2.25%	1,177	42.69%	1,462	53.03%
Total	594	2.37%	12,732	50.83%	11,045	44.09%

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

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

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West

Wetmore	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4909--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4909 -- Reps. B. Newton, Neese, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-350, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LANCASTER COUNTY, SO AS TO REMOVE ONE PRECINCT AND REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon

Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3782--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3782 -- Reps. West, Yow, Jefferson, Ligon, Nutt, Anderson, Hardee, Bannister, Thayer, Blackwell and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTION 58-12-300, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "VIDEO SERVICE".

Rep. WEST explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Howard	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler

Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. FORREST.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4939 -- Reps. Williams, Henegan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus,

Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MATTIE KNIGHT OF HARTSVILLE ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED FIFTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4936 -- Reps. Sessions, Pope, Guffey and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY THAT EQUALS THE CORPORATION'S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4937 -- Reps. Collins, Hiott and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-450, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN PICKENS COUNTY, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, WITH APPROVAL FROM A MAJORITY OF THE PICKENS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, TO LOCATE A POLLING PLACE WITHIN FIVE MILES OF A PRECINCT'S BOUNDARIES IF NO SUITABLE LOCATION EXISTS WITHIN THE PRECINCT.

Referred to Pickens Delegation

H. 4938 -- Rep. Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 56-3-253, 56-3-376, 56-3-377, AND 56-3-385, RELATING TO THE

ESTABLISHMENT OF BIENNIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION PERIODS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ANNUAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION PERIODS; BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-600 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL PAYMENT OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE FEES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-3-610, 56-3-620, 56-3-640, 56-3-645, 56-3-660, 56-3-700, 56-3-710, 56-3-720, 56-3-740, 56-3-750, 56-3-760, 56-3-770, 56-3-840, 56-3-900, 56-3-1230, 56-3-1450, 56-3-1510, 56-3-1530, 56-3-1610, 56-3-1630, 56-3-2010, 56-3-2020, 56-3-2150, 56-3-2160, 56-3-2540, 56-3-2810, 56-3-2820, 56-3-3410, 56-3-3420, 56-3-3500, 56-3-3600, 56-3-3910, 56-3-3950, 56-3-4100, 56-3-4200, 56-3-4410, 56-3-4510, 56-3-4600, 56-3-4800, 56-3-5010, 56-3-5200, 56-3-5300, 56-3-5400, 56-3-6500, 56-3-7000, 56-3-7010, 56-3-7050, 56-3-7200, 56-3-7300, 56-3-7310, 56-3-7320, 56-3-7330, 56-3-7340, 56-3-7350, 56-3-7370, 56-3-7610, 56-3-7700, 56-3-7750, 56-3-7800, 56-3-7890, 56-3-7910, 56-3-7940, 56-3-7950, 56-3-8000, 56-3-8100, 56-3-8200, 56-3-8300, 56-3-8400, 56-3-8600, 56-3-8710, 56-3-8910, 56-3-9000, 56-3-9100, 56-3-9200, 56-3-9300, 56-3-9400, 56-3-9500, 56-3-9600, 56-3-9710, 56-3-9800, 56-3-10010, 56-3-10510, 56-3-10810, 56-3-10910, 56-3-11310, 56-3-11420, 56-3-11810, 56-3-12010, 56-3-12110, 56-3-12210, 56-3-12310, 56-3-12410, 56-3-12510, 56-3-12610, 56-3-12710, 56-3-12810, 56-3-13010, 56-3-13310, 56-3-13410, 56-3-13520, 56-3-13610, 56-3-13710, 56-3-13810, 56-3-13910, 56-3-14010, 56-3-14110, 56-3-14210, 56-3-14510, 56-3-14610, 56-3-14710, 56-3-14810, 56-3-14910, 56-3-14920, 56-3-14930, 56-3-14940, 56-3-14950, 56-3-14960, 56-3-14970, 56-3-14980, AND 11-43-167, RELATING TO THE BIENNIAL PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION, LICENSE AND ROAD USE FEES FOR VARIOUS VEHICLES AND VARIOUS LICENSE PLATES, DELINQUENT REGISTRATION AND LICENSE PENALTIES, THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDS OF REGISTRATION AND LICENSE FEES, LICENSE PLATE SPECIFICATIONS AND THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES AND REVALIDATION STICKERS, THE ISSUANCE OF "YEAR OF MANUFACTURE" LICENSE PLATES, "AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS" LICENSE PLATES, "EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS" LICENSE PLATES, "SPECIAL PERSONALIZED" LICENSE PLATES, LICENSE PLATES FOR VARIOUS ACTIVE AND RETIRED ELECTED OFFICIALS AND RETIRED JUDICIAL OFFICERS, "CONSERVE SOUTH CAROLINA" LICENSE PLATES, "VOLUNTEER FIREMEN" LICENSE PLATES, "NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION" LICENSE PLATES, "PENN CENTER" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH

CAROLINA NURSES" LICENSE PLATES, "SHAG COMMEMORATIVE" LICENSE PLATES, "KEEP SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUTIFUL" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA ELKS ASSOCIATION" LICENSE PLATES, "CAROLINA PANTHERS" LICENSE PLATES, "SHARE THE ROAD" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE" LICENSE PLATES, "HOMEOWNERSHIP: THE AMERICAN DREAM" LICENSE PLATES, "SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS" LICENSE PLATES, "PUBLIC EDUCATION: A GREAT INVESTMENT" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA: FIRST IN GOLF" LICENSE PLATES, "CHARTER LIMOUSINE" LICENSE PLATES, "FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE" LICENSE PLATES, "UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY" LICENSE PLATES, "COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICERS" LICENSE PLATES, "UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY" LICENSE PLATES, "ARTS AWARENESS" LICENSE PLATES, "SALTWATER FISHING" LICENSE PLATES, "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE" LICENSE PLATES, "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA" AND "EAGLE SCOUT" LICENSE PLATES, "NATIVE AMERICAN" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA PEACH COUNCIL" LICENSE PLATES, "CANCER RESEARCH CENTERS OF THE CAROLINAS" LICENSE PLATES, "SQUARE DANCE" LICENSE PLATES, "SPECIAL OLYMPICS" LICENSE PLATES, "FRATERNITY AND SORORITY" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM" LICENSE PLATES, "OUR FARMS - OUR FUTURE" LICENSE PLATES, "H.L. HUNLEY SUBMARINE" LICENSE PLATES, "REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE" LICENSE PLATES, "HUNTING ISLAND STATE PARK" LICENSE PLATES, "NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION" LICENSE PLATES, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION GUIDELINES, "ROTARY INTERNATIONAL" LICENSE PLATES, "LIONS CLUB" LICENSE PLATES, "DUCKS UNLIMITED" LICENSE PLATES, "NASCAR" LICENSE PLATES, "CHOOSE LIFE" LICENSE PLATES, "SERTOMA INTERNATIONAL" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNOLOGY ALLIANCE" LICENSE PLATES, "IN GOD WE TRUST" LICENSE PLATES, "UNITED WE STAND" LICENSE PLATES, "MORRIS ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE" LICENSE PLATES, "GOD BLESS AMERICA" LICENSE PLATES, "NO MORE HOMELESS PETS" LICENSE PLATES, "HERITAGE CLASSIC FOUNDATION" LICENSE PLATES, "BREAST CANCER AWARENESS" LICENSE

PLATES, "PARROT HEAD" LICENSE PLATES, "I BELIEVE" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA TENNIS PATRONS FOUNDATION" LICENSE PLATES, "TREE MY DOG" LICENSE PLATES, "SECOND AMENDMENT" LICENSE PLATES, "STATE FLAG" LICENSE PLATES, "I SUPPORT LIBRARIES" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATOR" LICENSE PLATES, "BEACH MUSIC" LICENSE PLATES, CITADEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION "BIG RED" LICENSE PLATES, "LARGEMOUTH BASS" LICENSE PLATES, "HIGH SCHOOL" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE FEDERATION" LICENSE PLATES, "DR. MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE" LICENSE PLATES, "GADSDEN FLAG" LICENSE PLATES, "2010-11 BASEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS" LICENSE PLATES, "MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA RIVERKEEPERS" LICENSE PLATES, "AUTISM AWARENESS" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA STANDS WITH ISRAEL" LICENSE PLATES, "AMERICAN RED CROSS" LICENSE PLATES, "CHASE AWAY CHILDHOOD CANCER" LICENSE PLATES, "SPECIAL PERSONALIZED MOTOR VEHICLE" LICENSE PLATES, "CLEMSON UNIVERSITY 2016 AND 2018 FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS" LICENSE PLATES, "2016 BASEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS" LICENSE PLATES, "UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2017 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS" LICENSE PLATES, "VIRGINIA TECH" LICENSE PLATES, "POWERING THE PALMETTO STATE" LICENSE PLATES, "DRIVERS FOR A CURE" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, AND "TWO HUNDRED FIFTY YEAR ANNIVERSARY REVOLUTIONARY WAR COMMEMORATIVE" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF CERTAIN SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF VARIOUS AWARDS, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARDS, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF CAMPAIGN MEDALS, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF MILITARY SERVICE, AND SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES SHOWING SUPPORT FOR MILITARY-RELATED PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE

ANNUAL REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE COUNTIES SHALL COLLECT CERTAIN FEES ASSESSED AGAINST VEHICLES POWERED BY ANY FUEL OTHER THAN MOTOR FUEL, AND TO PROVIDE A COUNTY MAY COLLECT CERTAIN DELINQUENCY FEES ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-43-167, RELATING TO FEES AND FINES CREDITED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL REDUCE THE ALLOCATION TO THE STATE-FUNDED RESURFACING PROGRAM BY A CERTAIN PROPORTION, SHALL TRANSFER NONTAX REVENUE TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK SHALL TRANSFER CERTAIN AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-117 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MUST REFUSE TO RENEW THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION OF A PERSON WHO HAS NOT PAID THE VEHICLE'S PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, AND PROVIDE A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MUST NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONS VIOLATING THIS CHAPTER; BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-205 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE REVALIDATION DECALS AND ENTER INTO AND SUPERVISE CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN ENTITIES TO ISSUE LICENSE PLATES AND REVALIDATION DECALS, TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT ISSUE REVALIDATION DECALS MAY CHARGE A FEE TO DEFRAY THE COST OF ISSUING PLATES AND DECALS, AND PROVIDE A PLAN MUST BE DEVELOPED TO ALLOW EACH COUNTY TO ISSUE LICENSE PLATES AND REVALIDATION DECALS; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 56-3-378, 56-3-905, AND 56-2-2740 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF REGISTERING MOTOR VEHICLES, REFUNDING A PORTION OF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE WHEN A LICENSE PLATE AND REGISTRATION IS SURRENDERED TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND THE ISSUANCE OF BIENNIAL LICENSE PLATES AND REVALIDATION DECALS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

Rep. FORREST moved that the House recede until 6:45 p.m., which was agreed to.

JOINT ASSEMBLY

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

H. 4751 -- Rep. G.M. Smith: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024, IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Governor Henry McMaster and distinguished party were escorted to the rostrum by Senators Setzler, Peeler, Davis, Allen, Shealy and Reichenbach and REPRESENTATIVES CONNELL, B. L. COX, HIXON, MCDANIEL, THAYER and WEST. The President of the Senate introduced Governor McMaster, who then addressed the Joint Assembly as follows:

2024 State of the State Address
Governor Henry McMaster
Wednesday, January 24, 2024

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

We are here tonight to address successes, challenges, and opportunities. But first, as in prior years, I'd like to recognize those in uniform whom we lost in the line of duty in 2023.

Sergeant Ricky Lydell Green, Jr., of the South Carolina Department of Corrections, Deputy Jacob Eric Salrin of the Richland County Sheriff's Department, Officer Matthew Logan Hare of the Easley Police Department, Lieutenant Michael Charles Wood, Jr., of the Newberry Police Department, Specialist Jayson Reed Haven, South Carolina National Guard, Firefighter James Michael Muller of the Irmo Fire District, and K-9 Agent Rico with the State Law Enforcement Division.

To the families and loved ones of these brave South Carolinians, we offer our condolences. We are eternally grateful for their service.

I am delighted to have with us once again tonight our First Lady, my bride Peggy, our son Henry, Jr., and his wife Virginia. Their sixteen-month-old daughter, Margot Gray, is at home. And our daughter Mary Rogers, her husband Sam. Their nineteen-month-old son, James Dargan, is at home. Please stand and be recognized.

Also, our Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette, and her husband David are here tonight and our state constitutional officeholders. Please stand and be recognized.

Finally, will the members of the best cabinet in the nation please stand and be recognized. Thank you all.

I would also like to acknowledge the members of the Supreme Court in attendance tonight, including Chief Justice Beatty, who will retire this summer after more than seven years as Chief Justice of our Supreme Court and more than thirty years of service to our State. I look forward to working with our next Chief Justice, John Kittredge.

I believe there is no higher honor on earth than being selected by the people who know you best to serve in a position like this. I thank you and I will not let you down.

We will continue to act boldly, think big, and continue building on our successes. My question: What are our priorities now, and what will our magnificent state look like in 100 years?

The world knows that South Carolina has great people. Our quality of life and cultural heritage, abundant natural resources, and prosperous economy make us unique and offer enormous opportunity.

Our booming economy in 2023 once again created a record budget surplus, over $1.64 billion, with over $9.21 billion in capital investment and 14,120 jobs. 2022 was equally grand with over $10 billion in capital investment.

Just since 2017, we have announced over $36.4 billion in new investments and 86,378 new jobs.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, South Carolina led the nation in population growth last year.

Also, according to the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, our personal income growth rate ranked 2nd in the country at 4.9% through the third quarter of 2023.

We are firing on all cylinders.

South Carolina’s tourism industry continued to thrive in 2023, meeting or exceeding the record-breaking tourism growth of earlier years.

South Carolina was named as one of the top five golf destinations in the world and best in the country for 2023, according to the International Association of Golf Travel Operators. Ours is the only state in the United States to make this list, sharing recognition with Cyprus, Dubai, Los Cabos, and Thailand. This reputation was evidenced in 2023 by the announcement of a new PGA TOUR tournament, the Myrtle Beach Classic, which will debut in May, joining the prestigious RBC Heritage tournament held the month before on Hilton Head Island.

Since 1950, Darlington Raceway, the track "Too Tough to Tame" has provided generations of NASCAR fans with spectacular memories, breathtaking finishes and a lifetime of stories to be told and retold. The Mother's Day and Labor Day NASCAR CUP races are South Carolina's largest professional sporting events, generating over $118 million in economic impact to the state. You have to see it to believe it.

Once again, Charleston was named the #1 City in the South by readers of Southern Living in 2023, and the #1 City in the United States by Travel + Leisure Readers for the 11th year in a row.

Hilton Head Island was again named the #1 Island in this year's Conde Nast Traveler Readers' Choice rankings of the best islands in America.

And, Greenville's Unity Park was recognized by Reader's Digest Magazine as one of the "Nicest Places in America."

I would like to recognize several of the businesses which announced their confidence in our people by their substantial capital investment in 2023. If the leaders will stand as I name your company, we will respond when all are standing.

In Richland County, Scout Motors will revitalize an iconic American brand as an all-electric, next-generation truck and rugged SUV with a $2 billion investment and 4,000 jobs. President and CEO Mr. Scott Keogh.

In Chester County, Albemarle Corporation will invest $1.3 billion, with more than 300 jobs, for a lithium hydroxide processing facility. CEO Mr. Kent Masters.

In Sumter County, e-VAC Magnetics' investment of more than a half a billion-dollars and creation of 300 jobs will produce rare earth permanent magnets and will help secure the United States' domestic pipeline for these rare earth magnets, the only such facility in the Western Hemisphere. CEO Mr. Erik Eschen.

In Laurens County, ZF Transmissions Gray Court is expanding its operation for the growing and evolving mobility industry with a $500 million investment and 400 jobs. Vice President and Plant Manager Mr. Tobias Brugger.

In York County, Pallidus is relocating its corporate headquarters and semiconductor manufacturing operations to South Carolina with a $443 million investment and 405 new jobs. Vice President of Global Facilities Mr. Gerald Knowles.

In Richland County, Cirba Solutions will build a state-of-the-art flagship operation to produce lithium-ion battery materials with more than 300 new jobs and over $300 million invested. CEO Mr. David Klanecky.

In Spartanburg County, Milo's Tea Company, a family-owned beverage company, will establish operations with a $130 million investment and 103 new jobs. CEO Mrs. Tricia Wallwork.

And also, our Secretary of Commerce, Harry Lightsey, and his remarkable team which worked around the clock to produce these successes. Please stand. We thank all of you. You all made the right decisions. We boomed in 2023 and will boom again in 2024.

South Carolina is a national leader in advanced manufacturing. And now we are leading the way in the new and innovative electric vehicle and battery manufacturing industry.

We are home to four major electric vehicle manufacturers, major international EV battery manufacturers, the nation's largest EV battery recycling facility, and many other industries in the electric vehicle manufacturing supply chain.

Our leadership is displayed in the SC Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy consortium developed by our Department of Commerce.

This consortium was developed in collaboration with our research universities, technical colleges, state agencies, the Savannah River National Laboratory, economic development non-profits, and private businesses.

It is the culmination of groundwork laid in prior years through collaborative public-private initiatives.

This cooperative spirit produced our EV Working Group, a "one-stop shop" to recruit and assist with electric vehicle investment and manufacturing in the state.

It also produced the PowerSC Energy Resources and Economic Development Interagency Working Group. This group leads the effort to coordinate the state's energy stakeholders to ensure that we have the energy necessary to meet the needs of our future.

We know that we will need more. The questions are: how much power will South Carolina need? And how will it be produced and transmitted?

Recently SC Nexus won the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration's designation as one of the Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs, which allows SC Nexus to apply for federal funding. Out of over 400 applications, South Carolina was one of 31 finalists selected.

As a federal Tech Hub, SC Nexus will compete for federal grant funding valued between $40-$70 million annually. My Executive Budget includes $15 million to support SC Nexus and serve as the state "match" required for this competition. We are going to win.

Also, the demand for a trained EV workforce is outpacing the number of qualified applicants.

Manufacturers like BMW, Mercedes-Benz Vans, Volvo Cars, and Scout Motors will need a highly specialized and trained workforce of almost twenty thousand South Carolinians, and they will need them soon.

To meet this demand, my Executive Budget recommends $50 million to create specialized "EV training institutes" at our technical college campuses.

One thing we do not need is more labor unions. We have gotten where we are without them, and we do not need them now. We are a right to work state. We have the lowest union membership in the country.

We have worked hard and carefully – through education, training, and business recruitment – to earn our record prosperity, and we will continue to preserve and enhance it.

However, our prosperity – and that of generations of South Carolinians to come – face a clear and present danger from the big labor unions. They have crippled and distorted the progress and prosperity of industries and cities in other states. It has taken years, but they have done it. And now, their membership is at an all-time low and falling. So now they are looking at us – and other booming southeastern states – none of which want or need labor unions.

In 2021, the International Longshoremen's Association sued maritime shipping carriers for calling on the Port of Charleston's state-of-the-art Leatherman Terminal. Over the past two-and-a-half years, what started as a "secondary boycott" to force the state Ports Authority to cede long-held state jobs to union labor has devolved into a broader threat to our current and future prosperity. Secondary boycotts are illegal.

The ILA's secondary boycott was initially rejected but later resurrected by President Biden's appointees on the National Labor Relations Board. We have taken the fight all the way to the United States

Supreme Court, which I believe will understand the dire implications of this conduct, uphold the law, and rule in our favor.

Our aerospace, vehicle, and tire manufacturers are no longer the sole targets for labor organizers. Our thriving hospitality and tourism industry along our coast now finds itself a target. It seems that no business or employee in South Carolina is safe from the disingenuous campaigns and destructive impacts of union infiltration.

No one should bargain their prosperity under threats of union boycotts or coercive pressure campaigns. We will not let our state's economy suffer or become collateral damage as labor unions seek to consume new jobs and conscript new dues-paying members. And we will not allow the Biden administration's pro-union policies to chip away at South Carolina's sovereign interests.

We will fight. All the way to the gates of hell. And we will win.

State government is in superior fiscal shape. We have the largest rainy day reserve fund balance and the lowest amount of general obligation debt – than at any other time in recent memory.

Once again, I am recommending the General Assembly put additional funds into the state's rainy day fund – $54.3 million – so that the fund maintains a balance of $1.16 billion which is equal to 10% of this year's General Appropriations Act.

Until a few years ago, South Carolina had the highest personal income tax rate in the southeast and the 12th highest in the nation – at 7%. No more. Two years ago, I signed into law the largest income tax cut in state history, which will cut the rate to 6% in the next few years. Accordingly, my Executive Budget recognizes this year's $99 million scheduled cut to the income tax rate, dropping it from 6.4% to 6.3%.

The state Board of Economic Advisors will soon issue an updated revenue forecast. If future revenues allow, I ask the General Assembly to speed up the income tax cut schedule, and let taxpayers keep even more of their own money.

As we seek prosperity through our expanding economy, we must constantly be alert to detect, avoid, and remove obstacles to its health and vitality.

Our laws and regulations provide guidelines to that prosperity, and our civil justice system provides enforcement of these guidelines and redress for injury. Yet, our rules on joint and several liability have introduced an element of uncertainty into our business arena, and uncertainty is the enemy of sound business.

We must find a common-sense formula which will provide accountability and just compensation without damaging our economy.

We must also ensure that the public has confidence in our state's judges. Circumstances and events continue to raise questions.

It is past time to provide full transparency and accountability to the magisterial selection process, which provides the bulk of our judges, over 300 in number.

Our constitution provides that the governor appoints magistrates, subject to the Senate's advice and consent. I have instituted a new procedure requiring magisterial candidates to complete more detailed applications and to waive confidentiality protections for – and to authorize the release of records related to – any attorney or judicial disciplinary proceedings.

This application and screening process closely aligns with the processes used by Senate committees when scrutinizing statewide appointments submitted by the Governor and also by those of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission when evaluating judicial candidates for election by the General Assembly.

As for our circuit and appellate courts, South Carolina is one of two states where the legislature chooses the judges by election. Being unique in itself signifies neither good nor bad: it is the confidence in the process that counts.

The People are watching not only how the General Assembly screens and selects judges but also whom the General Assembly elects to these critical positions. The Rule of Law is a cornerstone of our society and our constitutional republic. We need judges who understand the proper judicial role, who appreciate our constitutional structure, and who interpret the law as it is written, rather than as they wish it were written. As the U.S. Supreme Court rightly begins to return issues and authority to the States that were never granted to the federal government to begin with, it is essential that the General Assembly elect qualified, intelligent jurists who can carefully analyze the important and challenging questions that will be raised with increasing frequency in our state courts.

To properly provide for a separate and independent Judiciary, the currently unrepresented Executive Branch should play a role in selecting judicial candidates before the General Assembly exercises its constitutional authority to elect judges.

I suggest that our Founding Fathers prescribed a method for judicial selection that has served our nation well and with which our people are quite familiar. Gubernatorial appointment of all judges, with the advice and consent of the state Senate, requires no "re-invention of

the wheel," will inspire the confidence of our people, and will encourage more excellent attorneys to seek public service.

Our state's roads, bridges, highways, and interstates are the arteries of our prosperity. Our rapid growth is outpacing their capacities.

Continued big, bold, and transformative investments are imperative.

The 2023 SCDOT Annual Accountability Report highlights the need to repair, rehabilitate, and rebuild many of the nearly 9,000 bridges on our primary and secondary roads. Some are over eighty years old and showing it. Some are in such a state of disrepair that the required restrictions render them useless for commercial trucking, school buses, or fire trucks.

Accordingly, I recommend $500 million in surplus funds from the Homestead Exemption Fund be appropriated to the South Carolina Department of Transportation for emergency bridge replacement and repairs. That will keep us moving.

As you know, after nearly 30 years of service to the State of South Carolina, Christy A. Hall, the Secretary of the South Carolina Department of Transportation, has announced her retirement.

Secretary Hall will be remembered as one of the greatest transportation secretaries in state history. Her unparalleled expertise and relentless work ethic has allowed the department to flourish under her leadership. Whether responding to natural disasters or spearheading transformative infrastructure projects, she has consistently delivered for the people of South Carolina. She thinks ahead and leaves a legacy of excellence. She has placed the agency in a position to continue driving our state forward for years to come.

Highlights of her career with SCDOT include restoring the agency's finances and financial reputation, developing and leading our strategic 10-year plan, and accelerating critical interstate widening projects. Secretary Hall has been recognized for her ability to work with industry partners to deliver results on major infrastructure projects. In addition, she has helped lead our state through a number of disasters including the floods of 2015, Hurricane Matthew, and Hurricane Florence. Under her leadership and in partnership with law enforcement, South Carolina executed its first fully successful interstate lane reversal during a coastal evacuation.

Madam Secretary, will you please stand and be recognized?

I ask again the question: What will South Carolina look like in 100 years?

South Carolina's mountains, beaches, sea islands, lakes, and marshes are among the most beautiful in the nation. This land, as noted by the explorers for kings and queens, is lush, fertile, and brimming with abundance, flora and fauna. Our incomparable cultural and environmental heritage distinguishes our state and people from others. And all possess a strength and beauty we must never lose.

Fortunately, economic growth and the preservation of our shared heritage are not opposing objectives which must be balanced as in a competition, one against the other. Instead, they are complementary, intertwined, and inseparable, each dependent on the other. To strengthen one is to strengthen the other.

We cannot allow our state's culturally and environmentally significant structures, monuments, lands, islands, and waters to be overcome by development, mismanagement, flooding, erosion, or storm damage.

It is our duty to preserve and protect our history, our culture, and our environment, and the public's access to them, before they are lost forever. We have a veritable army of people and public and private organizations dedicated to these goals.

You may well remember the cautionary lyrics of singer and songwriter Joni Mitchell. "Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got till it's gone. They paved paradise and put up a parking lot."

Accordingly, I am recommending that $33 million be appropriated to identify and preserve culturally or environmentally significant properties, disaster recovery, and flooding mitigation efforts as well as beach renourishment projects along our coast.

Education is the universal key to a prosperous, happy future. Thus, working together, we must continue to invest in public education; the positive impact of these investments is growing.

Enrollment in our full-day, four-year-old kindergarten program for children in poverty continues to grow with 17,437 children now enrolled in a public school, private school, or childcare center. For the next school year, an additional 2,500 children are expected to enroll in the program. My Executive Budget includes $21.1 million to meet this increase in enrollment.

This program is increasing the number of children who enter kindergarten ready to learn. Approximately 41% of children who participate in a full-day, four-year-old kindergarten program are ready for kindergarten as compared to 27% of children in poverty who do not participate in the program.

In September of 2023, the South Carolina Department of Education released the results of the South Carolina College-and Career-Ready Assessments in reading and mathematics for school year 2022-23. For the first time in recent history, at least half of students in grades 3 through 8 met or exceeded grade level standards in reading. This is good news, but it's not nearly enough.

We must continue to invest in early literacy and professional development in the science of reading. This will ensure that all children can be reading on grade level by the end of third grade. We know that students who cannot read proficiently by third grade are four times more likely to drop out of high school.

Unfortunately, the assessment results revealed that only 41% of students in grades 3 through 8 in school year 2022-23 met or exceeded grade level standards in mathematics. Therefore, my Executive Budget recommends an additional $10 million to improve the teaching and learning of mathematics.

In addition, this Executive Budget provides $30 million for the Education Scholarship Trust Fund. Starting this year, these funds will allow low-income parents to choose the type of education environment and instruction that best suits their child's unique needs.

Regarding teachers, we must continue our remarkable progress to raise teacher pay.

In school year 2017-18, the minimum starting salary of a teacher in South Carolina was $30,113. Today, it is $42,500.

My Executive Budget increases the starting pay for teachers to $45,000 for the next school year.

My goal is that by 2026 the minimum starting salary of a teacher will be at least – at least - $50,000.

In school year 2017-18, the average teacher salary was $50,182, well below the southeastern average.

In school year 2022-23, the average teacher salary was $57,737, exceeding the southeastern average and a fifteen percent increase over five years. That is good news.

South Carolina is also making significant progress in providing school-based mental health services to school-aged children.

In January of 2022, I directed the Department of Health and Human Services to perform a comprehensive review and analysis of the school mental health services program at the Department of Mental Health. Within four months, HHS produced a review of the program and seven recommendations for removing barriers that existed to accessing quality mental health services in our schools. These recommendations

were enacted on July 1, 2022, and produced a public-private partnership that offered schools more choice and control in accessing school-based mental health services for their students.

Health and Human Services also conducted a survey at the start of the current school year to determine the availability of school-based mental health services in South Carolina.

The survey showed that the number of school-based mental health counselors available for public schools has doubled from 600 in January of 2022 to 1,209 in September 2023. The ratio was one counselor for 1,300 students then, to one for 653 now.

The survey also showed that students at more than 200 additional schools now have access to mental health counseling and that all 73 of our traditional school districts now have access to mental health counseling.

We also know that access and affordability to higher education for every South Carolinian is essential to ensuring that we have the trained and skilled workforce to successfully compete for jobs and investment in the future and meet all economic challenges.

Therefore, this marks the fifth year in a row that I have asked the General Assembly to freeze college tuition for in-state students, with an appropriation to our institutions of higher education of $49.8 million. This represents a 4.5 percent increase as defined by the Higher Education Price Index.

I am also requesting $95 million in lottery funds to South Carolina Workforce Industry Needs Scholarships through the South Carolina Technical College System.

Despite the high demand for skills, training, and knowledge, many institutions across the nation are seeing declining enrollments. To address these challenges, I have proposed funding for the Education Oversight Committee–a nonpartisan committee composed of legislators, educators, and business representatives–to oversee a systemic review of our state's 33 public institutions of higher education.

This study will provide a systemic review, including an assessment of any advantages that are offered in consolidating schools or programs, or re-evaluate the courses, degrees and certificates that are offered at our public colleges and universities. The goal is to make sure we are meeting our state's future workforce needs.

Also, I propose providing $80 million so that every South Carolinian who qualifies for federal need-based financial aid as measured by federal Pell Grants has sufficient state financial assistance to attend any in-state public college, university, or technical college.

Students at private, independent, and historically black colleges and universities will receive an additional $20 million for tuition grants and assistance.

Recently we learned that the Commission on Higher Education has approximately $151.7 million in surplus lottery funds that have not been used for college scholarships.

My Executive Budget recommends allocating those excess funds for additional need-based grants or to pay for an extra semester of LIFE, HOPE or Palmetto Fellow scholarships. These one-time funds should incentivize students to complete their undergraduate degree and enter the workforce sooner.

My Executive Budget also provides $44 million for deferred maintenance and health and safety upgrades at our four-year comprehensive institutions, two-year branch campuses of the University of South Carolina, and our technical colleges.

In addition, I am proposing a $34 million appropriation for campus infrastructure resiliency at the Medical University of South Carolina, a second $70 million installment for the College of Veterinary Medicine at Clemson University, and a $35 million investment for the Health Sciences Campus at the University of South Carolina.

My Executive Budget also proposes $1 million for operations and security for the Anne Frank Center and $1 million for the Center for Civil Rights History and Research, both at USC.

And finally for education, I propose continued funding of $20 million for the Battelle Alliance, a collaborative nuclear sciences research partnership between the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, South Carolina State University, and the Savannah River National Laboratory.

Truly, we must have the strongest focus on education we can muster if we are going to succeed.

Our COVID-19 experience revealed that a mental health crisis existed in South Carolina. What wasn't clear was just how bad it was.

That's why two years ago, I directed Health and Human Services Director Robby Kerr to initiate an immediate review of our state's behavioral health funding and delivery system.

It became clear from Director Kerr's efforts that the time had come to modernize and restructure South Carolina's siloed healthcare delivery agencies: the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Health and Environmental Control, among others.

The restructuring of these agencies is and will continue to be a complicated legal and financial endeavor, involving billions of dollars in federal funding that flow through these agencies for a myriad of services and programs such as Medicaid.

Last year, my Executive Budget and the General Appropriations Act directed the Department of Administration to procure the professional expertise necessary to analyze and provide the General Assembly with a comprehensive plan to restructure these agencies, consolidating and privatizing services where possible.

The prestigious Boston Consulting Group was hired and has provided their initial report. Unfortunately, their analysis confirmed what many of us had feared – and much worse.

According to their report, South Carolina has the most fragmented health and human service delivery system in the nation. As a result, 77% of our state's young people with major depressive episodes do not receive mental health treatment, according to Mental Health America. This ranks lowest in the country. Our citizens and families are suffering as a result of this dysfunction.

With little to no coordination between the relevant agencies, South Carolinians seeking assistance are forced to navigate through a confusing landscape of offices, agencies, and officials as they seek help for a loved one or dependent. Too often they fall through the cracks of a system that does not coordinate, communicate, or collaborate.

The time has come for dramatic restructuring: for the consolidation and streamlining of these agencies into one single cabinet agency. One that will develop a strategic plan and operational approach to improve the quality, accountability, and delivery of health and human services to the citizens of our state – as the Boston Consulting Group has recommended.

This will require us to reimagine how the state provides access to crisis mental health care, physical health care, substance abuse services, disability and special needs services, and assistance to the elderly and at-risk.

I implore you: Let this legislative session be remembered for the creation of the most effective, efficient, and professional health and human service delivery system in our history.

Our state law enforcement and criminal justice agencies have begun to stem the tide of personnel loss with recruitment and retention pay raises provided in the previous two General Appropriations Acts.

I propose that we build on this success, by providing an additional $17.8 million for recruitment and retention pay raises in FY 2024-2025. Invaluable experience should not be allowed to walk out the door.

I am also once again proposing a $2,000 state income tax credit for every active-duty law enforcement officer, firefighter, first responder, and emergency medical technician employed by a public entity.

Additionally, this budget maintains a proviso suspending the $10,000 retirement cap for anyone enrolled in the Police Officer Retirement System. This will allow retired officers to return to work and fill existing vacancies.

Placing an armed, certified school resource officer in every school, in every county, all day, every day, has been one of my top priorities.

At my request, the General Assembly began providing funds to hire more resource officers for our state's 1,284 public schools. The grant program has been very successful and has more than doubled the number of officers assigned to a school, going from 406 in 2018 to 1,109 in 2023.

I am recommending an additional $13.4 million to add officers in each of the remaining 175 schools currently without an assigned SRO.

Animal fighting, especially dog fighting, is one of the cruelest criminal activities in our society. Law officers estimate that most of the people participating in this barbaric activity have long criminal records.

In September 2022, a SLED agent was dedicated to combating animal fighting and working in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies. Shortly thereafter, the agent helped execute one of the "biggest takedowns of a dogfighting operation in South Carolina history," according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

This Executive Budget expands upon this success by recommending $566,000 to hire three additional SLED agents dedicated to animal fighting.

In July 2023, the South Carolina Department of Corrections began utilizing a process that allows mobile phone providers to permanently disable contraband phones and devices. They are detected by a certified contraband interdiction system approved by the Federal Communications Commission. To date, over 875 phones and devices have been disabled at Lee Correctional Institution. My Executive Budget recommends $23 million to expand this valuable program to each prison in our state.

Our law enforcement officers know who the repeat criminals are. They commit over 80 percent of the crimes.

Unfortunately, this is happening every day. How long are we going to let this happen?

Law enforcement needs our help. They need stronger laws to keep illegal guns out of the hands of criminals and juveniles, and they need new laws to "close the revolving door" and keep career criminals behind bars and not out on bond.

Currently, there are no graduated criminal penalties for illegal gun possession in state law. That means the penalty is the same – small – no matter how many times the criminal gets caught. This provides no deterrent. Graduated felony penalties, with no bond, will help keep repeat criminals behind bars and not out on bail where they can – and will – commit more crimes.

During the last year, I have continually called on this General Assembly to act, to simply take a vote, and pass graduated criminal penalties for illegal gun possession so that I can sign it into law.

And during this last year, it has become an almost daily occurrence for an innocent South Carolinians to be shot or shot at by a career criminal who should be behind bars instead of roaming our streets with virtual impunity.

Ladies and Gentlemen, this new law will require no appropriation – no money – except whatever it costs to feed these killers while they rest peacefully behind bars.

Joining us today is South Carolina Highway Patrol Lance Corporal B.A. Frazier.

Around 3:30 a.m. on April 16, 2023, Trooper Frazier was on duty and initiated a traffic stop after witnessing a vehicle traveling at high speed on U.S. Highway 78 in Bamberg County. As a Bamberg County Sheriff's Deputy arrived to assist, Trooper Frazier was shot by the suspect. Both officers returned fire as the suspect sped away. Following a long chase, the suspect crashed into a home in Branchville.

Video from the body and dash cameras of the incident is hard to watch. Trooper Frazier's professionalism and composure while under fire and getting shot in the face – was remarkable. He embodies the best of the Highway Patrol and South Carolina law enforcement.

The gun that was used to shoot Trooper Frazier? According to the State Law Enforcement Division, it was a stolen gun.

The assailant? Derrick Edwards Gathers, according to SLED, was a 22-year repeat offender who was out on bond on charges in the state of Georgia. Gathers's long rap sheet includes numerous charges

and convictions for trespass, robbery, assault and battery, dealing drugs, rape, criminal sexual conduct, and seven charges for criminal possession of a firearm.

This career criminal should have been behind bars and not behind the wheel of a car in South Carolina.

Trooper Frazier is here with us this evening. Trooper Frazier, please stand so that we may recognize you.

So, I ask you, again, send me a bill with graduated criminal penalties for illegal gun possession. I will sign it into law. Let's get these career criminals behind bars and save the lives of our people. When our people are safe, they thrive.

In closing, to the members of the General Assembly, I say let us continue our successful partnership, one that has been based on communication, collaboration, and cooperation.

Let us embrace civility and comity through our thoughts, our deeds, and our words – and urge our people, especially the young people, to be proud of their state.

And let us set our State on a course that will provide the opportunity for prosperity, success, and happiness for generations of South Carolinians.

The best is yet to come.

May God continue to bless America, and our Great State of South Carolina.

JOINT ASSEMBLY RECEDES

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

The Senate accordingly retired to its Chamber.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 8:05 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4849 -- Reps. Calhoon, Erickson and Bradley: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE JULY 2024 AS JUVENILE

ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH AND URGE CITIZENS TO BE MINDFUL OF THE CONDITION AND ITS EFFECT ON SOUTH CAROLINA'S YOUTH.

H. 4903 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CLARENDON HALL VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:06 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. W. NEWTON, adjourned in memory of Charles Edward Dean, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from 2 Kings 2:9: "Elisha said to Elijah, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.'"

Let us pray. God, grant us a fitting portion of Your Spirit today, that we might serve in the name of our Lord. Bless and keep these Representatives and Staff with a full measure of Your love and Spirit. Bless our defenders and first responders. Provide for our people who serve the people of South Carolina. God of Love, be with each here and send them forth to do Your will. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Keep our members of the Armed Forces safe and in Your care. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. WEEKS moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of the Honorable George Roosevelt Gibson and Sarah Deas Gibson, which was agreed to.

The Honorable George Roosevelt Gibson and Sarah Deas Gibson

Mr. Speaker, I move that when the House adjourns today, that we do so in memory of a beloved couple, Sarah Deas Gibson and George Roosevelt Gibson, of Sumter County.

Sarah Deas Gibson worked 30 years at Exide/Yuasa in Sumter County and then with Grace Nursing Systems. She also served as Municipal Clerk for the Town of Mayesville. Her husband of 53 years, the Honorable George Gibson was a 25-year USAF reservist, assistant principal and then principal in the Sumter School District. Mr. Gibson

was active in church and community and recently served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Black River Electric Co-Operatives. He was a retired summary court judge for Sumter County and Municipal Court Judge for the Town of Mayesville, South Carolina.

Sarah Gibson passed on November 28, 2023, and George died in a tragic accident on December 25, 2023.

We salute the Gibsons for their service and unselfish devotion to Sumter County and the State of South Carolina. We extend condolences to their family, and I further move that these remarks be printed in the House Journal.

Rep. David Weeks

INVITATIONS

On motion of Rep. FORREST, with unanimous consent, the following were taken up for immediate consideration and accepted:

January 22, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) and the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO), the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, February 1, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Wendi Rooney
2nd Vice President, SC NENA

January 22, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Municipal Association of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Columbia Marriott.

Sincerely,
Ken Ivey
Manager of Member Services
Municipal Association of SC

January 22, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC Conservation Coalition, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at 701 Whaley Street.

Sincerely,
Meagan Diedolf
Government Relations Director

January 22, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the AAA Auto Group, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Wright
AAA Carolinas

January 22, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the United Way Association of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Naomi Let
United Way Association of South Carolina

January 22, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Historical Society, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast on Thursday, February 8, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Sara Vernon

January 22, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Electric Cooperatives of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a

Legislative Luncheon on Thursday, February 8, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the State House Grounds.

Sincerely,
Mike Couick
President and CEO

January 22, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the University of South Carolina/USC Alumni Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the USC Alumni Center.

Sincerely,
Sara Vernon

January 22, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of South Carolina First Steps, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Kaitlyn Richards
South Carolina First Steps

January 22, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee

503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Luncheon on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Pat Smith, Director
Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

January 22, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC Arts Alliance, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast on Thursday, February 15, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Melanie Colclough, Executive Director
SC Arts Alliance

January 22, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, the Members of the House and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

Sincerely,
Jimmy Gray, Vice President of Public Policy
Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce

January 22, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,

On behalf of the Salvation Army of the Midlands, the Members of the House and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Timothy C. Winslow
Executive Director

January 22, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Independent Banks of SC, the Members of the House are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Teresa Taylor
Independent Banks of SC

January 22, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee

503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of Clemson University and the Clemson University Foundation, the Members of the House and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Hall at Senate's End, 320 Senate Street.

Sincerely,
James P. Clements, Ph.D.
President, Clemson University

January 22, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina, the Members of the House and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, February 29, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
David Houck
National Federation of the Blind

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4710 -- Reps. West, G. M. Smith, Bannister, Davis, Guest, Forrest, Hewitt, M. M. Smith, Long, B. Newton, Thayer, Hager, Leber, Mitchell, Brittain, Gatch, Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Calhoon and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-35-50, RELATING TO MAXIMUM UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS ALLOWED, SO AS TO SET THE DURATION OF

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS BASED ON SEASONAL ADJUSTED STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4810 -- Reps. Bannister and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN CLOTHING REQUIRED FOR USE IN PERISHABLE PREPARED FOOD MANUFACTURING FACILITIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 298 -- Senators Bennett, Turner, Kimbrell, Campsen and Adams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-2320, RELATING TO ALTERNATE METHODS FOR THE ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF INCOME FOR STATE INCOME TAX PURPOSES, SO AS TO SET FORTH A PROCESS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXPAYERS TO ACCURATELY DETERMINE NET INCOME.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4608 -- Reps. Hayes and Atkinson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE LUMBER RIVER ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 AT THE BORDER OF MARION AND HORRY COUNTIES "PLAN LANNEAU ELVINGTON, SR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4632 -- Rep. J. E. Johnson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF CULTRA ROAD AND OAK STREET IN THE CITY OF CONWAY IN HORRY COUNTY "JAMES ODELL COCHRAN INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4833 -- Rep. Burns: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLACE APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THE STATE-MAINTAINED ROAD ENTRANCES TO THE TOWN OF SLATER-MARRIETTA IN GREENVILLE COUNTY CONTAINING THE WORDS "HOME OF THE SLATER-MARIETTA HIGH SCHOOL GREEN WAVE FIVE-TIME SOUTH CAROLINA BOYS STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS: 1953, 1962, 1964, 1966, AND 1971".

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4841 -- Rep. Hayes: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF FRIENDSHIP ROAD IN DILLON COUNTY FROM STATE ROAD 308 (LESTER ROAD) TO STATE ROAD 71 (JUDGE ROAD) "JACKSON RYAN WINKELER MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS DESIGNATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4863 -- Reps. Anderson and Hewitt: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF EXODUS DRIVE IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY (SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY #S-264), BEGINNING WITH ITS INTERSECTION AT NORTH FRASER STREET (UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701), SPANNING APPROXIMATELY 7.97 MILES, AND ENDING AT A SECOND INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701 "JOHNNY MORANT HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4492 -- Reps. S. Jones, McCravy, Gilliam, Willis and Gagnon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME TRAY RIDGE DRIVE IN LAURENS COUNTY "TRAYNHAM WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4878 -- Rep. Ott: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 6 IN LEXINGTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH TICKLE WEED ROAD "STANLEY MYERS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HAGER, from the Jasper Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 782 -- Senators Matthews and Davis: A BILL TO DELINEATE THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THESE DISTRICTS, AND TO REPEAL SECTION 2 OF ACT 476 OF 1998 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS OF THE JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4940 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR JANE O. SHULER, FORMER CHIEF COUNSEL TO THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RECENT RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER THIRTY-ONE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, for thirty-one years, the State of South Carolina enjoyed the benefit of the dedication, experience, and leadership of Jane O. Shuler, former chief counsel to the House Ethics Committee, who on December 31, 2023, retired from her post after more than three decades of outstanding public service to this great State and nearly nine years in the position from which she retired; and

Whereas, beginning her work with the House on February 17, 2015, Jane Shuler served first as counsel and then as chief counsel to the South Carolina House Ethics Committee (HEC). She leaves a legacy of helping institute ethics reforms that promote good government. Some of the HEC's accomplishments during her tenure included starting random audits of members and a candidate's Campaign Disclosure reports and campaign bank records, with 161 audits currently completed; seeing numerous HEC Advisory Opinions adopted and confidential informal opinions written; instituting a fine appeal process and adopting fine appeal standards, with 158 fine appeals heard; and spending two and a half years collaborating with the State Ethics Commission director and Senate Ethics Committee counsel to develop and implement a new ethics filing system for candidates, public members, and public officials to file their Statement of Economic Interests and Campaign Disclosure reports; and

Whereas, further achievements include creating a new candidate brochure and HEC Public Employee brochure, developing procedures to implement the 2017 changes in the complaint process pursuant to Act No. 282 of 2016, improving the process for drafting and handling budget abstentions, educating lawyer/legislators and other public employees on ethics requirements by speaking at continuing legal education seminars, and arranging for two ethics hours and one mental health/substance abuse hour of continuing legal education for lawyers/legislators each year; and

Whereas, in addition to her thirty-one years of service to the State of South Carolina, Jane Shuler served three years with the federal government; and

Whereas, during Jane's well-earned retirement, the House hopes she will find herself more frequently able to indulge in travel with her husband, the volunteer work she so enjoys, and fun with her two

delightful granddaughters; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives is grateful for the legacy of consistent commitment and leadership Jane Shuler has bestowed on the people of South Carolina. Speaking on behalf of her many friends across agencies in state government, the House takes great pleasure in wishing her all the best as she enters retirement, and the members trust she will find much enjoyment in the more leisurely pace of the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor Jane O. Shuler, former chief counsel to the House Ethics Committee, on the occasion of her recent retirement, extend deep appreciation for her thirty-one years of distinguished public service to the State of South Carolina, and offer best wishes for a satisfying and rewarding retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jane O. Shuler.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4941 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins,

Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HERBERT LAVANDER "HERB" JONES, ASSISTANT TO THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT SPANNING TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, it is altogether fitting and proper that the members of the House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina should pause in their deliberations to express their gratitude to Herb Jones for his significant contributions to the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, in 1999, he earned a bachelor’s from Lander University, graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Police Academy in 2000, and began his employment with the House Security in January of that year; and

Whereas, a member of the United States Army Reserve, Sergeant Jones was deployed for five hundred forty-five days of active duty to Iraq with the Army Reserve in December 2003; and

Whereas, he returned stateside and was promoted to Assistant to the Sergeant-at-Arms in January 2006, and when he had been a member of the Army Reserve for twenty years, he was deployed again to Afghanistan in May 2013 for four hundred days; and

Whereas, the members are certain that Herb Jones will continue, even in his retirement, his patriotic devotion to and protection of the Palmetto State and to our nation as he always had; and

Whereas, Mr. Jones plans to spend many happy hours of retirement with his family, regaling them with his generous humor and his winsome charm; and

Whereas, grateful for his many years of distinguished and dedicated service to House of Representatives, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in extending best wishes to Herb

Jones as he transitions to a richly deserved retirement and the leisurely pace of the days ahead, and although the members will miss his infectious smile, they wish him many years of enjoyment in his well-earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Herbert Lavander "Herb" Jones, Assistant to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, upon the occasion of his retirement spanning twenty-four years of exemplary service, and wish him continued success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Herbert Lavandar "Herb" Jones.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4942 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF COACH RICHARD PERRY "DICK" MCCUTCHEN OF LEE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4943 -- Rep. Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-18-410 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN FUNDS HELD IN A TRUST ARE CONSIDERED TO BE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4944 -- Reps. Felder and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-40-112 SO AS TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR THE VOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 59-40-40, 59-40-50, 59-40-55, 59-40-60, 59-40-65, 59-40-70, 59-40-75, AS AMENDED, 59-40-80, 59-40-90, 59-40-100, 59-40-110, 59-40-115, 59-40-120, 59-40-140, 59-40-145, 59-40-150, 59-40-155, 59-40-170, 59-40-180, 59-40-190, AND 59-40-220, ALL RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT OF 1996, SO AS TO GENERALLY REVISE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE SPONSORSHIP, OVERSIGHT, GOVERNANCE, AND OPERATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-40-160 RELATING TO CERTAIN EVALUATIONS AND IMPACT STUDIES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS AND SECTION 59-40-200 RELATING TO THE EFFECT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT ON PENDING AND FUTURE APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS AT THE TIME OF THE FORMATION OF THE DISTRICT.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 972 -- Senator Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 595 OF 1994, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES IN GREENWOOD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 50, SO AS TO

REAPPORTION THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THESE REAPPORTIONED DISTRICTS.

Referred to Greenwood Delegation

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott

Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--117

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BANNISTER a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment out of the country.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WILLIS a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. TRANTHAM a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Gregory Tarasidis of Greenwood was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. MCCRAVY presented to the House the Ninety-Six High School "Wildcat" Marching Band, 1-A State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. THAYER presented to the House the Palmetto High School "Mustangs" 3-A Championship Varsity Cheerleading Team.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3309
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	CASKEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3424
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	CALHOON, WHEELER, HYDE, WOOTEN, BALLENTINE, BLACKWELL, ERICKSON, B. J. COX, HAGER, MITCHELL, HIOTT, MURPHY, BREWER, CONNELL and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3523
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	MITCHELL, SCHUESSLER, B. NEWTON, ERICKSON, BRADLEY, OREMUS, CROMER, GILLIAM, GIBSON, CHAPMAN, GAGNON and WHEELER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4029
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	SCHUESSLER and WEEKS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4231
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4364
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	SCHUESSLER and ERICKSON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4376
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	DAVIS, SESSIONS, GUFFEY, LIGON, O'NEAL and POPE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4578
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	PACE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4589
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	MURPHY, BREWER, GATCH and ROBBINS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4590
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	MURPHY, BREWER, GATCH and ROBBINS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4591
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	ROBBINS, ELLIOTT, WHITE, MCCABE, S. JONES, VAUGHAN, KILMARTIN, HAGER, BURNS, HADDON, LONG, CHUMLEY, OREMUS, BEACH, PACE, HARRIS, SESSIONS, GUFFEY, O'NEAL, POPE and T. MOORE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4623
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	FORREST

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4636
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	MITCHELL, BREWER, CASKEY, WOOTEN, MAY, B. L. COX, COBB-HUNTER, BRITTAIN, BEACH, GAGNON, OREMUS, CHAPMAN, MAGNUSON, KING, MCDANIEL, A. M. MORGAN, J. E. JOHNSON, LEBER, O'NEAL, HARRIS, T. MOORE, MCCRAVY, NUTT, WILLIAMS, HAGER, LONG, CHUMLEY, MCCABE, WHITE, TRANTHAM, BUSTOS, LANDING, HADDON, GILLIAM, M. M. SMITH, B. J. COX and J. MOORE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4641
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	GILLIAM

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4642
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	GILLIAM

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4649
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	ELLIOTT

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4689
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	HYDE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4697
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	MCGINNIS, HARDEE, LANDING and BUSTOS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4700
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	BALLENTINE, WOOTEN, WEEKS, CALHOON, WHEELER, ERICKSON, HAGER, HIOTT, MITCHELL, YOW and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4717
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	FORREST

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4825
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	SCHUESSLER, GILLIAM, GIBSON, CALHOON, LANDING and BUSTOS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4928
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	B. J. COX

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4935
Date:	ADD:
01/25/24	PACE, BURNS, HADDON, WHITE, CHUMLEY, A. M. MORGAN, T. A. MORGAN, MAY, KILMARTIN and S. JONES

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CRAWFORD a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HIXON a temporary leave of absence.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 738 -- Senator K. Johnson: A BILL TO DELINEATE THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THESE DISTRICTS.

H. 4868--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4868 -- Reps. Kirby, Lowe, Jordan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 84 OF 2011, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TIME AND METHOD BY WHICH THE NINE MEMBERS OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER THREE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED, TO REAPPORTION THE FIVE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS AND THE TWO MULTIMEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THESE NINE MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED, TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4892--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4892 -- Reps. Thayer, West, Chapman, Beach, Cromer and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 510 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE DISTRICTS FROM WHICH BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELECTED; AND TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THESE DISTRICTS.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 410--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 410 -- Senator Talley: A BILL TO CONVEY THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION TO SPARTANBURG COUNTY; TO DISSOLVE THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION; AND TO REPEAL ACT 819 OF 1978, RELATING TO THE CREATION AND DUTIES OF THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION.

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

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 4909 -- Reps. B. Newton, Neese, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-350, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LANCASTER COUNTY, SO AS TO REMOVE ONE PRECINCT AND REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

H. 3424--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3424 -- Reps. T. Moore, Carter, McCravy, Lawson, Beach, Pope, Nutt, Oremus, Vaughan, Long, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Kilmartin, Cromer, O'Neal, Yow, Gilliam, W. Newton, Guest, Schuessler, Moss, Magnuson, Harris, Pace, Brittain, Bailey, Robbins, Sessions, Ligon, Felder, B. L. Cox, Guffey, Bradley, Murphy, Brewer, Connell, Hiott, Mitchell, Hager, Erickson, B. J. Cox, Blackwell, Wooten, Ballentine, Hyde, Wheeler and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN OPERATOR TO MAKE A PORNOGRAPHIC WEBSITE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL CREATE CERTAIN PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.

Reps. W. NEWTON, HIOTT, MCCRAVY, FELDER, T. MOORE, GUEST, GUFFEY, HYDE, NUTT, LIGON, CARTER, B. NEWTON, J. MOORE, POPE, BERNSTEIN, FORREST, OTT, GATCH, ROBBINS, JEFFERSON, BREWER, MURPHY and SANDIFER requested debate on the Bill.

H. 4700--POINT OF ORDER, RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15, REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4700 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope, Guffey, Chapman, Leber, Beach, Kilmartin, Cromer, Oremus, O'Neal, Vaughan, Nutt, Haddon, Burns,

Chumley, West, Felder, Guest, McCravy, Bailey, Brittain, Robbins, Sessions, Bradley, Mitchell, Yow, Hiott, Erickson, Hager, Wheeler, Weeks, Ballentine, Wooten and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY MAY NOT PERMIT CERTAIN MINORS TO BE ACCOUNT HOLDERS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL RESTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS TO MINORS DURING CERTAIN HOURS; TO PROVIDE FOR CONSUMER COMPLAINTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION HAS AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT; TO PROVIDE FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN WAIVERS AND LIMITATIONS ARE VOID.

Reps. W. NEWTON and BALLENTINE requested debate on the Bill.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15

Rep. HIOTT moved to waive rule 5.10, pursuant to rule 5.15.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter

Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:
Long

Total--1

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

Reps. HIOTT, MCCRAVY, B. NEWTON, WOOTEN, HYDE, J. MOORE, J. E. JOHNSON, GUEST, CARTER, MAGNUSON, CHAPMAN, BEACH, OREMUS, HART, S. JONES, HERBKERSMAN, VAUGHAN and NUTT requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3608--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3608 -- Reps. Hixon, Bailey and Brittain: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-39-260, RELATING TO RECORDS OF SALES OR CONVEYANCES AND RESULTING CHANGES IN DUPLICATES AND ENDORSEMENT OF DEEDS BY AUDITORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE RECORDS OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY SALES AND TO REMOVE COUNTY AUDITOR FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5-120, RELATING TO THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN CONVEYANCES NOT ENDORSED BY A COUNTY AUDITOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY CONVEYANCE MEETING THE STATUTORY PREREQUISITES FOR RECORDING ARE VALID AND BINDING; BY REPEALING SECTION 30-5-80 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF THE AUDITOR'S ENDORSEMENT BEFORE THE RECORDATION OF DEEDS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 8-21-130 RELATING TO FEES COLLECTED BY COUNTY AUDITORS FOR AN ENDORSEMENT ON A DEED.

Rep. MCCRAVY explained the Bill.

Reps. OTT, MCCRAVY, RUTHERFORD, WILLIAMS, HENEGAN, COBB-HUNTER, RIVERS, GILLIARD, KIRBY, HOSEY, ANDERSON, THIGPEN, BERNSTEIN, BAUER, GARVIN, JEFFERSON, J. MOORE, DILLARD, W. JONES and KING requested debate on the Bill.

H. 4825--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4825 -- Reps. Hewitt, Murphy, W. Newton, Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Kirby, Mitchell, Crawford, Yow, Bailey, Pope, Guest,

Hartnett, West, Oremus, Leber, Williams, Jefferson, Gilliard, Schuessler, Landing, Bustos, Calhoon, Gilliam and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLAWFULLY LURING ANOTHER PERSON, TO PROVIDE FOR A SENTENCING ENHANCEMENT WHEN THE VICTIM IS A MINOR, TO SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE FOR PUNISHMENT FOR ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING OFFENSES, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "MINOR".

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4029--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4029 -- Reps. Dillard, Hyde, Bailey, Brittain, Weeks and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-1-103, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCLUDE HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4029 (LC-4029.PH0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 33-1-103 and inserting:

A corporation or partnership, as defined in this section, or a housing authority may designate an employee or principal of the corporation, ~~or~~ partnership, or housing authority to represent it in magistrates~~'~~ court. This designation must be in writing and must be submitted to the magistrate at the time the initial pleading in the case is filed by the party. Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 5 of Title 40 or any other provision of law, the person so designated, while representing the corporation, ~~or~~ partnership or housing authority in magistrates~~'~~ court, is not engaging in the unauthorized practice of law.

As used in this section, a corporation or partnership is defined as a

general partnership, a limited liability partnership, a limited liability company, a limited partnership, a professional association, a professional corporation, a nonprofit corporation, a business corporation, or a statutory close corporation.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis

Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3523--POINT OF ORDER, RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15, DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3523 -- Reps. McCravy, Lawson, Yow, Leber, Bailey, Brittain, Robbins, Sessions, Mitchell, Wheeler, Schuessler, B. Newton, Erickson, Bradley, Oremus, Cromer, Chapman, Gagnon, Gilliam and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 1 SO AS TO CREATE THE "FALLEN FIRST RESPONDER SURVIVOR ADVOCATE" POSITION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND PROVIDE ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. OTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been

printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15

Rep. MCCRAVY moved to waive rule 5.10, pursuant to rule 5.15.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 95; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hosey	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	West	Wheeler

White	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--95

Those who voted in the negative are:

Hart	Ott

Total--2

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

Rep. MCCRAVY explained the Bill.

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

H. 4231--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4231 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Davis, Bernstein, Guest, Brittain, Henegan, B. Newton, Carter, B. L. Cox, Bannister, Herbkersman, Robbins and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-1155, RELATING TO MICRO-DISTILLERIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MICRO-DISTILLERY MAY SELL CERTAIN LIQUORS DISTILLED ON THE PREMISES ON SUNDAYS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4160, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON CERTAIN DAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES MAY AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON SUNDAYS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4364--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4364 -- Reps. W. Newton, Davis, Rutherford, Bernstein, M. M. Smith, Ott, Brittain, Guest, Hewitt, Elliott, Stavrinakis, Bradley, Wooten, Murphy, Herbkersman, Leber, Sessions, Caskey, Rose, Mitchell, Brewer, Guffey, Hardee, Collins, Gatch, B. Newton, Pace, Bauer, Bailey, Erickson and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-170, RELATING TO DRIVE-THROUGH OR CURBSIDE SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-280 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN BEER AND WINE AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1570 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; AND BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1580 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4674--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4674 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1240, RELATING TO THE DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY, TO PROVIDE HOW

LICENSE PLATES MUST BE FASTENED TO VEHICLES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPLAY OF TEMPORARY LICENSE PLATES ON LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3309--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3309 -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope, Erickson, Bradley, Davis and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-97 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SEIZURE ACTION PLANS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH PLANS AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3309 (LC-3309.WAB0002H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION X. Article 2, Chapter 10, Title 59 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 59-10-215. Each school district and charter school shall adopt a seizure training program to provide instruction in understanding the basics about epilepsy and its impact on student learning, recognizing signs and symptoms of seizures, the appropriate steps to be taken to respond to symptoms of a seizure, and the administration of seizure medications. This training must be consistent with guidelines established by a qualified nonprofit organization that supports the welfare of individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders. The completion of this training must be documented by the school district and the training may be provided virtually, provided by school or district staff, or may be conducted by an individual trained to deliver such information.

SECTION X. Section 59-63-80 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-63-80. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "medication" is defined as medication prescribed by a health care provider contained in the original packaging with the appropriate pharmacy label or in a secure package containing a note from the prescribing physician or pharmacist that appropriately identifies the medicine;

(2) "monitoring device" is defined as implements prescribed by a health care provider for monitoring a chronic health condition; ~~and~~

(3) "individual health care plan" (IHP) is defined as a plan of care designed specifically for an individual student to provide for meeting the health monitoring and care of the student during the school day or at school-sponsored functions;

(4) "emergency action plan" (EAP) is defined as a plan for handling emergency situations that may occur as a result of a student's medical diagnosis during the school day or at school-sponsored functions;

(5) "seizure action plan" (SAP) is defined as a written, emergency action plan as a supplement to the individualized health plan provided by the parent or legal guardian of a student who is diagnosed with a seizure disorder and signed by the child's health care provider. Such a plan must acknowledge the health care needs of the student, prepare both parties to meet those needs, and apply over the course of a school year.

(B) Each school district shall adopt a policy requiring that students with special health care needs have individual health care plans. This policy must address the administration of medication needed for the student's specific health care needs, address training requirements specific to the student's health care needs for school personnel with direct student contact when appropriate as determined by the school nurse, and provide information to additional school personnel on recognizing signs and symptoms associated with specific medical conditions. Additionally, the plan must provide for the authorization of a student to self-monitor and self-administer medication as prescribed by the student's health care provider unless there is sufficient evidence that unsupervised self-monitoring or self-medicating would seriously jeopardize the safety of the student or others. The policy must include, but is not limited to:

(1) a requirement that the student's parent or legal guardian provide to the school:

(a) written authorization from the parent or legal guardian for the administration of medications needed for the student's specific health

care needs to include whether school personnel or volunteers are permitted to administer, and, if appropriate, authorization for the student to self-monitor and self-administer medication; and

(b) a written statement from the student's health care practitioner who prescribed the medication verifying that the student has a medical condition and medicine is required to treat the condition. If the student has permission to self-monitor and self-administer medication, the health care practitioner's statement must verify that the student has been instructed and demonstrates competency in self-monitoring or self-administration of medications, or both.

(2) authorization for a student to possess on his person and administer medication while:

(a) in the classroom and in any area of the school or school grounds;

(b) at a school-sponsored activity;

(c) in transit to or from school or school-sponsored activities; or

(d) during before-school or after-school activities on school-operated property.

(C) The statements required in subsection (B)(1) must be kept on file in the office of the school nurse or school administrator.

(D)(1) The State Department of Education shall develop guidelines for required components of a written student individual health care plan to include training specific to the student's health care needs for school personnel with direct student contact, and if appropriate as determined by the school nurse, provide information to additional school personnel on recognizing signs and symptoms associated with specific medical conditions. These plans ~~which~~ must be developed with input from and with the approval of:

(a) the student's health care practitioner who prescribed the medication;

(b) the parent or legal guardian;

(c) the student, if appropriate; and

(d) the school nurse or other designated school staff member.

(2) If a student qualifies for a Federal 504 medical accommodations plan, that process must meet the requirements for the state-required individual health plan.

(3) The parent or guardian and the student, if appropriate, shall authorize the school to share the student's individual health care plan with school staff who have a legitimate need for knowledge of the information.

(4) If a student's health care practitioner deems appropriate and written information outlining the student's health needs is provided by the parent and health care practitioner, an EAP shall accompany the IHP for distribution to school staff who have a legitimate need for knowledge of the information.

(5) If a student's health care practitioner deems appropriate and written information outlining the student's health needs is provided by the parent and health care practitioner, an SAP shall accompany the EAP for distribution to school staff who have a legitimate need for knowledge of the information.

(E) All medication authorized to be carried by the student must be maintained in a container appropriately labeled by the pharmacist who filled the prescription.

(F) A student's permission to self-monitor or self-administer medication may be revoked if the student endangers himself or others through misuse of the monitoring device or medication.

(G) The permission for self-monitoring or self-administration of medication is effective for the school year in which it is granted and must be renewed each school year upon fulfilling the requirements of this section.

(H) A parent or guardian shall sign a statement acknowledging that:

(1) the school district and its employees and agents are not liable for an injury arising from a student's self-monitoring or self-administration of medication;

(2) the parent or guardian shall indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees and agents against a claim arising from a student's self-monitoring or self-administration of medication;

(3) the school district and its employees and agents are not liable for an injury arising from administration of medication authorized by an IHP;

(4) the parent or guardian shall indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees and agents against a claim arising from administration of medication authorized by an IHP.

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

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2025.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 245--INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 245 -- Senators Kimbrell and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WITH CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS IS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING AS THE TREASURER OF A BOOSTER CLUB, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH BOOSTER CLUB WITHIN A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ANNUALLY REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD MUST RUN A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK TO DETERMINE IF THE TREASURER OF A BOOSTER CLUB IS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING IN THAT ROLE DUE TO A CRIMINAL CONVICTION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 245 (LC-245.WAB0005H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-17-170(C)(1) and inserting:

(C)(1) Each booster club within a school district or affiliated with a charter school must annually register with the school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer no later than August first. The registration shall include the name of the booster club, its purpose, the name of each of the booster club's officers, including its designated financial officer, and other information required by the school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer. A booster club may be required by the school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer to submit an accounting compilation or review. A school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer may not require an external audit from a booster club except for a finding of specific cause determined by a majority vote of the board members or other governing body.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-17-

170(D)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(D)(1) Upon the receipt of a booster club's registration, a school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer shall request a state criminal records check, including fingerprints, from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division of the financial officer. The school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer shall immediately notify a booster club if the criminal records check reveals that its financial officer is prohibited from serving in that role for the booster club pursuant to subsection (B).

(2) A school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer may charge a fee to offset the costs associated with the state criminal records check.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the amendment.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar, the pending question being consideration of Amendment No. 1.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Oconee Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 801 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-430, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN OCONEE COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4806 -- Reps. Rivers and Gilliard: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF

TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF THE SEA ISLAND PARKWAY IN BEAUFORT COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH COWEN CREEK BLUFF TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH COWEN CREEK BRIDGE "MONTFORD POINT MARINES WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4945 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE 1955 CANNON STREET Y.M.C.A. LITTLE LEAGUE OF CHARLESTON FOR THEIR FORMATION OF AN AFRICAN AMERICAN BASEBALL LEAGUE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE ALL-STAR TEAM MEMBERS AND COACHES FOR BEING NAMED THE 1955 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONS

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4946 -- Rep. Pendarvis: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO URGE CONGRESS TO EITHER EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE NOTICE OF INTENT FOR THE 2024 SUMMER EBT PROGRAM OR WAIVE THE DEADLINE TO PERMIT STATES TO SUBMIT A NOTICE OF INTENT AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4947 -- Reps. Pace, A. M. Morgan, May, Trantham, Oremus, Magnuson, Kilmartin, Cromer, S. Jones, O'Neal, White, T. A. Morgan, Harris, McCabe and Beach: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CONCERNS RAISED BY GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT REGARDING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO ENFORCE IMMIGRATION LAWS AND PROTECT THE STATES AND CONDEMN PRESIDENT BIDEN'S ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO FAITHFULLY EXECUTE IMMIGRATION LAWS ENACTED BY CONGRESS.

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4949 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, Wheeler, B. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan,

T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DR. CHRISTINE BEACHUM SELLERS OF CAMDEN, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4948 -- Reps. Guffey, Mitchell, Felder, T. Moore, Brewer, Sessions and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, ALL SO AS TO INCORPORATE IDENTIFIABLE MINORS INTO THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE TO ADDRESS MORPHED CHILD IMAGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4950 -- Reps. Landing and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE CONTINUING LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION CREDITS IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-61-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN

TRAINING PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE COURSES IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4951 -- Reps. Landing, M. M. Smith and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 51-3-60, RELATING TO THE USE OF FREE AND REDUCED CHARGES FOR ADMISSION AND USE OF STATE PARK FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN AUTISTIC PERSON MAY ENTER A STATE PARK FREE OF CHARGE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4952 -- Reps. Kilmartin, McCabe, White, May, Beach, Burns, Guffey, Cromer and Oremus: A BILL TO PROVIDE THAT THE ELECTION OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES IN LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS 1, 2, 3, 4, AND 5 BE ON A PARTISAN BASIS BEGINNING IN 2026.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4953 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Davis, M. M. Smith and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-80, RELATING TO STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES, SO AS TO REMOVE A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4954 -- Reps. Landing, M. M. Smith, Gilliam, Hartnett and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 27 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS AND TO REQUIRE EACH ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO INSTALL EQUIPMENT TO HARDEN ITS SYSTEM AND ASSETS AGAINST AN ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT; TO REQUIRE ELECTRICAL UTILITIES IN THIS STATE TO OFFER A PROGRAM TO ITS RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS WHO CHOOSE TO RECEIVE ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE PROTECTION FROM THE UTILITY AND PROVIDE FOR A PAYMENT PLAN THROUGH THE CUSTOMER'S MONTHLY BILL; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITHIN

REQUIRED DEADLINES; AND TO ESTABLISH THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUST PROVIDE FOR FUNDING IN THE 2024-2025 APPROPRIATIONS ACT TO ASSIST GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES WITH CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO OBTAIN ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE PROTECTION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4955 -- Reps. Landing, M. M. Smith and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1910, RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE HANDICAPPED LICENSE PLATES TO AUTISTIC PERSONS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4956 -- Reps. Landing, M. M. Smith, Lawson, Bustos and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 60 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE "AUTISTIC AND NEURODIVERGENT" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4957 -- Reps. Hiott, Erickson, G. M. Smith, Hayes, McGinnis and Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES' COMPENSATION FOR NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO REVISE SEVERAL DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-20, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF COMPENSATION FOR USE OF AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND CERTAIN AGENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS MAY ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT MAY ENABLE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO EARN COMPENSATION FOR USE OF THE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS OF THE ATHLETE, AND TO PROVIDE THE INSTITUTIONS ALSO MAY PERMIT INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO USE TRADEMARKS AND FACILITIES OF THE INSTITUTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING

SECTION 59-158-30, RELATING TO THE AFFECTS OF NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS COMPENSATION ON GRANT-IN-AID OR ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS MAY NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PROGRAM AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-40, RELATING TO ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED ACTIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS-RELATED MATTERS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY FOR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING EMPLOYEES FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM CERTAIN ROUTINE DECISIONS MADE IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONDUCT BY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS, ATHLETIC CONFERENCES, OR OTHER GROUPS WITH AUTHORITY OVER INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-50, RELATING TO GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN NAME, IMAGE, AND LICENSE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE CERTAIN MATTERS CONCERNING NAME, IMAGE, AND LICENSING AGREEMENTS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO AN EXCEPTION AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO CERTAIN ENTITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-60, RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND PROVISIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2018, AND TO PROVIDE ATHLETE AGENTS SHALL COMPLY WITH CERTAIN FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2018, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "ATHLETE AGENT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-100, RELATING TO AGENCY CONTRACTS, SO AS TO REMOVE A PROVISION CONCERNING COMPENSATION; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-70 RELATING TO

DISCLOSURES AND LIMITATIONS IN NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND REVOCATION PERIODS FOR SUCH CONTRACTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-80 RELATING TO GOVERNING LAW AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE CONTRACTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4958 -- Reps. Hewitt, Herbkersman, Bauer and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-1-91, SO AS TO REQUIRE ANY PERSON POSSESSING A NPDES PERMIT WHICH ALLOWS THE DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENT INTO STATE WATERS TO POST A SIGN, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF THAT SIGN, AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 410--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 410 -- Senator Talley: A BILL TO CONVEY THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION TO SPARTANBURG COUNTY; TO DISSOLVE THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION; AND TO REPEAL ACT 819 OF 1978, RELATING TO THE CREATION AND DUTIES OF THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION.

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

H. 3523--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3523 -- Reps. McCravy, Lawson, Yow, Leber, Bailey, Brittain, Robbins, Sessions, Mitchell, Wheeler, Schuessler, B. Newton, Erickson, Bradley, Oremus, Cromer, Chapman, Gagnon, Gilliam and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 1 SO AS TO

CREATE THE "FALLEN FIRST RESPONDER SURVIVOR ADVOCATE" POSITION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND PROVIDE ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

Rep. W. Newton proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3523 (LC-3523.AHB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor, and is contingent upon funding by the General Assembly.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Kilmartin

King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

S. 245--POINT OF ORDER

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of Amendment No. 1:

S. 245 -- Senators Kimbrell and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WITH CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS IS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING AS THE TREASURER OF A BOOSTER CLUB, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH BOOSTER CLUB WITHIN A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ANNUALLY REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD MUST RUN A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK TO DETERMINE IF THE TREASURER OF A BOOSTER CLUB IS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING IN THAT

ROLE DUE TO A CRIMINAL CONVICTION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 245 (LC-245.WAB0005H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-17-170(C)(1) and inserting:

(C)(1) Each booster club within a school district or affiliated with a charter school must annually register with the school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer no later than August first. The registration shall include the name of the booster club, its purpose, the name of each of the booster club's officers, including its designated financial officer, and other information required by the school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer. A booster club may be required by the school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer to submit an accounting compilation or review. A school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer may not require an external audit from a booster club except for a finding of specific cause determined by a majority vote of the board members or other governing body.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-17-170(D)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(D)(1) Upon the receipt of a booster club's registration, a school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer shall request a state criminal records check, including fingerprints, from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division of the financial officer. The school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer shall immediately notify a booster club if the criminal records check reveals that its financial officer is prohibited from serving in that role for the booster club pursuant to subsection (B).

(2) A school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer may charge a fee to offset the costs associated with the state criminal records check.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4937--RECALLED FROM PICKENS DELEGATION

On motion of Rep. COLLINS, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Pickens Delegation:

H. 4937 -- Reps. Collins, Hiott and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-450, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN PICKENS COUNTY, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, WITH APPROVAL FROM A MAJORITY OF THE PICKENS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, TO LOCATE A POLLING PLACE WITHIN FIVE MILES OF A PRECINCT'S BOUNDARIES IF NO SUITABLE LOCATION EXISTS WITHIN THE PRECINCT.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:23 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. WEEKS, adjourned in memory of the Honorable George Roosevelt Gibson and Sarah Deas Gibson, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Friday, January 26, 2024
(Local Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 95:7a: "For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand."

Let us pray. As God the Father has loved us, so he says I love you. Remain in my love. This is the Commandment that you love one another as God loves us. If you keep my Commandments, love one another as I have loved you, then your joy will be complete. Provide for us every needful thing. Keep us safe as Your children. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort in this vineyard. Bless and keep safe our men and women who sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, January 30.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from 2 Samuel 7:1: “Instead of David building a house for God, God promises to establish David’s house forever.”

Let us pray. We give thanks and praise to You, Heavenly Father, for the blessings You have bestowed on these Representatives and Staff. As You have said, go, do all that You can to help those in need. We give thanks for being in this place to carry out the duties for the people of South Carolina. Continue Your blessings on these, Your people, so they will continue to do Your will. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Be the light that shines upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and talents to this great cause. Protect our men and women who serve in our military. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. WHEELER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Richard Perry "Dick" McCutchen, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Sgt. William Jerome Rivers, Spc. Kennedy Ladon Sanders, and Spc. Breonna Alexsondria Moffett who were killed in Jordan.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Tony Junious.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., January 30, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully invites your Honorable Body to attend in the Senate Chamber at a mutually convenient time for the purpose of ratifying Acts.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. CARTER the invitation was accepted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4959 -- Reps. Weeks, G. M. Smith, Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CHERISH THE MEMORY OF SARAH DEAS GIBSON AND THE HONORABLE GEORGE ROOSEVELT GIBSON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THEIR FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4960 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER NON-TUMBLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 3A/4A VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER NON-TUMBLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4961 -- Reps. O'Neal, Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SWIM TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4962 -- Reps. O'Neal, Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4963 -- Reps. O'Neal, Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SWIM TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4964 -- Reps. Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CATAWBA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM MEMBERS AND THEIR COACHES ON WINNING THE 2023 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4968 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JACKIE KENT BROCKINGTON, JR., AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4970 -- Reps. Cromer, Beach, Chapman, Thayer, West, Gagnon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson,

J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WREN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4965 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Connell and B. Newton: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE JUNCTION AT LOCKHART ROAD AND KEYS LANE IN KERSHAW COUNTY "COMMISSIONER DAVID E. BRANHAM, SR. INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4966 -- Reps. Kirby and Jefferson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF ROAD IN THE TOWN OF ALVIN IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM 1976 SANTEE RIVER ROAD NORTH TO THE INTERSECTION OF GREENTOWN AND SANTEE RIVER ROAD "HENRY J. GREENWAY HIGHWAY" AND

ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4967 -- Reps. Erickson, McGinnis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE FIFTY SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS NAMED TO SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2024 ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM BY THE PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SCHOLARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4969 -- Reps. Caskey, Brewer, Bustos, B. L. Cox, Gatch, Guest, Guffey, Hartnett, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Mitchell, T. Moore, Murphy,

Nutt, Sessions, Wooten and Neese: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-410, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE THE APPOINTMENT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4971 -- Reps. Williams, Robbins, B. J. Cox, Rivers, M. M. Smith, Bailey, Clyburn, J. E. Johnson, Taylor, Thigpen, Whitmire, Jefferson, Pope, Ligon, O'Neal, Guffey, Sessions, McGinnis, B. L. Cox, Pace, Hosey, Gilliam, Carter, Oremus, West, Cromer, Neese, Guest, Lawson, T. Moore, Nutt, Schuessler, Forrest, Gatch, Gibson, Harris, Hayes, Henegan, Magnuson, J. Moore and Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 9-1-1790 AND 9-11-90, RELATING TO RETIREMENT BENEFITS AFTER RETURNING TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR EARNINGS LIMITATION ON EMPLOYEES RETURNING TO EMPLOYMENT WHO RETIRED BEFORE JANUARY 2, 2025.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4972 -- Reps. Felder, Bernstein and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PRODUCE OR DISTRIBUTE OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, OR TO POSSESS SUCH OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATION, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY AND OFFENSES FOR WHICH A CONVICTION REQUIRES REGISTRATION, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4973 -- Reps. Felder, Bernstein and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO AMEND

THE DEFINITION OF "MATERIAL" AND TO DEFINE THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND "MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, ALL SO AS TO INCORPORATE IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AND MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THESE STATUTES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY AND OFFENSES FOR WHICH A CONVICTION REQUIRES REGISTRATION, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSES OF EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD DEGREES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4974 -- Reps. Murphy, Wooten, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Ballentine and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-722, RELATING TO THE FILING OF FALSE POLICE REPORTS AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE STATUTE, PROVIDE FOR THE OFFENSE OF SWATTING, AND PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-47-80, RELATING TO PENALTIES REGARDING VIOLATIONS OF 911 SERVICES, SO AS TO REFERENCE PENALTIES CONTAINED IN SECTION 16-17-722.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox

Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total Present--119

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. YOW a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GUFFEY a leave of absence for the day due to a legislative conflict.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. KILMARTIN a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MAGNUSON a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BUSTOS a temporary leave of absence.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3309
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3424
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	M. M. SMITH, DAVIS, ELLIOTT, FORREST and B. NEWTON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3430
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4113
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4210
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	JEFFERSON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4231
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	HART

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4364
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	HART

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4549
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	HARDEE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4611
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	HARDEE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4612
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	HARDEE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4625
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	ELLIOTT

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4626
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	ELLIOTT

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4636
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	CROMER, OTT, HYDE and BURNS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4646
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	HARDEE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4680
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	HARDEE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4700
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	M. M. SMITH, DAVIS, ELLIOTT, FORREST, B. NEWTON, SCHUESSLER, MCGINNIS and GAGNON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4710
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	HARDEE and T. MOORE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4712
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	HARDEE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4825
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	B. NEWTON, ANDERSON and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4866
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	M. M. SMITH and CASKEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4867
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	M. M. SMITH and CASKEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4875
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	BREWER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4950
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	CARTER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4951
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	CARTER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4954
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	HAGER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4955
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	CARTER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4956
Date:	ADD:
01/30/24	LEBER, BREWER, MITCHELL and HAGER

CO-SPONSORS REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4492
Date:	REMOVE:
01/30/24	GAGNON, MCCRAVY, WILLIS and GILLIAM

CO-SPONSOR REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4700
Date:	REMOVE:
01/30/24	O'NEAL

CO-SPONSOR REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4929
Date:	REMOVE:
01/30/24	BREWER

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

H. 4868--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4868 -- Reps. Kirby, Lowe, Jordan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 84 OF 2011, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TIME AND METHOD BY WHICH THE NINE MEMBERS OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER THREE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED, TO REAPPORTION THE FIVE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS AND THE TWO MULTIMEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THESE NINE MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED, TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

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

H. 4892--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4892 -- Reps. Thayer, West, Chapman, Beach, Cromer and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 510 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE DISTRICTS FROM WHICH BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELECTED; AND TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THESE DISTRICTS.

Rep. Thayer proposes the following amendment (LC-4892. HDB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, paragraph (A)(2), by striking paragraph (A)(2) and inserting:

(2) The demographic information shown on this map is as follows:

~~District~~	~~Pop~~	~~Dev.~~	~~%Dev.~~	~~NH WHT~~	~~%NH WHT~~	~~NH BLK~~	~~%NH BLK~~	~~VAP~~
~~1~~	~~21,360~~	~~568~~	~~2.73%~~	~~17,941~~	~~83.99%~~	~~2,682~~	~~12.56%~~	~~16,976~~
~~2~~	~~20,760~~	~~-32~~	~~-0.15%~~	~~18,577~~	~~89.48%~~	~~1,315~~	~~6.33%~~	~~15,191~~
~~3~~	~~20,581~~	~~-211~~	~~-1.01%~~	~~18,301~~	~~88.92%~~	~~1,320~~	~~6.41%~~	~~15,587~~
~~4~~	~~21,067~~	~~275~~	~~1.32%~~	~~18,188~~	~~86.33%~~	~~1,705~~	~~8.09%~~	~~15,705~~
~~5~~	~~20,586~~	~~206~~	~~0.99%~~	~~17,477~~	~~84.90%~~	~~2,634~~	~~12.80%~~	~~15,694~~
~~6~~	~~20,707~~	~~-85~~	~~-0.41%~~	~~17,239~~	~~83.25%~~	~~2,650~~	~~12.80%~~	~~15,835~~
~~7~~	~~20,976~~	~~184~~	~~0.88%~~	~~16,810~~	~~80.14%~~	~~2,909~~	~~13.87%~~	~~16,339~~

8	20,534	-258	-1.24%	15,360	74.80%	3,806
18.54%	15,832					
9	20,555	-237	-1.14%	7,469	36.34%	12,059
58.67%	15,142					
Total	166,571			139,893		19,021
127,159						

District	NHWVAP	%NHWVAP	NHBVAP	%NHBVAP	AllOth	AllOthVAP
1	14,528	85.58%	1,944	11.45%	737	504
2	13,752	90.53%	897	5.90%	868	542
3	14,068	90.25%	898	5.76%	960	621
4	13,791	87.81%	1,186	7.55%	1,174	728
5	13,506	86.06%	1,870	11.92%	475	318
6	13,409	84.68%	1,878	11.86%	818	548
7	13,535	82.84%	1,984	12.14%	1,257	820
8	12,281	77.61%	2,598	16.41%	1,368	947
9	6,130	40.48%	8,346	55.12%	1,027	666
Total	108,876		13,255	10.42%	7,657	5,028

District	Pop	Dev.	%Dev.	Hisp.	%Hisp.	NH White	%NH White
1	23,781	1,146	5.06%	704	2.96%	19,256	80.97%
2	23,245	610	2.69%	1,175	5.05%	19,306	83.05%
3	22,852	217	0.96%	1,166	5.10%	18,429	80.65%
4	23,404	769	3.40%	1,291	5.52%	19,275	82.36%
5	22,404	-231	-1.02%	548	2.45%	18,381	82.04%
6	21,609	-1,026	-4.53%	954	4.41%	17,113	79.19%
7	21,734	-901	-3.98%	1,410	6.49%	16,496	75.90%
8	22,500	-135	-0.60%	927	4.12%	16,004	71.13%
9	22,189	-446	-1.97%	1,399	6.30%	8,136	36.67%
Total	203,718			9,574		152,396	

District	NH Blk	%NH Blk	VAP	%VAP	HVAP	%HVAP
1	2,662	11.19%	19,287	81.10%	456	2.36%
2	1,616	6.95%	17,312	74.48%	707	4.08%
3	1,933	8.46%	17,340	75.88%	705	4.07%
4	1,823	7.79%	17,858	76.30%	777	4.35%
5	2,796	12.48%	17,437	77.83%	321	1.84%
6	2,846	13.17%	16,916	78.28%	573	3.39%
7	2,767	12.73%	17,333	79.75%	1,056	6.09%

8	4,507	20.03%	17,904	79.57%	641	3.58%
9	11,908	53.67%	16,587	74.75%	867	5.23%
Total	32,858		157,974		6,103	

District	NH WVAP	%NH WVAP	NH BVAP	%NH BVAP
1	18,831	97.64%	1,981	10.27%
2	16,605	95.92%	1,108	6.40%
3	16,635	95.93%	1,342	7.74%
4	17,081	95.65%	1,290	7.22%
5	17,116	98.16%	2,004	11.49%
6	16,343	96.61%	2,050	12.12%
7	16,277	93.91%	1,885	10.88%
8	17,263	96.42%	3,289	18.37%
9	15,720	94.77%	8,507	51.29%
Total	151,871		23,456	

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

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

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Haddon	Hager

Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Long	Lowe	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

S. 410--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 410 -- Senator Talley: A BILL TO CONVEY THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION TO SPARTANBURG COUNTY; TO DISSOLVE THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION; AND TO REPEAL ACT 819 OF 1978, RELATING TO THE

CREATION AND DUTIES OF THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION.

Rep. HYDE explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Long	Lowe	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis

Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

S. 782--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 782 -- Senators Matthews and Davis: A BILL TO DELINEATE THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THESE DISTRICTS, AND TO REPEAL SECTION 2 OF ACT 476 OF 1998 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS OF THE JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Reps. Hager, Bradley and W. Newton proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 782 (LC-782.HDB0001H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION X. Nothing in this act may be construed to repeal or amend the provisions of Section 1 of Act 278 of 1985, as last amended by Act 476 of 1998, which provides for the staggering of terms of members of the board, among other things.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HAGER explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 4029 -- Reps. Dillard, Hyde, Bailey, Brittain, Weeks and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-1-103, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCLUDE HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

H. 3523 -- Reps. McCravy, Lawson, Yow, Leber, Bailey, Brittain, Robbins, Sessions, Mitchell, Wheeler, Schuessler, B. Newton, Erickson, Bradley, Oremus, Cromer, Chapman, Gagnon, Gilliam and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 1 SO AS TO CREATE THE "FALLEN FIRST RESPONDER SURVIVOR ADVOCATE" POSITION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND PROVIDE ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

H. 4825--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4825 -- Reps. Hewitt, Murphy, W. Newton, Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Kirby, Mitchell, Crawford, Yow, Bailey, Pope, Guest, Hartnett, West, Oremus, Leber, Williams, Jefferson, Gilliard, Schuessler, Landing, Bustos, Calhoon, Gilliam, Gibson, M. M. Smith, B. Newton and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLAWFULLY LURING ANOTHER PERSON, TO PROVIDE FOR A SENTENCING ENHANCEMENT WHEN THE VICTIM IS A MINOR, TO SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE FOR

PUNISHMENT FOR ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING OFFENSES, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "MINOR".

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions

G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

H. 4231--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4231 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Davis, Bernstein, Guest, Brittain, Henegan, B. Newton, Carter, B. L. Cox, Bannister, Herbkersman, Robbins, Schuessler and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-1155, RELATING TO MICRO-DISTILLERIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MICRO-DISTILLERY MAY SELL CERTAIN LIQUORS DISTILLED ON THE PREMISES ON SUNDAYS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4160, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON CERTAIN DAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES MAY AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON SUNDAYS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Reps. B. NEWTON, HIOTT, FORREST, FELDER, HEWITT, MCCRAVY, NUTT, B. L. COX, M. M. SMITH, DAVIS, CARTER, BAMBERG, W. NEWTON, GILLIAM, CALHOON, WOOTEN and MCDANIEL requested debate on the Bill.

H. 4364--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4364 -- Reps. W. Newton, Davis, Rutherford, Bernstein, M. M. Smith, Ott, Brittain, Guest, Hewitt, Elliott, Stavrinakis, Bradley, Wooten, Murphy, Herbkersman, Leber, Sessions, Caskey, Rose, Mitchell, Brewer, Guffey, Hardee, Collins, Gatch, B. Newton, Pace, Bauer, Bailey, Erickson, Schuessler and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-170, RELATING TO DRIVE-THROUGH OR CURBSIDE SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-280 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN BEER AND WINE AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1570 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; AND BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1580 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS.

Reps. W. NEWTON, B. NEWTON, FORREST, HIOTT, HEWITT, CARTER, FELDER, M. M. SMITH, BAILEY, WEST, MCCRAVY, BAMBERG, CALHOON and BURNS requested debate on the Bill.

H. 4674--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4674 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1240, RELATING TO THE DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY, TO PROVIDE HOW LICENSE PLATES MUST BE FASTENED TO VEHICLES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE

DISPLAY OF TEMPORARY LICENSE PLATES ON LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.

Rep. GILLIAM explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions

G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3309--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3309 -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope, Erickson, Bradley, Davis, Caskey and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-97 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SEIZURE ACTION PLANS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH PLANS AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3309 (LC-3309.WAB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION X. Article 2, Chapter 10, Title 59 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 59-10-215. Each school district and charter school shall adopt a seizure training program to provide instruction in understanding the basics about epilepsy and its impact on student learning, recognizing signs and symptoms of seizures, the appropriate steps to be taken to respond to symptoms of a seizure, and the administration of seizure medications. This training must be consistent with guidelines established by a qualified nonprofit organization that supports the welfare of

individuals with epilepsy and seizure disorders. The completion of this training must be documented by the school district and the training may be provided virtually, provided by school or district staff, or may be conducted by an individual trained to deliver such information.

SECTION X. Section 59-63-80 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-63-80. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "medication" is defined as medication prescribed by a health care provider contained in the original packaging with the appropriate pharmacy label or in a secure package containing a note from the prescribing physician or pharmacist that appropriately identifies the medicine;

(2) "monitoring device" is defined as implements prescribed by a health care provider for monitoring a chronic health condition; ~~and~~

(3) "individual health care plan" (IHP) is defined as a plan of care designed specifically for an individual student to provide for meeting the health monitoring and care of the student during the school day or at school-sponsored functions;

(4) "emergency action plan" (EAP) is defined as a plan for handling emergency situations that may occur as a result of a student's medical diagnosis during the school day or at school-sponsored functions;

(5) "seizure action plan" (SAP) is defined as a written, emergency action plan as a supplement to the individualized health plan provided by the parent or legal guardian of a student who is diagnosed with a seizure disorder and signed by the child's health care provider. Such a plan must acknowledge the health care needs of the student, prepare both parties to meet those needs, and apply over the course of a school year.

(B) Each school district shall adopt a policy requiring that students with special health care needs have individual health care plans. This policy must address the administration of medication needed for the student's specific health care needs, address training requirements specific to the student's health care needs for school personnel with direct student contact when appropriate as determined by the school nurse, and provide information to additional school personnel on recognizing signs and symptoms associated with specific medical conditions. Additionally, the plan must provide for the authorization of a student to self-monitor and self-administer medication as prescribed by the student's health care provider unless there is sufficient evidence that unsupervised self-monitoring or self-medicating would seriously jeopardize the safety of the student or others. The policy must include,

but is not limited to:

(1) a requirement that the student's parent or legal guardian provide to the school:

(a) written authorization from the parent or legal guardian for the administration of medications needed for the student's specific health care needs to include whether school personnel or volunteers are permitted to administer, and, if appropriate, authorization for the student to self-monitor and self-administer medication; and

(b) a written statement from the student's health care practitioner who prescribed the medication verifying that the student has a medical condition and medicine is required to treat the condition. If the student has permission to self-monitor and self-administer medication, the health care practitioner's statement must verify that the student has been instructed and demonstrates competency in self-monitoring or self-administration of medications, or both.

(2) authorization for a student to possess on his person and administer medication while:

(a) in the classroom and in any area of the school or school grounds;

(b) at a school-sponsored activity;

(c) in transit to or from school or school-sponsored activities; or

(d) during before-school or after-school activities on school-operated property.

(C) The statements required in subsection (B)(1) must be kept on file in the office of the school nurse or school administrator.

(D)(1) The State Department of Education shall develop guidelines for required components of a written student individual health care plan to include training specific to the student's health care needs for school personnel with direct student contact, and if appropriate as determined by the school nurse, provide information to additional school personnel on recognizing signs and symptoms associated with specific medical conditions. These plans ~~which~~ must be developed with input from and with the approval of:

(a) the student's health care practitioner who prescribed the medication;

(b) the parent or legal guardian;

(c) the student, if appropriate; and

(d) the school nurse or other designated school staff member.

(2) If a student qualifies for a Federal 504 medical accommodations plan, that process must meet the requirements for the

state-required individual health plan.

(3) The parent or guardian and the student, if appropriate, shall authorize the school to share the student's individual health care plan with school staff who have a legitimate need for knowledge of the information.

(4) If a student's health care practitioner deems appropriate and written information outlining the student's health needs is provided by the parent and health care practitioner, an EAP shall accompany the IHP for distribution to school staff who have a legitimate need for knowledge of the information.

(5) If a student's health care practitioner deems appropriate and written information outlining the student's health needs is provided by the parent and health care practitioner, an SAP shall accompany the EAP for distribution to school staff who have a legitimate need for knowledge of the information.

(E) All medication authorized to be carried by the student must be maintained in a container appropriately labeled by the pharmacist who filled the prescription.

(F) A student's permission to self-monitor or self-administer medication may be revoked if the student endangers himself or others through misuse of the monitoring device or medication.

(G) The permission for self-monitoring or self-administration of medication is effective for the school year in which it is granted and must be renewed each school year upon fulfilling the requirements of this section.

(H) A parent or guardian shall sign a statement acknowledging that:

(1) the school district and its employees and agents are not liable for an injury arising from a student's self-monitoring or self-administration of medication;

(2) the parent or guardian shall indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees and agents against a claim arising from a student's self-monitoring or self-administration of medication;

(3) the school district and its employees and agents are not liable for an injury arising from administration of medication authorized by an IHP;

(4) the parent or guardian shall indemnify and hold harmless the district and its employees and agents against a claim arising from administration of medication authorized by an IHP.

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

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2025.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRADLEY spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal

Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

S. 245--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 245 -- Senators Kimbrell and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WITH CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS IS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING AS THE TREASURER OF A BOOSTER CLUB, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH BOOSTER CLUB WITHIN A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ANNUALLY REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD MUST RUN A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK TO DETERMINE IF THE TREASURER OF A BOOSTER CLUB IS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING IN THAT ROLE DUE TO A CRIMINAL CONVICTION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Rep. BRADLEY moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, February 6, which was agreed to.

H. 4710--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4710 -- Reps. West, G. M. Smith, Bannister, Davis, Guest, Forrest, Hewitt, M. M. Smith, Long, B. Newton, Thayer, Hager, Leber, Mitchell, Brittain, Gatch, Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Caskey, T. Moore and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-35-50, RELATING TO MAXIMUM UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS ALLOWED, SO AS TO SET THE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS BASED ON SEASONAL ADJUSTED STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES.

Reps. CASKEY, B. NEWTON, FORREST, WEST, MCDANIEL, HIOTT, CARTER, FELDER, POPE, MCCRAVY, GUEST, B. L. COX, M. M. SMITH, LAWSON, MOSS, NEESE, HIXON, TAYLOR, OREMUS, CHAPMAN, HEWITT, LEBER, COBB-HUNTER, WEEKS and KING requested debate on the Bill.

H. 4810--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4810 -- Reps. Bannister and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN CLOTHING REQUIRED FOR USE IN PERISHABLE PREPARED FOOD MANUFACTURING FACILITIES.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn

Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

S. 298--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 298 -- Senators Bennett, Turner, Kimbrell, Campsen and Adams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-2320, RELATING TO ALTERNATE METHODS FOR THE ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF INCOME FOR STATE INCOME TAX PURPOSES, SO AS TO SET FORTH A PROCESS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXPAYERS TO ACCURATELY DETERMINE NET INCOME.

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

S. 801--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 801 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-430, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN OCONEE COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4937--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4937 -- Reps. Collins, Hiott and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-450, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN PICKENS COUNTY, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, WITH APPROVAL FROM A MAJORITY OF THE PICKENS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, TO LOCATE A POLLING

PLACE WITHIN FIVE MILES OF A PRECINCT'S BOUNDARIES IF NO SUITABLE LOCATION EXISTS WITHIN THE PRECINCT.

Rep. COLLINS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions

G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4608--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4608 -- Reps. Hayes and Atkinson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE LUMBER RIVER ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 AT THE BORDER OF MARION AND HORRY COUNTIES "PLAN LANNEAU ELVINGTON, SR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4632--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4632 -- Rep. J. E. Johnson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF CULTRA ROAD AND OAK STREET IN THE CITY OF CONWAY IN HORRY COUNTY "JAMES ODELL COCHRAN INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4833--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4833 -- Rep. Burns: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLACE APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THE STATE-MAINTAINED ROAD ENTRANCES TO THE TOWN OF SLATER-MARRIETTA IN GREENVILLE COUNTY CONTAINING THE WORDS "HOME OF THE SLATER-MARIETTA HIGH SCHOOL GREEN WAVE FIVE-TIME SOUTH CAROLINA BOYS STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS: 1953, 1962, 1964, 1966, AND 1971".

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4841--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4841 -- Rep. Hayes: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF FRIENDSHIP ROAD IN DILLON COUNTY FROM STATE ROAD 308 (LESTER ROAD) TO STATE ROAD 71 (JUDGE ROAD) "JACKSON RYAN WINKELER MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS DESIGNATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4863--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4863 -- Reps. Anderson and Hewitt: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF EXODUS DRIVE IN GEORGETOWN COUNTY (SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY #S-264), BEGINNING WITH ITS INTERSECTION AT NORTH FRASER STREET (UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701), SPANNING APPROXIMATELY 7.97 MILES, AND ENDING AT A SECOND INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 701 "JOHNNY MORANT HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE

MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4492--RECOMMITTED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4492 -- Rep. S. Jones: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME TRAY RIDGE DRIVE IN LAURENS COUNTY "TRAYNHAM WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Rep. S. JONES moved to recommit the Concurrent Resolution to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, which was agreed to.

H. 4878--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4878 -- Rep. Ott: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 6 IN LEXINGTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH TICKLE WEED ROAD "STANLEY MYERS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4806--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4806 -- Reps. Rivers and Gilliard: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF THE SEA ISLAND PARKWAY IN BEAUFORT COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH COWEN CREEK BLUFF TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH

COWEN CREEK BRIDGE "MONTFORD POINT MARINES WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

Rep. CARTER moved that the House adjourn pending ratification of Acts, which was agreed to.

RATIFICATION OF ACTS

Pursuant to an invitation, the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on January 30, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified:

(R. 104, H. 3690) -- Reps. Taylor, G.M. Smith, Thayer, Bradley, Hiott, Bannister, W. Newton, Sandifer, West, Davis, Erickson, J.E. Johnson, Jordan, Whitmire, Hixon, Elliott, Forrest, Wooten, Bustos, Willis, Yow, Carter, Hartnett, Moss, McCravy, B.J. Cox, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Oremus, Hardee, Ligon, Long, Gilliam, Magnuson, Lawson, Nutt, Brewer, Guffey, Hager, Mitchell, Neese, Sessions, Vaughan, Robbins, Kilmartin, M.M. Smith, B. Newton, Hewitt, Leber, Pope, Blackwell, Caskey and Landing: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE “ESG PENSION PROTECTION ACT” BY AMENDING SECTION 9-16-10, RELATING TO RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUNDS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION OF “PECUNIARY FACTOR”; BY AMENDING SECTION 9-16-30, RELATING TO DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS BY THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PROXY VOTING DECISIONS MUST BE BASED ON PECUNIARY FACTORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 9-16-50, RELATING TO INVESTMENT AND MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS BY TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION MAY ONLY CONSIDER PECUNIARY FACTORS IN MAKING CERTAIN INVESTMENT DECISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 9-16-320, RELATING TO ANNUAL INVESTMENT PLANS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MEETINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 9-16-330, RELATING TO STATEMENT OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CERTIFICATIONS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 9-16-110 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY

GENERAL MAY BRING AN ACTION TO ENFORCE CERTAIN PROVISIONS.

(R. 105, H. 3782) -- Reps. West, Yow, Jefferson, Ligon, Nutt, Anderson, Hardee, Bannister, Thayer, Blackwell and Oremus: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-12-300, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "CABLE SERVICE" AND "VIDEO SERVICE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-9-2200, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "RETAIL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE".

(R. 106, H. 3799) -- Reps. Hyde and Nutt: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-270 SO AS TO DECLARE THE FIRST MONDAY OF MARCH OF EACH YEAR AS "WATER PROFESSIONALS DAY".

(R. 107, H. 3872) -- Reps. Murphy, Caskey, B. Newton, Brewer, Robbins, Sandifer, Herbkersman, Rutherford, Wooten, Connell, Mitchell and Hager: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-150-145 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING LOTTERY CLAIMS FROM NONCONSENSUAL DISCLOSURE OR RELEASE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, TO PROVIDE THE LOTTERY COMMISSION MAY DISCLOSE CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING LOTTERY CLAIMS WITHOUT CONSENT, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR PARTICIPANTS IN CERTAIN PROMOTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 30-4-40, RELATING TO MATTERS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.

(R. 108, H. 3960) -- Rep. Forrest: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-686 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA POULTRY FESTIVAL IN LEXINGTON COUNTY AS THE OFFICIAL STATE POULTRY FESTIVAL.

(R. 109, H. 3977) -- Reps. Sandifer, Hardee and Anderson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-55-730 SO AS TO ALLOW INSURERS TO POST AN INSURANCE POLICY OR ENDORSEMENT ON THEIR WEBSITE IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET.

(R. 110, H. 4120) -- Reps. Pope and Long: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE "ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT UNIT" WITHIN THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION AND DUTIES, AND TO REQUIRE IT TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 23-6-60 AND CHAPTER 30 OF TITLE 8 RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT UNIT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE RECORDING AND REPORTING OF IMMIGRATION LAW VIOLATIONS.

(R. 111, H. 4352) -- Reps. Calhoon and Felder: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-270 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MARCH OF EACH YEAR AS "MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION MONTH".

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:06 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. WHEELER, adjourned in memory of Richard Perry "Dick" McCutchen, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 94:22: "But the Lord has become my stronghold and my God, the rock of my refuge."

Let us pray. Lord, God of justice and mercy, free us from fear that we may speak of You with joy and gladness. Give us the means and willingness to serve our neighbor in need. We are witnesses of Your faithfulness. Continue Your blessings on these Representatives and Staff and guide them in the way of righteousness. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders. Remember our men and women who give of their time and some their all. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. MAY moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Carolyn and Annie Henderson, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Carolyn and Annie Henderson.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4832 -- Reps. Hardee, Sandifer, Anderson, Ligon and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

ENACTING THE "PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH FAMILY LEAVE BENEFITS, OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS OF FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE POLICIES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3992 -- Reps. Blackwell, McGinnis, Sandifer and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-60, RELATING TO DELINQUENT UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TAX RATES, SO AS TO PERMIT EMPLOYERS WITH INSTALLMENT PAYMENT AGREEMENTS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE TO PAY THE TAX AT A REDUCED RATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC REVERSION OF THIS RATE UPON FAILURE TO TIMELY COMPLY WITH THE PAYMENT AGREEMENT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4869 -- Reps. Sandifer, Hardee and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-3-150, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE OR HIS DESIGNEES TO CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUCH INVESTIGATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-9-200, RELATING TO CONDITIONS FOR ALLOWING REINSURANCE CREDITS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-13-10, RELATING TO INSURER EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE SUCH EXAMINATIONS ARE FINANCIAL EXAMINATIONS, TO APPLY THE PROVISIONS TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER LICENSEES OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE MARKET CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS,

AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-13-70, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEES MAY CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INVESTIGATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FINAL ORDERS DISCIPLINING LICENSEES ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-57-130, RELATING TO INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REVISED EXEMPTIONS FROM PROVISIONS PROHIBITING MISREPRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS, AND REBATES IN INSURANCE CONTRACTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3278 -- Reps. West and Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 40-60-30, 40-60-31, AND 40-60-33, ALL RELATING TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MODIFY EXEMPTIONS, REVISE AND PROVIDE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND ACCEPTABLE EQUIVALENCIES FOR APPRENTICE APPRAISERS; AND TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSED MASS APPRAISERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-34, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO APPRENTICE APPRAISERS AND APPRAISER SUPERVISING APPRENTICES, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-35, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO IMPOSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UPON LICENSEES; BY ADDING SECTION 40-60-36 SO AS TO IMPOSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UPON PROVIDERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-37, RELATING TO RECIPROCAL APPLICATIONS FROM APPRAISERS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-40, RELATING TO REQUIRED APPRAISER CONTACT INFORMATION, SO AS TO INCLUDE EMAIL ADDRESSES OF LICENSEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-320, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF APPRAISAL PANEL; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-330, RELATING TO REGISTRATION

REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING CERTAIN FINANCIAL INFORMATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-360, RELATING TO PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS, SO AS TO SPECIFY REQUIRED REGULATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-420, RELATING TO RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION RENEWAL, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING RECORDS THAT APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES MUST PROVIDE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-450, RELATING TO COMPENSATION, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABLE GOVERNING FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4376 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, M. M. Smith, Caskey, T. Moore, Wooten, J. L. Johnson, Davis, Sessions, Guffey, Ligon, O'Neal and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 25-12-10, 25-12-30, AND 25-12-50, ALL RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED HUMAN REMAINS OF A DECEASED VETERAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25 ALSO APPLY TO THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED HUMAN REMAINS OF A DECEASED VETERAN AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25 ARE MANDATORY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-590, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CORONERS TO RELEASE CERTAIN HUMAN REMAINS THAT HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE THOSE OF AN UNCLAIMED DECEASED VETERAN TO A FUNERAL HOME, FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT, OR MORTUARY FOR DISPOSITION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4928 -- Reps. Davis and B. J. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION

25-21-10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS' TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDRAISING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 25-21-30, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABILITY TO FUNDRAISE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4975 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JAMETTA "LYNN" BRISBANE-HAMILTON OF CHARLESTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4976 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO APPLAUD COACH ROGER SMITH OF RIVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION'S 2023-2024 GOLF COACH OF THE YEAR AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4977 -- Rep. McGinnis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROMPTLY ENACT A COMPREHENSIVE LAW REGULATING NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS (NIL) USE IN COLLEGE ATHLETICS NATIONWIDE, THEREBY PROVIDING UNIFORMITY AND CLARITY THROUGHOUT THE NATION.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4978 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S FFA, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA, AND ALL WHO SUPPORT, PROMOTE, AND ENCOURAGE THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TO JOIN THEM IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL FFA WEEK FROM FEBRUARY 17 THROUGH 24, 2024.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4979 -- Rep. Bailey: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO WITHDRAW FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 4980 -- Reps. J. Moore, McDaniel, Williams and Hosey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-6-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AN ADULT SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER WHOSE INCOME IS AT OR BELOW ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL, WITH A FIVE PERCENT INCOME DISREGARD, IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, AND AMENDMENTS TO THAT ACT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4981 -- Rep. Pendarvis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-920, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES, SO AS TO MODIFY DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-930, RELATING TO DEVELOPMENTAL IMPACT FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE REPAIR, OPERATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING OR NEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING COSTS OF THE RELATED GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-960, RELATING TO THE RECOMMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN, SO AS TO MODIFY THE CIRCULATION AND PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE PLAN; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-1020, RELATING TO REFUNDS OF IMPACT FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IMPACT FEES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN EXPENDED WITHIN SEVEN YEARS OF THE DATE THEY WERE SCHEDULED TO BE EXPENDED MUST BE REFUNDED TO THE OWNER OF RECORD OF PROPERTY ON WHICH A DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE HAS BEEN PAID.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4982 -- Reps. J. Moore, McDaniel, Henegan, Williams, Kirby, Hosey and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-810 SO AS TO

PROVIDE THAT ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WITHOUT CHARGE TO ALL STUDENTS AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-350, RELATING TO THE LENGTH OF LUNCH PERIODS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE THIRTY MINUTE LUNCH PERIODS TO ALL STUDENTS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4983 -- Reps. J. Moore, McDaniel, Williams, Henegan and Hosey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 25 BY ENACTING THE "VETERANS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT" TO PROVIDE CERTAIN VETERANS' RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4984 -- Reps. J. Moore and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD" BY ADDING CHAPTER 131 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE BOARD'S MEMBERSHIP, POWERS, AND DUTIES; TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO CREATE A STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES; TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO UNDERTAKE DRUG COST AFFORDABILITY REVIEWS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHAPTER; TO REQUIRE ANNUAL REPORTING BY THE BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4985 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Davis, B. L. Cox, Chapman, T. Moore, Hyde, Gatch, T. A. Morgan, A. M. Morgan, Elliott, Nutt, Leber, J. Moore, McCravy, Guest, Willis, W. Jones, Wooten, Caskey, Dillard, Hayes, Jordan and Lowe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-112-50, RELATING TO TUITION RATES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OR THE RESERVES OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES UNITS IN THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4986 -- Reps. J. Moore and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SERVICE CORPS ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 46 TO TITLE 41 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURPOSE, ADMINISTRATION, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF THE SERVICE CORPS, TO PROVIDE PERSONS WHO COMPLETE A TERM IN THE SERVICE CORPS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE WRITTEN SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS FOR SERVICE PROJECTS TO BE PERFORMED THROUGH THE SERVICE CORPS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4987 -- Reps. J. Moore and Pendarvis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 40, TITLE 27 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN PROTECTED TENANT'S RIGHTS, TO PROVIDE FOR SITUATIONS IN WHICH A PROTECTED TENANT MAY TERMINATE A LEASE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REPORTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO CREATE THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER FUND, AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT IS DIRECTED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ASSIST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4988 -- Reps. J. Moore and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAID BUY-IN ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 10 TO CHAPTER 6, TITLE 44 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM TO PROVIDE QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4989 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, May, J. L. Johnson, Sessions, T. A. Morgan, B. J. Cox, S. Jones, Oremus, Long, Trantham, O'Neal, White, McCabe, Burns, Landing, Herbkersman, Pace, Willis, Haddon, Harris, Leber and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-105 SO AS TO PROVIDE AFTER JULY 1, 2024, A PERSON MAY NOT BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED TO A JUDICIAL OFFICE THAT IS FILLED BY ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IF THAT PERSON IS AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OF A SITTING MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OR A FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHOSE MOST RECENT TERM OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICE ENDED LESS THAN ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF THE OFFICE IN QUESTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4990 -- Reps. J. Moore and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH FAMILY LEAVE BENEFITS, OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS OF FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE POLICIES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 4991 -- Reps. J. Moore, McDaniel, Williams and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO CREATE THE "FORECLOSURE RESOLUTION PROGRAM" UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT CERTAIN RULES, TO REQUIRE NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE RESOLUTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICABILITY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4992 -- Reps. J. Moore, McDaniel, Williams, Henegan and Hosey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 42-9-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A FIRST RESPONDER TO FILE A

WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR A STRESS OR MENTAL INJURY UNACCOMPANIED BY A PHYSICAL INJURY.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4993 -- Reps. J. Moore, McDaniel, Williams, Henegan and Hosey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1230 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CHILDCARE ADVANCE WHICH ENABLES TAXPAYERS TO DEFER PAYMENT OF A PORTION OF THEIR INCOME TAX.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 4994 -- Reps. J. Moore, Henegan, McDaniel and Hosey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-415 SO AS TO PROVIDE EVERY CHILDCARE LEARNING CENTER AND EVERY SCHOOL SHALL TEST DRINKING WATER OUTLETS FOR LEAD CONTAMINATION AND REMEDIATE AS NEEDED, TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SHALL DEVELOP CERTAIN RELATED RULES FOR IMPLEMENTING THESE REQUIREMENTS.
Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 4995 -- Rep. Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-7-10, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKETS, SO AS TO PROVIDE UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKETS MAY BE ISSUED FOR CERTAIN MISDEMEANOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4996 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Guest, Chapman, Hartnett, Stavrinakis, B. L. Cox, Kirby and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-725 SO AS TO PERMIT THE TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS.
Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4997 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-71-40,

RELATING TO A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY OF NOVEMBER OF ANY YEAR.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 4998 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-15-65, RELATING TO ANNUAL SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE DIRECTORS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS AMONG THOSE RECEIVING THE SUPPLEMENT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe

Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total Present--120

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. YOW a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GUFFEY a leave of absence for the day due to a legislative conflict.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. ATKINSON a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BLACKWELL a temporary leave of absence.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Gary Culbertson of Sumter County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BERNSTEIN presented to the House the Cardinal Newman "Cardinals" 2023 SCISA 4-A Volleyball State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3247
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	ROBBINS, GATCH, BREWER, MURPHY, MITCHELL, HAGER and CALHOON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3310
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	CARTER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3424
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	WILLIS, HIXON, J. E. JOHNSON, TAYLOR, CHAPMAN and OTT

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3430
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	WHITE, HYDE, CHAPMAN, MITCHELL, GATCH, B. NEWTON, CRAWFORD, HAGER, CONNELL, NEESE, OTT, WETMORE, STAVRINAKIS, WEEKS, BAUER, MCDANIEL, KING, HENDERSON-MYERS, ALEXANDER, WILLIAMS, DILLARD and W. JONES

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3676
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3963
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	BREWER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3992
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4549
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	BURNS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4552
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	M. M. SMITH and B. L. COX

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4574
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	MOSS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4593
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	B. J. COX, T. A. MORGAN and A. M. MORGAN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4611
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	BREWER, ROBBINS and GATCH

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4612
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	BREWER, ROBBINS, GATCH, MURPHY, CONNELL, MITCHELL and HAGER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4700
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	WILLIS, LIGON, HIXON and TAYLOR

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4832
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	LIGON and SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4866
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	MITCHELL and HART

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4867
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	HART

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4869
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4929
Date:	ADD:
01/31/24	CARTER

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 4892 -- Reps. Thayer, West, Chapman, Beach, Cromer and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 510 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE DISTRICTS FROM WHICH BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELECTED; AND TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THESE DISTRICTS.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bill was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification:

S. 410 -- Senator Talley: A BILL TO CONVEY THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION TO SPARTANBURG COUNTY; TO DISSOLVE THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION; AND TO REPEAL ACT 819 OF 1978, RELATING TO THE CREATION AND DUTIES OF THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 782 -- Senators Matthews and Davis: A BILL TO DELINEATE THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC

INFORMATION REGARDING THESE DISTRICTS, AND TO REPEAL SECTION 2 OF ACT 476 OF 1998 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS OF THE JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

H. 4868--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4868 -- Reps. Kirby, Lowe, Jordan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 84 OF 2011, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TIME AND METHOD BY WHICH THE NINE MEMBERS OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER THREE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED, TO REAPPORTION THE FIVE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS AND THE TWO MULTIMEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THESE NINE MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED, TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Rep. Kirby proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4868 (LC-4868.HDB0003H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, <<section_placeholder>> , by striking the <<placeholder>> undesignated paragraph and inserting:

(2) The demographic information shown on this map is as follows:

~~District Pop Dev.%Dev. NH_WHT %NH_WHT NH_BLK %NH_BLK~~

~~1 2,308 21 0.92% 1,454 63.00% 779 33.75%~~

~~2 2,313 26 1.14% 1,661 71.81% 450 19.46%~~

~~3 2,343 56 2.45% 1,463 62.44% 779 33.25%~~

~~4 4,475 -99 -2.16% 1,166 26.06% 3,094 69.14%~~

~~5 2,171 -116 -5.07% 583 26.85% 1,541 70.98%~~

~~6 2,258 -29 -1.27% 495 21.92% 1,704 75.47%~~

~~7 4,716 142 3.10% 3,088 65.48% 1,434 30.41%~~

~~Total 20,584 9,910 9,781~~

~~District VAP NHWVAP %NHWVAP NHBVAP %NHBVAP AllOth AllOthVAP~~

~~1 1,724 1,118 64.85% 565 32.77% 75 41~~

~~2 1,716 1,281 74.65% 323 18.82% 202 112~~
~~3 1,763 1,154 65.42% 548 31.07% 101 62~~
~~4 3,176 916 28.84% 2,126 66.94% 215 134~~
~~5 1,543 488 31.63% 1,028 66.62% 47 27~~
~~6 1,650 416 25.21% 1,184 71.76% 59 50~~
~~7 3,595 2,450 68.15% 1,030 28.65% 194 115~~
~~Total 15,168 6,804 893 541~~

District Pop Dev. %Dev. Hisp. %Hisp. NH White %NH White
1 2,189 79 3.74% 57 2.60% 1,402 64.05%
2 2,050 -60 -2.84% 80 3.90% 1,349 65.80%
3 2,145 35 1.66% 164 7.65% 1,494 69.65%
4 4,142 -78 -1.85% 126 3.04% 1,105 26.68%
5 2,029 -81 -3.84% 46 2.27% 556 27.40%
6 2,221 111 5.26% 24 1.08% 399 17.96%
7 4,210 -10 -0.24% 122 2.90% 2,659 63.16%
Total 18,986 619 8,964

District NH Blk %NH Blk VAP %VAP HVAP %HVAP
1 681 31.11% 1,647 75.24% 34 2.06%
2 570 27.80% 1,575 76.83% 50 3.17%
3 439 20.47% 1,629 75.94% 102 6.26%
4 2,796 67.50% 3,120 75.33% 85 2.72%
5 1,371 67.57% 1,477 72.79% 32 2.17%
6 1,785 80.37% 1,614 72.67% 19 1.18%
7 1,305 31.00% 3,302 78.43% 80 2.42%
Total 8,947 14,364 402

District NHWVAP %NHWVAP NHBVAP %NHBVAP
1 1,094 66.42% 483 29.33%
2 1,075 68.25% 409 25.97%
3 1,169 71.76% 322 19.77%
4 878 28.14% 2,072 66.41%
5 456 30.87% 948 64.18%
6 337 20.88% 1,248 77.32%
7 2,173 65.81% 964 29.19%
Total 7,182 6,446

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. KIRBY moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. Kirby proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4868 (LC-

4868.HDB0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, paragraph (B)(2), by striking the paragraph (B)(2) and inserting:

(2) The demographic information shown on this map is as follows:

~~District Pop Dev.%Dev. NH_WHT %NH_WHT NH_BLK %NH_BLK~~
~~1 2,308 21 0.92% 1,454 63.00% 779 33.75%~~
~~2 2,313 26 1.14% 1,661 71.81% 450 19.46%~~
~~3 2,343 56 2.45% 1,463 62.44% 779 33.25%~~
~~4 4,475 -99 -2.16%1,166 26.06% 3,094 69.14%~~
~~5 2,171 -116 -5.07%583 26.85% 1,541 70.98%~~
~~6 2,258 -29 -1.27%495 21.92% 1,704 75.47%~~
~~7 4,716 142 3.10% 3,088 65.48% 1,434 30.41%~~
~~Total 20,584 9,910 9,781~~
~~District VAP NHWVAP %NHWVAP NHBVAP %NHBVAP AllOth AllOthVAP~~
~~1 1,724 1,118 64.85% 565 32.77% 75 41~~
~~2 1,716 1,281 74.65% 323 18.82% 202 112~~
~~3 1,763 1,154 65.42% 548 31.07% 101 62~~
~~4 3,176 916 28.84% 2,126 66.94% 215 134~~
~~5 1,543 488 31.63% 1,028 66.62% 47 27~~
~~6 1,650 416 25.21% 1,184 71.76% 59 50~~
~~7 3,595 2,450 68.15% 1,030 28.65% 194 115~~
~~Total 15,168 6,804 893 541~~

District Pop Dev.%Dev. Hisp. %Hisp. NH White %NH White
1 2,189 79 3.74% 57 2.60% 1,402 64.05%
2 2,050 -60 -2.84%80 3.90% 1,349 65.80%
3 2,145 35 1.66% 164 7.65% 1,494 69.65%
4 4,142 -78 -1.85%126 3.04% 1,105 26.68%
5 2,029 -81 -3.84%46 2.27% 556 27.40%
6 2,221 111 5.26% 24 1.08% 399 17.96%
7 4,210 -10 -0.24%122 2.90% 2,659 63.16%
Total 18,986 619 8,964
District NH Blk %NH Blk VAP %VAP HVAP %HVAP
1 681 31.11% 1,647 75.24% 34 2.06%
2 570 27.80% 1,575 76.83% 50 3.17%
3 439 20.47% 1,629 75.94% 102 6.26%
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Total	8,947		14,364		402	

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4	878	28.14%	2,072	66.41%
5	456	30.87%	948	64.18%
6	337	20.88%	1,248	77.32%
7	2,173	65.81%	964	29.19%
Total	7,182		6,446	

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

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

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 99; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones

Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 4825 -- Reps. Hewitt, Murphy, W. Newton, Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Kirby, Mitchell, Crawford, Yow, Bailey, Pope, Guest, Hartnett, West, Oremus, Leber, Williams, Jefferson, Gilliard, Schuessler, Landing, Bustos, Calhoon, Gilliam, Gibson, M. M. Smith, B. Newton and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLAWFULLY LURING ANOTHER PERSON, TO PROVIDE FOR A SENTENCING ENHANCEMENT WHEN THE VICTIM IS A MINOR, TO SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE FOR

PUNISHMENT FOR ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING OFFENSES, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "MINOR".

H. 4674 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1240, RELATING TO THE DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY, TO PROVIDE HOW LICENSE PLATES MUST BE FASTENED TO VEHICLES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPLAY OF TEMPORARY LICENSE PLATES ON LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.

H. 3309 -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope, Erickson, Bradley, Davis, Caskey and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-97 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SEIZURE ACTION PLANS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH PLANS AND THEIR IMPLEMENTATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

H. 4810 -- Reps. Bannister and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN CLOTHING REQUIRED FOR USE IN PERISHABLE PREPARED FOOD MANUFACTURING FACILITIES.

H. 4937 -- Reps. Collins, Hiott and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-450, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN PICKENS COUNTY, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, WITH APPROVAL FROM A MAJORITY OF THE PICKENS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, TO LOCATE A POLLING PLACE WITHIN FIVE MILES OF A PRECINCT'S BOUNDARIES IF NO SUITABLE LOCATION EXISTS WITHIN THE PRECINCT.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

S. 298--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 298 -- Senators Bennett, Turner, Kimbrell, Campsen and Adams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-2320, RELATING TO ALTERNATE METHODS FOR THE ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF INCOME FOR STATE INCOME TAX PURPOSES, SO AS TO SET FORTH A PROCESS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXPAYERS TO ACCURATELY DETERMINE NET INCOME.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 298 (LC-298.DG0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 12-6-2320(B)(1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) and inserting:

(B)(1) Notice. When the department has reason to believe that any taxpayer conducts its trade or business in a manner as to fail to fairly represent the extent of the taxpayer's business activity in this State through the use of transactions that lack economic substance or are not at fair market value between members of an affiliated group of entities, the department may, upon written notice to the taxpayer, require any information reasonably necessary to determine whether the taxpayer's intercompany transactions have economic substance and are at fair market value and for the accurate computation of the taxpayer's state net income properly attributable to its business activity in this State. The taxpayer must provide the information requested within ninety days of the date of the notice.

(2) Adjust Net Income. If upon review of the information provided, the department finds that the taxpayer's intercompany transactions lack economic substance or are not at fair market value, the department may redetermine the state net income of the taxpayer properly attributable to its business activity in this State under subsection (A) by: (i) adding back, eliminating, or otherwise adjusting intercompany transactions to accurately compute the taxpayer's state net income, or, if such adjustments are not adequate under the circumstances to redetermine state net income, (ii) requiring the taxpayer to file a return that reflects the net income on a combined basis of all members of its affiliated group that are conducting a unitary business. The department shall consider and be authorized to use any reasonable method proposed by the taxpayer for redetermining its state net income attributable to its business activity in this State. In determining whether the taxpayer's

intercompany transactions lack economic substance or are not at fair market value, the department shall consider each taxable year separately.

(3) Voluntary Redetermination. In addition to the authority granted under this subsection, if the department has reason to believe that any taxpayer's state net income properly attributable to its business activity in this State is not fairly represented on a separate return required by this subsection because of intercompany transactions, without making a finding that those transactions lack economic substance or are not at fair market value, the department and the taxpayer jointly may determine and agree to an alternative filing methodology that fairly represents state net income.

(4) Combined Return. If the department finds that a combined return is required under the provisions of subsection (A) and this subsection, the department may, upon written notice to the taxpayer, require the taxpayer to submit the combined return, and the taxpayer shall submit the combined return within ninety days of the date of the notice. The submission by the taxpayer of the combined return required by the department must not be deemed to be a return or construed as an agreement by the taxpayer that an assessment based on the combined return is correct or that additional tax is due by the department's deadline for submitting the combined return. The department or the taxpayer may propose a combination of fewer than all members of the unitary group, and the department is authorized to consider whether such proposed combination is a reasonable means of redetermining state net income; provided, however, the department shall not require a combination of fewer than all members of the unitary group without the consent of the taxpayer.

(5) Written Statement of Findings. If the department makes an adjustment or requires a combined return under this section, the department shall provide the taxpayer with a written statement containing details of the facts, circumstances, and reasons for which the department has found that the taxpayer did not fairly represent its state net income properly attributable to its business activity in this State and the department's proposed method for computation of the taxpayer's state net income no later than ninety days following the issuance of a proposed assessment as provided in this section.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 12-6-2320(B)(9), (10), (11), (12), and (13) and inserting:

(9) Apportionment. If the department requires a combined return under this section, the combined state net income of the taxpayer and the members of the affiliated group of entities must be apportioned to this

State by use of an apportionment formula that fairly represents the extent of the taxpayer's business activity in this State and which fairly reflects the apportionment formula in Section 12-6-2295 applicable to the taxpayer and each member of the affiliated group included in the combined return.

(10) Affiliated Group Defined. For purposes of this section, an affiliated group is a group of two or more corporations or noncorporate entities in which more than fifty percent of the voting stock of each member corporation or ownership interest of each member noncorporate entity is directly or indirectly owned or controlled by a common owner or owners, either corporate or noncorporate, or by one or more of the member corporations or noncorporate entities. Nothing in this subsection may be construed to limit or negate the department's authority to add back, eliminate, or otherwise adjust intercompany transactions involving the listed entities to accurately compute the taxpayer's state net income properly attributable to its business activity in this State, as provided in this subsection.

The following entities must not be included in a combined return:

(a) a taxpayer not required to file a federal income tax return;

(b) an insurance company, other than a captive insurance company: (i) which is subject to tax under Title 38; (ii) whose premiums are subject to tax under Chapter 7, Title 38 or a similar tax in another state; (iii) which is licensed as a reinsurance company; (iv) which is a life insurance company as defined in Section 816 of the Internal Revenue Code; or (v) which is an insurance company subject to tax imposed by Section 831 of the Internal Revenue Code. A "captive insurance company" means an insurer that is part of an affiliated group where the insurer receives more than fifty percent of its net written premiums or other amounts received as compensation for insurance from members of the affiliated group;

(c) a taxpayer exempt from taxation under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code;

(d) a foreign taxpayer as defined in Section 7701 of the Internal Revenue Code, other than a domestic branch thereof;

(e) a taxpayer with at least eighty percent of its gross income from all sources in the tax year being active foreign business income as defined in Section 861(c)(1)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code in effect as of July 1, 2021;

(f) any other entity not subject to tax under Section 12-6-530.

(11) Proposed Assessment or Refund. If the department redetermines the state net income of the taxpayer in accordance with this

section by adjusting the state net income of the taxpayer or requiring a combined return, the department shall issue a proposed assessment or refund upon making the redetermination. When a refund is determined in whole or part by a proposed assessment to an affiliated group member under this section, the refund may not be issued until the proposed assessment to the affiliated group member has become collectable. The amount of the refund shall reflect any changes made by the department under this section. Otherwise, the procedures for a proposed assessment or a refund in Chapter 60 are applicable to proposed assessments and refunds made under this section.

(12) Penalties. If a combined return required by this section is not timely submitted by a taxpayer, then the taxpayer is subject to the penalties provided in Section 12-60-430. Penalties may not be imposed on an assessment under this section except as expressly authorized in this section.

(13) Advice. A taxpayer may request in writing from the department specific advice regarding whether a redetermination of the taxpayer's state net income or a combined return would be required under this section under certain facts and circumstances. The department may request information from the taxpayer that is required to provide the specific advice. The department shall provide the specific advice within one hundred twenty days of the receipt of the requested information from the taxpayer. The department's advice under this item is not a department determination under the Revenue Procedures Act.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 12-6-2320(B)(16) and inserting:

(16) Appeals. If the taxpayer appeals a final determination by the department under this section to the Administrative Law Court in a contested tax case, the administrative law judge shall review de novo: (i) whether the separate income tax returns submitted by the taxpayer fail to fairly represent the extent of the taxpayer's business activity in this State through the use of intercompany transactions that lack economic substance or are not at fair market value between members of an affiliated group of entities; (ii) whether the department's means of determining the taxpayer's state net income under this section is an appropriate means of determining the taxpayer's state net income properly attributable to this State; and (iii) if a combined return is required by the department, whether adjustments other than requiring the taxpayer to file a return on a combined basis are adequate under the circumstances to redetermine state net income.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and does not apply to any assessments under judicial review by the South Carolina Administrative Law Court, Court of Appeals, or Supreme Court as of the date of the Governor's approval.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan

T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

S. 801--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 801 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-430, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN OCONEE COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

Rep. SANDIFER explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bradley	Brewer

Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4159--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4159 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Davis, M. M. Smith, Erickson, W. Newton, Bradley, Ballentine, Hewitt and Blackwell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TELEHEALTH AND TELEMEDICINE MODERNIZATION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN REGULATED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WHO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE BY MEANS OF TELEHEALTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE "TELEHEALTH"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-37, RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE AND TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS CONCERNING TELEHEALTH.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee

Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. JORDAN.

H. 3424--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3424 -- Reps. T. Moore, Carter, McCravy, Lawson, Beach, Pope, Nutt, Oremus, Vaughan, Long, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Kilmartin, Cromer, O'Neal, Yow, Gilliam, W. Newton, Guest, Schuessler, Moss, Magnuson, Harris, Pace, Brittain, Bailey, Robbins, Sessions, Ligon, Felder, B. L. Cox, Guffey, Bradley, Murphy, Brewer, Connell, Hiott, Mitchell, Hager, Erickson, B. J. Cox, Blackwell, Wooten, Ballentine, Hyde, Wheeler, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, B. Newton, Elliott, Forrest, Willis, Hixon, Taylor, J. E. Johnson, Chapman and Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN OPERATOR TO MAKE A PORNOGRAPHIC WEBSITE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL CREATE CERTAIN PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3424 (LC-3424.SA0001H), which was tabled:

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 37 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 37-1-310. (A) As used in this section:

(1) “Child pornography” means any material depicting a person under the age of eighteen years doing or assisting in doing an act or thing constituting an offense pursuant to Chapter 15, Title 16 and involving any material, act, or thing that is obscene within the meaning of Section 16-15-305.

(2) “Child sexual exploitation” is defined as the term is used in Sections 16-15-395, 16-15-405, and 16-15-410.

(3) “Commercial entity” includes corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, limited partnerships, sole proprietorships, or other legally recognized entities.

(4) “Digitized identification card” means a data file available on any mobile device which has connectivity to the Internet through a state-approved application that allows the mobile device to download the data file from a state agency or an authorized agent of a state agency that

contains all of the data elements visible on the face and back of a license or identification card and displays the current status of the license or identification card.

(5) "Distribute" means to issue, sell, give, provide, deliver, transfer, transmit, circulate, or disseminate by any means.

(6) "Internet" means the international computer network of both federal and nonfederal interoperable packet switched data networks.

(7) "Material harmful to minors" is defined as those terms are used in Section 16-15-375.

(8) "Obscene material" is defined as the term is used in Section 16-15-305.

(9) "Minor" is defined as the term is used in Section 16-15-375.

(10) "News-gathering organization" means any of the following:

(a) an employee of a newspaper, news publication, or news source, printed or on an online or mobile platform, of current news and public interest, while operating as an employee as provided in this subsection, who can provide documentation of such employment with the newspaper, news publication, or news source; or

(b) an employee of a radio broadcast station, television broadcast station, cable television operator, or wire service while operating as an employee as provided in this subsection, who can provide documentation of such employment.

(11) "Publish" means to communicate or make information available to another person or entity on a publicly available Internet website.

(12) "Reasonable age verification methods" means verifying that the person seeking to access the material is eighteen years old or older by using any of the following methods:

(a) use of a digitized identification card as defined in this subsection;

(b) verification through an independent, third-party age verification service that compares the personal information entered by the individual who is seeking access to the material that is available from a commercially available database, or aggregate of databases, that is regularly used by government agencies and businesses for the purpose of age and identity verification; or

(c) any commercially reasonable method that relies on public or private transactional data to verify the age of the person attempting to access the material.

(13) "Substantial portion" means more than thirty-three and one third percent of total material on a website, which meets the definition

of "material harmful to minors" as defined in this section.

(14)(a) "Transactional data" means a sequence of information that documents an exchange, agreement, or transfer between an individual, commercial entity, or third party used for the purpose of satisfying a request or event.

(b) "Transactional data" includes records from mortgage, education, and employment entities.

(B)(1) Any commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes obscene material, or material that depicts, describes, or promotes child pornography or child sexual exploitation, on the Internet may be held liable to an individual for nominal damages, actual damages, court costs, and reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the court if the entity fails to perform reasonable age verification methods to verify the age of an individual attempting to access the material.

(2) A commercial entity that has violated this section in a manner that satisfies the standards for imposition of punitive damages elsewhere provided by law may be held liable to an individual for punitive damages.

(3) Individual claims that satisfy the generally applicable standards for joinder or class action elsewhere provided by law or rules of court, as applicable, may combine their claims in a single action.

(C)(1) Beginning January 1, 2025, a commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes material harmful to minors on the Internet from a website that contains a substantial portion of such material must be held liable if the entity fails to perform reasonable age verification methods to verify the age of an individual attempting to access the material.

(2) A commercial entity that is found to have violated this section is liable to the minor, by and through the minor's parent or legal guardian, for damages resulting from a minor's accessing the material, including liability for nominal damages, actual damages, court costs, and reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the court.

(3) A commercial entity that has violated this section in a manner that satisfies the standards for imposition of punitive damages elsewhere provided by law may be held liable to the minor, by and through the minor's parent or legal guardian, for punitive damages.

(4) Individual claims that satisfy the generally applicable standards for joinder or class action elsewhere provided by law or rules of court, as applicable, may combine their claims in a single action.

(5) A commercial entity may not be held liable under this section

for allowing access to its website if the entity uses reasonable age verification methods to verify that the individual attempting to access the material from its website is not a minor.

(6) A commercial entity or third party that uses reasonable age verification methods may not retain any identifying information of the individual after access has been granted to the material.

(7) A commercial entity that is found to have knowingly retained identifying information of the individual after access has been granted to the individual is liable to the individual for damages resulting from retaining the identifying information, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the court.

(8) This section does not apply to any bona fide news or public interest broadcast, website video, report, or event and may not be construed to affect the rights of a news-gathering organization, unless the organization's website contains a substantial portion of material harmful to minors.

(9) An Internet service provider, affiliate or subsidiary of an Internet service provider, search engine, or cloud service provider may not be held to have violated the provisions of this section solely for providing access or connection to or from a website or other information or content on the Internet, or a facility, system, or network not under that provider's control, including transmission, downloading, storing, or providing access, to the extent that such provider is not responsible for the creation of the content of the communication that constitutes material harmful to minors.

(D) The Attorney General may seek injunctive and other equitable relief against a commercial entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Reps. T. Moore, W. Newton and Jordan proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3424 (LC-3424.SA0002H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 37 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 37-1-310. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Child pornography" means any material depicting a person under the age of eighteen years doing or assisting in doing an act or thing constituting an offense pursuant to Chapter 15, Title 16 and involving any material, act, or thing that is obscene within the meaning of Section 16-15-305.

(2) "Child sexual exploitation" is defined as the term is used in Sections 16-15-395, 16-15-405, and 16-15-410.

(3) "Commercial entity" includes corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, limited partnerships, sole proprietorships, or other legally recognized entities.

(4) "Digitized identification card" means a data file available on any mobile device which has connectivity to the Internet through a state-approved application that allows the mobile device to download the data file from a state agency or an authorized agent of a state agency that contains all of the data elements visible on the face and back of a license or identification card and displays the current status of the license or identification card.

(5) "Distribute" means to issue, sell, give, provide, deliver, transfer, transmit, circulate, or disseminate by any means.

(6) "Internet" means the international computer network of both federal and nonfederal interoperable packet switched data networks.

(7) "Material harmful to minors" is defined as those terms are used in Section 16-15-375.

(8) "Obscene material" is defined as the term is used in Section 16-15-305.

(9) "Minor" is defined as the term is used in Section 16-15-375.

(10) "News-gathering organization" means any of the following:

(a) an employee of a newspaper, news publication, or news source, printed or on an online or mobile platform, of current news and

public interest, while operating as an employee as provided in this subsection, who can provide documentation of such employment with the newspaper, news publication, or news source; or

(b) an employee of a radio broadcast station, television broadcast station, cable television operator, or wire service while operating as an employee as provided in this subsection, who can provide documentation of such employment.

(11) "Publish" means to communicate or make information available to another person or entity on a publicly available Internet website.

(12) "Reasonable age verification methods" means verifying that the person seeking to access the material is eighteen years old or older by using any of the following methods:

(a) use of a digitized identification card as defined in this subsection;

(b) verification through an independent, third-party age verification service that compares the personal information entered by the individual who is seeking access to the material that is available from a commercially available database, or aggregate of databases, that is regularly used by government agencies and businesses for the purpose of age and identity verification; or

(c) any commercially reasonable method that relies on public or private transactional data to verify the age of the person attempting to access the material.

(13) "Substantial portion" means more than thirty-three and one third percent of total material on a website, which meets the definition of "material harmful to minors" as defined in this section.

(14)(a) "Transactional data" means a sequence of information that documents an exchange, agreement, or transfer between an individual, commercial entity, or third party used for the purpose of satisfying a request or event.

(b) "Transactional data" includes records from mortgage, education, and employment entities.

(B)(1) Any commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes obscene material, or material that depicts, describes, or promotes child pornography or child sexual exploitation, on the Internet may be held liable to an individual for nominal damages, actual damages, court costs, and reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the court.

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(C)(1) Beginning January 1, 2025, a commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes material harmful to minors on the Internet from a website that contains a substantial portion of such material must be held liable if the entity fails to perform reasonable age verification methods to verify the age of an individual attempting to access the material.

(2) A commercial entity that is found to have violated this section is liable to the minor, by and through the minor's parent or legal guardian, for damages resulting from a minor's accessing the material, including liability for nominal damages, actual damages, court costs, and reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the court.

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(5) A commercial entity may not be held liable under this section for allowing access to its website if the entity uses reasonable age verification methods to verify that the individual attempting to access the material from its website is not a minor.

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(D) The Attorney General may seek injunctive and other equitable relief against a commercial entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this section.

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SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.
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Rep. T. MOORE spoke in favor of the amendment.
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Rep. A. M. MORGAN spoke in favor of the amendment.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. A. M. MORGAN continued speaking.
Rep. A. M. MORGAN spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. KING spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. GILLIARD spoke upon the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 104; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan

Moss	Murphy	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:
Bamberg

Total--1

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3424. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. JA Moore

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3424. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jordan Pace

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was meeting with a constituent when the second reading vote was taken. I am in full support of H. 3424. I will vote in favor on third reading.

Rep. Stewart Jones

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

H. 4700--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4700 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope, Guffey, Chapman, Leber, Beach, Kilmartin, Cromer, Oremus, Vaughan, Nutt, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, West, Felder, Guest, McCravy, Bailey, Brittain, Robbins, Sessions, Bradley, Mitchell, Yow, Hiott, Erickson, Hager, Wheeler, Weeks, Ballentine, Wooten, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, McGinnis, Gagnon, B. Newton, Schuessler, Elliott, Forrest, Willis, Ligon, Hixon and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY MAY NOT PERMIT CERTAIN MINORS TO BE ACCOUNT HOLDERS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL RESTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS TO MINORS DURING CERTAIN HOURS; TO PROVIDE FOR CONSUMER COMPLAINTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION HAS AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT; TO PROVIDE FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN WAIVERS AND LIMITATIONS ARE VOID.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4700 (LC-4700.SA0001H), which was tabled:

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 5, Title 39 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 9

South Carolina Social Media Regulation

Section 39-5-810. As used in this article:

(1) “Account holder” means a person who has, or opens, an account or profile to use a social media company’s platform.

(2) "Interactive computer service" means an information service, information system, or information access software provider that provides or enables computer access by multiple users to a computer server and provides access to the Internet. An interactive computer service includes a web service, a web system, a website, a web application, or a web portal.

(3) "Minor" means an individual under circumstances where a social media company reasonably believes or has actual knowledge that the individual is under the age of eighteen. A social media company shall treat an individual as a minor if the social media company verifies that the individual is under the age of eighteen as provided in this chapter.

(4) "Office" means the South Carolina Office of Attorney General.

(5) "Post" means content that an account holder makes available on a social media platform for other account holders or users to view.

(6) "Social media company" means a person or entity that provides a social media platform that has at least five million account holders worldwide and is an interactive computer service.

(7)(a) "Social media platform" means a public or semipublic Internet-based service or application that has users in South Carolina and that meets all of the following:

(i) The service or application connects users in order to allow users to interact socially with each other within the service or application. A service or application that provides email or direct messaging services, enterprise cloud storage services, enterprise cybersecurity services, educational devices, or enterprise collaboration tools for K-12 schools are not considered to meet this criterion on the basis of that function alone.

(ii) The service or application allows users to do all of the following:

(A) construct a public or semipublic profile for the purposes of signing into and using the service or application;

(B) populate a list of other users with whom an individual shares a social or virtual connection within the system, including subscribing to content related to another user; and

(C) create or post content viewable by other users including, but not limited to, on message boards, in chat rooms, on video channels, or through a landing page or main feed that presents the user with content generated by other users.

(b) "Social media platform" may not include an online service,

website, or application where the predominant or exclusive function is any of the following:

(i) electronic mail;

(ii) a service that, pursuant to its terms of use, does not permit minors to use the platform and utilizes commercially reasonable age assurance mechanisms to attempt to prohibit minors from becoming an account holder or user;

(iii) a streaming service that provides only licensed media in a continuous flow from the service, website, or application to the end user and does not obtain a license to the media from a user or account holder by agreement to its terms of service;

(iv) news, sports, entertainment, or other content that is preselected by the provider and not user generated, and any chat, comment, or interactive functionality that is provided incidental to, directly related to, or dependent upon provisions of the content;

(v) online shopping, electronic commerce, or self-service support if the interaction with other users or account holders is generally limited to the ability to upload a post and comment on reviews, the ability to seek support related to products or services, the ability to display lists or collections of goods for sale or wish lists, or any other function that is focused on online shopping, electronic commerce, or self-service support rather than interaction between users or account holders;

(vi) interactive gaming, virtual gaming, or an online service that allows the creation and uploading of content and the communication related to that content for the purpose of interactive gaming, educational entertainment, or associated entertainment;

(vii) photograph editing that has an associated photograph hosting service if the interaction with other users or account holders is generally limited to liking or commenting;

(viii) single-purpose community groups for public safety if the interaction with other users or account holders is limited to that single purpose and the community group has guidelines or policies against illegal content;

(ix) career development opportunities, including professional networking, job skills, learning certifications, and job posting and application services;

(x) business-to-business software;

(xi) a teleconferencing or videoconferencing service that allows reception and transmission of audio and video signals for real-time communication;

(xii) cloud storage;

(xiii) shared document collaboration;

(xiv) cloud computing services, which may include cloud storage and shared document collaboration;

(xv) providing access to or interacting with data visualization platforms, libraries, or hubs;

(xvi) permitting comments on digital news website if the news content is posted by only the provider of the digital news website;

(xvii) providing or obtaining technical support for a platform product or service;

(xviii) academic, scholarly, or genealogical research;

(xix) Internet access and broadband service;

(xx) a classified advertising service in which the provider of the online service, website, or application is limited to all of the following:

(A) permitting only the sale of goods;

(B) prohibiting the solicitation of personal service;

(C) posting or creating a substantial amount of the content; and

(D) providing the ability to chat, comment, or interact with other users only if it is directly related to the provider's content;

(xxi) an online service, website, or application that is used by or under the direction of an educational entity, including a learning management system, a student engagement program, or a subject or skill-specific program, where the majority of the content is created or posted by the provider of the online service, website, or application and the ability to chat, comment, or interact with other users is directly related to the provider's content.

(8) "South Carolina account holder" means a person who is a resident of South Carolina and an account holder, including a South Carolina minor account holder.

(9) "South Carolina minor account holder" means a South Carolina account holder who is a minor.

(10) "South Carolina resident" means an individual who currently resides in South Carolina.

(11) "User" means a person who has access to view all, or some of, the posts on a social media platform, but is not an account holder.

Section 39-5-820. Beginning March 1, 2025, a social media company shall make commercially reasonable efforts to verify the age of South Carolina account holders with a level of certainty appropriate to the risks that arise from the information management practices of the

social media company or apply the accommodations afforded to minors pursuant to this chapter to all account holders.

(B) A social media company may not permit a South Carolina resident who is a minor to be an account holder on the social media company's social media platform unless the minor has the express consent of a parent or guardian. Acceptable methods of obtaining express consent from a parent or guardian include any of the following:

(1) providing a form for the minor's parent or guardian to sign and return to the digital service provider by common carrier, facsimile, or electronic;

(2) providing a toll-free telephone number for the minor's parent or guardian to call to consent;

(3) coordinating a call with a minor's parent or guardian over video conferencing technology;

(4) collecting information related to the government-issued identification of the minor's parent or guardian and deleting that information after confirming the identity of the minor's parent or guardian;

(5) allowing the minor's parent or guardian to provide consent by responding to an email and taking additional steps to verify the identity of the minor's parent or guardian; or

(6) any other commercially reasonable method of obtaining consent in light of available technology.

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a social media company may not permit a South Carolina resident who is a minor to hold or open an account on a social media platform if the minor is ineligible to hold or open an account pursuant to any other provision of state or federal law.

Section 39-5-830. Beginning March 1, 2025, for a South Carolina minor account holder, a social media company shall:

(1) prohibit adults from direct messaging a South Carolina minor account holder unless the minor is already connected to the adult on the service;

(2) prohibit the display of any advertising in the account based on the South Carolina minor account holder's personal information, except age and location;

(3) prohibit the collection or use of personal information from the posts, content, messages, text, or usage activities of the account other than information beyond what is adequate, relevant, and reasonably necessary in relation to the purposes for which such information is collected, as disclosed;

(4) make commercially reasonable efforts to develop a policy or mechanism to filter and prevent access by minor account holders to content that does any of the following:

(a) advocates for the use of force, is directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action, and is likely to incite or produce such action;

(b) advocates for self-harm, is directed to inciting or producing imminent self-harm, or is likely to incite or produce such action;

(c) advocates for the destruction of personal or public property within a school setting in South Carolina; or

(d) displays visual depictions of sexual conduct as that term is defined in S.C. Code Ann. Section 16-15-305(C)(1); and

(5) report to the State Law Enforcement Division, local law enforcement agencies, and local school districts, as appropriate, any content posted by minors in South Carolina that is in violation of this section.

Section 39-5-840. Beginning March 1, 2025, a social media company shall provide a parent or guardian who has given parental consent for a South Carolina minor account holder as provided in this chapter with a means for the minor account holder or the parent or guardian to initiate account supervision. Such supervision must include the ability for the parent to view privacy settings of the minor's account, set daily time limits for the service, schedule breaks, and offer the minor the option to set up parental notifications when the minor reports a person or issue.

Section 39-5-850. (A) The Office of Attorney General may receive complaints alleging a violation of this chapter.

(B) The Office of Attorney General may investigate any complaint to determine whether a violation has occurred.

Section 39-5-860. Except for a private right of action pursuant to Section 39-5-890, the Office of Attorney General has the exclusive authority to administer and enforce the requirements of this chapter.

Section 39-5-870. (A) The Office of Attorney General shall compile an annual report that contains an accounting of all of the following information:

(1) all administrative fines and civil penalties assessed during the year;

(2) all administrative fines and civil penalties collected during the year; and

(3) the use of funds from all administrative fines and civil penalties collected during the year.

(B) The Office of Attorney General may update or correct the report as new information becomes available.

(C) The Office of Attorney General shall maintain the report, which must be published on its website.

Section 39-5-880. (A) Beginning March 1, 2025, a person may bring an action against a person that does not comply with a requirement of this chapter.

(B) A suit filed pursuant to the authority of this section must be filed in the circuit court for the circuit in which a person bringing the action resides.

(C) If a court finds that a person has violated a provision of this chapter, the person who brings an action pursuant to this section is entitled to:

(1) an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs; and

(2) an amount equal to the greater of:

(a) two thousand five hundred dollars for each incident of violation; or

(b) actual damages for financial, physical, and emotional harm incurred by the person bringing the action, if the court determines that the harm is a direct consequence of the violation.

Section 39-5-890. (A)(1) By March 1, 2025, the Department of Education shall develop model programs for educating students regarding online safety while using the Internet, taking into consideration educational materials on this topic developed by other states as well as any other materials suggested by educational experts, child psychologists, and technology companies that promote child online safety issues.

(2) The model programs provided for in this subsection must include one or more model programs for students in grades six through twelve which:

(a) include instruction regarding:

(i) the social, emotional, and physical effects of social media on users;

(ii) the negative effects of social media on the mental health of users including, but not limited to, addiction;

(iii) the distribution of disinformation and misinformation on social media;

(iv) how social media manipulates or influences thoughts and behaviors;

(v) the permanency and risks of sharing materials online;

(vi) how to maintain personal security and identify

cyberbullying, predatory behavior, and human trafficking on the Internet and social media; and

(vii) how to report suspicious behavior encountered on the Internet and social media to appropriate persons and authorities; and

(b) may include information regarding the benefits of social media use, such as supporting career readiness for future academic or employment opportunities, sharing information with familiar family and friends, and safely connecting with other users with similar interests.

(3) The Department of Education shall periodically update the model programs provided for in this subsection to reflect changes in Internet and social media use, emergent technologies, social and psychological research, and information concerning new threats to teenagers and young adults using social media platforms and other online communication technologies.

(4) The Department of Education shall publish on its website information relating to the model programs provided for in this section, including recommended curricula and instructional materials.

(B) Each local board of education may incorporate into its instructional program a component on online Internet safety, including social media safety, to be taught on a schedule as determined by the local board of education.

Section 39-5-900. A waiver or limitation, or a purported waiver or limitation, of any of the following is void as unlawful, is against public policy, and a court or arbitrator may not enforce or give effect to the waiver, notwithstanding any contract or choice-of-law provision in a contract:

(1) a protection or requirement provided pursuant to this chapter;

(2) the right to cooperate with the division or to file a complaint with the division; or

(3) the right to a private right of action as provided pursuant to this chapter.

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Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Reps. Jordan and W. Newton proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4700 (LC-4700.SA0007H), which was adopted:

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(ii) The service or application allows users to do all of the following:

(A) construct a public or semipublic profile for the purposes of signing into and using the service or application;

(B) populate a list of other users with whom an individual shares a social or virtual connection within the system, including subscribing to content related to another user; and

(C) create or post content viewable by other users including, but not limited to, on message boards, in chat rooms, on video channels, or through a landing page or main feed that presents the user with content generated by other users.

(b) "Social media platform" may not include an online service, website, or application where the predominant or exclusive function is any of the following:

(i) electronic mail;

(ii) a service that, pursuant to its terms of use, does not permit minors to use the platform and utilizes commercially reasonable age assurance mechanisms to attempt to prohibit minors from becoming an account holder or user;

(iii) a streaming service that provides only licensed media in a continuous flow from the service, website, or application to the end user and does not obtain a license to the media from a user or account holder by agreement to its terms of service;

(iv) news, sports, entertainment, or other content that is preselected by the provider and not user generated, and any chat, comment, or interactive functionality that is provided incidental to, directly related to, or dependent upon provisions of the content;

(v) online shopping, electronic commerce, or self-service support if the interaction with other users or account holders is generally limited to the ability to upload a post and comment on reviews, the ability to seek support related to products or services, the ability to display lists or collections of goods for sale or wish lists, or any other function that is focused on online shopping, electronic commerce, or self-service support rather than interaction between users or account

holders;

(vi) interactive gaming, virtual gaming, or an online service that allows the creation and uploading of content and the communication related to that content for the purpose of interactive gaming, educational entertainment, or associated entertainment;

(vii) photograph editing that has an associated photograph hosting service if the interaction with other users or account holders is generally limited to liking or commenting;

(viii) single-purpose community groups for public safety if the interaction with other users or account holders is limited to that single purpose and the community group has guidelines or policies against illegal content;

(ix) career development opportunities, including professional networking, job skills, learning certifications, and job posting and application services;

(x) business-to-business software;

(xi) a teleconferencing or videoconferencing service that allows reception and transmission of audio and video signals for real-time communication;

(xii) cloud storage;

(xiii) shared document collaboration;

(xiv) cloud computing services, which may include cloud storage and shared document collaboration;

(xv) providing access to or interacting with data visualization platforms, libraries, or hubs;

(xvi) permitting comments on digital news website if the news content is posted by only the provider of the digital news website;

(xvii) providing or obtaining technical support for a platform product or service;

(xviii) academic, scholarly, or genealogical research;

(xix) Internet access and broadband service;

(xx) a classified advertising service in which the provider of the online service, website, or application is limited to all of the following:

(A) permitting only the sale of goods;

(B) prohibiting the solicitation of personal service;

(C) posting or creating a substantial amount of the content; and

(D) providing the ability to chat, comment, or interact with other users only if it is directly related to the provider's content;

(xxi) an online service, website, or application that is used

by or under the direction of an educational entity, including a learning management system, a student engagement program, or a subject or skill-specific program, where the majority of the content is created or posted by the provider of the online service, website, or application and the ability to chat, comment, or interact with other users is directly related to the provider's content.

(8) "South Carolina account holder" means a person who is a resident of South Carolina and an account holder, including a South Carolina minor account holder.

(9) "South Carolina minor account holder" means a South Carolina account holder who is a minor.

(10) "South Carolina resident" means an individual who currently resides in South Carolina.

(11) "User" means a person who has access to view all, or some of, the posts on a social media platform, but is not an account holder.

Section 39-5-820. (A) Beginning March 1, 2025, a social media company shall make commercially reasonable efforts to verify the age of South Carolina account holders with a level of certainty appropriate to the risks that arise from the information management practices of the social media company or apply the accommodations afforded to minors pursuant to this chapter to all account holders.

(B) A social media company may not permit a South Carolina resident who is a minor to be an account holder on the social media company's social media platform unless the minor has the express consent of a parent or guardian. Acceptable methods of obtaining express consent from a parent or guardian include any of the following:

(1) providing a form for the minor's parent or guardian to sign and return to the digital service provider by common carrier, facsimile, or electronic;

(2) providing a toll-free telephone number for the minor's parent or guardian to call to consent;

(3) coordinating a call with a minor's parent or guardian over video conferencing technology;

(4) collecting information related to the government-issued identification of the minor's parent or guardian and deleting that information after confirming the identity of the minor's parent or guardian;

(5) allowing the minor's parent or guardian to provide consent by responding to an email and taking additional steps to verify the identity of the minor's parent or guardian; or

(6) any other commercially reasonable method of obtaining

consent in light of available technology.

(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, a social media company may not permit a South Carolina resident who is a minor to hold or open an account on a social media platform if the minor is ineligible to hold or open an account pursuant to any other provision of state or federal law.

(D) Any information collected by the social media company or its agent as a result of complying with the requirements of this article only may be retained for the purpose of compliance with this article and may not be used for any other purpose. Once the social media company or its agent has complied with the requirements of this article, the social media company shall securely dispose of any information obtained as a result of compliance with the requirements of this article.

Section 39-5-830. Beginning March 1, 2025, for a South Carolina minor account holder, a social media company shall:

(1) prohibit adults from direct messaging a South Carolina minor account holder unless the minor is already connected to the adult on the service;

(2) prohibit the display of any advertising in the account based on the South Carolina minor account holder's personal information, except age and location;

(3) prohibit the collection or use of personal information from the posts, content, messages, text, or usage activities of the account other than information beyond what is adequate, relevant, and reasonably necessary in relation to the purposes for which such information is collected, as disclosed;

(4) make commercially reasonable efforts to develop a policy or mechanism to filter and prevent access by minor account holders to content that does any of the following:

(a) advocates for the use of force, is directed to inciting or producing imminent lawless action, and is likely to incite or produce such action;

(b) advocates for self-harm, is directed to inciting or producing imminent self-harm, or is likely to incite or produce such action;

(c) advocates for the destruction of personal or public property within a school setting in South Carolina; or

(d) displays visual depictions of sexual conduct as that term is defined in S.C. Code Ann. Section 16-15-305(C)(1); and

(5) report to the State Law Enforcement Division, local law enforcement agencies, and local school districts, as appropriate, any content posted by minors in South Carolina that is in violation of this

section.

Section 39-5-840. Beginning March 1, 2025, a social media company shall provide a parent or guardian who has given parental consent for a South Carolina minor account holder as provided in this chapter with a means for the minor account holder or the parent or guardian to initiate account supervision. Such supervision must include the ability for the parent to view privacy settings of the minor's account, view the list of other users with whom the minor shares a social or virtual connection within the system, set daily time limits for the service, schedule breaks, and offer the minor the option to set up parental notifications when the minor reports a person or issue.

Section 39-5-850. (A) The Office of Attorney General may receive complaints alleging a violation of this chapter.

(B) The Office of Attorney General may investigate any complaint to determine whether a violation has occurred.

Section 39-5-860. Except for a private right of action pursuant to Section 39-5-890, the Office of Attorney General has the exclusive authority to administer and enforce the requirements of this chapter.

Section 39-5-870. (A) The Office of Attorney General shall compile an annual report that contains an accounting of all of the following information:

(1) all administrative fines and civil penalties assessed during the year;

(2) all administrative fines and civil penalties collected during the year; and

(3) the use of funds from all administrative fines and civil penalties collected during the year.

(B) The Office of Attorney General may update or correct the report as new information becomes available.

(C) The Office of Attorney General shall maintain the report, which must be published on its website.

Section 39-5-880. (A) Beginning March 1, 2025, a person may bring an action against a person that does not comply with a requirement of this chapter.

(B) A suit filed pursuant to the authority of this section must be filed in the circuit court for the circuit in which a person bringing the action resides.

(C) If a court finds that a person has violated a provision of this chapter, the person who brings an action pursuant to this section is entitled to:

(1) an award of reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs; and

(2) an amount equal to the greater of:

(a) two thousand five hundred dollars for each incident of violation; or

(b) actual damages for financial, physical, and emotional harm incurred by the person bringing the action, if the court determines that the harm is a direct consequence of the violation.

Section 39-5-890. (A)(1) By March 1, 2025, the Department of Education shall develop model programs for educating students regarding online safety while using the Internet, taking into consideration educational materials on this topic developed by other states as well as any other materials suggested by educational experts, child psychologists, and technology companies that promote child online safety issues.

(2) The model programs provided for in this subsection must include one or more model programs for students in grades six through twelve which include instruction regarding the negative effects of social media on the mental health of users including addiction; the ability of social media to manipulate and influence thoughts and behaviors; the permanency and risks of sharing materials online; ways to maintain personal security and identify cyberbullying, predatory behavior, and human trafficking on the Internet and social media; and ways to report suspicious behavior encountered on the Internet and social media to appropriate persons and authorities.

(3) The Department of Education shall periodically update the model programs provided for in this subsection to reflect changes in Internet and social media use, emergent technologies, social and psychological research, and information concerning new threats to teenagers and young adults using social media platforms and other online communication technologies.

(4) The Department of Education shall publish on its website information relating to the model programs provided for in this section, including recommended curricula and instructional materials.

(B) Each local board of education may incorporate into its instructional program a component on online Internet safety, including social media safety, to be taught on a schedule as determined by the local board of education.

Section 39-5-900. A waiver or limitation, or a purported waiver or limitation, of any of the following is void as unlawful, is against public policy, and a court or arbitrator may not enforce or give effect to the waiver, notwithstanding any contract or choice-of-law provision in a contract:

(1) a protection or requirement provided pursuant to this chapter;

(2) the right to cooperate with the division or to file a complaint with the division; or

(3) the right to a private right of action as provided pursuant to this chapter.

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.

Rep. W. NEWTON spoke in favor of the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter

Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:
Bamberg

Total--1

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

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4967 -- Reps. Erickson, McGinnis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE FIFTY SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS NAMED TO SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2024 ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM BY THE PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SCHOLARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:40 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. MAY, adjourned in memory of Carolyn and Annie Henderson, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, February 1, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Proverbs 6:20-21: “My child, keep your father’s commandment, and do not forsake your mother’s teaching.”

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we are grateful for the hope You have given us to carry the message and inspire these Representatives and Staff to do what is good and fruitful for the good folks of South Carolina. Keep them always in Your loving care. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders. Look in favor upon those who suffer and die for our freedoms. Especially, we remember those who gave of their lives that we may be allowed to live the good life. Continue Your blessings on our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and talents for this great cause. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. CLYBURN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of David Rearden of Edgefield, which was agreed to.

STATEMENT BY REP. THIGPEN

Rep. THIGPEN made a statement relative to Mary Miller McClellan's contributions to South Carolina.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, January 31, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 738:

S. 738 -- Senator K. Johnson: A BILL TO DELINEATE THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THESE DISTRICTS.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 4999 -- Reps. W. Jones, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE F-16 FIGHTING FALCON AND RECOGNIZE JANUARY 30, 2024, AS "F-16 FIGHTING FALCON DAY" ACROSS THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND FURTHER CELEBRATE SOUTH CAROLINA AS THE GLOBAL

HOME OF THE F-16 WHICH IS PRODUCED, SUSTAINED, AND FLOWN IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5000 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CROSS SCHOOLS COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 1A/2A JUNIOR VARSITY GAME DAY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM AND ITS COACHES ON THEIR WIN.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5001 -- Reps. S. Jones, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey,

Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MADISON ANN "MADDIE" HINES OF LAURENS COUNTY, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5002 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis,

Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THOMAS WAYNE OWENS AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPAHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5003 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE VIRGINIA "GINGER" LEE UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RECENT RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE HOUSE EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER TEN YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND DEVOTED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives are pleased to recognize the outstanding public service that Virginia “Ginger” Lee has rendered to the House Education and

Public Works Committee; and

Whereas, Ginger began her ten years of service as a part-time legislative aide starting on January 10, 2014. While she only remained in this position for a little over a year, her contributions were great and her efforts did not go unnoticed by those around her; and

Whereas, on March 2, 2015, Ginger moved from her part-time position as a legislative aide to a full-time position as executive assistant to the House Education and Public Works Committee. In this position she assisted the committee in fulfilling their goal of researching, debating, and recommending legislation related to education, transportation, and public safety in order to serve the people of South Carolina; and

Whereas, together with her loving husband, Gary, she has reared two fine daughters, Ginger (Jordan) Hicks and Grace (Dustin) Way, who have blessed them with the affection of one loving grandson, Jordan "King" Hicks, Jr. She plans to spend happy hours of retirement with her family; and

Whereas, Ginger's last day of public service was on January 24, 2024, just fourteen days after reaching the great milestone of ten years of service. Her excellent work and commitment to the House Education and Public Works Committee will serve as a model for her successors. Her many friends in the committee have taken great pleasure in wishing her a relaxing retirement and trust she will find much enjoyment and fulfillment in the years ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Virginia "Ginger" Lee upon the occasion of her recent retirement as executive assistant to the House Education and Public Works Committee, extend deep appreciation for her ten years of exemplary and devoted service, and wish her a satisfying and rewarding retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Virginia "Ginger" Lee.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5004 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATOR MARY MILLER MCCLELLAN, A NATIVE OF COLUMBIA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5018 -- Reps. Thayer, Chapman, West, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson,

Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PAMELA L. CHRISTOPHER, THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE ANDERSON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, FOR HER DECADE OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN HER NEW ROLE AS CHAIR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5005 -- Rep. Gagnon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 72 IN THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE IN ABBEVILLE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH GREYROCK ESTATES ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH MAIN STREET "REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1009 -- Senator McElveen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 2024 AS "WORLD CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5006 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ELECTION OFFICIAL PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 25, TITLE 7 SO AS TO ESTABLISH OFFENSES FOR CERTAIN ACTS OR CONDUCT AGAINST AN ELECTION OFFICIAL, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS FOR THE PERSONAL INFORMATION OF ELECTION OFFICIALS FROM PUBLIC DISSEMINATION, TO PROHIBIT UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO, OR TAMPERING WITH, COMPONENTS OF ELECTION-RELATED SYSTEMS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR AN ELECTION OFFICIAL TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION TO PREVENT OR RESTRAIN VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 7-13-1920 RELATING TO TAMPERING WITH VOTING MACHINES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5007 -- Reps. Caskey and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-230, RELATING TO STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERMITTED HOOK SIZE IN THE LOWER SALUDA RIVER.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 5008 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUME 17A OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, TO THE EXTENT OF ITS CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024.

On motion of Rep. W. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 5009 -- Reps. Kilmartin and May: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1172 SO AS TO EXEMPT THE RETIREMENT INCOME OF FIRST RESPONDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND

TEACHERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5010 -- Reps. Kilmartin and McCabe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 28-2-520 SO AS TO REQUIRE A CONDEMNOR TO UTILIZE PROPERTY OBTAINED BY EMINENT DOMAIN TO BE USED FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE IDENTIFIED AS THE REASON FOR THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN; TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT TO DETERMINE IF EACH PROPERTY OBTAINED BY EMINENT DOMAIN IS UTILIZED FOR THE SPECIFIED PUBLIC PURPOSE; TO REQUIRE A CONDEMNOR THAT NO LONGER UTILIZES PROPERTY FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE IDENTIFIED AS THE REASON FOR THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN WITHIN TEN YEARS AFTER OBTAINING THE PROPERTY TO GIVE THE PREVIOUS LANDOWNER THE OPTION TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY; AND TO ESTABLISH RELATED REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5011 -- Reps. Hardee, West, Caskey, McGinnis, Brittain, Guest, J. E. Johnson, B. L. Cox, Beach, Lawson, Sessions, Bailey, Pace, White, Schuessler, Davis, Magnuson, Hixon and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-3-317 SO AS TO LIMIT THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY REGARDING TATTOOS ON ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CANDIDATES.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 5012 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Clyburn, Hosey, Dillard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, Bannister, Hayes, W. Jones, Lowe, Weeks and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 25 TO CHAPTER 19, TITLE 63 SO AS TO ESTABLISH JUVENILE PRETRIAL DIVERSION COURTS FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN WHO COMMIT FIRST-TIME, NONVIOLENT STATUS OFFENSES OR DELINQUENT ACTS, TO ESTABLISH PARAMETERS FOR ELIGIBILITY, AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE TO ESTABLISH

PREDETENTION DIVERSION PROGRAMS FOR PARTICIPANTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5013 -- Reps. Elliott, Caskey, Gatch, B. J. Cox, Long, Wooten and Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-600, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO QUALIFIED RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH QUALIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MAY CARRY CONCEALED WEAPONS, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAINING TO QUALIFY TO CARRY FIREARMS THAT MUST BE OFFERED TO QUALIFIED RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT RESTRICTS THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED WEAPONS ONTO CERTAIN PREMISES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5014 -- Reps. Caskey, Ballentine, Calhoon, Forrest, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White and Wooten: A BILL TO EXTEND THE ONE PERCENT SALES TAX IMPOSED BY ACT 378 OF 2004, AS AMENDED, THE LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT, FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN YEARS.

Referred to Lexington Delegation

H. 5015 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-7-68, RELATING TO FORMAT OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL, SO AS TO PROVIDE NEW PROVISOS TO BE UNDERLINED INSTEAD OF ITALICIZED.

On motion of Rep. BANNISTER, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 5016 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE

GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5017 -- Reps. Wooten, J. L. Johnson, Collins, Chumley, Hiott and Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-550 SO AS TO REQUIRE A COUNTY TO REPORT A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO A CITY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-90, RELATING TO FILING NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO THE COUNTY WHERE PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED IS LOCATED; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-920, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO MODIFY DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-930, RELATING TO DEVELOPMENTAL IMPACT FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE REPAIR, OPERATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING OR NEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING COSTS OF THE RELATED GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-960, RELATING TO THE RECOMMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN, SO AS TO MODIFY THE CIRCULATION AND PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE PLAN; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-1020, RELATING TO REFUNDS OF IMPACT FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IMPACT FEES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN EXPENDED WITHIN SEVEN YEARS OF THE DATE THEY WERE SCHEDULED TO BE EXPENDED MUST BE REFUNDED TO THE OWNER OF RECORD OF PROPERTY ON WHICH A DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE HAS BEEN PAID.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5019 -- Rep. W. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 19 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 9 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST FUND ACT" TO ESTABLISH RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLANS

AND TRUST FUNDS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5020 -- Reps. W. Jones, Thigpen, Williams, King, J. L. Johnson, Clyburn and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP INCREASE AND INFLATION ADJUSTMENT ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-150-420 SO AS TO INCREASE CERTAIN LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR FUTURE INCREASES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5021 -- Reps. W. Jones, McDaniel, White, Thigpen, Williams, King, J. L. Johnson, Dillard and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY JOBS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810 SO AS TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR AN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER THAT HIRES CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5022 -- Reps. Erickson, Bernstein, West, Haddon, Elliott, Hager, M. M. Smith, McGinnis, Caskey, Trantham, Crawford, Calhoon, Guest, Collins, B. J. Cox, Davis, Hartnett, Brittain, Gagnon, Hayes and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-810 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WITHOUT CHARGE TO ALL STUDENTS AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-350, RELATING TO THE LENGTH OF LUNCH PERIODS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE THIRTY MINUTE LUNCH PERIODS TO ALL STUDENTS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5023 -- Reps. Brewer, Gilliam, Nutt, Lawson, Sessions, Schuessler, Hager, Hartnett, Gatch, Mitchell, Hewitt, Robbins, J. Moore and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-219 SO AS TO ESTABLISH

THE WORK ZONE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-15, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-130, RELATING TO LICENSE EXAMINATIONS AND BASIC AND CLASSIFIED LICENSES, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5024 -- Rep. Elliott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-14990, RELATING TO SURVIVING SPOUSES APPLYING FOR LICENSE PLATES OR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE SURVIVING SPOUSES OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD MAY APPLY TO OBTAIN NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE PLATES OR TRANSFER NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE PLATES ISSUED TO THEIR SPOUSES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 577 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-8-530, SECTION 12-8-540, SECTION 12-8-570, SECTION 12-8-580, AND SECTION 12-8-595, ALL RELATING TO THE WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAXES, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE TOP MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn

Cobb-Hunter	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--115

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. LANDING a leave of absence for the day due to a prior legislative commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GUFFEY a leave of absence for the day due to a prior legislative conflict.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. COLLINS a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Ada Stewart of Columbia was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3278
Date:	ADD:
02/01/24	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3345
Date:	ADD:
02/01/24	MCDANIEL

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3430
Date:	ADD:
02/01/24	ANDERSON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3992
Date:	ADD:
02/01/24	CROMER, MAGNUSON, WHITE, PACE and BURNS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4376
Date:	ADD:
02/01/24	HART and J. MOORE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4628
Date:	ADD:
02/01/24	HYDE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4869
Date:	ADD:
02/01/24	JEFFERSON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4908
Date:	ADD:
02/01/24	CARTER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4928
Date:	ADD:
02/01/24	HART, JEFFERSON and J. MOORE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4957
Date:	ADD:
02/01/24	ELLIOTT and ALEXANDER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4989
Date:	ADD:
02/01/24	CARTER

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 4868 -- Reps. Kirby, Lowe, Jordan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 84 OF 2011, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TIME AND METHOD BY WHICH THE NINE MEMBERS OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER THREE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED, TO REAPPORTION THE FIVE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS AND THE TWO MULTIMEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THESE NINE MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED, TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 298 -- Senators Bennett, Turner, Kimbrell, Campsen and Adams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-2320, RELATING TO ALTERNATE METHODS FOR THE ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF INCOME FOR STATE INCOME TAX PURPOSES, SO AS TO SET FORTH A PROCESS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXPAYERS TO ACCURATELY DETERMINE NET INCOME.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bill was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification:

S. 801 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-430, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN OCONEE COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

H. 4832--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4832 -- Reps. Hardee, Sandifer, Anderson, Ligon and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH FAMILY LEAVE BENEFITS, OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS OF FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE POLICIES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3992--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3992 -- Reps. Blackwell, McGinnis, Sandifer, Ligon, Cromer, Magnuson, White, Pace and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-60, RELATING TO DELINQUENT UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TAX RATES, SO AS TO PERMIT EMPLOYERS WITH INSTALLMENT PAYMENT AGREEMENTS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE TO PAY THE TAX AT A REDUCED RATE, AND TO PROVIDE

FOR THE AUTOMATIC REVERSION OF THIS RATE UPON FAILURE TO TIMELY COMPLY WITH THE PAYMENT AGREEMENT.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4869--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4869 -- Reps. Sandifer, Hardee, Ligon and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-3-150, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE OR HIS DESIGNEES TO CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUCH INVESTIGATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-9-200, RELATING TO CONDITIONS FOR ALLOWING REINSURANCE CREDITS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-13-10, RELATING TO INSURER EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE SUCH EXAMINATIONS ARE FINANCIAL EXAMINATIONS, TO APPLY THE PROVISIONS TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER LICENSEES OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE MARKET CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-13-70, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEES MAY CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INVESTIGATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FINAL ORDERS DISCIPLINING LICENSEES ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-57-130, RELATING TO INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REVISED EXEMPTIONS FROM PROVISIONS

PROHIBITING MISREPRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS, AND REBATES IN INSURANCE CONTRACTS.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3278--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3278 -- Reps. West, Sandifer and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 40-60-30, 40-60-31, AND 40-60-33, ALL RELATING TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MODIFY EXEMPTIONS, REVISE AND PROVIDE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND ACCEPTABLE EQUIVALENCIES FOR APPRENTICE APPRAISERS; AND TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSED MASS APPRAISERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-34, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO APPRENTICE APPRAISERS AND APPRAISER SUPERVISING APPRENTICES, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-35, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO IMPOSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UPON LICENSEES; BY ADDING SECTION 40-60-36 SO AS TO IMPOSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UPON PROVIDERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-37, RELATING TO RECIPROCAL APPLICATIONS FROM APPRAISERS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-40, RELATING TO REQUIRED APPRAISER CONTACT INFORMATION, SO AS TO INCLUDE EMAIL ADDRESSES OF LICENSEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-320, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF APPRAISAL PANEL; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-330, RELATING TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING CERTAIN FINANCIAL INFORMATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-360, RELATING TO

PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS, SO AS TO SPECIFY REQUIRED REGULATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-420, RELATING TO RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION RENEWAL, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING RECORDS THAT APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES MUST PROVIDE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-450, RELATING TO COMPENSATION, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABLE GOVERNING FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4376--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4376 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, M. M. Smith, Caskey, T. Moore, Wooten, J. L. Johnson, Davis, Sessions, Guffey, Ligon, O'Neal, Pope, Hart and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 25-12-10, 25-12-30, AND 25-12-50, ALL RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED HUMAN REMAINS OF A DECEASED VETERAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25 ALSO APPLY TO THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED HUMAN REMAINS OF A DECEASED VETERAN AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25 ARE MANDATORY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-590, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CORONERS TO RELEASE CERTAIN HUMAN REMAINS THAT HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE THOSE OF AN UNCLAIMED DECEASED VETERAN TO A FUNERAL HOME, FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT, OR MORTUARY FOR DISPOSITION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. DAVIS made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not

been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4928--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4928 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Hart, Jefferson and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-21-10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS' TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDRAISING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 25-21-30, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABILITY TO FUNDRAISE.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3424--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3424 -- Reps. T. Moore, Carter, McCravy, Lawson, Beach, Pope, Nutt, Oremus, Vaughan, Long, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Kilmartin, Cromer, O'Neal, Yow, Gilliam, W. Newton, Guest, Schuessler, Moss, Magnuson, Harris, Pace, Brittain, Bailey, Robbins, Sessions, Ligon, Felder, B. L. Cox, Guffey, Bradley, Murphy, Brewer, Connell, Hiott, Mitchell, Hager, Erickson, B. J. Cox, Blackwell, Wooten, Ballentine, Hyde, Wheeler, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, B. Newton, Elliott, Forrest, Willis, Hixon, Taylor, J. E. Johnson, Chapman and Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN OPERATOR TO MAKE A PORNOGRAPHIC WEBSITE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL CREATE CERTAIN

PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.

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

Yeas 113; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith

Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:
Bamberg

Total--1

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

H. 4700--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4700 -- Reps. W. Newton, Pope, Guffey, Chapman, Leber, Beach, Kilmartin, Cromer, Oremus, Vaughan, Nutt, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, West, Felder, Guest, McCravy, Bailey, Brittain, Robbins, Sessions, Bradley, Mitchell, Yow, Hiott, Erickson, Hager, Wheeler, Weeks, Ballentine, Wooten, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, McGinnis, Gagnon, B. Newton, Schuessler, Elliott, Forrest, Willis, Ligon, Hixon and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY MAY NOT PERMIT CERTAIN MINORS TO BE ACCOUNT HOLDERS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANIES; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN PARENTS OR GUARDIANS WITH CERTAIN INFORMATION; TO PROVIDE THAT A SOCIAL MEDIA COMPANY SHALL RESTRICT SOCIAL MEDIA ACCESS TO MINORS DURING CERTAIN HOURS; TO PROVIDE FOR CONSUMER COMPLAINTS; TO PROVIDE THAT THE CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION HAS AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTER AND ENFORCE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL REPORT; TO PROVIDE FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN WAIVERS AND LIMITATIONS ARE VOID.

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

Yeas 113; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wheeler	White

Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:
Bamberg

Total--1

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

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4278 -- Rep. Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME WOODVILLE ROAD IN FLORENCE COUNTY "BISHOP DONALD HYMAN ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS ROAD CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:52 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. CLYBURN, adjourned in memory of David Rearden, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Friday, February 2, 2024
(Local Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 5:2: "Listen to the sound of my cry, my king and my God, for to you I pray."

Let us pray. Almighty God, You who care for each of these people, protect them from all harm and guide them this day. Give them the tools to do the work required of them. We give thanks for all Your blessings that have been bestowed on these Representatives and Staff and ask that You keep them safe. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Grant Your blessings on our military and their families as they give of their time and lives for the sake of our Country. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 6.

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Tuesday, February 6, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Isaiah 66:1: “The worship God demands; Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is my resting place?”

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, You have provided a place for us to dwell. All we have You have given to us. The hope is that we live in Your light and give that light to these women and men as they go about the business of this day. Grant us, O Lord, strength to do the work for the people of South Carolina. Bestow Your blessings and safety on our defenders of freedom and first responders. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Grant Your blessings upon our military and their families as they give of their time and lives for the sake of our country. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. LIGON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Thomas "Tom" Brice Hall, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Bernice Friendly.

STATEMENT BY REP. WILLIAMS

Rep. WILLIAMS made a statement relative to Wilhelmina P. Johnson's contributions to South Carolina.

REGULATION RECEIVED

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

Document No. 5266
Agency: South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 42-3-30
Payment of Compensation
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
February 1, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration February 4, 2025

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. MURPHY, from the Dorchester Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4876 -- Reps. Jefferson, Cobb-Hunter, Robbins, Gatch, Murphy and Brewer: A BILL TO CHANGE THE CANDIDATE FILING METHOD FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 FROM THE PETITION METHOD TO THE FILING OF A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY WITH THE DORCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5033 -- Reps. Hosey, Clyburn, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan,

Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE JEFFERSON DAVIS ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 8-MAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A FABULOUS SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5034 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND DEEPEST APPRECIATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OPTUS BANK FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5035 -- Reps. McGinnis and Schuessler: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ALISE SVIHLA, ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, THANK HER FOR HER INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO STUDENT ATHLETES, AND WISH HER STRENGTH AND HEALTH AS SHE BATTLES CANCER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5037 -- Reps. Landing, Bustos, Hartnett, Leber, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2023 CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO SALUTE THE PLAYERS FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5038 -- Reps. Landing, Bustos, Hartnett, Leber, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE THE OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY GIRLS TENNIS TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2023 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5036 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber,

Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 28, 2024, AS "WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AS TRIBUTE TO THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF WORKPLACE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1012 -- Senator Corbin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH DAVID SMITH OF GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED 2023 CROSS COUNTRY COACH OF THE YEAR FOR BOTH THE SOUTH CAROLINA TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY COACHES ASSOCIATION AND THE UNITED STATES TRACK AND FIELD CROSS COUNTRY COACHES ASSOCIATION.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1013 -- Senator Corbin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE GREER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY AND TRACK AND FIELD TEAMS FOR WINNING THEIR RESPECTIVE CLASS AA BOYS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5039 -- Reps. T. A. Morgan, A. M. Morgan, Kilmartin, White, S. Jones, Cromer, Beach, Harris, May, Trantham and J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION AND ITS MEMBERSHIP AND FUNCTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ATTORNEY-LEGISLATORS TO RECUSE THEMSELVES FROM VOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY MANNER IN THE ELECTION PROCESS OF JUDGES AND JUSTICES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5040 -- Reps. T. A. Morgan, White, S. Jones, Cromer, Beach, Magnuson, May, Trantham, McCabe and Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-530, RELATING TO THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX, SO AS TO LOWER THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE FROM FIVE PERCENT TO FOUR AND ONE HALF PERCENT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5041 -- Reps. Haddon, Hiott, Forrest, Burns, Guffey, Sessions, Chapman, B. L. Cox, Ligon, Chumley and Trantham: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-370 SO AS TO PERMIT THE TAKING OF DEER COMMITTING DEPREDATION WITHOUT A DEPREDATION PERMIT IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 5042 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, J. L. Johnson, Murphy, Sessions, Cobb-Hunter, Kirby, Brewer, Garvin, Henegan, M. M. Smith, Jefferson, Rivers, McDaniel, Davis, Haddon, King, Gilliard, Stavrinakis, Bauer, West, Wetmore, T. Moore, Thigpen, Chapman, Schuessler, Pope, Guffey, Dillard, W. Jones, Pendarvis, G. M. Smith, Weeks, Wheeler, Williams and S. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 10-1-185 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ON THE GROUNDS OF THE STATE HOUSE A ROBERT SMALLS MONUMENT, CREATE A COMMISSION TO

DETERMINE THE DESIGN AND LOCATION OF THE MONUMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, AND SUNSET THE COMMISSION AT A DATE CERTAIN.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 5043 -- Reps. Ott, Kirby, Hewitt, Taylor, M. M. Smith, Felder, Neese, Bernstein, Cobb-Hunter, Bauer and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF KRATOM PRODUCTS BY RETAILERS AND PROCESSORS AND TO CREATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 5044 -- Reps. T. A. Morgan, White, S. Jones, Pace, Cromer, Beach, Magnuson, May, Trantham, McCabe and Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-511 SO AS TO REDUCE ALL THE INCOME TAX RATES ON INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS BY ONE PERCENT EACH YEAR UNTIL THE RATE ACROSS ALL BRACKETS EQUALS ZERO PERCENT; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-510 RELATING TO TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-515 RELATING TO INCOME TAX BRACKETS; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-520 RELATING TO ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO INCOME TAX BRACKETS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-545 RELATING TO INCOME TAX RATES FOR PASS-THROUGH TRADE AND BUSINESS INCOME.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5045 -- Reps. T. A. Morgan, White, Cromer, Magnuson, Harris, May, Trantham and McCabe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-410, RELATING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE SECRETARY INSTEAD OF

THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TO DEVOLVE THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPON THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND THEIR GOVERNING BODIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES THAT PART OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS A SEVEN-MEMBER COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-105, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-43-140, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, SO AS TO REMOVE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AS A DIRECTOR, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 57-1-10, 57-1-40, 57-1-370, 57-1-430, 57-1-490, AND 57-3-20, ALL RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ITEMIZED PROJECT LIST TO BE FUNDED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD ENACT ITS ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-500, RELATING TO A DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ETHICS WORKSHOP, SO AS TO DELETE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS AS PARTICIPANTS IN THIS WORKSHOP; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-50, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGHWAY DISTRICTS, SO AS TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT" FOR THE TERM "COMMISSION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-90, RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING

CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-210, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTING WITH PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-700, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVING AS AN AGENT FOR COUNTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-10, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-50, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN ROADS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-90, RELATING TO BELT LINES AND SPURS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-310, RELATING TO THE OWNERSHIP OF REAL ESTATE, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-340, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1350, RELATING TO TURNPIKES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 57-13-10, 57-13-20, 57-13-40, AND 57-13-50, ALL RELATING TO BRIDGES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-25-120, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 57-25-140, 57-25-150, 57-25-170, 57-25-200, AND 57-25-210, ALL RELATING TO SIGNS ALONG THE HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 57-1-310, 57-1-320, 57-1-325, 57-1-330, 57-1-340, 57-1-350, AND SECTIONS 6, 7, AND 8 OF ACT 114 OF 2007 ALL RELATING TO THE CREATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ITS COMMISSION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5046 -- Reps. Carter, Ott, Ligon, Hiott and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-90, RELATING TO "GROSS PROCEEDS OF SALES", SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT "GROSS PROCEEDS OF SALES" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE SALES PRICE OF PROPERTY RETURNED WHEN THE FULL SALES PRICE MINUS A RESTOCKING OR HANDLING FEE IS REFUNDED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-130, RELATING TO

"SALES PRICE", SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT "SALES PRICE" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN AMOUNT CHARGED FOR PROPERTY, WHICH IS RETURNED BY THE PURCHASER, AND THE FULL AMOUNT MINUS A RESTOCKING OR HANDLING FEE IS REFUNDED.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 621 -- Senators Reichenbach, Stephens, Cromer, Kimbrell, M. Johnson, Fanning, Setzler, Bennett, Shealy, Rice, Williams, Allen, Garrett, Loftis, Sabb and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION", TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TRADE COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 700 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES ACT", SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES PROVIDERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 806 -- Senators Alexander, Malloy and Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-1-180, RELATING TO ADJOURNMENT OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONDITIONS FOR EXTENDED SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DATE FOR SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT IS AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DOES NOT GIVE THIRD READING TO THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT ON OR BEFORE MARCH TENTH, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY CALL THEIR RESPECTIVE BODIES INTO SESSION AFTER THE SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT DATE TO FINISH ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION, AND TO

PROVIDE THE TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY BE CALLED BACK TO COMPLETE THE UNFINISHED BUSINESS RELATING TO THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL OR CAPITAL RESERVE FUND RESOLUTION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace

Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--119

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WEST a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HIXON a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HENEGAN a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Mark Humphrey of Columbia was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3161
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	WHITE, MCCABE, OREMUS, FORREST, MAGNUSON, HARRIS, BRITTAIN and BUSTOS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3430
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	GARVIN, GUFFEY, SESSIONS and WHEELER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3618
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	CARTER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3895
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	W. NEWTON, LOWE and JORDAN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4218
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	SANDIFER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4292
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	GARVIN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4436
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	BURNS and CHUMLEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4538
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	J. E. JOHNSON, BRITTAIN, GUEST, GAGNON, MCGINNIS, HARDEE, SCHUESSLER, ATKINSON, HAYES, CRAWFORD, PACE, T. MOORE and CHAPMAN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4549
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	LAWSON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4557
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	OREMUS, CROMER and FORREST

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4636
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	POPE, SESSIONS and DAVIS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4641
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	POPE and SESSIONS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4642
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	POPE and SESSIONS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4710
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4843
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	SANDIFER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4866
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	LEBER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4873
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	MAGNUSON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4928
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	CASKEY and WILLIAMS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4954
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	HADDON, MITCHELL, BREWER, ROBBINS, MCGINNIS, GAGNON, MCCRAVY, MOSS, BRITTAIN, CRAWFORD, GUEST, NUTT, O'NEAL and GUFFEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4958
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	OTT, ROSE and CASKEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4971
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	BREWER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4972
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	GUFFEY and TAYLOR

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4973
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	GUFFEY and TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5012
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	HYDE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5013
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	LEBER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5022
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	FELDER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5023
Date:	ADD:
02/06/24	GUFFEY and O'NEAL

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

H. 3989--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3989 -- Reps. Ott, G.M. Smith, Cobb-Hunter, Ligon, Kirby, Haddon, Oremus, Brewer, Gagnon, Sandifer, Weeks, Williams, Henegan, Bauer, Forrest, Jefferson, Wheeler, Anderson and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOLAR, AGRICULTURAL, FARMLAND, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACT"; TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; TO ESTABLISH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES; TO ESTABLISH THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION PROCESS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEARINGS REGARDING THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION; TO ESTABLISH THE PARTIES TO A CERTIFICATION PROCEEDING; TO REQUIRE A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO CONSOLIDATE THE REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS; TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S DECISION REGARDING AN APPLICATION; TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ISSUE AN ORDER WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS FROM THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS FILED; TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A FILED APPLICATION; AND TO CREATE THE AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND VIABILITY PROTECTION FUND.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Monday, February 19, which was agreed to.

S. 245--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 245 -- Senators Kimbrell and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WITH CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS IS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING AS THE TREASURER OF A BOOSTER CLUB, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH BOOSTER CLUB WITHIN A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ANNUALLY REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD MUST RUN A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK TO DETERMINE IF THE TREASURER OF A BOOSTER CLUB IS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING IN THAT ROLE DUE TO A CRIMINAL CONVICTION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

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

H. 4832--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4832 -- Reps. Hardee, Sandifer, Anderson, Ligon and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH FAMILY LEAVE BENEFITS, OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS OF FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE POLICIES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4832 (LC-4832.PH0003H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by adding:

Section 38-103-90. The department shall provide an annual report to the legislature and the public beginning on January 1, 2025, and each year thereafter, with information regarding the utilization of family leave insurance as authorized in this section, including:

(1) the number of insurers in the State who are currently offering

family leave insurance;

(2) the total number of employers in the State who have purchased family leave insurance; and

(3) a breakdown of which employers in the State have purchased family leave insurance by industry and employer size.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HARDEE explained the amendment.

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

H. 3992--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3992 -- Reps. Blackwell, McGinnis, Sandifer, Ligon, Cromer, Magnuson, White, Pace and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-60, RELATING TO DELINQUENT UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TAX RATES, SO AS TO PERMIT EMPLOYERS WITH INSTALLMENT PAYMENT AGREEMENTS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE TO PAY THE TAX AT A REDUCED RATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC REVERSION OF THIS RATE UPON FAILURE TO TIMELY COMPLY WITH THE PAYMENT AGREEMENT.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3992 (LC-3992.WAB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 41-31-60(B) and inserting:

(B) No employer is permitted to pay his unemployment compensation tax at a reduced tax rate class for any quarter when a tax execution issued in accordance with Section 41-31-390 with respect to delinquent unemployment compensation tax for a previous quarter is unpaid and outstanding against the employer. If on the computation date upon which an employer's tax rate is computed as provided in Section 41-31-40 there is an outstanding tax execution, the tax class twenty rate must be assigned to the employer until the next computation date or until

such time as all outstanding tax executions have been paid. An employer who has a department-approved installment payment agreement shall be permitted to pay its unemployment compensation tax at a reduced rate. However, any such employer's tax rate shall immediately revert to the tax class twenty rate if the employer fails to make any one of the succeeding deferred payments or fails to submit any succeeding wage report and payment in a timely manner as required by the department-approved installment payment agreement.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BLACKWELL explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 117; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King

Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--117

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4869--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4869 -- Reps. Sandifer, Hardee, Ligon and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-3-150, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE OR HIS DESIGNEES TO CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUCH INVESTIGATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-9-200, RELATING TO CONDITIONS FOR ALLOWING REINSURANCE CREDITS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY

AMENDING SECTION 38-13-10, RELATING TO INSURER EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE SUCH EXAMINATIONS ARE FINANCIAL EXAMINATIONS, TO APPLY THE PROVISIONS TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER LICENSEES OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE MARKET CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-13-70, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEES MAY CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INVESTIGATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FINAL ORDERS DISCIPLINING LICENSEES ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-57-130, RELATING TO INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REVISED EXEMPTIONS FROM PROVISIONS PROHIBITING MISREPRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS, AND REBATES IN INSURANCE CONTRACTS.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4869 (LC-4869.WAB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, by striking Section 38-13-10(B) and inserting:

(B) <u>The director or his examiners may conduct a market conduct examination whenever the director considers it appropriate based on the market analysis or practices of the insurer or HMO or other licensee as authorized by this title. The director or his designee has the discretion to conduct full scope or targeted, on-site market conduct examinations in accordance with the NAIC Market Regulation Handbook and other market analysis tools. The director is authorized to determine the frequency, depth and timing of market conduct examinations and may schedule and coordinate multiple examinations simultaneously or participate in multistate examinations.</u>

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HARDEE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. HARDEE explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan

Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3278--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3278 -- Reps. West, Ligon and Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 40-60-30, 40-60-31, AND 40-60-33, ALL RELATING TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MODIFY EXEMPTIONS, REVISE AND PROVIDE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND ACCEPTABLE EQUIVALENCIES FOR APPRENTICE APPRAISERS; AND TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSED MASS APPRAISERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-34, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO APPRENTICE APPRAISERS AND APPRAISERS SUPERVISING APPRENTICES, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-35, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO IMPOSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UPON LICENSEES; BY ADDING SECTION 40-60-36 SO AS TO IMPOSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UPON PROVIDERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-37, RELATING TO RECIPROCAL APPLICATIONS FROM APPRAISERS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-40, RELATING TO REQUIRED APPRAISER CONTACT INFORMATION, SO AS TO INCLUDE EMAIL ADDRESSES OF LICENSEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-320, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF APPRAISAL PANEL; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-330, RELATING TO REGISTRATION

REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING CERTAIN FINANCIAL INFORMATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-360, RELATING TO PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS, SO AS TO SPECIFY REQUIRED REGULATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-420, RELATING TO RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION RENEWAL, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING RECORDS THAT APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES MUST PROVIDE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-450, RELATING TO COMPENSATION, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABLE GOVERNING FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3278 (LC-3278.PH0011H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION X. Section 40-60-10(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) The South Carolina Real Estate Appraisers Board consists of eight members who must be residents of this State and appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and with consideration given to appropriate geographic representation and to areas of appraisal expertise as follows:

(1) One member must be a public member who may not be connected in any way with the practice of real estate appraisal, real estate brokerage, or mortgage lending. The member from the general public may be nominated by an individual, group, or association and must be appointed by the Governor in accordance with Section 40-1-45.

(2) One member must be a licensed real estate broker ~~who is not a real estate appraiser~~.

(3) One member must be actively engaged in mortgage lending, representing supervised financial institutions, who is not a real estate licensee or a real estate appraiser and who also must not be connected in any way with the brokerage of real estate, the appraisal of real estate, or the review of real estate appraisals.

(4) Four members must be licensed or certified appraisers, actively engaged in real estate appraisal for at least three years, ~~at least two~~one of whom must be a certified general ~~appraisers~~appraiser and ~~at least~~ one of whom must be a certified residential appraiser. In appointing real estate appraisers to the board, the Governor, while not automatically

excluding other appraisers, shall give preference to real estate appraisers whose primary source of income is derived from appraising real estate and not real estate brokerage.

(5) One member must represent an appraisal management company registered with the board.

SECTION X. Section 40-60-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-60-20. As used in this chapter unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Analysis" means a study of real estate or real property other than one estimating value.

(2) "Appraisal", as a noun, means the act or process of developing an opinion of value; as an adjective, "appraisal" means of or pertaining to appraising and related functions including, but not limited to, appraisal practice and appraisal services.

(3) "Appraisal assignment" or "valuation assignment" means an engagement for which an appraiser is employed or retained to act, or would be perceived by third parties or the public as acting, as a disinterested third party in rendering an unbiased analysis, opinion, or conclusion that estimates the value of real estate.

(4) "Appraisal Foundation" means the Appraisal Foundation established on November 30, 1987, as a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of Illinois, containing the Appraisal Standards Board (ASB), Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB), a board of trustees, and other advisory bodies.

(5) "Appraisal report" means any communication, written or oral, of an appraisal or appraisal review. The testimony of an individual dealing with the analyses, conclusions, or opinions concerning identified real estate or real property ~~may be~~is considered to be an oral appraisal report.

(6) "Appraisal subcommittee" means the designees of the heads of the federal financial institutions regulatory agencies established by the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council Act of 1978 (12 U.S.C. Section 3301, et seq.), as amended, as well as the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, or ~~his~~the secretary's designee, under the Department of Housing and Urban Development Reform Act of 1989 (12 U.S.C. Section 1708~~(e)~~(g)).

(7) "Appraiser" means a person who holds a ~~permit,~~ license~~,~~ or certification issued by the board ~~that allows the person to appraise real property~~to perform valuation services competently and in a manner that is independent, impartial, and objective, and in accordance with all applicable laws.

(8) "Apprentice appraiser" means an individual ~~authorized by permit~~who holds a credential issued by the board to assist a state-certified appraiser in the performance of an appraisal if the apprentice is actively ~~and personally~~ supervised by the certified appraiser.

(9) "Board" means the South Carolina Real Estate Appraisers Board established pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

(10) "Complex residential property appraisal" means one in which the property to be appraised, the form of ownership, or market conditions are atypical.

(11) "Federally related transaction" means any real estate-related financial transaction which a federal financial institution regulatory agency engages in, contracts for, or regulates and which requires the services of an appraiser.

~~(12) "Market analysis" means a study of real estate market conditions for a specific type of property.~~

~~(13)~~(12) "Mass appraisal" means the process of valuing a universe of properties as of a given date using standard methodology, employing common data, and allowing for statistical testing.

~~(14)~~(13) "Mass appraiser" means any appraiser who is employed in the office of a tax assessor to appraise real property for ad valorem tax purposes and who is licensed or certified as a mass appraiser.

~~(15)~~(14) "Noncomplex residential property appraisal" means one in which the property to be appraised, the form of ownership, and market conditions are those which are typically found in the subject market.

~~(16)~~(15) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, or association, foreign and domestic.

(16) "Price" means the amount asked, offered, or paid for a property.

(17) "Real estate" means an identified parcel or tract of land including improvements, if any.

(18) "Real estate appraisal activity" means the act or process of performing an appraisal and preparing an appraisal report.

(19) "Real property" means the interests, benefits, and rights inherent in the ownership of real estate.

(20) "Residential appraisal" is an appraisal of a vacant or improved parcel of land that is devoted to or available for use as a one to four family abode including, but not limited to, a single-family home, apartment, or rooming house.

(21) "Standards of professional appraisal practice" or "USPAP" means the National Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice as adopted by the Appraisal Standards Board of the Appraisal

Foundation and adopted by the board.

(22) "State-certified general appraiser" means an appraiser authorized to engage in the appraisal of all types of real property.

(23) "State-certified general mass appraiser" means an appraiser authorized to engage in all types of real estate mass appraisal activity for ad valorem purposes.

(24) "State-certified residential appraiser" means an appraiser authorized to engage in the appraisal of one to four residential units without regard to transaction value or complexity and nonresidential appraisals with a transaction value less than ~~two hundred fifty~~five hundred thousand dollars.

(25) "State-certified residential mass appraiser" means an appraiser authorized to engage in the mass appraisal of one to four residential units without regard to value or complexity and nonresidential appraisals with a transaction value less than ~~two hundred fifty~~five hundred thousand dollars.

(26) "State-licensed appraiser" means an appraiser authorized to engage in the appraisal of noncomplex one to four residential units having a transaction value less than one million dollars and complex one to four residential units and nonresidential appraisals having a transaction value less than ~~two hundred fifty~~five hundred thousand dollars.

(27) "State-licensed mass appraiser" means an appraiser authorized to engage in the mass appraisal of noncomplex one to four residential units having a transaction value less than one million dollars and complex one to four residential units and nonresidential appraisals having a transaction value less than ~~two hundred fifty~~five hundred thousand dollars.

(28) "Timberland" means forestland that is producing or is capable of producing timber as a crop.

(29) "Valuation Services" means ~~an estimate of~~ the value of real estate or real property based on assignment instructions of the client in accordance with federal law or regulations.

(30) "Value" means the monetary relationship between properties and those who buy, sell, or use those properties, expressed as an opinion of the worth of the property at a given time.

SECTION X. Section 40-60-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-60-30. It is unlawful for an individual to assume or use a title, designation, or abbreviation likely to create the impression that the person is a real estate appraiser or to engage in real estate appraisal activity or advertise as an appraiser without a valid license issued by the

department. However, nothing in this chapter may be construed to apply to:

(1) A real estate licensee licensed in accordance with Chapter 57, Title 40 who performs ~~a market analysis or gives an opinion as to the price~~valuation services of real estate for a client or customer on the condition that the ~~market analysis or opinion~~valuation service is not referred to as an appraisal. ~~Before~~In performing a ~~market analysis~~valuation service, which federal law or regulation does not require a license or certified appraiser, the real estate licensee must disclose to the requesting party: "This ~~market analysis~~valuation service may not be used for the purposes of obtaining financing in a federally related transaction".

(2) A forester registered pursuant to Chapter 27, Title 48 who ~~appraises or values~~performs valuation services on standing or growing timber or timberland located in this State and issues ~~an appraisal or~~ a valuation service on the timber or timberland, as permitted by Chapter 27, Title 48 and Regulation 53-13. When ~~an appraisal or~~a valuation service is to be used in a federally related transaction, the registered forester must be licensed or certified under this chapter if required by federal law or regulation.

(3) ~~An employee of~~A person employed by a lender in the performance of ~~appraisals or valuations~~valuation services with respect to which federal law or regulations does not require a licensed or certified appraiser. ~~This exception does not apply to third party contractors.~~

(4) A person, credentialed by this board in the performance of valuation services, with respect to which federal law or regulation does not require a licensed or certified appraiser.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 40-60-31(2)(a) and inserting:

(a) as an apprentice, state-licensed, or mass appraiser:

(i) a high school diploma; or

(ii) hold a certificate of equivalency;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 40-60-31(2)(b)(i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) and inserting:

(i) a high school diploma or certificate of equivalency; and

(ii) additional education as required by the Appraiser Qualifications Board of the Appraisal Foundation or as promulgated by the board through regulation;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by deleting Section 40-60-31(2)(c).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 40-60-31(3) and inserting:

(3) submit proof of completion of appraiser qualifying education as required by the Appraiser Qualifications Board and~~, if applicable,~~ experience requirements as specified in this chapter or promulgated by the board through regulation;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 40-60-31(5) and (6) and inserting:

(5) submit to a state fingerprint-based criminal records check, to be conducted by the State Law Enforcement Division, a national criminal records check, supported by fingerprints, conducted by the FBI, and, if required by the Appraiser Qualifications Board, undergo a criminal background check in compliance with AQB requirements to be submitted by the applicant with his application; and

(6) pass an examination, if applicable. ~~Effective July 1, 2014, an~~An applicant who does not become licensed or certified within two years after passing the examination must retake the examination.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by deleting Section 40-60-31(7).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-60-33(1)(b) and (c) and inserting:

(b) furnish evidence that the applicant has successfully completed ~~within the past five years at least seventy-five hours of courses approved~~additional education as required by the Appraiser Qualifications Board or promulgated by the board in regulation; and

(c) ~~attend~~ successfully complete a trainee/supervisor ~~orientation~~course conducted in compliance with ~~AQB~~the Appraiser Qualifications Board requirements.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-60-33(2)(a) and (b) and inserting:

(a) furnish evidence that the applicant has successfully completed ~~within the past five years one hundred fifty~~ additional ~~hours of~~ education as required ~~for licensure by the board in approved appraisal courses~~by the Appraiser Qualifications Board or promulgated by the board in regulation;

(b) ~~demonstrate two thousand hours of appraisal experience since January 1, 1992, but in not less than twenty-four months~~successfully complete experience as required by the Appraiser Qualifications Board or promulgated by the board in regulation. Experience may include, but is not limited to, fee and staff appraisal, ad valorem tax appraisal not to exceed ~~forty~~ fifty percent of the total hours claimed, review appraisal, appraisal analysis, highest and best use analysis, and feasibility

analysis/study. Mass appraiser experience may be one hundred percent ad valorem tax appraisal. The verification for experience credit claimed by an applicant must be by affidavit on forms prescribed by the board; and

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-60-33(3)(a) and (b) and inserting:

(a) furnish evidence that the applicant has successfully completed ~~within the past five years two hundred hours of~~additional education as required ~~for residential certification by the board in approved appraisal courses~~by the Appraiser Qualifications Board or promulgated by the board in regulation;

(b) ~~demonstrate two thousand five hundred hours of appraisal experience since January 1, 1992, but in not less than twenty-four months~~successfully complete experience as required by the Appraiser Qualifications Board or promulgated by the board in regulation. Experience may include, but is not limited to, fee and staff appraisal, ad valorem tax appraisal not to exceed ~~forty~~ fifty percent of the total hours claimed, review appraisal, appraisal analysis, highest and best use analysis, and feasibility analysis/study. Mass appraiser experience may be one hundred percent ad valorem tax appraisal. The verification for experience credit claimed by an applicant must be by affidavit on forms prescribed by the board; and

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-60-33(4) and inserting:

(4) To qualify as a state-certified general appraiser or certified general mass appraiser, an applicant shall:

(a) furnish evidence that the applicant has successfully completed ~~within the past five years three hundred hours of~~ additional education required ~~for general certification by the board in approved appraisal courses~~by the Appraiser Qualifications Board or promulgated by the board in regulation;

(b) ~~demonstrate three thousand hours of appraisal experience since January 1, 1992, but in not less than thirty months and of which at least fifty percent must be in nonresidential appraisal work~~successfully complete experience as required by the Appraiser Qualifications Board or promulgated by the board in regulation. Experience may include, but is not limited to, fee and staff appraisal, ad valorem tax appraisal not to exceed ~~forty~~ fifty percent of the total hours claimed, review appraisal, appraisal analysis, highest and best use analysis, and feasibility analysis/study. Mass appraiser experience may be one hundred percent ad valorem tax appraisal. The verification for experience credit claimed

by an applicant must be by affidavit on forms prescribed by the board; and

(c) pass an examination approved by the board. The prerequisites to sit for the examination are completion of the educational requirements and appraisal experience.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by deleting Section 40-60-33(5).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 40-60-34(A) and inserting:

Section 40-60-34. (A) The board shall prescribe the form of a ~~permit,~~ license~~,~~ and certificate containing an identification number that the appraiser shall use when signing appraisal reports. When an appraiser advertises or executes contracts or other instruments, the appraiser's name, appraiser classification, and number assigned by the board must be printed or typed adjacent to the appraiser's signature.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 40-60-34(D) and (E) and inserting:

(D) The supervisory appraiser supervising an apprentice ~~fee~~ appraiser shall:

(1) personally review appraisal reports prepared by the apprentice and sign and certify the report as being independently and impartially prepared in compliance with the National USPAP and applicable statutory requirements;

(2) provide a copy or access to final appraisal documents to any participating apprentice;

(3) directly supervise no more than three apprentice appraisers at any one given time, unless board approval is received to supervise more than three apprentices subject to required progress monitoring as approved by the board;

(4) be certified for a minimum of three years and not subject to any disciplinary action within the immediately preceding three years that affects the supervisory appraiser's legal eligibility to engage in appraisal practice; and

(5) ~~attend~~successfully complete a trainee/supervisor ~~orientation~~course conducted in compliance with ~~AQB~~Appraiser Qualifications Board requirements.

(E) The supervisory appraiser supervising an apprentice appraiser performing mass appraisal work shall personally review and approve all work performed by the apprentice to ensure that the work is prepared in compliance with the National USPAP and applicable statutory requirements.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 40-60-34(G),

(H), (I), (J), (K), and (L) and inserting:

(G) Licenses~~,~~ and certifications~~, and apprentice permits~~ issued by the board expire biennially on June thirtieth. As a condition of renewal, an appraiser shall provide evidence satisfactory to the board of having met the continuing education requirements established by this chapter. An apprentice appraiser may maintain ~~the permit~~their license for five years before applying for an upgrade, provided continuing education requirements are satisfied biennially at renewal.

(H) ~~Permits, licenses, or~~Licenses and certifications not renewed by date of expiration are no longer valid but may be reinstated within twelve months after expiration upon proper application, payment of renewal fee, a late penalty, as established in the fee schedule, and proof of having met continuing education requirements as prescribed.

(I) A ~~permit,~~ license~~,~~ or certification that has expired and has not been reinstated by the last day of the twelfth month following expiration must be canceled. Such a canceled ~~permit,~~ license or certification may be considered for reinstatement as provided by the board in regulation.

(J) A license or certification may be placed on inactive status by informing the board in writing and must be renewed in the same manner as provided for active renewal. An expired or lapsed apprentice appraiser licensee can reapply for licensure if initial qualifying courses have been completed within five years of the application date.

(K) ~~A fee~~ An appraiser must retain the work file for a period of at least five years after preparation or at least two years after the final disposition of any judicial proceeding in which the appraiser provided testimony related to the assignment, whichever period expires last. The work file must include the original or exact copy of each appraisal report prepared or signed by the appraiser and all supporting data assembled and formulated by the appraiser in preparing each appraisal report. The five-year period for retention of records is applicable to each engagement of the services of the appraiser and commences on the date of delivery of each appraisal report to the client. ~~The appraiser must retain the work file for a period of at least two years after final disposition of appeals of all judicial proceedings in which the appraiser provided testimony related to the assignment, whichever period expires last.~~

(L) An appraiser who has had a ~~permit,~~ license~~,~~ or certification revoked by the board may not be issued a new ~~permit,~~ license~~,~~ or certification within two years after the date of the revocation or at any time thereafter except upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the board.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 5, by striking Section 40-60-

35(A)(1) and inserting:

(1) For renewal of an active ~~permit,~~ license~~,~~ or certification, an appraiser shall present evidence biennially of satisfactory completion by the applicant of twenty-eight hours of instruction in courses or seminars that have been approved by the board, of which seven hours must be the National USPAP update course current at the time of renewal. Licensees shall report completed continuing education as required by the board.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 6 and inserting:

SECTION X. Section 40-60-36(H) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(H) ~~Approved instructors shall attend biennial instructor development workshops sponsored by the board whenever possible or provide evidence of equivalent hours of continuing education that increases their knowledge of either the subject content in their area of expertise or their teaching techniques~~Providers must report completed continuing education of licensees within fourteen days of course completion as required by the board.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 7, by striking Section 40-60-37(A) and inserting:

(A) The board ~~may accept~~must grant a reciprocal ~~applications from~~ credential to an ~~appraisers from other jurisdictions~~appraiser credentialed in another jurisdiction if:~~. These applicants may be given waivers of education, examination, and experience requirements if the board considers the education and examination requirements of another jurisdiction to be substantially equivalent to the requirements of this chapter~~

(1) the appraiser holds a valid credential to value real property that is in good standing in at least one other jurisdiction; and

(2) the requirements to obtain a credential to value real property in the jurisdiction in which the appraiser is credentialed have been found by the appraisal subcommittee to conform to the qualification criteria of the Appraiser Qualifications Board.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTIONS 8 through (11) and inserting appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 40-60-40 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-60-40. (A) Each licensee and apprentice must maintain on file with the board a current ~~street~~physical address at which they may be found.

(B) Each licensee and apprentice must notify the board in writing within fifteen days of any change in residential address, office address, ~~or~~ office telephone number, or email address.

(C) Service of any notice upon a licensee who cannot be found at the last known address provided by the licensee may be made by leaving with the director, or designee, a copy of the notice and any accompanying documents along with proof of attempted service at the last known address. The board may set aside and reopen a proceeding upon satisfactory showing by the licensee of good cause as to why the licensee did not receive service of the notice.

SECTION X. Section 40-60-50(D) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(D) Application and license fees are payable to the department in advance and must accompany an ~~examination~~ application or ~~a license application~~proper documentation. Fees are nonrefundable.

SECTION X. Section 40-60-70 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-60-70. Appraisers shall conduct themselves in accordance with a code of ethics as established in the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) and adopted by the board.

SECTION X. Section 40-60-80 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-60-80. (A) The department shall investigate complaints and violations of this chapter as provided in this chapter and Section 40-1-80.

(B) If a complaint filed with the board involves an appraisal report that varies from a sales, lease, or exchange price, the board may decline to conduct an investigation.

(C) If a complaint filed with this board is received without a stated complainant, along with contact information and supporting documentation as to potential violations, the board may decline to conduct an investigation.

~~(C)~~(D) The board is prohibited from conducting an investigation based solely on a dispute over the value of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

~~(D)~~(E) A person aggrieved by a final action of the board may seek review of the decision in accordance with Section 40-1-160 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

SECTION X. Section 40-60-110 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-60-110. In addition to the grounds provided in Section 40-1-110, the board may deny licensure to an applicant or may take disciplinary action against an appraiser who:

(1) fails to meet the minimum qualifications for a ~~permit,~~ license~~,~~ or certification established by or pursuant to this chapter;

(2) procures or attempts to procure a ~~permit,~~ license~~,~~ or certification by knowingly making a false statement, submitting false information, or

making a material misrepresentation in an application filed with the board, or procures or attempts to procure a ~~permit,~~ license~~,~~ or certification through fraud or misrepresentation;

(3) performs an act in the practice of real estate appraising that constitutes dishonest, fraudulent, or improper conduct;

(4) engages in the business of real estate appraising under an assumed or fictitious name;

(5) pays a finder's fee or a referral fee in connection with an appraisal of real estate or real property in this State;

(6) makes a false or misleading statement in that portion of a written appraisal report that deals with professional qualifications or in any testimony concerning professional qualifications;

(7) violates the confidential nature of governmental records to which an appraiser gained access through employment or engagement as an appraiser by a governmental agency;

(8) violates any of the standards for the development or communication of real estate appraisals as ~~promulgated by the board in regulation~~set forth in this chapter or regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter;

(9) fails or refuses without good cause to exercise reasonable diligence in developing an appraisal, preparing an appraisal report, or communicating an appraisal;

(10) exhibits negligence or incompetence in developing an appraisal, in preparing an appraisal report, or in communicating an appraisal;

(11) accepts an independent appraisal assignment or valuation assignment when the employment itself or fee to be paid was contingent upon the appraiser's reporting a predetermined estimate, analysis, valuation, opinion, or conclusion or upon the award, recovery, or consequences resulting from the appraisal assignment;

(12) fails to retain records in accordance with this chapter or regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter;

(13) fails upon reasonable request of an investigator of the board to make all records required to be maintained under this chapter available to the board for inspection and copying by the board or fails to appear upon reasonable request for an interview with an investigator of the board;

(14) demonstrates bad faith, dishonesty, untrustworthiness, or incompetency to act as an appraiser in a manner so as to endanger the interests of the public;

(15) performs or attempts to perform any real estate appraisal

activity on property located in another state without first having complied with that state's laws regarding real estate appraisal activity;

(16) performs or attempts to perform, if licensed or certified as a mass appraiser, any appraisal other than those for ad valorem tax purposes and directly related to the assessor office employment duties of the mass appraiser, unless assisting and supervised by a nonmass-certified appraiser;

(17) has been convicted of or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to a felony relating to the practice of appraisal, banking, mortgage lending, or the provision of financial services, or a crime involving ~~moral turpitude or pleaded guilty or nolo contendere to any such offense~~fraud or misrepresentation;

(18) fails to report to the department in writing by certified mail, within ten days, notice of conviction of a crime provided for in item (17);

(19) has had a license to practice a regulated profession or occupation in this State, another state or jurisdiction canceled, revoked, suspended, or otherwise disciplined;

(20) issues a check to the board that is returned for insufficient funds or closed account;

(21) fails to comply with or obey a final order of the board or has failed to comply with an order, subpoena, or directive of the board or department;

(22) violates any provision of this chapter or any regulation promulgated under this chapter;

(23) has knowingly performed an act that in any way assists an unlicensed person to practice;

(24) has failed to cooperate with an investigation or other proceeding of the board;

(25) has failed to appear before the board after receiving a formal notice to appear.

SECTION X. Section 40-60-220 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-60-220. A person who is ~~licensed~~credentialed in this State as a licensed appraiser, licensed mass appraiser, ~~state-~~certified residential appraiser, ~~state-~~certified residential mass appraiser, ~~state-~~certified general appraiser, or ~~state-~~certified general mass appraiser on December 31, 2014, may continue licensure in that category without meeting the requirements of Section 40-60-31 and Section 40-60-33, so long as the person is otherwise authorized to hold the license.

SECTION X. Section 40-60-320 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-60-320. For the purposes of this article:

(1) "Appraisal management company" or "AMC" means a person

that:~~ an external third party, in connection with valuing properties, collateralizing mortgage loans, or incorporating mortgages into a securitization. The third party must be authorized either by a creditor of a consumer credit transaction secured by a consumer's principal dwelling or by an underwriter or by other principal in the secondary mortgage markets that oversees a network or panel of more than fifteen certified or licensed appraisers in a state or twenty-five or more nationally within a given year in order to~~:

~~(a) recruit, select, and retain appraisers;~~

~~(b) contract with licensed and certified appraisers to perform appraisal assignments;~~

~~(c) manage the process of having an appraisal performed, including providing administrative duties such as receiving appraisal orders and appraisal reports, submitting completed appraisal reports to creditors and underwriters, collecting fees from creditors and underwriters for services provided, and reimbursing appraisers for services performed; or~~

~~(d) review and verify the work of appraisers.~~

(a) provides appraisal management services to creditors or to secondary mortgage market participants, including affiliates;

(b) provides such services in connection with valuing a consumer's principal dwelling as security for a consumer credit transaction or incorporating such transactions into securitizations; and

(c) within a given twelve month period, oversees an appraiser panel or more than fifteen state-certified or state-licensed appraisers in a state or twenty-five or more state-certified or state-licensed appraisers in two or more states.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, an AMC does not include a department or division of an entity that provides appraisal management services only to that entity.

(2) "Appraisal management services" means ~~the process of receiving a request for the performance of real estate appraisal services from a client and, for a fee paid by the client, entering into an agreement with one or more certified or licensed appraisers, who are independent contractors, to perform the real estate appraisal services contained in the request~~one or more of the following:

(a) recruiting, selecting, and retaining appraisers;

(b) contracting with state-certified or state-licensed appraisers to perform appraisal assignments;

(c) managing the process of having an appraisal performed, including providing administrative duties such as receiving appraisal

orders and appraisal reports, submitting completed appraisal reports to creditors and secondary market participants, collecting fees from creditors and secondary market participants for services provided, and paying appraisers for services performed; or

(d) reviewing and verifying the work of appraisers.

(3) "Appraiser panel" means ~~a group of certified or licensed appraisers, who are independent contractors, selected by an appraisal management company to perform real estate appraisal services for the appraisal management company~~a network, list, or roster of licensed or certified appraisers approved by an AMC to perform appraisals as independent contractors for the AMC. Appraisers on an AMC's "appraiser panel" under this section include both appraisers accepted by the AMC for consideration for future appraisal assignments in covered transactions or for secondary mortgage market participants in connection with covered transactions and appraisers engaged by the AMC to perform one or more appraisals in covered transactions or for secondary mortgage market participants in connection with covered transactions. An appraiser is an independent contractor for purposes of this item if the appraiser is treated as an independent contractor by the AMC for purposes of federal income taxation.

(4) "Appraisal review" means the act, by a certified or licensed appraiser employed by an appraisal management company, of developing and communicating an opinion about the quality of work of another appraiser that was performed as part of an appraisal assignment. Appraisal review does not include:

(a) an examination by an unlicensed employee of an appraisal management company for an appraisal solely for grammatical errors, typographical errors, or other similar errors; or

(b) a quality control examination for completeness that does not make a valuation change.

(5) "Client" means a person or entity that contracts with, or otherwise enters into an agreement with, an appraisal management company for the purpose of real estate appraisal services.

(6) "Controlling person" means:

(a) an owner, officer, or director of a corporation, partnership, limited liability company, or other business entity that seeks to offer an appraisal management service in this State;

(b) an individual employed, appointed, or authorized by an appraisal management company authorized to enter a management agreement with certified or licensed appraisers, who are independent contractors, for the performance of real estate appraisal services; or

(c) an individual who possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of an appraisal management company.

(7) "Covered transaction" means any consumer credit transaction secured by a consumer's principal dwelling, which does not have to be a federally related transaction.

~~(7)~~(8) "Independent contractor" means a person in a trade, business, or profession in which he offers his services to the general public, in which the payer has the right to control or direct only the result of the work and not what will be done and how it will be done.

~~(8)~~(9) "Real estate appraisal services" means the practice of developing an opinion of the value of real property in conformance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) published by the Appraisal Foundation.

~~(9)~~(10) "Payor" means a person or entity responsible for making payment for the appraisal.

SECTION X. Section 40-60-330 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-60-330. (A)(1) A person may not directly or indirectly engage or attempt to engage in business as an appraisal management company, or directly or indirectly engage or attempt to perform appraisal management services, or advertise or hold himself out as engaging in or conducting business as an appraisal management company without first obtaining a registration issued by the board under the provisions of this chapter.

(2) To register as an appraisal management company, an applicant shall submit to the board an application on a form or forms prescribed by the board.

~~(3) In the event that a registration process is unavailable upon the effective date of this article, an appraisal management company already conducting business in this State may continue to conduct business pursuant to the article until one hundred twenty days after a registration process becomes available.~~

(B) The registration application required in subsection (A) must include:

(1) the name of the entity seeking registration;

(2) the business address of the entity seeking registration;

(3) contact information of the entity seeking registration;

(4) the name and contact information for the company's agent for service of process in this State if the entity seeking registration is not a corporation that is domiciled in this State;

(5) contact information for an individual, corporation,

partnership, or other business entity that owns ten percent or more of the appraisal management company;

(6) the name, address, and contact information of a controlling person;

(7) certification that the entity seeking registration has a system and process in place to verify that a person being added to the appraiser panel of the appraisal management company holds a certification or license in good standing in this State pursuant to the South Carolina Real Estate Appraisers Act;

(8) certification that the applicant has a system in place to review the work of all certified or licensed appraisers who are independent contractors and perform real estate appraisal services for the appraisal management company on a periodic basis to validate that the real estate appraisal services are being conducted pursuant to Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisals Practice;

(9) certification that the entity maintains a detailed record of each service request that it receives and the certified or licensed appraisers who are independent contractors and who perform the real estate appraisal services for the appraisal management company;

(10) an irrevocable consent to service of process;

(11) ~~a detailed statement of current financial condition of the entity on a form approved by the board or a surety bond in an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars, whichever the registering appraisal management company selects~~a surety bond in the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars on a surety bond form approved by the board, provided:

(a) the registration requirement provided in this item does not apply to an individual appraiser or an individual appraiser serving on an appraisal panel of an appraisal management company, and appraisal management companies are responsible for any cost of a surety bond as required by this item;

(b) surety bond claims may be filed by the claimant in accordance with the terms of the surety bond on a bond claim form approved by the board, provided claims are limited to actual damages and do not include attorney's fees or punitive damages incurred by the claimant; and

(c) all liability on a surety bond is applicable to the surety bond in effect as of the date of occurrence which gave rise to the liability;

(12) ~~authorization for the board to conduct a criminal background check of all controlling persons and any individual who owns ten percent or more of the appraisal management company~~a criminal history background check, pursuant to Section 40-60-31(5), for each controlling

person and any individual who owns more than ten percent of the appraisal management company. All costs associated with obtaining a criminal history background check shall be the responsibility of the regulated individual or entity; and

(13) certification that the person has a system in place to require that appraisals are conducted independently and free from inappropriate influence and coercion, as required by the appraisal independence standards established under Section 129E of the Truth in Lending Act, 15 U.S.C. Section 1639e.

(C) A change of an entity's name, address, organizational status, or federal identification number must be reported to the department within fifteen days. Failure to do so may result in registration cancellation and the requirement of the new entity to submit an initial application and meet all requirements for registration.

(D) The board shall review and approve or deny the registration of an appraisal management company.

~~(E) The registration requirement provided in subsection (B)(11), whether a financial statement or a surety bond is selected, does not apply to individual appraisers or individual appraisers serving on an appraisal panel of an appraisal management company. Appraisal management companies shall be responsible for any cost of a surety bond as required by subsection (B)(11).~~

SECTION X. Section 40-60-340(5) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(5) ~~an~~a federally regulated appraisal management company that is ~~a subsidiary owned and controlled by a financial institution regulated by a federal financial institution regulatory agency, except~~owned and controlled by an insured depository institution as defined in 12 U.S.C. Section 1813 and regulated by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, except that each appraisal management company exempt from registration pursuant to this subsection shall comply with the requirements of Section 40-60-360(C).

SECTION X. Section 40-60-350 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-60-350. (A) An initial registration granted by the board pursuant to this article is valid for one year from the date of issuance ~~through expiration~~ unless renewed pursuant to subsection (B).

(B) To renew ~~biennially~~anually, an entity actively registered under this article shall submit all information required by the board before June thirtieth, and the board shall review and renew or review and deny the renewal of the registration of an appraisal management company.

(C) Failure to renew registration by the renewal date must result in the loss of authority to operate under this article. An AMC that fails to renew may be subject to penalties as provided for in this chapter.

(D) A request to reinstate registration within twelve months of expiration must be accompanied by a payment penalty ~~of one hundred dollars for each month of delinquency~~as promulgated by the board in regulation.

(E) A registration expired for more than twelve months must be canceled but may be considered for reinstatement by the board upon proper application and payment of the original registration fee and any late fee. ~~The application must be reviewed by the board to determine reinstatement and any further required conditions of the reinstatement.~~

SECTION X. Section 40-60-360 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-60-360. (A) The board shall promulgate regulations to establish fees for registration, renewal, and reinstatement and additional fees as are reasonably necessary for the administration of this chapter and as required in subsection (B) and (C). The fees must be established in consideration of the costs of administering this chapter and the actual cost of the specific service to be provided or performed. The board periodically shall review and adjust the schedule of fees as needed to cover expenses.

(B) The board also shall collect the information and national registry fees established by the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council pursuant to 12 U.S.C. Section 3338 and regulations adopted pursuant to it from each appraisal management company registered in this State or seeking to be registered in this State.

(C) The board shall collect the information and the national registry fees established by the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council pursuant to 12 U.S.C. Section 3338 and regulations adopted pursuant to it from each appraisal management company exempt from registration pursuant to Section 40-60-340(5).

(D) All appraisal management company national registry fees collected must be transferred to the appraisal subcommittee.

(E) The board shall adopt regulations regarding the determination of the size of the appraiser panel of an appraisal management company in accordance with the rules of the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council pursuant to 12 U.S.C. Section 3338.

(F) Notwithstanding another provision of this chapter, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. Section 3338 and regulations pursuant to it, the board must

transmit to the appraisal subcommittee, on a timely basis, reports of supervisory activities involving appraisal management companies or other third-party providers of appraisals and appraisal management services, including investigations initiated and action taken.

SECTION X. Section 40-60-370 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-60-370. (A) An appraisal management company ~~applying for registration in this State may not~~shall not be registered in this State or included on the national registry if:

(1) ~~be owned~~it is owned, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by a person who has had an appraiser certificate or license refused, denied, canceled, surrendered in lieu of revocation, or revoked in this State or in another state ~~unless the certificate or license was subsequently granted or reinstated; or~~for a substantive cause, as determined by the appropriate state appraiser certifying the licensing agency;

(2) ~~be more than ten percent owned by a~~any person who ~~is~~owns more than ten percent of the appraisal management company if the board determines he does not ~~of~~have good moral character, which for purposes of this section requires that the person has not been convicted of or entered a plea of nolo contendere to a felony relating to the practice of appraisal, banking, mortgage lending, or the provision of financial services, or a crime involving fraud~~,~~ or misrepresentation~~, or moral turpitude.~~; or

(3) any controlling person or person who owns more than ten percent of the appraisal management company fails to submit to a criminal history background check as required by Section 40-60-31(5) of this chapter or regulations promulgated pursuant to it.

~~(B) For purposes of this section, each owner of more than ten percent of an appraisal management company shall submit to a criminal background check.~~

SECTION X. Section 40-60-400 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-60-400. An employee, or independent contractor of, the appraisal management company must be an appraiser certified or licensed in this State to perform a Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisals Practice ~~Standard~~Standards 3 and 4 appraisal review of property located in this State.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. LIGON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen

Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4376--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4376 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, M. M. Smith, Caskey, T. Moore, Wooten, J. L. Johnson, Davis, Sessions, Guffey, Ligon, O'Neal, Pope, Hart and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 25-12-10, 25-12-30, AND 25-12-50, ALL RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED HUMAN REMAINS OF A DECEASED VETERAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25 ALSO APPLY TO THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED HUMAN REMAINS OF A DECEASED VETERAN AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25 ARE MANDATORY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-590, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CORONERS TO RELEASE CERTAIN HUMAN REMAINS THAT HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE THOSE OF AN UNCLAIMED DECEASED VETERAN TO A FUNERAL HOME, FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT, OR MORTUARY FOR DISPOSITION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25.

Rep. B. J. COX explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 116; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	White

Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--116

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4928--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4928 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Hart, Jefferson, J. Moore, Caskey and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-21-10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS' TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDRAISING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 25-21-30, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABILITY TO FUNDRAISE.

Rep. B. J. COX explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch

Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 5008--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5008 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUME 17A OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, TO THE EXTENT OF ITS CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL

PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford

Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 5015--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5015 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-7-68, RELATING TO FORMAT OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL, SO AS TO PROVIDE NEW PROVISOS TO BE UNDERLINED INSTEAD OF ITALICIZED.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard

Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

R. 102, H. 4300--GOVERNOR'S VETOES CONTINUED

The Vetoes on the following Act were taken up:

(R. 102, H. 4300) -- Ways and Means Committee: AN ACT TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to continue the Vetoes, which was agreed to.

H. 3951--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3951 -- Reps. Haddon, G. M. Smith, Bannister, Hiott, Ligon, Hixon, Leber, Erickson, Forrest, Brewer, Murphy, Robbins, Willis, Calhoon, Pope, Davis and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "WORKING AGRICULTURAL LANDS PRESERVATION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 57 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE, AND OUTLINE PROGRAM CRITERIA, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. HADDON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 7

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley

Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
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Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Harris	Kilmartin
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
White		

Total--7

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4841 -- Rep. Hayes: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF FRIENDSHIP ROAD IN DILLON COUNTY FROM STATE ROAD 308 (LESTER ROAD) TO STATE ROAD 71 (JUDGE ROAD) "JACKSON RYAN WINKELER MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS DESIGNATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4878 -- Rep. Ott: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 6 IN LEXINGTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH TICKLE WEED ROAD "STANLEY MYERS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:30 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. LIGON, adjourned in memory of Thomas "Tom" Brice Hall, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Wednesday, February 7, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from John 9:38: "He said, 'Lord, I believe,' and he worshiped him."

Let us pray. We give thanks, Heavenly Father, for this time together to do the work for the people of South Carolina. Help us to spread Your love, O Lord, even when we cannot see the results of our words and actions today. Bless and protect our defenders of freedom and first responders. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of themselves to the service of this State. Continue Your protection on our service members as they protect us. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Ron Henegan, husband of Representative Henegan.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Don Robbins, uncle of Representative Robbins.

STATEMENT BY REP. W. JONES

Rep. W. JONES made a statement relative to Lottie Gibson's contributions to South Carolina.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

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

H. 4957 -- Reps. Hiott, Erickson, G. M. Smith, Hayes, McGinnis, Rose, Elliott, Alexander, Schuessler, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, T. Moore, B. Newton, Neese, Oremus, Hixon and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES' COMPENSATION FOR NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO REVISE SEVERAL DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-20, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF COMPENSATION FOR USE OF AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND CERTAIN AGENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS MAY ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT MAY ENABLE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO EARN COMPENSATION FOR USE OF THE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS OF THE ATHLETE, AND TO PROVIDE THE INSTITUTIONS ALSO MAY PERMIT INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO USE TRADEMARKS AND FACILITIES OF THE INSTITUTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-30, RELATING TO THE AFFECTS OF NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS COMPENSATION ON GRANT-IN-AID OR ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS MAY NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PROGRAM AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-40, RELATING TO ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED ACTIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS-RELATED MATTERS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY FOR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING EMPLOYEES FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM CERTAIN ROUTINE DECISIONS MADE IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONDUCT BY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS, ATHLETIC

CONFERENCES, OR OTHER GROUPS WITH AUTHORITY OVER INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-50, RELATING TO GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE CERTAIN MATTERS CONCERNING NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGREEMENTS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO AN EXCEPTION AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO CERTAIN ENTITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-60, RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND PROVISIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2018, AND TO PROVIDE ATHLETE AGENTS SHALL COMPLY WITH CERTAIN FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2018, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "ATHLETE AGENT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-100, RELATING TO AGENCY CONTRACTS, SO AS TO REMOVE A PROVISION CONCERNING COMPENSATION; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-70 RELATING TO DISCLOSURES AND LIMITATIONS IN NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND REVOCATION PERIODS FOR SUCH CONTRACTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-80 RELATING TO GOVERNING LAW AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE CONTRACTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5047 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes,

Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STAN SMITH, DEPUTY CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5048 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF VASHTI ERNESTINE YOUNG "V.E." O'NEAL OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5049 -- Reps. Howard, Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder,

Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A LUMINOUS SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUALS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5050 -- Rep. Erickson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 7, 2024, AS "ADVANCED PLACEMENT DAY" AT THE STATE HOUSE.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5051 -- Reps. Bauer, Bernstein, Cobb-Hunter, Pendarvis, Ott, Williams, King, Gagnon, Rivers, Hosey, Rose and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-260 SO AS TO CREATE THE CONGRESSIONAL FUND APPROVAL COMMITTEE TO

DETERMINE WHICH FEDERAL FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO THIS STATE AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5052 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, Elliott, May, B. J. Cox, Kilmartin, Guest, McCabe, O'Neal, Burns, S. Jones, Beach, Long, Pace, Gilliam, Cromer, White, M. M. Smith, Chumley, Crawford, Vaughan, McCravy, Leber and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THIS STATE MUST BE ELECTED IN PARTISAN ELECTIONS, TO PROVIDE FILING METHODS AND DEADLINES FOR CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION TO SUCH OFFICES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION CONTROL IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT WITH THE LOCAL LAW PROVISIONS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 305 -- Senators Young, M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Turner, Fanning, Climer, Stephens, Rankin, Loftis, Garrett, Matthews, Adams, Gustafson and Sabb: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE MAY BE AWARDED ON AN INITIAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE IF THE PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS IN OR RELATED TO THE CONTENT FIELD OF THE CERTIFICATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING CERTIFICATE HOLDERS MAY ALSO RECEIVE THE SAME CREDIT FOR PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 778 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING TITLE 40, CHAPTER 63, ARTICLE 5 SO AS TO CREATE THE SOCIAL WORK MEMBER STATE COMPACT, OUTLINE THE RULES OF THE COMPACT, AND DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wheeler	White

Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--119

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HENEGAN a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MAGNUSON a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. TRANTHAM a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WETMORE a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Jennifer Root of Lexington was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or

co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3742
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	J. E. JOHNSON, CARTER, HADDON, FELDER, CALHOON, ELLIOTT, HERBKERSMAN and BRITTAIN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3784
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	CLYBURN, HOSEY, KING and WILLIAMS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3895
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	OREMUS, BLACKWELL, GUFFEY, JEFFERSON, LEBER, MAY, WILLIS, GUEST, WILLIAMS, HADDON, WHITE, BRITTAIN, T. MOORE and KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4231
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	LEBER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4625
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	BLACKWELL, OREMUS, FELDER, O'NEAL, GUFFEY, LOWE, JORDAN, LIGON, BUSTOS, LEBER and LANDING

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4626
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	BLACKWELL, OREMUS, FELDER, LOWE, JORDAN, LIGON, BUSTOS, LEBER and LANDING

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4628
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	J. L. JOHNSON, HOSEY and CLYBURN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4635
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4710
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	BLACKWELL

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4716
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	HOSEY and CLYBURN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4719
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	J. L. JOHNSON, HOSEY, CLYBURN and PENDARVIS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4957
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	SCHUESSLER, CALHOON, M. M. SMITH, DAVIS, T. MOORE, B. NEWTON, NEESE, OREMUS, HIXON and TAYLOR

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4958
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	FELDER and BERNSTEIN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5012
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	HAGER, SANDIFER and ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5017
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5022
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	B. NEWTON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5023
Date:	ADD:
02/07/24	J. L. JOHNSON, PEDALINO and B. NEWTON

H. 4876--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4876 -- Reps. Jefferson, Cobb-Hunter, Robbins, Gatch, Murphy and Brewer: A BILL TO CHANGE THE CANDIDATE FILING METHOD FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 FROM THE PETITION METHOD TO THE FILING OF A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY WITH THE DORCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 3992 -- Reps. Blackwell, McGinnis, Sandifer, Ligon, Cromer, Magnuson, White, Pace and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-60, RELATING TO DELINQUENT UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TAX RATES, SO AS TO PERMIT EMPLOYERS WITH INSTALLMENT PAYMENT AGREEMENTS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE TO PAY THE TAX AT A REDUCED RATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC REVERSION OF THIS RATE UPON FAILURE TO TIMELY COMPLY WITH THE PAYMENT AGREEMENT.

H. 4869 -- Reps. Sandifer, Hardee, Ligon and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-3-150, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE OR HIS DESIGNEES TO CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUCH INVESTIGATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-9-200, RELATING TO CONDITIONS FOR ALLOWING REINSURANCE CREDITS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-13-10, RELATING TO INSURER EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE SUCH EXAMINATIONS ARE FINANCIAL EXAMINATIONS, TO APPLY THE PROVISIONS TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER LICENSEES OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE MARKET CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-13-70, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO

PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEES MAY CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INVESTIGATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FINAL ORDERS DISCIPLINING LICENSEES ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-57-130, RELATING TO INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REVISED EXEMPTIONS FROM PROVISIONS PROHIBITING MISREPRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS, AND REBATES IN INSURANCE CONTRACTS.

H. 3278 -- Reps. West, Ligon and Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 40-60-30, 40-60-31, AND 40-60-33, ALL RELATING TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MODIFY EXEMPTIONS, REVISE AND PROVIDE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND ACCEPTABLE EQUIVALENCIES FOR APPRENTICE APPRAISERS; AND TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSED MASS APPRAISERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-34, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO APPRENTICE APPRAISERS AND APPRAISERS SUPERVISING APPRENTICES, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-35, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO IMPOSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UPON LICENSEES; BY ADDING SECTION 40-60-36 SO AS TO IMPOSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UPON PROVIDERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-37, RELATING TO RECIPROCAL APPLICATIONS FROM APPRAISERS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-40, RELATING TO REQUIRED APPRAISER CONTACT INFORMATION, SO AS TO INCLUDE EMAIL ADDRESSES OF LICENSEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-320, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF APPRAISAL PANEL; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-330, RELATING TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING CERTAIN FINANCIAL INFORMATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-360, RELATING TO PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS, SO AS TO SPECIFY REQUIRED REGULATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-420, RELATING TO RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR

REGISTRATION RENEWAL, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING RECORDS THAT APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES MUST PROVIDE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-450, RELATING TO COMPENSATION, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABLE GOVERNING FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

H. 4376 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, M. M. Smith, Caskey, T. Moore, Wooten, J. L. Johnson, Davis, Sessions, Guffey, Ligon, O'Neal, Pope, Hart and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 25-12-10, 25-12-30, AND 25-12-50, ALL RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED HUMAN REMAINS OF A DECEASED VETERAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25 ALSO APPLY TO THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED HUMAN REMAINS OF A DECEASED VETERAN AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25 ARE MANDATORY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-590, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CORONERS TO RELEASE CERTAIN HUMAN REMAINS THAT HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE THOSE OF AN UNCLAIMED DECEASED VETERAN TO A FUNERAL HOME, FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT, OR MORTUARY FOR DISPOSITION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25.

H. 4928 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Hart, Jefferson, J. Moore, Caskey and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-21-10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS' TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDRAISING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 25-21-30, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABILITY TO FUNDRAISE.

H. 5008 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUME 17A OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, TO THE EXTENT OF ITS CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024.

H. 5015 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-7-68, RELATING TO FORMAT OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL, SO AS TO PROVIDE NEW PROVISOS TO BE UNDERLINED INSTEAD OF ITALICIZED.

S. 245--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 245 -- Senators Kimbrell and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WITH CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS IS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING AS THE TREASURER OF A BOOSTER CLUB, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH BOOSTER CLUB WITHIN A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ANNUALLY REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD MUST RUN A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK TO DETERMINE IF THE TREASURER OF A BOOSTER CLUB IS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING IN THAT ROLE DUE TO A CRIMINAL CONVICTION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 245 (LC-245.WAB0005H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-17-170(C)(1) and inserting:

(C)(1) Each booster club within a school district or affiliated with a charter school must annually register with the school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer no later than August first. The registration shall include the name of the booster club, its purpose, the name of each of the booster club's officers, including its designated financial officer, and other information required by the school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer. A booster club may be required by the school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer to submit an accounting compilation or review. A school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer may not require an external audit from a booster club except for a finding of specific cause determined by a majority vote of the board members or other governing body.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-17-

170(D)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(D)(1) Upon the receipt of a booster club's registration, a school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer shall request a state criminal records check, including fingerprints, from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division of the financial officer. The school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer shall immediately notify a booster club if the criminal records check reveals that its financial officer is prohibited from serving in that role for the booster club pursuant to subsection (B).

(2) A school district board of trustees or charter school authorizer may charge a fee to offset the costs associated with the state criminal records check.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Yow proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to S. 245 (LC-245.WAB0007H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-17-170(D)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(D) Upon the receipt of a booster club's registration, a school district board of trustees may request a state criminal records check, including fingerprints, from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division of the financial officer. The school district board of trustees shall immediately notify a booster club if the criminal records check reveals that its financial officer is prohibited from serving in that role for the booster club pursuant to subsection (B).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. YOW explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total—0

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

H. 4832--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4832 -- Reps. Hardee, Sandifer, Anderson, Ligon and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH FAMILY LEAVE BENEFITS, OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS OF FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE POLICIES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4832 (LC-4832.PH0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by adding:

Section 38-103-90. The department shall provide an annual report to the legislature and the public beginning on January 1, 2025, and each year thereafter, with information regarding the utilization of family leave insurance as authorized in this section, including:

(1) the number of insurers in the State who are currently offering family leave insurance;

(2) the total number of employers in the State who have purchased family leave insurance; and

(3) a breakdown of which employers in the State have purchased family leave insurance by industry and employer size.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HARDEE spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wheeler	White

Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3594--POINT OF ORDER

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3594 -- Reps. B.J. Cox, G.M. Smith, Lowe, Wooten, Hiott, Bailey, Beach, Burns, Caskey, Crawford, Cromer, Elliott, Forrest, Haddon, Hardee, Hixon, Hyde, Jordan, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, A.M. Morgan, T.A. Morgan, T. Moore, B. Newton, Nutt, Oremus, M.M. Smith, S. Jones, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Willis, Yow, West, Lawson, Chapman, Chumley, Leber, Mitchell, Pace, Harris, O'Neal, Kilmartin, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Hager, Sandifer, Connell, Gilliam, Davis, B.L. Cox, Vaughan, White, Collins, J.E. Johnson, Gagnon, Gibson, W. Newton, Bustos, Herbkersman, Landing, Moss, Pope and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2023" BY AMENDING SECTION 10-11-320, RELATING TO CARRYING OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDERS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION THAT MAKES THIS SECTION INAPPLICABLE TO PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMITS AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS WHO POSSESS FIREARMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-20, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PLACES WHERE AND CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH HANDGUNS MAY BE CARRIED, AND PERSONS WHO MAY CARRY HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-50, RELATING TO CERTAIN PENALTIES, DISPOSITION OF FINES,

AND FORFEITURE AND DISPOSITION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-55, RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR RETURNING FOUND HANDGUNS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO FILING APPLICATIONS TO OBTAIN FOUND HANDGUNS, AND PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO MAINTAIN POSSESSION OR DISPOSE OF FOUND HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-420, RELATING TO POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION, AND DELETE THE TERM "WEAPON" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "FIREARM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-430, RELATING TO CARRYING WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-465, RELATING TO THE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFULLY CARRYING PISTOLS OR FIREARMS ONTO PREMISES OF BUSINESSES SELLING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, BEER, OR WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN OFFENSES THAT PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN DEADLY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO PERSONS WHO KNOWINGLY CARRY CERTAIN FIREARMS, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS LAWFULLY CARRYING FIREARMS WHO DO NOT CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-215, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS REQUIRING PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY PERMITS WHILE CARRYING WEAPONS AND IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS PERMIT HOLDERS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO REPORT THE LOSSES OF PERMITS TO SLED, TO REVISE THE PREMISES UPON WHICH PERMIT HOLDERS MUST NOT CARRY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE

ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES EXEMPTIONS TO CARRYING PERMITS, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR CARRYING EXPIRED PERMITS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-220, RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO ALLOW OR PERMIT CONCEALED WEAPONS UPON PREMISES AND THE POSTING OF SIGNS PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, THAT PERSONS MUST KNOWINGLY VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION TO BE CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION, AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT LIMIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN WEAPONS IN STATE PARKS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-232, RELATING TO CARRYING CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ON PREMISES OF CERTAIN SCHOOLS LEASED BY CHURCHES, SO AS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE CHURCH OFFICIALS OR GOVERNING BODIES MAY ALLOW ANY PERSON TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON ON THE LEASED PREMISES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-235, RELATING TO CONCEALABLE WEAPON SIGN REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SIGNS MUST BE POSTED AT LOCATIONS WHERE THE CARRYING OF CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ARE PROHIBITED; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-600, RELATING TO RETIRED PERSONNEL, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 16-23-460, 23-31-225, AND 23-31-230, RELATING TO THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS BY INDIVIDUALS ON THEIR PERSON, INTO RESIDENCES OR DWELLINGS, OR BETWEEN A MOTOR VEHICLE AND A RENTED ACCOMMODATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-500, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY PERSONS CONVICTED OF VIOLENT OFFENSES, THE CONFISCATION OF CERTAIN WEAPONS, AND THE RETURN OF FIREARMS TO INNOCENT OWNERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIST OF CRIMES SUBJECT TO THIS PROVISION AND THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH VIOLATIONS, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM “CRIME PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF MORE THAN ONE YEAR”.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. J. COX made the Point of Order that the Senate Amendments were improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to such reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. FORREST.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

H. 3608--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3608 -- Reps. Hixon, Bailey and Brittain: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-39-260, RELATING TO RECORDS OF SALES OR CONVEYANCES AND RESULTING CHANGES IN DUPLICATES AND ENDORSEMENT OF DEEDS BY AUDITORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE RECORDS OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY SALES AND TO REMOVE COUNTY AUDITOR FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5-120, RELATING TO THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN CONVEYANCES NOT ENDORSED BY A COUNTY AUDITOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY CONVEYANCE MEETING THE STATUTORY PREREQUISITES FOR RECORDING ARE VALID AND BINDING; BY REPEALING SECTION 30-5-80 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF THE AUDITOR'S ENDORSEMENT BEFORE THE RECORDATION OF DEEDS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 8-21-130 RELATING TO FEES COLLECTED BY COUNTY AUDITORS FOR AN ENDORSEMENT ON A DEED.

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

H. 4231--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4231 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Davis, Bernstein, Guest, Brittain, Henegan, B. Newton, Carter, B. L. Cox, Bannister, Herbkersman, Robbins, Schuessler, Hart and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-1155, RELATING TO MICRO-DISTILLERIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MICRO-DISTILLERY MAY SELL CERTAIN LIQUORS DISTILLED ON THE PREMISES ON SUNDAYS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4160, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON CERTAIN DAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES MAY AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON SUNDAYS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

H. 4364--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4364 -- Reps. W. Newton, Davis, Rutherford, Bernstein, M. M. Smith, Ott, Brittain, Guest, Hewitt, Elliott, Stavrinakis, Bradley, Wooten, Murphy, Herbkersman, Leber, Sessions, Caskey, Rose, Mitchell, Brewer, Guffey, Hardee, Collins, Gatch, B. Newton, Pace, Bauer, Bailey, Erickson, Schuessler and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-170, RELATING TO DRIVE-THROUGH OR CURBSIDE SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-280 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN BEER AND WINE AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1570 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER

CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; AND BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1580 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS.

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

H. 4710--INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4710 -- Reps. West, G. M. Smith, Bannister, Davis, Guest, Forrest, Hewitt, M. M. Smith, Long, B. Newton, Thayer, Hager, Leber, Mitchell, Brittain, Gatch, Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Caskey, T. Moore, Hardee, Erickson, Bradley and Blackwell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-35-50, RELATING TO MAXIMUM UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS ALLOWED, SO AS TO SET THE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS BASED ON SEASONAL ADJUSTED STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4710 (LC-4710.WAB0006H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 41-35-50~~(2)~~(A) and inserting:

(A) The number of weeks an individual is allowed to receive unemployment benefits depends on the seasonally adjusted statewide unemployment rate that applies to the six-month reference period that includes the effective date of the claim. One six-month reference period begins on January first and one six-month reference period begins on July first. For the reference period that begins January first, the average of the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the State for the preceding months of July, August, and September apply. For the reference period that begins July first, the average of the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the State for the preceding months of January, February, and March apply. The Department of Employment and Workforce must use the most recent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate determined by the U.S. Department of Labor,

Bureau of Labor Statistics, and not the rate as revised in the annual benchmark.

Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rate	Number of Weeks
Less than or equal to 5.5%	12 weeks
Greater than 5.5% up to 6%	13 weeks
Greater than 6% up to 6.5%	14 weeks
Greater than 6.5% up to 7%	15 weeks
Greater than 7% up to 7.5%	16 weeks
Greater than 7.5% up to 8%	17 weeks
Greater than 8% up to 8.5%	18 weeks
Greater than 8.5% up to 9%	19 weeks
Greater than 9%	20 weeks

Amend the bill further, SECTION 10001, by striking Section 41-35-120(2) and inserting:

(2)(a) Discharge for misconduct connected with the employment. If the department finds that he has been discharged for misconduct connected with his most recent work prior to filing a request for determination of insured status or a request for initiation of a claim series within an established benefit year, with ineligibility beginning with the effective date of the request, and continuing for the ~~next twenty weeks~~maximum duration of benefits applicable to the claim, in addition to the waiting period, with a corresponding and mandatory reduction of the insured worker's benefits to be calculated by multiplying his weekly benefit amount by ~~twenty~~the maximum duration of benefits applicable to the claim. For the purposes of this item, "misconduct" is limited to conduct evincing such wilful and wanton disregard of an employer's interests as is found in deliberate violations or disregard of standards of behavior which the employer has the right to expect of his employee, or in the carelessness or negligence of such degree or recurrence as to manifest equal culpability, wrongful intent, or evil design, or to show an intentional and substantial disregard of the employer's interest or of the employee's duties and obligations to his employer. No finding of misconduct may be made for discharge resulting from an extreme hardship, emergency, sickness, or other extraordinary circumstance.

(b) If the department finds that he has been discharged for cause, other than misconduct as defined in item (2)(a), connected with his most recent work prior to filing a request for determination of insured status or a request for initiation of a claim series within an established benefit year, then the department must find him partially ineligible. The ineligibility must begin with the effective date of the request, and

continuing not less than five nor more than ~~the next nineteen weeks~~one week less than the maximum duration of benefits applicable to the claim, in addition to the waiting period. A corresponding and mandatory reduction of the insured worker's benefits, to be calculated by multiplying his weekly benefit amount by the number of weeks of his disqualification, must be made. The ineligibility period must be determined by the department in each case according to the seriousness of the cause for discharge. Discharge resulting from substandard performance due to inefficiency, inability, or incapacity shall not serve as a basis for disqualification under either subitem (a) or (b) of this item.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and is applicable for unemployment insurance claims with an effective date on or after October 1, 2024.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. Caskey proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4710 (LC-4710.WAB0008H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 41-35-50(A) and inserting:

(A) The number of weeks an individual is allowed to receive unemployment benefits depends on the seasonally adjusted statewide unemployment rate that applies to the six-month reference period that includes the effective date of the claim. One six-month reference period begins on January first and one six-month reference period begins on July first. For the reference period that begins January first, the average of the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the State for the preceding months of July, August, and September apply. For the reference period that begins July first, the average of the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the State for the preceding months of January, February, and March apply. The Department of Employment and Workforce must use the most recent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate determined by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and not the rate as revised in the annual benchmark.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 41-35-120(2) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2)(a) Discharge for misconduct connected with the employment. If the department finds that he has been discharged for misconduct connected with his most recent work prior to filing a request for determination of insured status or a request for initiation of a claim series within an established benefit year, with ineligibility beginning with the effective date of the request, and continuing for the ~~next twenty weeks~~maximum duration of benefits applicable to the claim, in addition to the waiting period, with a corresponding and mandatory reduction of the insured worker's benefits to be calculated by multiplying his weekly benefit amount by ~~twenty~~the maximum duration of benefits applicable to the claim. For the purposes of this item, "misconduct" is limited to conduct evincing such wilful and wanton disregard of an employer's interests as is found in deliberate violations or disregard of standards of behavior which the employer has the right to expect of his employee, or in the carelessness or negligence of such degree or recurrence as to manifest equal culpability, wrongful intent, or evil design, or to show an intentional and substantial disregard of the employer's interest or of the employee's duties and obligations to his employer. No finding of misconduct may be made for discharge resulting from an extreme hardship, emergency, sickness, or other extraordinary circumstance.

(b) If the department finds that he has been discharged for cause, other than misconduct as defined in item (2)(a), connected with his most recent work prior to filing a request for determination of insured status or a request for initiation of a claim series within an established benefit year, then the department must find him partially ineligible. The ineligibility must begin with the effective date of the request, and continuing not less than five nor more than ~~the next nineteen weeks~~one week less than the maximum duration of benefits applicable to the claim, in addition to the waiting period. A corresponding and mandatory reduction of the insured worker's benefits, to be calculated by multiplying his weekly benefit amount by the number of weeks of his disqualification, must be made. The ineligibility period must be determined by the department in each case according to the seriousness of the cause for discharge. Discharge resulting from substandard performance due to inefficiency, inability, or incapacity shall not serve as a basis for disqualification under either subitem (a) or (b) of this item.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and is applicable for unemployment insurance claims with an effective date on or after October 1, 2024.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY spoke in favor of the amendment.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. HART spoke against the amendment.
Rep. HART spoke against the amendment.
Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.

Further proceedings were interrupted by the SPEAKER addressing the House pursuant to Rule 1.6.

SPEAKER ADDRESSES HOUSE

Pursuant to House Rule 1.6, the SPEAKER addresses the Body concerning a matter of importance to the House.

H. 4710--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of Amendment No. 2:

H. 4710 -- Reps. West, G. M. Smith, Bannister, Davis, Guest, Forrest, Hewitt, M. M. Smith, Long, B. Newton, Thayer, Hager, Leber, Mitchell, Brittain, Gatch, Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Caskey, T. Moore, Hardee, Erickson, Bradley and Blackwell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-35-50, RELATING TO MAXIMUM UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS ALLOWED, SO AS TO SET THE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS BASED ON SEASONAL ADJUSTED STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES.

Rep. Caskey proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4710 (LC-4710.WAB0008H), which was adopted:

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

41-35-50(A) and inserting:

(A) The number of weeks an individual is allowed to receive unemployment benefits depends on the seasonally adjusted statewide unemployment rate that applies to the six-month reference period that includes the effective date of the claim. One six-month reference period begins on January first and one six-month reference period begins on July first. For the reference period that begins January first, the average of the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the State for the preceding months of July, August, and September apply. For the reference period that begins July first, the average of the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the State for the preceding months of January, February, and March apply. The Department of Employment and Workforce must use the most recent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate determined by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and not the rate as revised in the annual benchmark.

Seasonally Unemployment Rate	Number of Weeks
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Greater than 6% up to 6.5%	14 weeks
Greater than 6.5% up to 7%	15 weeks
Greater than 7% up to 7.5%	16 weeks
Greater than 7.5% up to 8%	17 weeks
Greater than 8% up to 8.5%	18 weeks
Greater than 8.5% up to 9%	19 weeks
Greater than 9%	20 weeks

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 41-35-120(2) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2)(a) Discharge for misconduct connected with the employment. If the department finds that he has been discharged for misconduct connected with his most recent work prior to filing a request for determination of insured status or a request for initiation of a claim series within an established benefit year, with ineligibility beginning with the effective date of the request, and continuing for the ~~next twenty weeks~~maximum duration of benefits applicable to the claim, in addition to the waiting period, with a corresponding and mandatory reduction of the insured worker's benefits to be calculated by multiplying his weekly benefit amount by ~~twenty~~the maximum duration of benefits applicable

to the claim. For the purposes of this item, "misconduct" is limited to conduct evincing such wilful and wanton disregard of an employer's interests as is found in deliberate violations or disregard of standards of behavior which the employer has the right to expect of his employee, or in the carelessness or negligence of such degree or recurrence as to manifest equal culpability, wrongful intent, or evil design, or to show an intentional and substantial disregard of the employer's interest or of the employee's duties and obligations to his employer. No finding of misconduct may be made for discharge resulting from an extreme hardship, emergency, sickness, or other extraordinary circumstance.

(b) If the department finds that he has been discharged for cause, other than misconduct as defined in item (2)(a), connected with his most recent work prior to filing a request for determination of insured status or a request for initiation of a claim series within an established benefit year, then the department must find him partially ineligible. The ineligibility must begin with the effective date of the request, and continuing not less than five nor more than ~~the next nineteen weeks~~one week less than the maximum duration of benefits applicable to the claim, in addition to the waiting period. A corresponding and mandatory reduction of the insured worker's benefits, to be calculated by multiplying his weekly benefit amount by the number of weeks of his disqualification, must be made. The ineligibility period must be determined by the department in each case according to the seriousness of the cause for discharge. Discharge resulting from substandard performance due to inefficiency, inability, or incapacity shall not serve as a basis for disqualification under either subitem (a) or (b) of this item.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and is applicable for unemployment insurance claims with an effective date on or after October 1, 2024.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 86; Nays 30

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--86

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore

Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Thigpen
Weeks	Wheeler	Williams

Total--30

So, the amendment was adopted.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. Kirby proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 4710 (LC-4710.DG0012H), which was tabled:

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

SECTION X. Section 41-35-50 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 41-35-50. ~~The maximum potential benefits of any insured worker in a benefit year are the lesser of:~~

~~(1) twenty times his weekly benefit amount;~~

~~(2) one-third of his wages for insured work paid during his base period.~~

~~If the resulting amount is not a multiple of one dollar, the amount must be reduced to the next lower multiple of one dollar, except that no insured worker may receive benefits in a benefit year unless, subsequent to the beginning of the next preceding benefit year during which he received benefits, he performed "insured work" as defined in Section 41-27-300 and earned wages in the employ of a single employer in an amount equal to not less than eight times the weekly benefit amount established for the individual in the preceding benefit year.~~(A) The number of weeks an individual is allowed to receive unemployment benefits depends on the seasonally adjusted statewide unemployment rate that applies to the six-month reference period that includes the effective date of the claim. One six-month reference period begins on January first and one six-month reference period begins on July first. For the reference period that begins January first, the average of the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the State for the preceding months of July, August, and September apply. For the reference period that begins July first, the average of the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the State for the preceding months of January, February, and March apply. The Department of Employment and Workforce must use the most recent seasonally adjusted unemployment rate determined by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor

Statistics, and not the rate as revised in the annual benchmark.

(B) The total benefits paid to an individual equals the individual's weekly benefit amount allowed under Section 41-35-40 multiplied by twelve weeks if the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is less than five percent, or multiplied by twenty weeks if the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is greater than five percent.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. KIRBY explained the amendment.

Rep. KIRBY spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY spoke against the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 84; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss

Murphy	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Hart
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Weeks
Wheeler	Williams	

Total--32

So, the amendment was tabled.

Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Kirby and Rivers proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 4710 (LC-4710.DG0013H), which was tabled:

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

SECTION X. Section 41-35-50 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 41-35-50. ~~The maximum potential benefits of any insured worker in a benefit year are the lesser of:~~

~~(1) twenty times his weekly benefit amount;~~

~~(2) one-third of his wages for insured work paid during his base period.~~

~~If the resulting amount is not a multiple of one dollar, the amount must be reduced to the next lower multiple of one dollar, except that no insured worker may receive benefits in a benefit year unless, subsequent~~

~~to the beginning of the next preceding benefit year during which he received benefits, he performed "insured work" as defined in Section 41-27-300 and earned wages in the employ of a single employer in an amount equal to not less than eight times the weekly benefit amount established for the individual in the preceding benefit year.~~(A) The number of weeks an individual is allowed to receive unemployment benefits must be determined on an individual county basis based on the unemployment rate for the county that applies to the six-month reference period that includes the effective date of the claim. One six-month reference period begins on January first and one six-month reference period begins on July first. For the reference period that begins January first, the average of the county's unemployment rate for the county for the preceding months of July, August, and September apply. For the reference period that begins July first, the average of the county's unemployment rates for the county for the preceding months of January, February, and March apply.

(B) The total benefits paid to an individual equals the individual's weekly benefit amount allowed under Section 41-35-40 multiplied by the number of weeks applicable to the claimant's county of residence.

(C) The number of weeks multiplier for the six counties with the lowest unemployment rate equals twelve weeks. The number of weeks multiplier for the next five counties with the lowest unemployment rate shall increase by one additional week. This process of increasing one additional week shall continue until all forty-six counties have been considered and the multiplier for the five counties with the highest unemployment rate equals twenty weeks.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER explained the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 30

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Thayer
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Hart
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Pendarvis

Rivers	Rose	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Weeks	Williams

Total--30

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. Caskey proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 4710 (LC-4710.WAB0015H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 41-35-50~~(A)~~ and inserting:

(A) The number of weeks an individual is allowed to receive unemployment benefits depends on the seasonally adjusted statewide unemployment rate that applies to the three-month reference period in which the effective date of the claim falls. One three-month reference period begins on January first, the second three-month reference period begins on April first, the third three-month reference period begins on July first, and the fourth three-week reference period begins on October first. For the reference period that begins January first, the average of the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the State for the preceding months of August, September, and October apply. For the reference period that begins April first, the average of the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the State for the preceding months of November, December, and January apply. For the reference period that begins July first, the average of the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the State for the preceding months of February, March, and April apply. For the reference period that begins October first, the average of the seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for the State for the preceding months of May, June, and July apply. The Department of Employment and Workforce must use the most recent seasonally adjusted unemployment rates released by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Seasonally Unemployment Rate	Number of Weeks
Less than or equal to 5.5%	12 weeks
Greater than 5.5% up to 6%	13 weeks
Greater than 6% up to 6.5%	14 weeks
Greater than 6.5% up to 7%	15 weeks
Greater than 7% up to 7.5%	16 weeks
Greater than 7.5% up to 8%	17 weeks
Greater than 8% up to 8.5%	18 weeks
Greater than 8.5% up to 9%	19 weeks

Greater than 9% 20 weeks
Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

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

Rep. Thigpen proposed the following Amendment No. 6 to H. 4710 (LC-4710.SA0017H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 41-35-50, by adding an item to read:

(C) A person who lives in a county that has a higher unemployment rate than the seasonal statewide adjusted unemployment rate may apply to the department for extended weeks of unemployment based on the number of weeks corresponding with the unemployment rate in his county as allowed in subsection (A).

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. THIGPEN explained the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 80; Nays 31

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones

Jordan	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Hager
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Jefferson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Weeks	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--31

So, the amendment was tabled.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

Reps. Caskey and Cromer proposed the following Amendment No. 7 to H. 4710 (LC-4710.SA0018H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 41-35-50, by

adding an item to read:

(C) The department shall promulgate regulations to ensure compliance with job search requirements and to prevent fraud. These regulations may include verification of attendance at job interviews.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. COBB-HUNTER spoke in favor of the Bill.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones

W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:
McDaniel

Total--1

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5053 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox,

B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JOHNNIE STEPHENS OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5054 -- Reps. Ballentine, Calhoon, Caskey, Forrest, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White, Wooten, Bauer, Bernstein, Garvin, Hart, Howard, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, Rose, Rutherford, Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Thayer, Trantham,

Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOR THE TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT THE INSTITUTION HAS HAD ON LEGIONS OF STUDENTS AND ALUMNI, THE COMMUNITY, THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND BEYOND FOR A HALF-CENTURY AND TO CONGRATULATE MIDLANDS TECH AS THE SCHOOL CELEBRATES ITS SEMICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5055 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DEBORAH ANN MCPHERSON CRAWFORD OF SUMMERVILLE, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5056 -- Reps. Rutherford, Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE ENTIRE USC SYSTEM FOR ITS MANY AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF OUR CITIZENS AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024, "CAROLINA DAY" AT THE STATE HOUSE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5057 -- Rep. Howard: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 3.10 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO HOUSE SEAT ALLOTMENT PROCEDURES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PROCESS BY WHICH SEATS ARE SELECTED, TO PROVIDE FOR SEATING BY SENIORITY, AND PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO CHOOSE SEATS AS CLOSE TO THEIR OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5063 -- Reps. Brittain, Herbkersman, Brewer, Bannister, Crawford, Bauer, Bernstein, McGinnis, W. Newton, Bradley, Wooten, Caskey, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Weeks, B. Newton, Hiott, Guest, J. E. Johnson, Lowe, Magnuson, Hewitt, Wheeler and Willis: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 6, 2024, AS INTERNATIONAL JAY JORDAN DAY IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5058 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GEE WHETSEL FOR NEARLY FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE FIELD OF NEWSPAPER JOURNALISM, MOST HAVING BEEN SPENT AT THE LEE COUNTY OBSERVER IN BISHOPVILLE, AND FOR HER COMMITMENT TO THE BISHOPVILLE COMMUNITY.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5059 -- Rep. Kilmartin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REJECT AND ABHOR ALL FORMS OF RACIAL SUPREMACY, REJECT ANY POLITICAL VIOLENCE OF ANY RIGHT- OR LEFT-WING PARTISANS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ANY RACIAL SUPREMACY AGENDA, TO REJECT THE DANGEROUS POLARIZATION CAUSED BY THE TOXIC IDEA OF MODERN STRUCTURAL OR SYSTEMIC RACISM INHERENT IN THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, AND TO SEEK TO RECONCILE OUR NATION'S, STATE'S, AND COMMUNITY'S PAST, AND TO PROGRESS TOWARDS HUMAN DIGNITY, FREEDOM, OPPORTUNITY, AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL HUMAN BEINGS INTO THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5060 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-43-15 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT DONATED BLOOD, OTHER HUMAN TISSUE, OR ORGANS BE TESTED FOR THE PRESENCE OF CERTAIN CONTAMINANTS AND LABELED ACCORDINGLY BEFORE DISTRIBUTION FOR USE IN TRANSFUSIONS OR TRANSPLANTATIONS, TO ALLOW PATIENTS TO DECLINE CONTAMINATED DONATED PRODUCTS WITHOUT PENALTY, TO CREATE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE SECTION, TO PROVIDE LIMITED IMMUNITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 5061 -- Rep. Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750,

RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR WILFULLY OR WANTONLY LEADING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON HIGH-SPEED PURSUITS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5062 -- Reps. Haddon, Cobb-Hunter, Kirby, West, Bauer, Robbins, Ligon, Pope, Brewer, Murphy and Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3515, RELATING TO THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CONSERVATION OR QUALIFIED CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION OF REAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. FORREST.

H. 3608--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3608 -- Reps. Hixon, Bailey and Brittain: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-39-260, RELATING TO RECORDS OF SALES OR CONVEYANCES AND RESULTING CHANGES IN DUPLICATES AND ENDORSEMENT OF DEEDS BY AUDITORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE RECORDS OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY SALES AND TO REMOVE COUNTY AUDITOR FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5-120, RELATING TO THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN CONVEYANCES NOT ENDORSED BY A COUNTY AUDITOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY CONVEYANCE MEETING THE STATUTORY PREREQUISITES FOR RECORDING ARE VALID AND BINDING; BY REPEALING SECTION 30-5-80 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF THE AUDITOR'S ENDORSEMENT BEFORE THE RECORDATION OF DEEDS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 8-21-130 RELATING TO FEES COLLECTED BY COUNTY AUDITORS FOR AN ENDORSEMENT ON A DEED.

Rep. MCCRAVY explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan

Weeks	West	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4231--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4231 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Davis, Bernstein, Guest, Brittain, Henegan, B. Newton, Carter, B. L. Cox, Bannister, Herbkersman, Robbins, Schuessler, Hart and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-1155, RELATING TO MICRO-DISTILLERIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MICRO-DISTILLERY MAY SELL CERTAIN LIQUORS DISTILLED ON THE PREMISES ON SUNDAYS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4160, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON CERTAIN DAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES MAY AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON SUNDAYS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4231 (LC-4231.SA0007H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTIONS 1 and 2 and inserting:

SECTION X. Section 61-6-1155 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a micro-distillery selling liquor at its licensed premises pursuant to authorization set forth in subsection (A) may sell the alcoholic liquors distilled on the licensed premises at retail between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. The sale of such alcoholic liquors must comply with the provisions of this chapter, notwithstanding the prohibition of Sunday retail sales.

SECTION X. Section 61-6-4160 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-6-4160. (A) It is unlawful to sell alcoholic liquors ~~on Sunday except as authorized by law,~~ on Christmas Day~~,~~ or during periods proclaimed by the Governor in the interest of law and order or public morals and decorum. Full authority to proclaim these periods is conferred upon the Governor in addition to all his other powers. It is unlawful for a retail dealer to sell alcoholic liquors on Sunday except as authorized and provided for in this section.

(B) The Department of Revenue may issue a permit to allow the sale of alcoholic liquors on Sunday between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. by a licensed retail dealer in a county or municipality that authorizes the sale of alcoholic liquors on Sunday in the manner provided in subsection (C). The department shall charge a nonrefundable filing fee of one hundred dollars for processing each application. The department shall charge for an annual fifty-two week permit a nonrefundable fee of three thousand dollars per year. However, the fifty-two-week permit must not extend beyond the expiration date of the biennial license issued pursuant to this chapter. If the expiration date is less than fifty-two weeks from the date of the application for the fifty-two-week permit, the department must prorate the three thousand dollar fee on a monthly basis. The permit fee must be waived if the applicant certifies to the department that the applicant is the owner of the retail premises in which the permit is sought, and the applicant does not have an ownership interest in other retail locations where a permit authorizing the Sunday sale of liquor may be issued. The department in its sole discretion shall specify the terms and conditions of the permit. The filing and permit fees must be distributed by the Department of Revenue pursuant to the provisions of Section 61-6-2010(B).

(C)(1) A permit authorized by this section may be issued only in those counties or municipalities where a majority of the qualified electors voting in a referendum vote in favor of the issuance of the permit. The county or municipal election commission, as the case may be, shall conduct a referendum upon petition of at least ten percent but not more than seven thousand five hundred qualified electors of the county or municipality, as the case may be. The petition form must be submitted to the election commission not less than one hundred twenty days before the date of the referendum. The names on the petition must be on the petition form provided to county election officials by the State Election Commission. The names on the petition must be certified by the election commission within sixty days after receiving the petition form. The referendum must be conducted at the next general election. The

election commission shall cause a notice to be published in a newspaper circulated in the county or municipality, as the case may be, at least seven days before the referendum. The state election laws must apply to the referendum, mutatis mutandis. The election commission shall publish the results of the referendum and certify them to the South Carolina Department of Revenue. The question on the ballot must be:

"Shall the South Carolina Department of Revenue be authorized to issue permits to licensed retail dealers in this (county) (municipality) to allow for the sale of alcoholic liquors on Sunday between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act?"

(2) A referendum for this purpose may not be held more often than once in forty-eight months.

(3) The expenses for this purpose must be paid by the county or municipality conducting the referendum.

(4) In addition to the petition method of calling the referendum provided for in item (1), a county or municipal governing body by ordinance also may call the referendum. Upon receipt of a copy of the ordinance filed with the county or municipal election commission at least sixty days before the date of the next general election, the commission shall conduct the referendum in the manner provided in this section at that general election. The provisions of this item are in addition to the authority of a municipal governing body to call for a referendum under the circumstances enumerated in subsection (D).

(D)(1) The municipal governing body may order a referendum on the question of the issuance of permits to allow the sale of alcoholic liquors in the following circumstances:

(a) parts of the municipality are located in more than one county;

(b) as a result of a favorable vote in a county referendum held pursuant to this section, permits may be issued in only the parts of the municipality located in that county; and

(c) the proposed referendum would authorize issuance of permits in the remaining parts of the municipality.

(2) The method of ordering a referendum provided in this subsection is in addition to the petition method. An unfavorable vote in a municipal referendum does not affect the authority to issue these permits in the part of the municipality located in a county where these permits may be issued.

(3) Upon receipt of a copy of the ordinance filed with the municipal election commission at least sixty days before the date of the

general election, the commission must conduct the referendum at the time of the general election and publish and certify its results in the same manner as provided in subsection (C).

(E) Permits authorized to be issued in a county or municipality pursuant to this section may continue to be issued or reissued without the requirement of a further referendum.

(F) Permits issued by the Department of Revenue pursuant to this section may be issued in all parts of a municipality if any part of the municipality is located in a county where the issuance of these permits is allowed.

(G)(1) For purposes of referendums held pursuant to this section, "general election" means a:

(a) municipal general election held at a time other than the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of even-numbered years; or

(b) county general election held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of even-numbered years.

(2) A municipality that does not have a municipal general election scheduled within the same calendar year as a county general election may call, by ordinance, for a referendum to be held on the same date as the county general election, provided that a copy of the ordinance has been filed with the county and municipal election commissions no later than the date required by Section 7-13-355. The expenses for a referendum ordered by a municipality must be paid by the municipality. When a municipal referendum is held at the time of a county general election, the referendum may be conducted by the municipal or county election commission as provided for by an agreement between the municipality and county.

(H) A person who violates a provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be punished as follows:

~~(a)~~(1) for a first offense, by a fine of two hundred dollars or imprisonment for sixty days;

~~(b)~~(2) for a second offense, by a fine of one thousand dollars or imprisonment for one year; and

~~(c)~~(3) for a third or subsequent offense, by a fine of two thousand dollars or imprisonment for two years.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ELLIOTT explained the amendment.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WEST a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

H. 4364--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4364 -- Reps. W. Newton, Davis, Rutherford, Bernstein, M. M. Smith, Ott, Brittain, Guest, Hewitt, Elliott, Stavrinakis, Bradley, Wooten, Murphy, Herbkersman, Leber, Sessions, Caskey, Rose, Mitchell, Brewer, Guffey, Hardee, Collins, Gatch, B. Newton, Pace, Bauer, Bailey, Erickson, Schuessler and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-170, RELATING TO DRIVE-THROUGH OR CURBSIDE SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-280 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN BEER AND WINE AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1570 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; AND BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1580 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4364 (LC-4364.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 5, by striking Section 61-6-1570(A)(2) and (3) and inserting:

(2) requires a customer to provide a valid government-issued identification at the time of pick up;

(3) prohibits the use of curbside delivery or pick up service by an

intoxicated person or a person under the age of twenty-one; and

(4) requires the employee delivering sealed containers of alcoholic liquors to a customer's vehicle to be twenty-one years or older.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ELLIOTT explained the amendment.

Rep. W. NEWTON spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. MCCRAVY spoke against the amendment.
Rep. MCCRAVY spoke against the amendment.
Rep. GATCH spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. W. NEWTON spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Reps. W. Newton and Elliott proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4364 (LC-4364.SA0013H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, Section 61-4-45(A), by adding an item to read:

(5) requires the employee delivering sealed containers of beer or wine to a customer's vehicle to undergo training to deliver beer or wine as provided or approved by the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and as administered by the retail dealer, delivery service, or a Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services approved training program.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4.A., by deleting Section 61-4-280(G)(2).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 5, Section 61-6-1570(A), by adding an item to read:

(5) requires the employee delivering sealed containers of beer or wine to a customer's vehicle to undergo training to deliver beer or wine as provided or approved by the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services and as administered by the retail dealer, delivery service, or a Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services approved training program.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 6.A., by deleting Section 61-6-1580(G)(2).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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

Rep. MCCRAVY spoke against the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 77; Nays 29

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gilliard
Guest	Hartnett	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Lowe	May
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Ott	Pace	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor

Thayer	Thigpen	Weeks
Whitmire	Wooten	

Total--77

Those who voted in the negative are:

Burns	Carter	Chumley
Cromer	Felder	Gibson
Gilliam	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hayes
Hiott	Hixon	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Long
McCravy	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Nutt	Oremus
Vaughan	Wheeler	White
Willis	Yow	

Total--29

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I inadvertently pushed the wrong button during the vote on H. 4364, voting against the passage of the Bill. I intended to vote in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Joe White

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:26 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. HIXON, adjourned to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, February 8, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from 1 Peter 2:1: "Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander."

Let us pray. God of justice and mercy, we pray for Your reign to be visible in us that the World may know Your care for all those who need Your care and understanding. Bless and keep our first responders and defenders of freedom. Keep all these, Your people, safe and well. We give thanks for all the blessings, especially for our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. We pray for our men and women who find themselves in harm's way. Protect them. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. CONNELL moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Chase Wyatt Newman, which was agreed to.

Chase Wyatt Newman

Mr. Speaker, I move to adjourn in memory of Chase Wyatt Newman today. Chase was involved in a terrible boating collision in May of 2023. Chase was a student at Camden High School and a member of the golf team. He was a joy to all who knew him and he was a faithful young man. Chase's family is here today. They were also present when Governor McMaster signed the "Boating Safety and Education Bill" into law. Chase served as personal motivation for many of us in the passing of that legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that we observe a moment of silence in honor of Chase and in sharing our deep condolences with his family.

Rep. Ben Connell

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Chase Wyatt Newman.

STATEMENT BY REP. GARVIN

Rep. GARVIN made a statement relative to Amy G. Surginer Northrop's contributions to South Carolina.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5064 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, Wheeler, B. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE THE CAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2023 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO HONOR THE PLAYERS AND COACHES ON A FABULOUS SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5065 -- Reps. Kirby, Lowe, Jordan, Alexander, Williams, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos,

Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FLORENCE COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH OF FLORENCE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND TO CONGRATULATE THOSE IN THE CENTRAL DISPATCH FOR RECEIVING NICE'S PSAP CENTER OF THE YEAR AWARD.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1029 -- Senators Devine, Jackson and McLeod: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KAREN ALEXANDER-BANKS, FOUNDER AND CEO OF THE AUNTIE KAREN FOUNDATION, FOR HER TWENTIETH LEGENDS OF CONCERT SERIES.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committee:

H. 5066 -- Reps. Elliott, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Bailey, Wheeler and T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE

OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 ENTITLED THE "FAIR ACCESS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS" SO AS TO PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE OPTION TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE TO ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SUCH A POLICY, TO CREATE THE AFFORDABLE LIQUOR LIABILITY FUND TO AID IN THE FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXCISE TAX ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK MUST BE CREDITED TO THE FUND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-33-245, RELATING TO THE EXCISE TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIQUOR LIABILITY RISK MITIGATION PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE INSURANCE RESERVE FUND IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE A START-UP LOAN TO THE FUND.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones

Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--115

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MAGNUSON a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HENEGAN a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WETMORE a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WEST a temporary leave of absence.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. C. Bryan Jordan of Dorchester County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. CARTER presented to the House the D. W. Daniel High School "Lions" 3-A Football State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. HOSEY presented to the House the Jefferson Davis Academy "Raiders" SCISA 8 Man Division Football State Champions.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or

addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3617
Date:	ADD:
02/08/24	OTT

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3618
Date:	ADD:
02/08/24	GARVIN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3895
Date:	ADD:
02/08/24	VAUGHAN and HYDE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4221
Date:	ADD:
02/08/24	WILLIAMS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4222
Date:	ADD:
02/08/24	WILLIAMS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4549
Date:	ADD:
02/08/24	FORREST and HIXON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4591
Date:	ADD:
02/08/24	A. M. MORGAN, T. A. MORGAN, WILLIS, MCCABE and CROMER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4594
Date:	ADD:
02/08/24	ELLIOTT and T. MOORE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4625
Date:	ADD:
02/08/24	NEESE and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4626
Date:	ADD:
02/08/24	NEESE and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4680
Date:	ADD:
02/08/24	LEBER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4875
Date:	ADD:
02/08/24	ATKINSON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4957
Date:	ADD:
02/08/24	SESSIONS, GUFFEY, GUEST and BALLENTINE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5052
Date:	ADD:
02/08/24	T. A. MORGAN

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 4876 -- Reps. Jefferson, Cobb-Hunter, Robbins, Gatch, Murphy and Brewer: A BILL TO CHANGE THE CANDIDATE FILING METHOD FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4 FROM THE PETITION METHOD TO THE FILING OF A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY WITH THE DORCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 245 -- Senators Kimbrell and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WITH CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS IS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING AS THE TREASURER OF A BOOSTER CLUB, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH BOOSTER CLUB WITHIN A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ANNUALLY REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD MUST RUN A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK TO DETERMINE IF THE TREASURER OF A BOOSTER CLUB IS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING IN THAT ROLE DUE TO A CRIMINAL CONVICTION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 4832 -- Reps. Hardee, Sandifer, Anderson, Ligon and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH FAMILY LEAVE BENEFITS, OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS OF FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE POLICIES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

H. 4957--POINT OF ORDER, RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15, AND REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4957 -- Reps. Hiott, Erickson, G. M. Smith, Hayes, McGinnis, Rose, Elliott, Alexander, Schuessler, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, T. Moore, B. Newton, Neese, Oremus, Hixon, Taylor, Guest, Sessions, Guffey and Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES' COMPENSATION FOR NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO REVISE SEVERAL DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-20, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF COMPENSATION FOR USE OF AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND CERTAIN AGENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS MAY ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT MAY ENABLE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO EARN COMPENSATION FOR USE OF THE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS OF THE ATHLETE, AND TO PROVIDE THE INSTITUTIONS ALSO MAY PERMIT INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO USE TRADEMARKS AND FACILITIES OF THE INSTITUTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-30, RELATING TO THE AFFECTS OF NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS COMPENSATION ON GRANT-IN-AID OR ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS MAY NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PROGRAM AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-40, RELATING TO ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED ACTIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES' NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS-RELATED MATTERS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY FOR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING EMPLOYEES FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM CERTAIN ROUTINE DECISIONS MADE IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONDUCT BY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS, ATHLETIC

CONFERENCES, OR OTHER GROUPS WITH AUTHORITY OVER INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-50, RELATING TO GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE CERTAIN MATTERS CONCERNING NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGREEMENTS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO AN EXCEPTION AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO CERTAIN ENTITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-60, RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND PROVISIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2018, AND TO PROVIDE ATHLETE AGENTS SHALL COMPLY WITH CERTAIN FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2018, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "ATHLETE AGENT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-100, RELATING TO AGENCY CONTRACTS, SO AS TO REMOVE A PROVISION CONCERNING COMPENSATION; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-70 RELATING TO DISCLOSURES AND LIMITATIONS IN NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND REVOCATION PERIODS FOR SUCH CONTRACTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-80 RELATING TO GOVERNING LAW AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE CONTRACTS.

Reps. HIOTT, TAYLOR, B. NEWTON and FELDER requested debate on the Bill.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15

Rep. Hiott moved to waive rule 5.10, pursuant to rule 5.15.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 93; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Dillard
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Long
Lowe	May	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--93

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

Reps. MCCRAVY, CARTER, POPE, GUFFEY, SESSIONS, NUTT, HAYES, B. L. COX, M. M. SMITH, HIXON, BLACKWELL, OREMUS, FORREST, HART, ROBBINS, GILLIAM, HADDON, SANDIFER and VAUGHAN requested debate on the Bill.

H. 3594--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3594 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, G. M. Smith, Lowe, Wooten, Hiott, Bailey, Beach, Burns, Caskey, Crawford, Cromer, Elliott, Forrest, Haddon, Hardee, Hixon, Hyde, Jordan, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, T. Moore, B. Newton, Nutt, Oremus, M. M. Smith, S. Jones, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Willis, Yow, West, Lawson, Chapman, Chumley, Leber, Mitchell, Pace, Harris, O'Neal, Kilmartin, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Hager, Sandifer, Connell, Gilliam, Davis, B. L. Cox, Vaughan, White, Collins, J. E. Johnson, Gagnon, Gibson, W. Newton, Bustos, Herbkersman, Landing, Moss, Pope and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2023" BY AMENDING SECTION 10-11-320, RELATING TO CARRYING OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDERS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION THAT MAKES THIS SECTION INAPPLICABLE TO PERSONS THAT POSSESS CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMITS AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS WHO POSSESS FIREARMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-20, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PLACES WHERE AND CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH HANDGUNS MAY BE CARRIED, AND PERSONS WHO MAY CARRY HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-50, RELATING TO CERTAIN PENALTIES, DISPOSITION OF FINES, AND

FORFEITURE AND DISPOSITION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-55, RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR RETURNING FOUND HANDGUNS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO FILING APPLICATIONS TO OBTAIN FOUND HANDGUNS, AND PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO MAINTAIN POSSESSION OR DISPOSE OF FOUND HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-420, RELATING TO POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION, AND DELETE THE TERM "WEAPON" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "FIREARM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-430, RELATING TO CARRYING WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-465, RELATING TO THE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFULLY CARRYING PISTOLS OR FIREARMS ONTO PREMISES OF BUSINESSES SELLING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, BEER, OR WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN OFFENSES THAT PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN DEADLY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO PERSONS WHO KNOWINGLY CARRY CERTAIN FIREARMS, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS LAWFULLY CARRYING FIREARMS WHO DO NOT CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-215, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS REQUIRING PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY PERMITS WHILE CARRYING WEAPONS AND IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS PERMIT HOLDERS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO REPORT THE LOSSES OF PERMITS TO SLED, TO REVISE THE PREMISES UPON WHICH PERMIT HOLDERS MUST NOT CARRY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE

ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES EXEMPTIONS TO CARRYING PERMITS, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR CARRYING EXPIRED PERMITS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-220, RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO ALLOW OR PERMIT CONCEALED WEAPONS UPON PREMISES AND THE POSTING OF SIGNS PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, THAT PERSONS MUST KNOWINGLY VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION TO BE CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION, AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT LIMIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN WEAPONS IN STATE PARKS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-232, RELATING TO CARRYING CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ON PREMISES OF CERTAIN SCHOOLS LEASED BY CHURCHES, SO AS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE CHURCH OFFICIALS OR GOVERNING BODIES MAY ALLOW ANY PERSON TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON ON THE LEASED PREMISES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-235, RELATING TO CONCEALABLE WEAPON SIGN REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SIGNS MUST BE POSTED AT LOCATIONS WHERE THE CARRYING OF CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ARE PROHIBITED; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-600, RELATING TO RETIRED PERSONNEL, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 16-23-460, 23-31-225, AND 23-31-230, RELATING TO THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS BY INDIVIDUALS ON THEIR PERSON, INTO RESIDENCES OR DWELLINGS, OR BETWEEN A MOTOR VEHICLE AND A RENTED ACCOMMODATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-500, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY PERSONS CONVICTED OF VIOLENT OFFENSES, THE CONFISCATION OF CERTAIN WEAPONS, AND THE RETURN OF FIREARMS TO INNOCENT OWNERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIST OF CRIMES SUBJECT TO THIS PROVISION AND THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH VIOLATIONS, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "CRIME PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF MORE THAN ONE YEAR".

Rep. ELLIOTT moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Tuesday, February 13, which was agreed to.

H. 3116--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3116 -- Reps. Felder, Carter, Pope, Guffey, O'Neal, Hart, Caskey, Williams, Blackwell and Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-610, RELATING TO PERSONS LIABLE FOR TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS ON REAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES ARE EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAXES IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE DISABILITY OCCURS.

Rep. HEWITT explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey

Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

S. 557--POINT OF ORDER

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 557 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Kimbrell, Adams, Rice, Rankin, Reichenbach, Young, Loftis, Climer, Garrett, Alexander, Campsen and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT,

SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. FORREST made the Point of Order that the Senate Amendments were improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to such reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 3608 -- Reps. Hixon, Bailey and Brittain: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-39-260, RELATING TO RECORDS OF SALES OR CONVEYANCES AND RESULTING CHANGES IN DUPLICATES AND ENDORSEMENT OF DEEDS BY AUDITORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE RECORDS OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY SALES AND TO REMOVE COUNTY AUDITOR FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5-120, RELATING TO THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN CONVEYANCES NOT ENDORSED BY A COUNTY AUDITOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY CONVEYANCE MEETING THE STATUTORY PREREQUISITES FOR RECORDING ARE VALID AND BINDING; BY REPEALING SECTION 30-5-80 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF THE AUDITOR'S ENDORSEMENT BEFORE THE RECORDATION OF DEEDS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 8-21-130 RELATING TO FEES COLLECTED BY COUNTY AUDITORS FOR AN ENDORSEMENT ON A DEED.

H. 4364 -- Reps. W. Newton, Davis, Rutherford, Bernstein, M. M. Smith, Ott, Brittain, Guest, Hewitt, Elliott, Stavrinakis, Bradley, Wooten, Murphy, Herbkersman, Leber, Sessions, Caskey, Rose, Mitchell, Brewer, Guffey, Hardee, Collins, Gatch, B. Newton, Pace, Bauer, Bailey, Erickson, Schuessler and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-170, RELATING TO DRIVE-THROUGH OR CURBSIDE SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-

45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-280 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN BEER AND WINE AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1570 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; AND BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1580 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS.

H. 4710 -- Reps. West, G. M. Smith, Bannister, Davis, Guest, Forrest, Hewitt, M. M. Smith, Long, B. Newton, Thayer, Hager, Leber, Mitchell, Brittain, Gatch, Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Caskey, T. Moore, Hardee, Erickson, Bradley and Blackwell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-35-50, RELATING TO MAXIMUM UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS ALLOWED, SO AS TO SET THE DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS BASED ON SEASONAL ADJUSTED STATEWIDE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5067 -- Reps. Jordan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon,

Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF DR. JOSEPH M. "JAY" PEARSON, JR., OF FLORENCE, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5068 -- Rep. Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 35, RELATING TO ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM FINANCIAL CRIME, STANDARDIZE THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING, AND MODERNIZE SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE FUNDS ARE PROTECTED IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE AND COMPETITIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5069 -- Rep. Jordan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-23-1040, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF PROBATE JUDGES, SO AS TO REVISE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROBATE JUDGES IN COUNTIES GREATER THAN NINETY THOUSAND IN

POPULATION, AND TO GRANDFATHER THOSE PROBATE JUDGES CURRENTLY SERVING.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 5058 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GEE WHETSEL FOR NEARLY FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE FIELD OF NEWSPAPER JOURNALISM, MOST HAVING BEEN SPENT AT THE LEE COUNTY OBSERVER IN BISHOPVILLE, AND FOR HER COMMITMENT TO THE BISHOPVILLE COMMUNITY.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:13 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. CONNELL, adjourned in memory of Chase Wyatt Newman, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Friday, February 9, 2024
(Local Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 71:1: "In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame."

Let us pray. Gracious and loving eternal God, bless these servants with great amounts of caring, love, and understanding that You have provided. Keep our defenders of freedom and first responders in Your loving care. Provide for them every needful thing. May Your Spirit guide them. Look in favor upon their work. We pray for our military men and women who put themselves in harm's way to keep us safe. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 13.

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Tuesday, February 13, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Acts 3:19: "Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning. Thank You for the dedication and work of these Representatives and Staff as they go through the agenda of the day. Bless and keep them safe as they do the work for the people of South Carolina. Grant our defenders and first responders safekeeping as they take on their many duties and responses to make the system work. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Protect our defenders of freedom as they keep our men and women safe from harm's way. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. ROBBINS moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Cameron Connor, which was agreed to.

STATEMENT BY REP. WEEKS

Rep. WEEKS made a statement relative to the life and legacy of First Lieutenant (Ret.) LeRoy Bowman of Sumter.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer family and friends of Dr. Charles Pinckney Darby, Jr.

Dr. Charles Pinckney Darby, Jr.

Dr. Charles Pinckney Darby, Jr., passed away February 7, 2024. The legacy he leaves behind is exemplary, and the world is a much better place because of his dedicated and faithful service to children across the State and beyond.

Charles Darby, M.D., became MUSC's Chair of the Department of Pediatrics in 1982 where he led the charge for better pediatric healthcare across South Carolina. Following his appointment of Chair of the Department of Pediatrics, Dr. Darby began a campaign in collaboration with MUSC leadership and state legislators to construct a children's hospital, which became a reality in 1987 after 15 years of undeterred planning and perseverance. Under his leadership as Chair and Pediatrician-in-Chief, Darby made great strides in pediatric healthcare at MUSC by increasing the number of faculty from 12 to 80 during his tenure and directly leading the MUSC children's hospital to a ranking among the top ten children's hospitals in the country.

In 2007, a longstanding dream of Darby's was realized with the opening of the Darby Children's Research Institute. The Darby Children's Research Institute was created arm-in-arm with MUSC official and state legislators to serve as the research leg of the children's hospital and would consist of six floors of modern physical laboratory space that would be home to both basic and physician scientists to meet the research needs of children across South Carolina.

Dr. Darby was also instrumental in the development of MUSC's Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital and the Pearl Tourville Women's Pavilion. Most recently, the MUSC Board of Trustees approved the naming of the Dr. Charles P. Darby, Jr. Department of Pediatrics as a testament to Darby's decades of service to MUSC and children across the state.

Dr. Darby was a pioneer, and his legacy will live on in the hearts of all the patients and families his life touched. He will be deeply missed.

Rep. Tom Hartnett

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5070 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder,

Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM THURMOND BURNETT OF EDGEFIELD COUNTY, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5071 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A

HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF GEORGE HEARN "SMOKEY" DAVIS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5072 -- Reps. May, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ALFREDA "FREDA" F. CRUM UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CLERICAL SUPPORT SERVICES, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Whereas, born in Columbia, Alfreda “Freda” F. Crum is the oldest of nine children born to the late John and Maria Foster. She grew up in Cayce where she was raised by her grandmother, Mrs. Hattie Foster. A 1970 graduate of Brookland-Cayce High School, she went on to attend

Benedict College and Midlands Technical College. In 2003, she graduated from the Morris College Ministerial Certificate Program, and in 2012, she was conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree by the Great Commission Bible College; and

Whereas, her thirty-five years of service to the State started at the South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice, followed by four years with then Lieutenant Governor Nick Theordore's office. Her final twenty-eight years were served with the South Carolina House of Representatives' Clerical Support Services; and

Whereas, a woman of faith, Freda began singing gospel at the age of fourteen and ministered through song throughout South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana, Ohio, and California. She spent thirty-nine years in the quartet ministry before retiring as a member of the Anointed Angels of Columbia. In 1994, Freda was licensed to preach by the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Columbia, where she would later serve as an associate minister, and she was ordained by the Gethsemane Baptist Association in 1995. Additionally, she was a volunteer for Sistercare, Inc., and was a member of the Speakers Bureau, addressing organizations, churches, and halfway houses on domestic violence. In 2001, she founded the New Beginnings Christian Fellowship Baptist Church and earned the title Pastor Emeritus. The church was incorporated by South Carolina Secretary of State Jim Miles; and

Whereas, for the great effort she has put into every aspect of her life, Freda has earned high recognition and numerous awards. They include the South Carolina ACORN 2007 Award in Recognition of Generosity in the Community and the 2023 Ministerial Award by the Lexington Branch NAACP #5669, being selected as a nominee for the Governor's Commission on Women 2001 Woman of Achievement award, and being listed among the Outstanding Young Women of America and Outstanding Young Christian Women of America; and

Whereas, Freda is married to Albert L. Crum and is the mother of four daughters: Scheri, Eboni, Chariti, and Destini. The family now includes grandchildren Justin McKie, Jade Eichelberger, Elaena Myers, and Zarah Elise Spann, and son-in-law Joshua Spann. The South Carolina House of Representatives is pleased to recognize the outstanding public service that she has rendered to the State of South Carolina and wish her a peaceful retirement spent with family and friends. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate Alfreda “Freda” F. Crum upon the occasion of her retirement from the South Carolina House of Representatives Clerical Support Services, extend deep appreciation for her thirty-five years of exemplary service, and wish her a satisfying and rewarding retirement.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Alfreda “Freda” F. Crum.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5073 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA SECTION OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS FOR ITS NEARLY SEVENTY YEARS OF SERVING AS A TRUSTED RESOURCE FOR MEDICAL INFORMATION RELATING TO WOMEN'S HEALTH

AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024, AS ACOG DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5074 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LEROY BOWMAN, NATIVE SON OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS GREAT STATE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5075 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter,

Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AMY G. SURGINER NORTHROP, NATIVE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR HER MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS GREAT STATE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5076 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MAC ARTHUR GOODWIN FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARTS IN THE PALMETTO STATE AND IN THE NATION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5077 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CLIFTON RUBIN HENDRIX, A DEACON OF GETHSEMANE BAPTIST CHURCH, AND TO REJOICE WITH HIM AND THE CONGREGATION AS HE IS NAMED A DEACON EMERITUS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5078 -- Reps. Howard, Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CLARA SINGLETON WILLIAMS OF AIKEN COUNTY ON THE HAPPY OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1038 -- Senators Corbin, Adams, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Campsen, Cash, Climer, Cromer, Davis, Devine, Fanning, Gambrell, Garrett, Goldfinch, Grooms, Gustafson, Harpootlian, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, K. Johnson, M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Loftis, Malloy, Martin, Massey, Matthews, McElveen, McLeod, Peeler, Rankin, Reichenbach, Rice, Sabb, Senn, Setzler, Shealy, Stephens, Talley, Tedder, Turner, Verdin, Williams and Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GREER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ITS MISSION TO CONNECT, ENGAGE, PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES, AND ADVOCATE FOR THE GREATER GREER BUSINESS COMMUNITY; TO COMMEND LEADERSHIP GREER AS A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND HONOR ITS GOALS OF INCREASING COMMUNITY ACTIVISM, PRODUCING COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND ENHANCING BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS CONNECTIONS; AND TO PROCLAIM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024, AS "LEADERSHIP GREER DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5079 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-110, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

On motion of Rep. W. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 5080 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Elliott and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-300 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN MUST PROVIDE COVERAGE UNDER

THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO THE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT OF A FIRST RESPONDER COVERED BY SUCH A PLAN IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-470, RELATING TO LOWERING FLAGS UPON DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY, SO AS TO ADD AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN; BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1172 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A FIRST RESPONDER RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT INCOME TAX DEDUCTION, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO GENERAL EXEMPTION FROM TAXES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A QUALIFIED SURVIVING SPOUSE ALSO MEANS CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-111-110, RELATING TO WAIVED TUITION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHILDREN OF CERTAIN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS ALSO QUALIFY FOR CERTAIN WAIVED TUITION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5081 -- Reps. Pope and Felder: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO VOTER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT ONLY A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE OF THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND UPWARDS WHO IS PROPERLY REGISTERED IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

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

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Connell	B. J. Cox

B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Dillard	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present—116

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. WEST signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Thursday, February 8.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. J. L. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. DAVIS a leave of absence foir the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. COLLINS a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. THAYER a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BUSTOS a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Vincent Degenhart of Kiawah was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3895
Date:	ADD:
02/13/24	POPE, T. A. MORGAN, HIXON, MITCHELL and YOW

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4218
Date:	ADD:
02/13/24	CARTER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4221
Date:	ADD:
02/13/24	GILLIARD

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4222
Date:	ADD:
02/13/24	GILLIARD

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4538
Date:	ADD:
02/13/24	MITCHELL, YOW, MCCABE and HERBKERSMAN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4867
Date:	ADD:
02/13/24	SANDIFER, J. E. JOHNSON and BRITTAIN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4954
Date:	ADD:
02/13/24	POPE, FELDER, KILMARTIN, BURNS, PENDARVIS, LEBER, CHUMLEY, MAGNUSON, S. JONES and A. M. MORGAN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4957
Date:	ADD:
02/13/24	POPE, WILLIS and BANNISTER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4996
Date:	ADD:
02/13/24	WETMORE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5060
Date:	ADD:
02/13/24	MAGNUSON, CROMER, MAY and HARRIS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5066
Date:	ADD:
02/13/24	TAYLOR, HIXON, OREMUS and BLACKWELL

CO-SPONSOR REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3988
Date:	REMOVE:
02/13/24	HERBKERSMAN

H. 3594--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3594 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, G. M. Smith, Lowe, Wooten, Hiott, Bailey, Beach, Burns, Caskey, Crawford, Cromer, Elliott, Forrest, Haddon, Hardee, Hixon, Hyde, Jordan, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, T. Moore, B. Newton, Nutt, Oremus, M. M. Smith, S. Jones, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Willis, Yow, West, Lawson, Chapman, Chumley, Leber, Mitchell, Pace, Harris, O'Neal, Kilmartin, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Hager, Sandifer, Connell, Gilliam, Davis, B. L. Cox, Vaughan, White, Collins, J. E. Johnson, Gagnon, Gibson, W. Newton, Bustos, Herbkersman, Landing, Moss, Pope and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND

THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2023" BY AMENDING SECTION 10-11-320, RELATING TO CARRYING OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDERS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION THAT MAKES THIS SECTION INAPPLICABLE TO PERSONS THAT POSSESS CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMITS AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS WHO POSSESS FIREARMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-20, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PLACES WHERE AND CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH HANDGUNS MAY BE CARRIED, AND PERSONS WHO MAY CARRY HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-50, RELATING TO CERTAIN PENALTIES, DISPOSITION OF FINES, AND FORFEITURE AND DISPOSITION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-55, RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR RETURNING FOUND HANDGUNS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO FILING APPLICATIONS TO OBTAIN FOUND HANDGUNS, AND PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO MAINTAIN POSSESSION OR DISPOSE OF FOUND HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-420, RELATING TO POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION, AND DELETE THE TERM "WEAPON" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "FIREARM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-430, RELATING TO CARRYING WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-465, RELATING TO THE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFULLY CARRYING PISTOLS OR FIREARMS ONTO PREMISES OF BUSINESSES SELLING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, BEER, OR WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN OFFENSES THAT PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN DEADLY

WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO PERSONS WHO KNOWINGLY CARRY CERTAIN FIREARMS, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS LAWFULLY CARRYING FIREARMS WHO DO NOT CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-215, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS REQUIRING PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY PERMITS WHILE CARRYING WEAPONS AND IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS PERMIT HOLDERS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO REPORT THE LOSSES OF PERMITS TO SLED, TO REVISE THE PREMISES UPON WHICH PERMIT HOLDERS MUST NOT CARRY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES EXEMPTIONS TO CARRYING PERMITS, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR CARRYING EXPIRED PERMITS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-220, RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO ALLOW OR PERMIT CONCEALED WEAPONS UPON PREMISES AND THE POSTING OF SIGNS PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, THAT PERSONS MUST KNOWINGLY VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION TO BE CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION, AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT LIMIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN WEAPONS IN STATE PARKS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-232, RELATING TO CARRYING CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ON PREMISES OF CERTAIN SCHOOLS LEASED BY CHURCHES, SO AS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE CHURCH OFFICIALS OR GOVERNING BODIES MAY ALLOW ANY PERSON TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON ON THE LEASED PREMISES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-235, RELATING TO CONCEALABLE WEAPON SIGN REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SIGNS MUST BE POSTED AT LOCATIONS WHERE THE CARRYING OF CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ARE PROHIBITED; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-600, RELATING TO RETIRED PERSONNEL, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS,

SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 16-23-460, 23-31-225, AND 23-31-230, RELATING TO THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS BY INDIVIDUALS ON THEIR PERSON, INTO RESIDENCES OR DWELLINGS, OR BETWEEN A MOTOR VEHICLE AND A RENTED ACCOMMODATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-500, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY PERSONS CONVICTED OF VIOLENT OFFENSES, THE CONFISCATION OF CERTAIN WEAPONS, AND THE RETURN OF FIREARMS TO INNOCENT OWNERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIST OF CRIMES SUBJECT TO THIS PROVISION AND THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH VIOLATIONS, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "CRIME PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF MORE THAN ONE YEAR".

Reps. Hiott, B.J. Cox, G.M. Smith, Pope, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Collins, Connell, B.L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hartnett, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hixon, Hyde, J.E. Johnson, Jordan, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, Oremus, Ott, Pedalino, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M.M. Smith, Taylor, Thayer, Vaughn, West, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten, and Yow proposed the following Amendment No. 1A to H. 3594 (LC-3594.SA0194H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the “South Carolina Constitutional Carry/Second Amendment Preservation Act of 2023”.

SECTION 2. Section 10-11-320(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) This section does not apply to a person who possesses ~~a concealable weapons' permit pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23~~ firearms and is authorized to park on the capitol grounds or in the parking garage below the capitol grounds. The firearm must remain locked in the person's vehicle while on or below the capitol grounds and must be stored in a place in the vehicle that is not readily accessible to any person upon entry to or below the capitol grounds.

SECTION 3. Section 16-23-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-23-20. (A) It is unlawful, whether or not the person has a concealed weapon permit, for anyone to carry about the person any handgun, whether concealed or not, ~~except as follows,~~ unless otherwise specifically ~~prohibited~~ authorized by law into a:

~~(1) regular, salaried law enforcement officers, and reserve police officers of a state agency, municipality, or county of the State, uncompensated Governor's constables, law enforcement officers of the federal government or other states when they are carrying out official duties while in this State, deputy enforcement officers of the Natural Resources Enforcement Division of the Department of Natural Resources, and retired commissioned law enforcement officers;~~

~~(2) members of the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard, organized reserves, or the State Militia when on duty;~~

~~(3) members, or their invited guests, of organizations authorized by law to purchase or receive firearms from the United States or this State or regularly enrolled members, or their invited guests, of clubs organized for the purpose of target shooting or collecting modern and antique firearms while these members, or their invited guests, are at or going to or from their places of target practice or their shows and exhibits;~~

~~(4) licensed hunters or fishermen who are engaged in hunting or fishing or going to or from their places of hunting or fishing while in a vehicle or on foot;~~

~~(5) a person regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, repairing, repossessing, or dealing in firearms, or the agent or representative of this person, while possessing, using, or carrying a handgun in the usual or ordinary course of the business;~~

~~(6) guards authorized by law to possess handguns and engaged in protection of property of the United States or any agency of the United States;~~

~~(7) members of authorized military or civil organizations while parading or when going to and from the places of meeting of their respective organizations;~~

~~(8) a person in his home or upon his real property or a person who has the permission of the owner or the person in legal possession or the person in legal control of the home or real property;~~

~~(9) a person in a vehicle if the handgun is:~~

~~(a) secured in a closed glove compartment, closed console, closed trunk, or in a closed container secured by an integral fastener and transported in the luggage compartment of the vehicle; however, this item is not violated if the glove compartment, console, or trunk is opened in the presence of a law enforcement officer for the sole purpose of~~

~~retrieving a driver's license, registration, or proof of insurance. If the person has been issued a concealed weapon permit pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23, then the person also may secure his weapon under a seat in a vehicle, or in any open or closed storage compartment within the vehicle's passenger compartment; or~~

~~(b) carried openly or concealed on or about his person, and he has a valid concealed weapons permit pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23;~~

~~(10) a person carrying a handgun unloaded and in a secure wrapper from the place of purchase to his home or fixed place of business or while in the process of changing or moving one's residence or changing or moving one's fixed place of business;~~

~~(11) a prison guard while engaged in his official duties;~~

~~(12) a person who is granted a permit under provision of law by the State Law Enforcement Division to carry a handgun about his person, under conditions set forth in the permit, and while transferring the handgun between the permittee's person and a location specified in item (9);~~

~~(13) the owner or the person in legal possession or the person in legal control of a fixed place of business, while at the fixed place of business, and the employee of a fixed place of business, other than a business subject to Section 16-23-465, while at the place of business; however, the employee may exercise this privilege only after: (a) acquiring a permit pursuant to item (12), and (b) obtaining the permission of the owner or person in legal control or legal possession of the premises;~~

~~(14) a person engaged in firearms related activities while on the premises of a fixed place of business which conducts, as a regular course of its business, activities related to sale, repair, pawn, firearms training, or use of firearms, unless the premises is posted with a sign limiting possession of firearms to holders of permits issued pursuant to item (12);~~

~~(15) a person while transferring a handgun directly from or to a vehicle and a location specified in this section where one may legally possess the handgun.~~

~~(16) Any person on a motorcycle when the pistol is secured in a closed saddlebag or other similar closed accessory container attached, whether permanently or temporarily, to the motorcycle.~~

(1) law enforcement, correctional, or detention facility;

(2) courthouse or courtroom;

(3) polling place on election day;

(4) business meeting or office of the governing body of a county,

public school district, municipality, or special purpose district;

(5) school or college athletic event not related to firearms;

(6) daycare facility or preschool facility;

(7) place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited by federal law;

(8) church or other established religious sanctuary;

(9) medical clinic, doctor's office, or any other facility where medical services or procedures are performed, unless expressly authorized by the employer;

(10) residence or dwelling place of another person; or

(11) place clearly marked with a sign prohibiting the carrying of a concealable weapon on the premises in compliance with Section 23-31-235. A person who violates a provision of this item, whether the violation is wilful or not, only may be charged with a violation of Section 16-11-620 and must not be charged with or penalized for a violation of this subsection.

(B) The provisions of subsection (A) do not apply to:

(1) regular, salaried law enforcement officers, and reserve police officers of a state agency, municipality, or county of the State, uncompensated Governor's constables, law enforcement officers or other authorized personnel of the federal government or other states when they are carrying out official duties while in this State, deputy enforcement officers of the Natural Resources Enforcement Division of the Department of Natural Resources, and retired commissioned law enforcement officers;

(2) employees of a law enforcement facility, correctional facility, detention facility, or courthouse while in the course of employment and where the employment requires the possession of a firearm;

(3) members of the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard, organized reserves, or the State Militia when on duty;

(4) subject to the limitations of Section 23-31-600(D), persons who meet the definition of "qualified retired law enforcement officer" contained in Section 23-31-600;

(5) a person carrying as authorized by Section 23-31-240; or

(6) a person given permission to carry a firearm by the property owner or person in control of the premises or an agent of the owner or person in control of the premises with the authority to give such permission, whether or not the property is posted pursuant to Section 23-31-235.

(C) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to alter or affect the provisions of Sections 10-11-320, 16-23-30, 16-23-420,

16-23-430, 16-23-465, 44-23-1080, 44-52-165, and 51-3-145, or the ability for a person to obtain a concealed weapon permit as provided for in Section 23-31-215.

(D) Notwithstanding any provision in this section, a person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from carrying a firearm may lawfully store a firearm anywhere in a vehicle whether occupied or unoccupied.

SECTION 4. Section 16-23-50(A)(2) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) A person violating the provisions of Section 16-23-20, except for a violation of Section 16-23-20(A)(11), is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

SECTION 5. Section 16-23-55(C) and (D) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) After the ninety days have elapsed from publication of the first advertisement, and upon request of the individual who found and turned over the handgun, the agency shall return the handgun to this person if the individual ~~fully completes the application process as described in Section 23-31-140 and in federal law, and~~ pays all advertising and other costs incidental to returning the handgun. ~~No handgun may be returned until the individual fully completes the application.~~

(D) ~~Upon proper completion of the application, the law enforcement agency shall provide copies of the application in compliance with Section 23-31-140~~Notwithstanding subsection (C), the agency shall not return a handgun to the individual who found and turned it in if that individual is prohibited under state or federal law from possessing or receiving a handgun. The agency may dispose of any handgun that is not reclaimed or returned under this section by sale in accordance with Section 27-21-22 and Section 27-21-20.

SECTION 6. Section 16-23-420 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-23-420. (A) It is unlawful for a person to possess a firearm of any kind on any premises or property owned, operated, or controlled by a private or public school, college, university, technical college, other post-secondary institution, or in any publicly owned building, without the express permission of the authorities in charge of the premises or property. The provisions of this subsection related to any premises or property owned, operated, or controlled by a private or public school, college, university, technical college, or other post-secondary institution, do not apply to ~~a person who is authorized to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23~~ when the ~~weapon~~firearm remains inside an attended or locked motor

vehicle and is secured in a closed glove compartment, closed console, closed trunk, or in a closed container secured by an integral fastener and transported in the luggage compartment of the vehicle.

(B) It is unlawful for a person to enter the premises or property described in subsection (A) and to display, brandish, or threaten others with a firearm.

(C) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

(D) This section does not apply to a guard, law enforcement officer, or member of the armed forces, or student of military science. A married student residing in an apartment provided by the private or public school whose presence with a ~~weapon~~ firearm in or around a particular building is authorized by persons legally responsible for the security of the buildings is also exempted from the provisions of this section.

(E) For purposes of this section, the terms "premises" and "property" do not include state or locally owned or maintained roads, streets, or rights-of-way of them, running through or adjacent to premises or property owned, operated, or controlled by a private or public school, college, university, technical college, or other post-secondary institution, which are open full time to public vehicular traffic.

(F) This section does not apply to a person ~~who is authorized to carry concealed weapons pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31 of Title 23~~ when upon any premises, property, or building that is part of an interstate highway rest area facility.

SECTION 7. Section 16-23-430 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-23-430. (A) It shall be unlawful for any person, except state, county, or municipal law enforcement officers or personnel authorized by school officials, to carry on his person, while on any elementary or secondary school property, a knife, with a blade over two inches long, a blackjack, a metal pipe or pole, firearms, or any other type of weapon, device, or object which may be used to inflict bodily injury or death.

(B) This section does not apply ~~to a person who is authorized to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23~~ when the weapon remains inside an attended or locked motor vehicle and is secured in a closed glove compartment, closed console, closed trunk, or in a closed container secured by an integral fastener and transported in the luggage compartment of the vehicle.

(C) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of

a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both. Any weapon or object used in violation of this section may be confiscated by the law enforcement division making the arrest.

SECTION 8. Section 16-23-465 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-23-465. (A) In addition to the penalties provided for by Sections 16-11-330, 16-11-620, ~~16-23-460,~~23-31-220, and Article 1, Chapter 23, Title 16, a person convicted of knowingly carrying a firearm into a business which sells alcoholic liquor, beer, or wine for consumption on the premises is guilty of a misdemeanor~~,~~ and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than two years, or both.

In addition to the penalties described above, a person who violates this section while carrying a concealable weapon pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23 must have his concealed weapon permit revoked for a period of five years.

(B)(1) This section does not apply to a person otherwise lawfully carrying a ~~concealable weapon pursuant to and in compliance with Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23; however, the person shall~~firearm who does not consume alcoholic liquor, beer, or wine while carrying the concealable weapon on the business' premises. A person who violates this item may be charged with a violation of subsection (A).

(2) A property owner, holder of a lease interest, or operator of a business may prohibit the carrying of concealable weapons into the business by posting a "NO CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ALLOWED" sign in compliance with Section 23-31-235. A person who carries a concealable weapon into a business with a sign posted in compliance with Section 23-31-235 may be charged with a violation of subsection (A).

(3) A property owner, holder of a lease interest, or operator of a business may request that a person carrying a concealable weapon leave the business' premises, or any portion of the premises, or request that a person carrying a concealable weapon remove the concealable weapon from the business' premises, or any portion of the premises. A person carrying a concealable weapon who refuses to leave a business' premises or portion of the premises when requested or refuses to remove the concealable weapon from a business' premises or portion of the premises when requested may be charged with a violation of subsection (A).

SECTION 9. Section 23-31-215(K), (M), (O), and (U) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(K) ~~A permit holder must have his permit identification card in his~~

~~possession whenever he carries a concealable weapon. When carrying a concealable weapon pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23, a permit holder must inform a law enforcement officer of the fact that he is a permit holder and present the permit identification card when an officer:~~

~~(1) identifies himself as a law enforcement officer; and~~

~~(2) requests identification or a driver's license from a permit holder.~~

A permit holder ~~immediately~~ must report the loss or theft of a permit identification card to SLED headquarters within forty-eight hours of the time the permit holder knew or reasonably should have known of the loss or theft. A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined twenty-five dollars.

An owner or other person who is lawfully in possession of a firearm, rifle, or shotgun in this State who suffers the loss or theft of such weapon shall report, within thirty days of discovery, the loss or theft of each weapon to the appropriate local law enforcement agency, whether local police department or county sheriff's office, which would have appropriate jurisdiction where the weapon is located. In addition, the facts and circumstances of the loss or theft also must be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency to which the report is made.

(M) A permit issued pursuant to this section does not authorize a permit holder to carry a concealable weapon into ~~a.~~any place listed in Section 16-23-20(A) except as permitted by law.

~~(1) law enforcement, correctional, or detention facility;~~

~~(2) courthouse or courtroom;~~

~~(3) polling place on election days;~~

~~(4) office of or the business meeting of the governing body of a county, public school district, municipality, or special purpose district;~~

~~(5) school or college athletic event not related to firearms;~~

~~(6) daycare facility or preschool facility;~~

~~(7) place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited by federal law;~~

~~(8) church or other established religious sanctuary unless express permission is given by the appropriate church official or governing body;~~

~~(9) hospital, medical clinic, doctor's office, or any other facility where medical services or procedures are performed unless expressly authorized by the employer; or~~

~~(10) place clearly marked with a sign prohibiting the carrying of a concealable weapon on the premises pursuant to Sections 23-31-220 and 23-31-235. Except that a property owner or an agent acting on his~~

~~behalf, by express written consent, may allow individuals of his choosing to enter onto property regardless of any posted sign to the contrary. A person who violates a provision of this item, whether the violation is wilful or not, only may be charged with a violation of Section 16-11-620 and must not be charged with or penalized for a violation of this subsection.~~

~~Except as provided for in item (10), a person who wilfully violates a provision of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both, at the discretion of the court and have his permit revoked for five years.~~

Except as provided in Section 16-23-20(A)(11), a person who wilfully violates a provision of this subsection may be charged with a violation of Section 16-23-20 and in addition to the penalties provided in Section 16-23-20, at the discretion of the court, may have his permit revoked for up to five years.

Nothing contained in this subsection may be construed to alter or affect the provisions of Sections 10-11-320, 16-23-420, 16-23-430, 16-23-465, 44-23-1080, 44-52-165, ~~50-9-830,~~ and 51-3-145.

(O)(1) A permit issued pursuant to this article is not required for a person:

~~(1) specified in Section 16-23-20, items (1) through (5) and items (7) through (11);~~

(~~2~~a) carrying a self-defense device generally considered to be nonlethal including the substance commonly referred to as "pepper gas"; or

(~~3~~b) carrying a concealable weapon in a manner not prohibited by law.

(2) The availability of a permit to carry a concealable weapon under this section must not be construed to prohibit the permitless transport or carrying of a firearm in a vehicle or on or about one's person, whether openly or concealed, loaded or unloaded, in a manner not prohibited by law.

~~(U) A concealable weapon permit holder whose permit has been expired for no more than one year may not be charged with a violation of Section 16-23-20 but must be fined not more than one hundred dollars.~~

SECTION 10. Section 23-31-220 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 23-31-220. (A) Nothing contained in this article shall in any way be construed to limit, diminish, or otherwise infringe upon:

(1) the right of a public or private employer to prohibit a person who is ~~licensed under this article~~ otherwise not prohibited by law from

possessing a handgun from carrying a concealable weapon, whether concealed or openly carried, upon the premises of the business or ~~work place~~ workplace or while using any machinery, vehicle, or equipment owned or operated by the business; or

(2) the right of a private property owner or person in legal possession or control to allow or prohibit the carrying of a concealable weapon, whether concealed or openly carried, upon his premises.

(B) The posting by the employer, owner, or person in legal possession or control of a sign stating "NO CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ALLOWED" shall constitute notice to a person ~~holding a permit issued pursuant to this article~~ that the employer, owner, or person in legal possession or control requests that concealable weapons, whether concealed or openly carried, not be brought upon the premises or into the ~~work place~~workplace. A person who knowingly brings a concealable weapon, whether concealed or openly carried, onto the premises or ~~work place~~ workplace in violation of the provisions of this paragraph may be charged with a violation of Section 16-11-620. In addition to the penalties provided in Section 16-11-620, a person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of the provisions of this paragraph must have his permit revoked for a period of one year. The prohibition contained in this section does not apply to persons specified in Section 16-23-20~~, item~~ (B)(1).

(C) In addition to the provisions of subsection (B), a public or private employer or the owner of a business may post a sign regarding the prohibition or allowance on those premises of concealable weapons, whether concealed or openly carried, which may be unique to that business.

(D) This section must not be construed to limit an individual from carrying a concealable weapon pursuant to Section 51-3-145(G).

SECTION 11. Section 23-31-232(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon express permission given by the appropriate church official or governing body, ~~a person who holds a valid permit issued pursuant to this article~~ any person may carry a concealable weapon, whether concealed or openly carried, on the leased premises of an elementary or secondary school if a church leases the school premises or areas within the school for church services or official church activities.

(1) The provisions contained in this section apply:

(a) only during those times that the church has the use and enjoyment of the school property pursuant to its lease with the school;

and

(b) only to the areas of the school within the lease agreement, any related parking areas, or any reasonable ingress or egress between these areas.

(2) A school district may request that a church utilizing school property for its services disclose and notify the school district if persons are, or may be, carrying concealed weapons on the school property.

(3) The provisions of this section do not apply during any time students are present as a result of a curricular or extracurricular school-sponsored activity that is taking place on the school property.

SECTION 12. Section 23-31-235(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) All signs must be posted at each entrance into a building where carrying of a concealable weapon ~~permit holder~~ is prohibited ~~from carrying a concealable weapon, whether concealed or openly carried,~~ and must be:

(1) clearly visible from outside the building;

(2) eight inches wide by twelve inches tall in size;

(3) contain the words "NO CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ALLOWED" in black one-inch tall uppercase type at the bottom of the sign and centered between the lateral edges of the sign;

(4) contain a black silhouette of a handgun inside a circle seven inches in diameter with a diagonal line that runs from the lower left to the upper right at a forty-five-degree angle from the horizontal;

(5) a diameter of a circle; and

(6) placed not less than forty inches and not more than sixty inches from the bottom of the building's entrance door.

SECTION 13. Section 23-31-600(D) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(D) The restrictions contained in ~~Sections~~ Section 23-31-220 ~~and 23-31-225~~ are applicable to a person carrying a concealed weapon pursuant to this section. Carrying a concealed weapon into the residence or dwelling place of another person is prohibited without the expressed permission of the owner or person in legal control or possession of the premises, as appropriate.

SECTION 14. Section 51-3-145(G) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(G) Possessing any firearm, airgun, explosive, or firework except by duly authorized park personnel, law enforcement officers, or persons using areas specifically designated by the department for use of firearms, airguns, fireworks, or explosives. Licensed hunters may have firearms in

their possession during hunting seasons provided that such firearms are unloaded and carried in a case or the trunk of a vehicle except that in designated game management areas where hunting is permitted, licensed hunters may use firearms for hunting in the manner authorized by law. This subsection shall not apply to a person in possession or carrying a concealable weapon ~~pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23, and the concealable weapon and its ammunition~~, as defined in Section 23-31-20(5).

SECTION 15. Sections 16-23-460, 23-31-225, and 23-31-230 of the S.C. Code are repealed.

SECTION 16. Section 16-23-500 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-23-500. (A) Except as provided in subsection (F), it is unlawful for a person who has been convicted of a ~~violent crime, as defined by Section 16-1-60, that is classified as a felony offense,~~ crime punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of more than one year to possess a firearm or ammunition within this State.

(B) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction ~~must be fined not more than two thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.~~:

(1) for a first offense, must be imprisoned not more than five years;

(2) for a second offense, must be imprisoned for a mandatory minimum of five years, but not more than twenty years; and

(3) for a third or subsequent offense, must be imprisoned for a mandatory minimum of ten years, but not more than thirty years.

(C)(1) In addition to the penalty provided in this section, the firearm or ammunition involved in the violation of this section must be confiscated. The firearm or ammunition must be delivered to the chief of police of the municipality or to the sheriff of the county if the violation occurred outside the corporate limits of a municipality. The law enforcement agency that receives the confiscated firearm or ammunition may use it within the agency, transfer it to another law enforcement agency for the lawful use of that agency, trade it with a retail dealer licensed to sell firearms or ammunition in this State for a firearm, ammunition, or any other equipment approved by the agency, or destroy it. A firearm or ammunition must not be disposed of in any manner until the results of any legal proceeding in which it may be involved are finally determined. If the State Law Enforcement Division seized the firearm or ammunition, the division may keep the firearm or ammunition for use by its forensic laboratory. Records must be kept of all confiscated firearms or ammunition received by the law enforcement agencies under

the provisions of this section.

(2) A law enforcement agency that receives a firearm or ammunition pursuant to this section shall administratively release the firearm or ammunition to an innocent owner. The firearm or ammunition must not be released to the innocent owner until the results of any legal proceedings in which the firearm or ammunition may be involved are finally determined. Before the firearm or ammunition may be released, the innocent owner shall provide the law enforcement agency with proof of ownership and shall certify that the innocent owner will not release the firearm or ammunition to the person who has been charged with a violation of this section which resulted in the confiscation of the firearm or ammunition. The law enforcement agency shall notify the innocent owner when the firearm or ammunition is available for release. If the innocent owner fails to recover the firearm or ammunition within thirty days after notification of the release, the law enforcement agency may maintain or dispose of the firearm or ammunition as otherwise provided in this section.

(D) The ~~judge that hears the case involving the violent~~ court with jurisdiction over an offense,~~ as defined by Section 16-1-60, that is classified as a felony offense,~~ punishable by imprisonment for more than one year, as provided in subsection (A), shall make a specific finding on the record that the offense is ~~a violent offense, as defined by Section 16-1-60, and is classified as a felony offense~~ subject to the provisions of this section. A judge's failure to make a specific finding on the record does not bar or otherwise affect prosecution pursuant to this subsection and does not constitute a defense to prosecution pursuant to this subsection.

(E) A second or subsequent offense for the purpose of this section means any conviction pursuant to Section 16-23-500(A).

(F) For the purpose of this section, "crime punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of more than one year" does not include:

(1) any offense in this State or another jurisdiction pertaining to antitrust violations, unfair trade practices, restraints of trade, or other similar offenses relating to the regulation of business practices;

(2) any offense classified by the laws of this State or another jurisdiction as a misdemeanor and punishable by a term of imprisonment of five years or less; or

(3) any crime for which the conviction has been expunged, or set aside or for which a person has been pardoned or has had civil rights restored, unless such pardon, expungement, or restoration of civil rights expressly provides that the person may not ship, transport, possess, or

receive firearms.

SECTION 17. Section 22-5-910 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 22-5-910. (A) Following a conviction for a crime carrying a penalty of not more than thirty days imprisonment or a fine of one thousand dollars, or both, or a first offense for unlawful possession of a firearm or weapon carrying a penalty of not more than one year or a fine of one thousand dollars, or both, the defendant after three years from the date of the conviction, including a conviction in magistrates or general sessions court, may apply, or cause someone acting on his behalf to apply, to the circuit court for an order expunging the records of the arrest and conviction and any associated bench warrant. However, this section does not apply to an offense involving the operation of a motor vehicle.

(B) Following a conviction for domestic violence in the third degree pursuant to Section 16-25-20(D), or Section 16-25-20(B)(1) as it existed before June 4, 2015, the defendant after five years from the date of the conviction, including a conviction in magistrates or general sessions court, may apply, or cause someone acting on his behalf to apply, to the circuit court for an order expunging the records of the arrest and conviction and any associated bench warrant.

(C) If the defendant has had no other conviction, including out-of-state convictions, during the three-year period as provided in subsection (A), or during the five-year period as provided in subsection (B), the circuit court may issue an order expunging the records including any associated bench warrant.

(D) After the expungement, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is required to keep a nonpublic record of the offense and the date of the expungement to ensure that no person takes advantage of the rights of this section more than once. This nonpublic record is not subject to release pursuant to Section 34-11-95, the Freedom of Information Act, or any other provision of law except to those authorized law or court officials who need to know this information in order to prevent the rights afforded by this section from being taken advantage of more than once.

(E) As used in this section, "conviction" includes a guilty plea, a plea of nolo contendere, or the forfeiting of bail. For the purpose of this section, any number of offenses ~~for crimes carrying a penalty of not more than thirty days imprisonment or a fine of one thousand dollars, or both~~ listed pursuant to subsection (A), for which the individual received sentences at a single sentencing proceeding that are closely connected and arose out of the same incident may be considered as one offense and treated as one conviction for expungement purposes.

(F) No person may have the person's record expunged under this

section if the person has pending criminal charges of any kind unless the charges have been pending for more than five years; however, this five-year time period is tolled for any time the defendant has been under a bench warrant for failure to appear. No person may have the person's records expunged under this section more than once. A person may have the person's record expunged even though the conviction occurred before the effective date of this section.

SECTION 18. Section 23-31-240 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 23-31-240. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this article, the following persons who possess a valid permit pursuant to this article may carry a concealable weapon anywhere within this State:

(1) active Supreme Court justices;

(2) active judges of the court of appeals;

(3) active circuit court judges;

(4) active family court judges;

(5) active masters-in-equity;

(6) active probate court judges;

(7) active magistrates;

(8) active municipal court judges;

(9) active federal judges;

(10) active administrative law judges;

(11) active solicitors and assistant solicitors;

(12) active workers' compensation commissioners; ~~and~~

(13) the Attorney General and assistant attorneys general;

(14) active county clerks of court; and

(15) active public defenders and assistant public defenders.

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (A), public defenders and assistant public defenders may not carry a concealable weapon into a local or state correctional facility.

SECTION 19. Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 23-31-245. A person openly carrying a weapon in accordance with this article does not give a law enforcement officer reasonable suspicion or probable cause to search, detain, or arrest the person.

SECTION 20. No provision in this act should be construed as the General Assembly discouraging responsible gun ownership; and the General Assembly, in fact, encourages all gun owners to pursue and receive appropriate gun safety training before carrying a firearm or weapon.

SECTION 21. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

SECTION 22. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. B. J. COX explained the amendment.

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

Yeas 85; Nays 26

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe

McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Hart	Henegan	Hosey
Jefferson	W. Jones	Kirby
McDaniel	J. Moore	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Stavrinakis	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	Williams	

Total—26

The amendment was then adopted.

The Senate Amendments were amended, and the Bill was ordered returned to the Senate.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was stuck in traffic on I-77 during the vote on H. 3594, Amendment No. 1A. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Amendment.

Rep. Randy Ligon

S. 557--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 557 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Kimbrell, Adams, Rice, Rankin, Reichenbach, Young, Loftis, Climer, Garrett, Alexander, Campsen and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Tuesday, March 19, which was agreed to.

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. FORREST.

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 5067 -- Reps. Jordan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF DR. JOSEPH M. "JAY" PEARSON, JR., OF FLORENCE, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:55 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. ROBBINS, adjourned in memory of Cameron Connor, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Wednesday, February 14, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 67:1: "May God be gracious and bless us and make His face to shine upon us."

Let us pray. Bless this Nation, that its inhabitants might seek Your righteousness. Thank You for the gifts You give to these Representatives and Staff as they go about their duties this day. Lord of love and greatness, look in favor upon our first responders and defenders of freedom as they care for us. Bless and keep our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Protect our men and women who suffer and sacrifice to keep us safe. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. WEST moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Hattie Green, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Sandra Benjamin Mosley Calhoon.

STATEMENT BY REP. THIGPEN

Rep. THIGPEN made a statement relative to the life and legacy of Lieutenant Colonel Charity Adams Earley.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4927 -- Reps. Herbkersman, W. Newton, G. M. Smith and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE THE "EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY", TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE OFFICE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO BECOME COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO THE MEDIATION OF GRIEVANCES BY THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY, THE OFFICE'S COMPONENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS TO THE LIST OF EXEMPTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-70, RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTER 9 OF TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4875 -- Reps. Ott, Brewer and Atkinson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-1910, RELATING TO THE SALE OF DEER OR DEER PARTS, SO AS TO ALLOW A PROCESSOR TO PROCESS A LEGALLY TAKEN DOE DONATED BY A HUNTER AND RECOVER THE COSTS OF PROCESSING FROM SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE HUNTER WHO DONATED THE DOE, AND TO INCREASE PENALTIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4387 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-230, RELATING TO STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO HYBRID BASS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4820 -- Reps. Forrest, Hixon, Hayes, Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Magnuson, Chapman, McDaniel and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4386 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-647 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING, HARMING, OR KILLING OF ROBUST REDHORSE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5082 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett,

Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE CHARLESTON AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY AND TO WISH THEM A SUCCESSFUL AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE FIELD DAY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5083 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LATE LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARITY ADAMS EARLEY FOR HER

MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5084 -- Reps. Haddon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HUNTER MORTON, AN AGRICULTURE TEACHER AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING NAMED THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS' 2023 REGION V OUTSTANDING EARLY CAREER TEACHER

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5085 -- Reps. Whitmire, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey,

Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE WEST-OAK HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5086 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore,

Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE FORMER HOUSE MEMBER EDITH MARTIN "EDIE" RODGERS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR A JOYFUL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5087 -- Reps. Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. GEORGE FRANCIS FLOWERS, FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL WITNESS AND MINISTRY, FOR A LIFETIME OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE AME CHURCHES OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND BEYOND AND TO WISH HIM MUCH CONTINUED BLESSING AND FULFILLMENT IN THE DAYS AHEAD AS HE ENJOYS A WELL-EARNED RETIREMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5088 -- Reps. Alexander, Jordan, Kirby, Lowe and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF STATE ROAD 868 (MARION STREET) FROM THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 52 (COIT STREET) TO THE INTERSECTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 174 (HARRELL STREET) IN FLORENCE COUNTY "DR. VASHTI SMITH AND MARY T. WILSON WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5089 -- Rep. Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SUMTER STREET IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH ALEXANDER STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH MCQUEEN STREET "SENATOR MAGGIE GLOVER WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 697 -- Senators Goldfinch and Campsen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOP A MARINE RECREATIONAL OFFSHORE HARVEST DATA COLLECTION PROGRAM TO CONSERVE MARINE FISHERIES WHILE ENSURING SOUTH CAROLINIANS AND THOSE WHO

VISIT OUR COAST EACH YEAR HAVE ACCESS TO OUR PUBLIC TRUST RESOURCES.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1010 -- Senator Shealy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 2024 AS "AMERICAN HEART MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5090 -- Reps. King and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58-1-70 SO AS TO REQUIRE A UTILITY THAT OFFERS A DRIVE-THROUGH WINDOW FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE TO PERMIT A CUSTOMER TO MAKE A PAYMENT AT ITS DRIVE-THROUGH WINDOW, AND TO PROVIDE WHAT CONSTITUTES A "UTILITY".

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5091 -- Rep. Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDER INCOME.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5092 -- Reps. Herbkersman, G. M. Smith, Bannister and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-6-65 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE AND ADVISE ON CERTAIN MATTERS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1-3-240, 1-5-40, 1-11-20, 1-23-600, 1-25-60, 2-13-240, 3-5-40, 3-5-50, 3-5-60, 3-5-70, 3-5-80, 3-5-90, 3-5-100, 3-5-110, 3-5-120, 3-5-130, 3-5-140, 3-5-150, 3-5-160, 3-5-

170, 3-5-180, 3-5-190, 3-5-320, 3-5-330, 3-5-340, 3-5-350, 3-5-360, 4-12-30, 4-29-67, 4-33-10, 4-33-20, 4-33-30, 5-31-2010, 6-1-150, 6-11-285, 6-11-290, 6-11-1210, 6-11-1230, 6-11-1430, 6-15-30, 6-19-30, 6-19-35, 6-19-40, 6-21-400, 7-5-186, 7-5-310, 10-5-270, 10-9-10, 10-9-20, 10-9-30, 10-9-35, 10-9-40, 10-9-110, 10-9-200, 10-9-260, 10-9-320, 11-11-170, 11-11-230, 11-37-200, 11-58-70, 11-58-80, 12-6-3370, 12-6-3420, 12-6-3550, 12-6-3775, 12-23-810, 12-23-815, 12-28-2355, 12-37-220, 12-44-30, 13-1-380, 13-2-10, 13-7-10, 13-7-20, 13-7-30, 13-7-40, 13-7-45, 13-7-60, 13-7-70, 13-7-90, 13-7-120, 13-7-160, 14-1-201, 14-7-1610, 14-7-1630, 14-23-1150, 15-74-40, 16-3-740, 16-3-2050, 16-17-500, 16-17-650, 16-25-320, 20-1-240, 20-1-320, 20-1-330, 20-1-340, 20-1-350, 20-1-720, 20-3-230, 20-3-235, 23-1-230, 23-3-535, 23-3-810, 25-11-70, 25-11-75, 27-16-90, 27-31-100, 30-2-30, 30-2-320, 31-13-30, 32-8-305, 33-36-1315, 37-11-20, 37-11-50, 38-7-20, 38-55-530, 38-70-60, 38-71-46, 38-71-145, 38-71-1520, 38-78-10, 39-23-20, 39-23-30, 39-23-40, 39-23-50, 39-23-60, 39-23-70, 39-23-100, 39-23-110, 39-23-120, 39-23-130, 40-7-60, 40-7-230, 40-10-230, 40-13-60, 40-13-110, 40-15-85, 40-15-102, 40-15-110, 40-23-10, 40-23-20, 40-23-110, 40-23-280, 40-23-300, 40-23-305, 40-23-310, 40-25-20, 40-25-170, 40-33-20, 40-33-30, 40-35-10, 40-35-20, 40-43-72, 40-43-83, 40-43-86, 40-43-87, 40-43-190, 40-43-195, 40-43-200, 40-45-300, 40-47-31, 40-47-32, 40-47-34, 40-61-20, 40-69-255, 40-71-10, 40-71-20, 40-81-20, 40-84-120, 41-27-280, 43-5-24, 43-5-910, 43-5-1185, 43-21-120, 43-21-130, 43-25-30, 43-33-350, 43-35-10, 43-35-15, 43-35-25, 43-35-35, 43-35-220, 43-35-310, 43-35-520, 43-35-560, 44-1-60, 44-1-65, 44-1-70, 44-1-80, 44-1-90, 44-1-100, 44-1-110, 44-1-130, 44-1-140, 44-1-151, 44-1-152, 44-1-165, 44-1-170, 44-1-180, 44-1-190, 44-1-200, 44-1-210, 44-1-215, 44-1-220, 44-1-230, 44 1 280, 44-1-300, 44-1-310, 44-1-315, 44-2-20, 44-2-40, 44-2-60, 44-2-130, 44-2-150, 44-3-10, 44 3-150, 44-4-130, 44-4-300, 44-4-310, 44-4-320, 44-4-330, 44-4-340, 44-4-500, 44-4-510, 44-4-520, 44-4-530, 44-4-540, 44-4-550, 44-4-560, 44-4-570, 44-5-20, 44-6-5, 44-6-150, 44-6-170, 44-6-400, 44-7-77, 44-7-80, 44-7-90, 44-7-130, 44-7-150, 44-7-180, 44-7-190, 44-7-200, 44-7-210, 44-7-220, 44-7-225, 44-7-230, 44-7-240, 44-7-250, 44-7-260, 44-7-320, 44-7-325, 44-7-370, 44 7-392, 44-7-510, 44-7-1420, 44-7-1440, 44-7-1490, 44-7-1590, 44-7-1660, 44-7-1690, 44-7-2420, 44-7-2430, 44-7-2940, 44-7-3430, 44-7-3460, 44-8-10, 44-8-20, 44-8-60, 44-9-70, 44-20-270, 44-29-10, 44-29-15, 44-29-20, 44-29-30, 44-29-40, 44-29-50, 44-29-60, 44-29-70, 44-29-80, 44-29-90, 44-29-100, 44-29-110, 44-29-115, 44-29-120, 44-29-130, 44-29-135, 44-29-136, 44-29-140, 44-29-145, 44-29-146, 44-29-150, 44-29-160, 44-29-170, 44-29-180, 44-29-185, 44-29-190,

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 408 -- Senators Shealy and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-250, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, DISPLAY, AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE HOUR OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING AS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-540, RELATING TO REGULATIONS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AND LICENSE RENEWAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE HOUR OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING AS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 558 -- Senators Verdin and Senn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-31-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE FOR THE TUBERCULOSIS TESTING OF APPLICANT RESIDENTS AND NEWLY ADMITTED RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES IN THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus

Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--116

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Reps. ERICKSON and ALEXANDER signed a statement with the Clerk that they came in after the roll call of the House and were present for the Session on Tuesday, February 13.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. J. L. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. COLLINS a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. THAYER a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Fritz Butehorn of Spartanburg was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. CHAPMAN presented to the House the Westside High School "Rams" AAAA Football State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3247
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	WOOTEN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3618
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	HYDE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3891
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	POPE, BREWER and MURPHY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3895
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4113
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	KIRBY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4158
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	BAUER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4218
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	KIRBY, JEFFERSON and HARDEE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4289
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	CROMER, BEACH and PACE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4549
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	CARTER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4552
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	ROBBINS, BREWER and KING

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4625
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	BRITTAIN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4626
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	BRITTAIN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4697
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4867
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	BAUER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4927
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4954
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	BANNISTER, J. E. JOHNSON, HARRIS, WHITE, WILLIS, HARDEE, WILLIAMS, GARVIN, J. MOORE, COBB-HUNTER, PACE, STAVRINAKIS, BLACKWELL, HIXON, HIOTT and FORREST

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4957
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	KIRBY, HENEGAN, HARTNETT, WILLIAMS, GILLIARD and RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5069
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	LOWE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5081
Date:	ADD:
02/14/24	GILLIAM

H. 5079--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5079 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-110, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
Crawford	Cromer	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt

Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 5079. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Don Chapman

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. FORREST.

H. 4231--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4231 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Davis, Bernstein, Guest, Brittain, Henegan, B. Newton, Carter, B. L. Cox, Bannister, Herbkersman, Robbins, Schuessler, Hart and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-1155, RELATING TO MICRO-DISTILLERIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MICRO-DISTILLERY MAY SELL CERTAIN LIQUORS DISTILLED ON THE PREMISES ON SUNDAYS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4160, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON CERTAIN DAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES MAY AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON SUNDAYS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

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

H. 4957--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4957 -- Reps. Hiott, Erickson, G. M. Smith, Hayes, McGinnis, Rose, Elliott, Alexander, Schuessler, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, T. Moore, B. Newton, Neese, Oremus, Hixon, Taylor, Guest, Sessions, Guffey, Ballentine, Pope, Willis, Bannister, Kirby, Henegan, Hartnett, Williams, Gilliard and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES' COMPENSATION FOR NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO REVISE SEVERAL DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-20, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF COMPENSATION FOR USE OF AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND CERTAIN AGENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS MAY ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT MAY ENABLE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO EARN COMPENSATION FOR USE OF THE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS OF THE ATHLETE, AND TO PROVIDE THE

INSTITUTIONS ALSO MAY PERMIT INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO USE TRADEMARKS AND FACILITIES OF THE INSTITUTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-30, RELATING TO THE EFFECTS OF NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS COMPENSATION ON GRANT-IN-AID OR ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS MAY NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PROGRAM AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-40, RELATING TO ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED ACTIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES' NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS-RELATED MATTERS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY FOR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING EMPLOYEES FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM CERTAIN ROUTINE DECISIONS MADE IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONDUCT BY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS, ATHLETIC CONFERENCES, OR OTHER GROUPS WITH AUTHORITY OVER INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-50, RELATING TO GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE CERTAIN MATTERS CONCERNING NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGREEMENTS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO AN EXCEPTION AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO CERTAIN ENTITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-60, RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND PROVISIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2018, AND TO PROVIDE ATHLETE AGENTS SHALL COMPLY WITH CERTAIN FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2018, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "ATHLETE AGENT"; BY AMENDING

SECTION 59-102-100, RELATING TO AGENCY CONTRACTS, SO AS TO REMOVE A PROVISION CONCERNING COMPENSATION; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-70 RELATING TO DISCLOSURES AND LIMITATIONS IN NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND REVOCATION PERIODS FOR SUCH CONTRACTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-80 RELATING TO GOVERNING LAW AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE CONTRACTS.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy

Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4957. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Bill Herbkersman

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5095 -- Reps. O'Neal, Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5093 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO PROFESSIONALS WHO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, AS WELL AS TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO ASSIST THEM, AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024, AS "MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5094 -- Rep. Bamberg: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF GOVAN ROAD IN BAMBERG COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH VOORHEES ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321

"WILLIAM H. NIMMONS, SR. ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. FORREST.

H. 4231--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4231 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Davis, Bernstein, Guest, Brittain, Henegan, B. Newton, Carter, B. L. Cox, Bannister, Herbkersman, Robbins, Schuessler, Hart and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-1155, RELATING TO MICRO-DISTILLERIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MICRO-DISTILLERY MAY SELL CERTAIN LIQUORS DISTILLED ON THE PREMISES ON SUNDAYS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4160, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON CERTAIN DAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES MAY AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON SUNDAYS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4231 (LC-4231.SA0007H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTIONS 1 and 2 and inserting:

SECTION X. Section 61-6-1155 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a micro-distillery selling liquor at its licensed premises pursuant to authorization set forth in subsection (A) may sell the alcoholic liquors distilled on the licensed premises at retail between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. The sale of such alcoholic liquors must comply with the provisions of this chapter, notwithstanding the prohibition of Sunday retail sales.

SECTION X. Section 61-6-4160 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-6-4160. (A) It is unlawful to sell alcoholic liquors ~~on Sunday except as authorized by law,~~ on Christmas Day~~,~~ or during periods proclaimed by the Governor in the interest of law and order or public morals and decorum. Full authority to proclaim these periods is conferred upon the Governor in addition to all his other powers. It is unlawful for a retail dealer to sell alcoholic liquors on Sunday except as authorized and provided for in this section.

(B) The Department of Revenue may issue a permit to allow the sale of alcoholic liquors on Sunday between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. by a licensed retail dealer in a county or municipality that authorizes the sale of alcoholic liquors on Sunday in the manner provided in subsection (C). The department shall charge a nonrefundable filing fee of one hundred dollars for processing each application. The department shall charge for an annual fifty-two week permit a nonrefundable fee of three thousand dollars per year. However, the fifty-two-week permit must not extend beyond the expiration date of the biennial license issued pursuant to this chapter. If the expiration date is less than fifty-two weeks from the date of the application for the fifty-two-week permit, the department must prorate the three thousand dollar fee on a monthly basis. The permit fee must be waived if the applicant certifies to the department that the applicant is the owner of the retail premises in which the permit is sought, and the applicant does not have an ownership interest in other retail locations where a permit authorizing the Sunday sale of liquor may be issued. The department in its sole discretion shall specify the terms and conditions of the permit. The filing and permit fees must be distributed by the Department of Revenue pursuant to the provisions of Section 61-6-2010(B).

(C)(1) A permit authorized by this section may be issued only in those counties or municipalities where a majority of the qualified electors voting in a referendum vote in favor of the issuance of the permit. The county or municipal election commission, as the case may be, shall conduct a referendum upon petition of at least ten percent but not more than seven thousand five hundred qualified electors of the county or municipality, as the case may be. The petition form must be submitted to the election commission not less than one hundred twenty days before the date of the referendum. The names on the petition must be on the petition form provided to county election officials by the State Election Commission. The names on the petition must be certified by the election commission within sixty days after receiving the petition form. The referendum must be conducted at the next general election. The election commission shall cause a notice to be published in a newspaper

circulated in the county or municipality, as the case may be, at least seven days before the referendum. The state election laws must apply to the referendum, mutatis mutandis. The election commission shall publish the results of the referendum and certify them to the South Carolina Department of Revenue. The question on the ballot must be:

"Shall the South Carolina Department of Revenue be authorized to issue permits to licensed retail dealers in this (county) (municipality) to allow for the sale of alcoholic liquors on Sunday between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act?"

(2) A referendum for this purpose may not be held more often than once in forty-eight months.

(3) The expenses for this purpose must be paid by the county or municipality conducting the referendum.

(4) In addition to the petition method of calling the referendum provided for in item (1), a county or municipal governing body by ordinance also may call the referendum. Upon receipt of a copy of the ordinance filed with the county or municipal election commission at least sixty days before the date of the next general election, the commission shall conduct the referendum in the manner provided in this section at that general election. The provisions of this item are in addition to the authority of a municipal governing body to call for a referendum under the circumstances enumerated in subsection (D).

(D)(1) The municipal governing body may order a referendum on the question of the issuance of permits to allow the sale of alcoholic liquors in the following circumstances:

(a) parts of the municipality are located in more than one county;

(b) as a result of a favorable vote in a county referendum held pursuant to this section, permits may be issued in only the parts of the municipality located in that county; and

(c) the proposed referendum would authorize issuance of permits in the remaining parts of the municipality.

(2) The method of ordering a referendum provided in this subsection is in addition to the petition method. An unfavorable vote in a municipal referendum does not affect the authority to issue these permits in the part of the municipality located in a county where these permits may be issued.

(3) Upon receipt of a copy of the ordinance filed with the municipal election commission at least sixty days before the date of the general election, the commission must conduct the referendum at the

time of the general election and publish and certify its results in the same manner as provided in subsection (C).

(E) Permits authorized to be issued in a county or municipality pursuant to this section may continue to be issued or reissued without the requirement of a further referendum.

(F) Permits issued by the Department of Revenue pursuant to this section may be issued in all parts of a municipality if any part of the municipality is located in a county where the issuance of these permits is allowed.

(G)(1) For purposes of referendums held pursuant to this section, "general election" means a:

(a) municipal general election held at a time other than the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of even-numbered years; or

(b) county general election held on the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November of even-numbered years.

(2) A municipality that does not have a municipal general election scheduled within the same calendar year as a county general election may call, by ordinance, for a referendum to be held on the same date as the county general election, provided that a copy of the ordinance has been filed with the county and municipal election commissions no later than the date required by Section 7-13-355. The expenses for a referendum ordered by a municipality must be paid by the municipality. When a municipal referendum is held at the time of a county general election, the referendum may be conducted by the municipal or county election commission as provided for by an agreement between the municipality and county.

(H) A person who violates a provision of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be punished as follows:

~~(a)~~(1) for a first offense, by a fine of two hundred dollars or imprisonment for sixty days;

~~(b)~~(2) for a second offense, by a fine of one thousand dollars or imprisonment for one year; and

~~(c)~~(3) for a third or subsequent offense, by a fine of two thousand dollars or imprisonment for two years.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ELLIOTT spoke in favor of the amendment.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. ELLIOTT continued speaking.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. MCCRAVY spoke against the amendment.
Rep. MCCRAVY spoke against the amendment.

Rep. MCCRAVY moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. ELLIOTT moved to table the motion.

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

Yeas 64; Nays 48

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. L. Cox	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliard	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Hosey
Jefferson	W. Jones	King
Landing	Leber	Lowe
McDaniel	J. Moore	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Ott	Pace	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor

Weeks	Wetmore	Williams
Wooten		

Total--64

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Burns	Carter
Chumley	Crawford	Cromer
Felder	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Harris	Hart	Hayes
Hiott	Howard	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Kilmartin
Kirby	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Robbins
Sessions	Trantham	Vaughan
West	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Willis	Yow

Total--48

So, the motion to recommit the Bill was tabled.

Rep. GATCH spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. GATCH spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. HART spoke in favor of the amendment.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. BEACH spoke in favor of the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MCCABE raised the Point of Order that H. 4231, as amended, violated Article VIIIA, Section 1, of the South Carolina Constitution and should be ruled out of order. He stated that the Bill, as amended, allowed municipalities to issue licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages and liquors and that the constitution prohibited such action.

The SPEAKER stated that Rep. MCCABE had raised a substantive question of constitutional law. He stated that the Speaker of the House could only rule on procedural questions that involved the legislative process and procedures. The SPEAKER further explained that substantive questions of constitutional law were reserved for adjudication by the judiciary, and, consequently, he was required to overrule the Point of Order.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Reps. W. Newton and Elliott proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4231 (LC-4231.SA0008H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 61-6-1155(E) and inserting:

(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a micro-distillery selling liquor at its licensed premises pursuant to authorization set forth in subsection (A) and provided a referendum is conducted pursuant to Section 61-6-2010(C) may sell the alcoholic liquors distilled on the licensed premises at retail between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. The sale of such alcoholic liquors must comply with the provisions of this chapter, notwithstanding the prohibition of Sunday retail sales.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ELLIOTT explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 68; Nays 44

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

B. L. Cox	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gilliard
Guest	Hart	Hartnett
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Leber
McDaniel	Mitchell	J. Moore
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Ott
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Williams	Wooten	

Total--68

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Burns	Chumley
Crawford	Cromer	Felder
Gibson	Gilliam	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hayes	Hiott
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kirby	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
G. M. Smith	Trantham	Vaughan
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Willis	Yow	

Total--44

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

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4978 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S FFA, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA, AND ALL WHO SUPPORT, PROMOTE, AND ENCOURAGE THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TO JOIN THEM IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL FFA WEEK FROM FEBRUARY 17 THROUGH 24, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:57 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. CLYBURN, adjourned in memory of Hattie Green, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, February 15, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Job 13: "With God are wisdom and strength; he has counsel and understanding."

Let us pray. Almighty God, give us eyes to see You with love and service to others as we begin another day in this week of service for the people of South Carolina. Creator God, help us to see how deep and wide Your saving work for all creation is, a love that is seen most clearly in our Lord. May You, O Lord, give us and all creation peace and hope for the future. Bless and keep safe our first responders and defenders of freedom in Your care. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort for this State. Remember our military members who serve in dangerous places. Keep them safe. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. MITCHELL moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Charles William "Billy" Atkins, which was agreed to.

Mr. Charles William "Billy" Atkins

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that we adjourn in memory of a great Hartsvillian, Mr. Charles William "Billy" Atkins. Mr. Atkins, a proud World War II veteran, was a known fixture in our community as a funeral director at the funeral home of Brown, Pennington, & Atkins. Mr. Atkins served as a funeral director in Hartsville and served hundreds of families in our area for over 77 years. Mr. Atkins passed away on February 8, 2024, at the age of 100. At the time of his death, he was the oldest living

funeral director and Freemason in the state of South Carolina. We remember Mr. Atkins and his family in our prayers.

Rep. Cody Mitchell

STATEMENT BY REP. CLYBURN

Rep. CLYBURN made a statement relative to the life and legacy of Bob Hayes.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 245:

S. 245 -- Senators Kimbrell and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WITH CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS IS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING AS THE TREASURER OF A BOOSTER CLUB, TO PROVIDE THAT EACH BOOSTER CLUB WITHIN A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL ANNUALLY REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD, TO PROVIDE THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD MUST RUN A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK TO DETERMINE IF THE TREASURER OF A BOOSTER CLUB IS PROHIBITED FROM SERVING IN THAT ROLE DUE TO A CRIMINAL CONVICTION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

H. 3594--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, February 14, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 3594:

H. 3594 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, G. M. Smith, Lowe, Wooten, Hiott, Bailey, Beach, Burns, Caskey, Crawford, Cromer, Elliott, Forrest, Haddon, Hardee, Hixon, Hyde, Jordan, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, T. Moore, B. Newton, Nutt, Oremus, M. M. Smith, S. Jones, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Willis, Yow, West, Lawson, Chapman, Chumley, Leber, Mitchell, Pace, Harris, O'Neal, Kilmartin, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Hager, Sandifer, Connell, Gilliam, Davis, B. L. Cox, Vaughan, White, Collins, J. E. Johnson, Gagnon, Gibson, W. Newton, Bustos, Herbkersman, Landing, Moss, Pope and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2023" BY AMENDING SECTION 10-11-320, RELATING TO CARRYING OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDERS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION THAT MAKES THIS SECTION INAPPLICABLE TO PERSONS THAT POSSESS CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMITS AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS WHO POSSESS FIREARMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-20, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PLACES WHERE AND CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH HANDGUNS MAY BE CARRIED, AND PERSONS WHO MAY CARRY HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-50, RELATING TO CERTAIN PENALTIES, DISPOSITION OF FINES, AND FORFEITURE AND DISPOSITION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-55, RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR RETURNING FOUND HANDGUNS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO FILING APPLICATIONS TO OBTAIN FOUND HANDGUNS, AND PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO MAINTAIN POSSESSION OR DISPOSE OF FOUND HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-420, RELATING TO POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON

PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION, AND DELETE THE TERM "WEAPON" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "FIREARM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-430, RELATING TO CARRYING WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-465, RELATING TO THE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFULLY CARRYING PISTOLS OR FIREARMS ONTO PREMISES OF BUSINESSES SELLING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, BEER, OR WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN OFFENSES THAT PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN DEADLY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO PERSONS WHO KNOWINGLY CARRY CERTAIN FIREARMS, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS LAWFULLY CARRYING FIREARMS WHO DO NOT CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-215, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS REQUIRING PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY PERMITS WHILE CARRYING WEAPONS AND IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS PERMIT HOLDERS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO REPORT THE LOSSES OF PERMITS TO SLED, TO REVISE THE PREMISES UPON WHICH PERMIT HOLDERS MUST NOT CARRY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES EXEMPTIONS TO CARRYING PERMITS, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR CARRYING EXPIRED PERMITS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-220, RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO ALLOW OR PERMIT CONCEALED WEAPONS UPON PREMISES AND THE POSTING OF SIGNS PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, THAT PERSONS MUST KNOWINGLY VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION TO BE CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION, AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT LIMIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN WEAPONS IN

STATE PARKS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-232, RELATING TO CARRYING CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ON PREMISES OF CERTAIN SCHOOLS LEASED BY CHURCHES, SO AS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE CHURCH OFFICIALS OR GOVERNING BODIES MAY ALLOW ANY PERSON TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON ON THE LEASED PREMISES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-235, RELATING TO CONCEALABLE WEAPON SIGN REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SIGNS MUST BE POSTED AT LOCATIONS WHERE THE CARRYING OF CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ARE PROHIBITED; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-600, RELATING TO RETIRED PERSONNEL, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 16-23-460, 23-31-225, AND 23-31-230, RELATING TO THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS BY INDIVIDUALS ON THEIR PERSON, INTO RESIDENCES OR DWELLINGS, OR BETWEEN A MOTOR VEHICLE AND A RENTED ACCOMMODATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-500, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY PERSONS CONVICTED OF VIOLENT OFFENSES, THE CONFISCATION OF CERTAIN WEAPONS, AND THE RETURN OF FIREARMS TO INNOCENT OWNERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIST OF CRIMES SUBJECT TO THIS PROVISION AND THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH VIOLATIONS, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "CRIME PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF MORE THAN ONE YEAR".

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. SANDIFER, the House insisted upon its amendments.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. CASKEY, B. J. COX and BAMBERG to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

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

Document No. 5232
Agency: Department of Social Services
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 63-11-30
Wilderness Therapeutic Camps for Children
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2024
Regulations and Administrative Procedures

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5096 -- Reps. Caskey, Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE 2023 PINEVIEW DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL COACH PITCH ALL-STAR TEAM FOR A GREAT SEASON AND FOR THEIR VICTORY IN THE DISTRICT 4 COACH'S PITCH TOURNAMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5097 -- Reps. Ott, Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE 2023 PINEVIEW DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL ROOKIE BALL ALL-STAR TEAM FOR SECURING ITS SPOT AS THE DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL DISTRICT 4 ROOKIE BALL CHAMPIONS AND AS THE STATE DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL ROOKIE BALL RUNNER-UP CHAMPIONS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5098 -- Reps. Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones,

W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE MEYER CENTER FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF GREENVILLE COUNTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THE CENTER ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5099 -- Reps. Schuessler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE MIKE CHESTNUT FOR HIS TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF MYRTLE BEACH CITY COUNCIL AND TO RECOGNIZE HIM AS THE LONGEST-SERVING MEMBER IN THE HISTORY OF CITY COUNCIL.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5107 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BOB HAYES, AMERICAN OLYMPIC SPRINTER AND FOOTBALL PLAYER, FOR HIS REMARKABLE SPEED AND ATHLETIC ENDURANCE AND FOR HIS MANY ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND FOR HIS NUMEROUS ATHLETIC AWARDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5108 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CLEO B. JACOBS ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5109 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO WELCOME FAMED GOSPEL MUSICIAN HEZEKIAH WALKER TO SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM WELL DURING HIS VISIT TO THE PALMETTO STATE AS HE PERFORMS IN THE LEGENDS CONCERT ON FEBRUARY 23, 2024, AT COLUMBIA'S KOGER CENTER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5110 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber,

Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO WELCOME PASTOR, SINGER, AND SONGWRITER MARVIN SAPP TO SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM WELL DURING HIS VISIT TO THE PALMETTO STATE AS HE PERFORMS IN THE LEGENDS CONCERT ON FEBRUARY 23, 2024, AT COLUMBIA'S KOGER CENTER.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5111 -- Reps. Calhoon, Ballentine, Caskey, Kilmartin, Forrest, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White, Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LAURA SLADE HUDSON FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE IN ADVOCATING FOR CRIME VICTIMS AND FOR HER PUBLIC POLICY ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON BEHALF OF CRIME VICTIMS AND ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5120 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West and Sandifer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO URGE FEDERAL LEGISLATORS TO WORK IN GOOD FAITH TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT REFORMS FEDERAL PERMITTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESSES, TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP BY EXPEDITING THE DEPLOYMENT OF MODERN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TO INCLUDE STEPS TO CONSIDER FOR THESE REFORMS, AS WELL AS DETRIMENTS TO THE NATION AND ITS RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES FOR FAILURE TO ACT.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

S. 1056 -- Senator Devine: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE RICHLAND COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED, FOR THIRTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, TO WISH ITS MEMBERS MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEDICATION, AND TO DESIGNATE APRIL 27, 2024, AS RICHLAND COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER, DELTA SIGMA THETA, INCORPORATED DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5103 -- Reps. Long and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-720, RELATING TO ZONING DISTRICTS' REGULATIONS SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN STRUCTURES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 5104 -- Reps. Erickson and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-1-640, RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WITH MILITARY SERVICE, SO AS TO INCLUDE JOINT SERVICES TRANSCRIPTS AMONG THE ACCEPTABLE EVIDENCE FOR DOCUMENTING THE EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5105 -- Reps. Erickson and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-53-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A POLICY APPLICABLE TO ALL TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSIONS THAT RECOGNIZES AND AWARDS CREDENTIALS AND COLLEGE CREDIT FOR COURSES AND EXPERIENCES COMPLETED IN THE MILITARY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLICY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND TO PROVIDE THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM SHALL WORK WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES TO ENSURE THE CONSISTENT REVIEW AND AWARDING OF ELIGIBLE CREDIT.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5106 -- Reps. Williams, Gilliard, Henegan and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-3-21 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL IN-DISTRICT COMPENSATION OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH MONTH.

Rep. GILLIARD asked unanimous consent to have the Bill placed on the Calendar without reference.

Rep. HIOTT objected.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5112 -- Reps. Guffey and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-746 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR AN INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS WITH WHOM HE IS ASSOCIATED FROM PROVIDING ANY ASSISTANCE TO ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR COMPENSATION OR ANYTHING OF VALUE; AND TO REQUIRE A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON HIS STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS THE NAME OF EACH CANDIDATE FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND AMOUNT RECEIVED, FOR WHICH THE MEMBER OR AN INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS WITH WHICH HE IS ASSOCIATED PROVIDES CAMPAIGN ASSISTANCE FOR COMPENSATION OR ANYTHING OF VALUE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5113 -- Reps. Elliott and T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-3-30 AND 63-15-230, BOTH RELATING TO JOINT CUSTODY ORDERS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES TO AWARD JOINT CUSTODY IN A CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5114 -- Reps. Herbkersman and Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-420, RELATING TO ASSISTANCE IN COLLECTION OF BUSINESS LICENSE TAX DUE, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE THIRD PARTY FROM CONTACTING THE BUSINESS OR

ANOTHER ENTITY THAT THE BUSINESS CONTRACTS WITH WHEN THE BUSINESS NOTIFIES THE TAXING JURISDICTION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5115 -- Rep. Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170, RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO REMOVE THE CAP ON TIPPING FEES THAT A COUNTY MAY CHARGE FOR RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN WASTE TIRES; AND TO ENCOURAGE STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION ON MARKET DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES REGARDING END-OF-LIFE TIRE RECYCLING IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5116 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICAL DEVICES, PRODUCTS, AND DRUGS PURCHASED BY AN INDIVIDUAL SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5117 -- Reps. Sessions, Guffey, Brewer, Mitchell and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-435 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIVISION I VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAMS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND CLEMSON UNIVERSITY SHALL ANNUALLY PLAY ON A HOME AND HOME BASIS UNDER SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE RESPECTIVE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES MAY DECIDE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5118 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West, Davis, Hager, Hewitt, Kirby, Long, M. M. Smith, B. Newton, Pendarvis, Sandifer, Hiott, Landing, Crawford, Brittain, Lawson, Williams, Whitmire, Jefferson, Bustos, Hartnett, Carter, Blackwell, Neese, W. Newton, Bradley, Ott, Erickson, Sessions, Murphy, Brewer, Yow, Robbins, Mitchell, Connell, Jordan, Thayer, Elliott, Wooten, Pedalino, Guest, Bailey, T. Moore, McGinnis, Gatch, Ligon, Gagnon, Hardee, B. L. Cox, Guffey, Chapman, Leber, Anderson, Bannister, Calhoon, Felder, Gibson, Hixon, Lowe, Taylor,

Thigpen and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TEN-YEAR ENERGY TRANSFORMATION ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING

SECTION 58-27-650, RELATING TO REASSIGNMENT OF ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS' SERVICE AREAS, SO AS TO PERMIT THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR ANY ELECTRIC SUPPLIER TO SERVE ANY TRANSFORMATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO AS ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR", SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY

EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE

OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND", AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-

SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5119 -- Reps. Schuessler, Hewitt, Robbins, McDaniel, Calhoon, Carter, Brewer, Anderson, Kirby, Crawford, Oremus, B. L. Cox, Chapman, Brittain, Lawson, Jordan, White, West, Neese, Guest, McGinnis, Connell, Vaughan, J. E. Johnson, Wooten, Pace, Pedalino, Bailey, Wetmore, Bradley, Guffey, Mitchell, Sessions, Kilmartin, Hartnett, O'Neal, B. Newton, W. Jones, Hiott, Felder, King, Landing, Pope, Henegan, Beach, Burns, W. Newton, Hager, Ballentine, Elliott, Forrest, Gagnon, Gilliam, Hayes, Herbkersman, Lowe, Moss, Murphy, Ott, Sandifer, M. M. Smith, Wheeler and Whitmire: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-1897 SO AS TO PROVIDE SPEED LIMITATIONS ON VEHICLES MEETING OR OVERTAKING WASTE SERVICE VEHICLES, AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-170, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES", SO AS TO INCLUDE "WASTE SERVICE VEHICLES" WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM, AND TO PROVIDE THEY MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH STROBE LIGHTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon

Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--112

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. THAYER signed a statement with the Clerk that she came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Tuesday, February 13.

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. THAYER signed a statement with the Clerk that she came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Wednesday, February 14.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. J. E. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day due to a court mandated conflict.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. J. L. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. DAVIS a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to business.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HYDE a leave of absence for the day due to a prior family commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. NUTT a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. COLLINS a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Patricia Witherspoon of Richland County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. CROMER presented to the House the Wren High School "Golden Hurricanes" AAA Volleyball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. CROMER presented to the House the Wren High School "Golden Hurricanes" AAA Boys Cross Country State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. TAYLOR presented to the House the USC Aiken "Pacers" 2023 USEA Intercollegiate Eventing Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3676
Date:	ADD:
02/15/24	TAYLOR

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3742
Date:	ADD:
02/15/24	SESSIONS and GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3891
Date:	ADD:
02/15/24	LAWSON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3895
Date:	ADD:
02/15/24	WOOTEN, WEST, HARTNETT, B. NEWTON, S. JONES, HAGER, BUSTOS, GIBSON, NEESE, M. M. SMITH, GATCH and HEWITT

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4844
Date:	ADD:
02/15/24	HARDEE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4866
Date:	ADD:
02/15/24	TAYLOR

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4954
Date:	ADD:
02/15/24	MCCABE, GIBSON, WETMORE, DILLARD, RIVERS, JEFFERSON, PEDALINO and LONG

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5069
Date:	ADD:
02/15/24	WHITE

CO-SPONSORS REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4954
Date:	REMOVE:
02/15/24	HIOTT, FORREST and HIXON

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 5079 -- Rep. W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-110, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

H. 4927--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4927 -- Reps. Herbkersman, W. Newton, G. M. Smith and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE THE "EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY", TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE OFFICE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO BECOME COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO THE MEDIATION OF GRIEVANCES BY THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY, THE OFFICE'S COMPONENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS TO THE LIST OF EXEMPTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-70, RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTER 9 OF TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4875--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4875 -- Reps. Ott, Brewer and Atkinson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-1910, RELATING TO THE SALE OF DEER OR DEER PARTS, SO AS TO ALLOW A PROCESSOR TO PROCESS A LEGALLY TAKEN DOE DONATED BY A HUNTER AND RECOVER THE COSTS OF PROCESSING FROM SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE HUNTER WHO DONATED THE DOE, AND TO INCREASE PENALTIES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4387--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4387 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-230, RELATING TO STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO HYBRID BASS.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4820--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4820 -- Reps. Forrest, Hixon, Hayes, Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Magnuson, Chapman, McDaniel and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING

AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4386--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4386 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-647 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING, HARMING, OR KILLING OF ROBUST REDHORSE.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 4231 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Davis, Bernstein, Guest, Brittain, Henegan, B. Newton, Carter, B. L. Cox, Bannister, Herbkersman, Robbins, Schuessler, Hart and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-1155, RELATING TO MICRO-DISTILLERIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MICRO-DISTILLERY MAY SELL CERTAIN LIQUORS DISTILLED ON THE PREMISES ON SUNDAYS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4160, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON CERTAIN DAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LOCAL

GOVERNING BODIES MAY AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON SUNDAYS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

H. 4957 -- Reps. Hiott, Erickson, G. M. Smith, Hayes, McGinnis, Rose, Elliott, Alexander, Schuessler, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, T. Moore, B. Newton, Neese, Oremus, Hixon, Taylor, Guest, Sessions, Guffey, Ballentine, Pope, Willis, Bannister, Kirby, Henegan, Hartnett, Williams, Gilliard and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES' COMPENSATION FOR NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO REVISE SEVERAL DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-20, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF COMPENSATION FOR USE OF AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND CERTAIN AGENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS MAY ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT MAY ENABLE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO EARN COMPENSATION FOR USE OF THE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS OF THE ATHLETE, AND TO PROVIDE THE INSTITUTIONS ALSO MAY PERMIT INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO USE TRADEMARKS AND FACILITIES OF THE INSTITUTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-30, RELATING TO THE EFFECTS OF NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS COMPENSATION ON GRANT-IN-AID OR ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS MAY NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PROGRAM AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-40, RELATING TO ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED ACTIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES' NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS-RELATED MATTERS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY FOR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING EMPLOYEES FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM CERTAIN ROUTINE DECISIONS MADE IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN

CONDUCT BY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS, ATHLETIC CONFERENCES, OR OTHER GROUPS WITH AUTHORITY OVER INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-50, RELATING TO GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE CERTAIN MATTERS CONCERNING NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGREEMENTS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO AN EXCEPTION AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO CERTAIN ENTITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-60, RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND PROVISIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2018, AND TO PROVIDE ATHLETE AGENTS SHALL COMPLY WITH CERTAIN FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2018, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "ATHLETE AGENT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-100, RELATING TO AGENCY CONTRACTS, SO AS TO REMOVE A PROVISION CONCERNING COMPENSATION; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-70 RELATING TO DISCLOSURES AND LIMITATIONS IN NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND REVOCATION PERIODS FOR SUCH CONTRACTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-80 RELATING TO GOVERNING LAW AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE CONTRACTS.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5121 -- Rep. Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-1-50, RELATING

TO GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES FOR LAKE MARION, SO AS TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-675, RELATING TO NONGAME FISHING DEVICES OR GEAR PERMITTED IN CERTAIN BODIES OF FRESHWATER, SO AS TO PERMIT HOOP NETS IN THE CONGAREE RIVER.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 5122 -- Reps. Jefferson, Hosey, Clyburn, Kirby, Williams, King and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-23-10, RELATING TO EXPENSES OF GENERAL ELECTION OFFICERS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT PAID TO MANAGERS AND CLERKS OF GENERAL ELECTIONS BY REQUIRING A PER DIEM FROM THE RESPECTIVE COUNTY IN WHICH THEY WERE APPOINTED TO SERVE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THAT PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

Rep. TAYLOR moved that when the House adjourn today, it stand adjourned to meet in Local Session on Friday, February 16, and to next meet in Statewide Session on Tuesday, February 27, at 12:00 noon, which was agreed to.

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 5093 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber,

Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO PROFESSIONALS WHO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, AS WELL AS TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO ASSIST THEM, AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024, AS "MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:11 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. MITCHELL, adjourned in memory of Charles William "Billy" Atkins, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Friday, February 16, 2024
(Local Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Isaiah 63:8: "For he said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely'; and he became their savior in all their distress."

Let us pray. Blessings and glory and honor, we give thanks for the many benefits You so gracefully bestow upon us as Your people. Grant Your blessings on our defenders of freedom and first responders as they work to take care of us. Forgive us when we have not lived up to Your expectations. Guide and keep us in Your loving arms. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Remember our men and women who defend us from all who try to do us wrong. Touch the lives of those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:15 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, February 27.

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Tuesday, February 27, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 148:13: "Let them [all parts of creation] praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven."

Let us pray. We give thanks and praise to You, almighty and merciful God, for giving us the time and ability in doing the work with these Representatives and Staff. Keep these, Your people, in Your love and provide for them every needful thing. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders as they take care of us. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in Your vineyard. Let us not forget those who give of their lives so we can live free. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, February 16, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. ANDERSON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Karthalmina Blanche Harper, which was agreed to.

Miss Karthalmina Blanche Harper

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask that we adjourn in memory of Miss Karthalmina Blanche Harper, 107 years old of Georgetown, South Carolina. She was a strong, helpful woman of God and a member of the Greater St. Stephen AME Church Women's Missionary Society. She lived in the same house that she was born on Emanuel Street in the city of Georgetown. Miss Harper was a true neighbor to everyone around her. She was very supportive of me being in the ministry and a friend of the family.

Rep. Carl Anderson

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Betty Knotts, wife of former Senator Jake Knotts.

STATEMENT BY REP. JEFFERSON

Rep. JEFFERSON made a statement relative to the contributions of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina Chapter.

STATEMENT BY REP. WILLIAMS

Rep. WILLIAMS made a statement relative to the contributions of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina Chapter.

INVITATIONS

On motion of Rep. FORREST, with unanimous consent, the following were taken up for immediate consideration and accepted:

February 20, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Retail Association, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at The Palmetto Club.

Sincerely,
Krista Hinson
Executive Director
South Carolina Retail Association

February 20, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Transportation Association of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the USC Alumni Center.

Sincerely,
Lynn Stockman, Treasurer TASC

February 20, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Beverage Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Kathryn Wiley
South Carolina Beverage Association, Legislative Director

February 20, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Hospital Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on the Statehouse Grounds.

Sincerely,
Tammy Pope
President and CEO

February 20, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Florence County Economic Development Partnership, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Columbia Museum of Art.

Sincerely,
Debbie Jones
Florence County Economic Development Partnership

February 20, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation and the South Carolina Shellfish Growers Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation Headquarters.

Sincerely,
Rick Caldwell
South Carolina Farm Bureau

February 20, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Forestry Association of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, March 7, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Cam Crawford
President and CEO
Forestry Association of South Carolina

February 20, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Carolina Recycling Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at The Palmetto Club.

Sincerely,
Mary McClellan
Executive Director
Carolina Recycling Association

February 20, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC Association of Community Action Partnerships (SCACAP), the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Jessica McMoore, Chief Executive Officer
SC Association of Community Action Partnerships

February 20, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the National Organization Dream.org, in partnership with South Carolina for Restorative Justice, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Lulu Cameron
Executive Director
South Carolina for Restorative Justice

February 20, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC Human Services Providers Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Mary Kate Mackie
SC Human Services Providers Association

February 20, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee

503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of The Home Builders Association of South Carolina, the Members of the House are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Seawells.

Sincerely,
Mark Nix
Executive Director

February 20, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Broadcasters Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Margaret Fort Wallace
Executive Director

February 20, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the Statehouse Grounds.

Sincerely,
Kendall Malphrus
Executive Director

February 20, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Associated Builders and Contractors, Carolinas Chapter, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at The Palmetto Club.

Sincerely,
Chris Bullard
ABC Carolinas Chapter

February 20, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC Convenience and Petroleum Marketers Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, March 28, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Michael W. Fields
Executive Director

REGULATION RECEIVED

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

Document No. 5269
Agency: State Board of Education
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 59-5-60 and 60-9-30
School and Classroom Library Materials
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
February 26, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration March 1, 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5123 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN SCHOLAR DR. SAUNDRA H. GLOVER, A NATIVE OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5124 -- Reps. Burns, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAN MCDONALD, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS AT NORTH GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN FOUR DECADES OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5125 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard,

Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR PORT ROYAL ON CELEBRATING ITS ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TOWN FOR ITS RICH HISTORY AND GROWTH.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5126 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN MEDIA PERSONALITY AND FORMER SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE MEMBER DAVID J. MACK III, A NATIVE OF CHARLESTON.

Whereas, born in Charleston on December 13, 1953, David Mack was the son of David James Mack, Jr., and Dorothy P. Mack. The young David graduated in 1975 from Howard University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science; and

Whereas, from 1997 until 2020, David Mack represented District 109 (Charleston and Dorchester counties) in the South Carolina House of Representatives, where at his retirement he was serving as second vice chairman of the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee. During his time of legislative service, he also was a member of the National Energy Commission for African American Legislators and the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus; and

Whereas, David Mack strongly believed in local community involvement, and he put his convictions into action by serving his community in various capacities. He was a member of Rainbow PUSH (Charleston Chapter), NAACP (North Charleston branch), and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. His board affiliations included the Progressive Network (cochair), COBRA, Medical University of South Carolina Hollings Cancer Center, Project Sugar, Urban League, African American Jewish Coalition, Diabetes Initiative, and South Carolina Coalition for Black Voter Participation; and

Whereas, earlier civic participation included service with the Opportunities Industrialization Center Board of Directors, Carolina Youth Development Center, *The Chronicle* (editorial writer), and South Carolina Substance Abuse Commission. He worked as a radio talk show host for nearly forty years, beginning at the legendary WPAL Radio Station of Charleston and hosting such programs as *Open Rap*, *Drive Time Dialogue*, and *P.M. Urban Edition*. At his passing, he was the host of *The David Mack Show*, broadcast in the Charleston area, as well as on the Internet. In addition, he was president of Sunrise Communications and the former host of a local cable television show called *The Panel*; and

Whereas, further, this man of faith served his God at Old Bethel United Methodist Church, where he was a lay speaker. At the time of his passing in 2023, he and his wife, Sheryl, were the proud parents of three children, David IV, Brandon, and Daniel, as well as the delighted grandparents of a granddaughter, Najah. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, honor the life and achievements of prominent African American media personality and former South Carolina House member David J. Mack III, a native of Charleston.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5127 -- Reps. Blackwell, Clyburn, Taylor, Oremus and Hixon: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR J. DAVID JAMESON, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE GREATER AIKEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER ALMOST A QUARTER OF A CENTURY OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE GREATER AIKEN AREA, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5128 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, B. Newton, Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith,

Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF JOHN THOMAS CAUGHMAN OF KERSHAW COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5129 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR COACH WILLIE THOMAS OF THE WHITE KNOLL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM FOR BEING NAMED REGION COACH OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5130 -- Reps. Bernstein, Rose, Stavrinakis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach,

Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KAREN W. WILSON, A LEGISLATIVE AIDE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS SHE LEAVES HER SERVICE HERE AFTER SEVEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5131 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford,

Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NATIONAL COALITION OF 100 BLACK WOMEN, INC., COLUMBIA (SC) CHAPTER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5132 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER LOTTIE GIBSON OF GREENVILLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5133 -- Reps. Thigpen, McDaniel, Henegan, Henderson-Myers, Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson,

W. Jones, King, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WILHELMINA P. JOHNSON WHO DEVOTED HERSELF TO ENHANCING HER COMMUNITY, AND TO COMMEND HER LIFE AS AN EDUCATOR AND HER COMMITMENT TO AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5134 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore,

Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE ELEASE AMOS-GOODWIN OF CHARLESTON COUNTY FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND FOR HER LIFETIME OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5135 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JERRY GOVAN, A NATIVE SON OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS GREAT STATE.

Whereas, Orangeburg native Jerry Govan is the son of the late Roberta and Jerry N. Govan, Sr. A 1976 graduate of Orangeburg-Wilkinson High School, he is also a proud alumnus of South Carolina State University, where he received both his bachelor’s degree in political science and a master’s degree in teaching; and

Whereas, his professional work experiences include service with the U.S. Department of the Navy; South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control; and South Carolina State University, where he served as director of the Small Business Development Center. Additionally, he served as primary prevention specialist for the Tri-County Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, coordinating the Pre-Trial Intervention Program for the 1st Judicial Circuit and, later, Orangeburg County's People's Assault on Drugs Community Anti-Drug Task Force. He was a school district parent educator, parenting and after-school coordinator, literacy consultant, and dropout prevention coordinator, and he recently retired as county attendance supervisor for Orangeburg Consolidated School Districts 3, 4, and 5. Former Representative Govan and his wife are owners of the Govan Agency, LLC, specializing in life, auto, and commercial insurance; and

Whereas, Jerry Govan has a long and distinguished track record of service to the community. He has served in various offices for the Kiwanis Club and with the Orangeburg Consolidated School District Five Foundation, Claflin University Board of Visitors, South Carolina SAEP II Project on Effective School Leadership, and National Black Caucus Institute Financial Literacy Task Force. In 2012, he was selected as a South Carolina Educational Policy Fellow and in 2015 was named a Policy Health Fellow by the South Carolina Institute of Medicine and Public Health; and

Whereas, he has not gone unappreciated. Former Representative Govan has been honored for his service by the South Carolina Association of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Directors, Southeastern Association of Educational Opportunities, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Mothers Against Drunk Driving, South Carolina Association of School Administrators Adult Education Directors Division, Claflin University, Edisto-Area Benedict Alumni Club, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., South Carolina State University, South Carolina Education Association, National Black Caucus State Institute, The Links, Inc., American Business Women's Association, South Carolina Alliance of After-School Programs, and South Carolina Commission on Higher Education. Moreover, he was selected to receive the prestigious Dick Riley Award by the National Dropout Prevention Center. In 2015, he was honored by several organizations for his leadership as chairman of the South Carolina School Safety Task Force and in the same year was appointed by then

House Speaker Jay Lucas to serve as a member of the Educational Reform Task Force; and

Whereas, first elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives in November 1992, our former colleague was a past chairman of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus and only the first House member in the history of the caucus to be twice elected its chair. He served as a member of the House Education & Public Works Committee and chair of the Public Safety Subcommittee, among other committee posts in the House. In addition, he was a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures Education Committee and a 2018 appointee to the Early Learning Opportunity Gaps Advisory Group and National Center for Dropout Prevention Advisory Board; and

Whereas, Jerry Govan is married to the former Wanda E. Gibson of Estill, and they have four delightful daughters and seven precious grandchildren. The senior Govans are currently members of the historic Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church of Orangeburg, where Jerry serves as an associate minister. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Jerry Govan, a native son of South Carolina, for his many accomplishments and contributions to this great State.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Jerry Govan.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5136 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM AND ITS STUDENTS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS IN BECOMING PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS AND TO DECLARE THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024, AS "ETIQUETTE DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA."

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5137 -- Reps. McCravy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. FAY SPROUSE,

SUPERINTENDENT OF WARE SHOALS SCHOOL DISTRICT 51, ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER AN HONORED CAREER OF FORTY YEARS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH FULFILLMENT AND JOY IN THE DAYS TO COME.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5138 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SYM SINGH, A LEADER IN SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT, AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS SUBSTANTIAL AND EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AS HE LEAVES HIS SERVICE THERE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5139 -- Reps. Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell,

Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BEVERLY BREUER, DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT AND DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICORPS SENIORS PROGRAM OF SENIOR RESOURCES, UPON HER RETIREMENT AND TO WISH HER WELL AND GODSPEED AS SHE BEGINS A NEW CHAPTER IN HER LIFE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5140 -- Rep. Sandifer: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CASSONDRA OWENS "CASSIE" MOORE, LIBRARIAN AT SENECA MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOR THE REMARKABLE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE WON THE LIBRARY THE PRESTIGIOUS SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY OF THE YEAR AWARD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5142 -- Reps. Calhoon, Wooten, Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach,

Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LEXINGTON VARSITY DANCE TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA DANCE ASSOCIATION'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN TWO CATEGORIES.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5141 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford,

Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AMIKIDS FOR FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF GUIDING AT-RISK YOUTH TO POSITIVE, PRODUCTIVE ALTERNATIVES TO PAST BEHAVIOR WHILE ENABLING THEM TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT STATE AND TO DECLARE THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024, AS AMIKIDS DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 479 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME CHALK STREET IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY TOWN OF EASTOVER FROM POULTRY LANE TO MAIN STREET "FREDDIE E. CAMPBELL, SR. MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1065 -- Senator Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO WELCOME THE NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DANIEL J. SEEHAFER, AND TO INVITE HIM TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT 12:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1066 -- Senator Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JUDITH WARNER UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER THIRTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO AIKEN COUNTY AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1070 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR FIRE CHIEF AUBREY D. JENKINS FOR HIS FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COLUMBIA-RICHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1071 -- Senator Bennett: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MARK LEIENDECKER FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL LEGAL CAREER AND TO WISH HIM A HAPPY AND RESTFUL RETIREMENT.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5143 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-4-40, RELATING TO MATTERS THAT PUBLIC BODIES MAY BE EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE COMPENSATION PAID BY PUBLIC BODIES FROM THE EXEMPTABLE MATTERS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5144 -- Reps. B. J. Cox and Elliott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-5-105 SO AS TO CREATE THE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING EFFICIENT EMERGENCY RESPONSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5145 -- Reps. Willis and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2925 SO AS TO PROVIDE DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHO COMMIT ACTS FORBIDDEN BY LAW OR NEGLECT DUTIES IMPOSED BY LAW RELATED TO DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES, IF THE ACTS OR NEGLECT RESULT IN GREAT BODILY HARM TO OTHER PERSONS, ARE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, TO PROVIDE THAT DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHO COMMIT ACTS FORBIDDEN BY LAW OR NEGLECT DUTIES IMPOSED BY LAW RELATED TO DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES, IF THE ACTS OR NEGLECT RESULT IN THE DEATH OF OTHER PERSONS, ARE GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2946, RELATING TO SUBMISSIONS TO TESTING FOR ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS MUST SUBMIT TO TESTING FOR ALCOHOL OR DRUGS IF THE PERSONS COMMIT ACTS FORBIDDEN BY LAW OR NEGLECT

ANY DUTY IMPOSED BY LAW IN THE DRIVING OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND THE ACT OR NEGLECT PROXIMATELY CAUSES GREAT BODILY INJURY OR DEATH TO OTHER PERSONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5146 -- Reps. Lowe, Jordan, Kirby and Alexander: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXPEDITIOUSLY AND FULLY COOPERATE WITH FLORENCE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FACILITATING THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS FUNDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR LOCAL FUNDS AT INTERSECTIONS OF ROADWAYS MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT ANYWHERE IN FLORENCE COUNTY.

Referred to Florence Delegation

H. 5147 -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope, McCravy, Gibson and S. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-500, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY PERSONS CONVICTED OF VIOLENT OFFENSES, AND THE CONFISCATION AND RETURN OF FIREARMS TO INNOCENT OWNERS, SO AS TO REVISE OFFENSES AND PENALTIES COVERED BY THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5148 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-410 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSURANCE POLICY THAT COVERS A PERSON OPERATING A RENTED OR LEASED VEHICLE SHALL BE PRIMARY TO A MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE POLICY; BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-420 SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS TO PAY SALES TAX FOR AUTOMOBILE PAINT WHEN REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CAR PAINTING SERVICES; AND BY ADDING SECTIONS 38-77-430, 38-77-440, 38-77-450, 38-77-460 AND 38-77-470 ALL SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO RESOLVE A DISPUTE BETWEEN AN INSURER AND AN INSURED AS TO THE AMOUNT OF LOSS OF A VEHICLE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5149 -- Reps. Haddon, Hiott, Chapman, Chumley, Ligon, Brewer, Robbins, Forrest, Hixon and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 46-3-290 SO AS TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A "CERTIFIED S.C. RAISED BEEF" DESIGNATION AND TO PROVIDE LABELS FOR ANY APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE CRITERIA; AND BY ADDING SECTION 47-17-160 SO AS TO ALLOW BEEF PRODUCERS IN THIS STATE TO CARRY A "CERTIFIED S.C. RAISED BEEF" DESIGNATION.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 5150 -- Rep. Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 4-10-470 RELATING TO COUNTIES IN WHICH THE EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX MAY BE IMPOSED.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5151 -- Rep. Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-7-40 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DISPLAY OF A BARBER POLE IF NOT LICENSED IN THE PRACTICE OF BARBERING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE BARBER POLE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5152 -- Reps. Robbins, T. Moore, Bailey, Brewer, Gatch and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-25-65, RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF A SENTENCE FOR SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO THE ARRESTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND ANY VICTIMS, TO REQUIRE A HEARING WITH FINDINGS OF FACT IN A WRITTEN ORDER, TO REQUIRE VERIFICATION OF SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AND TO ALLOW REDUCTION OF MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES IN THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5153 -- Reps. West, Thayer, Chapman, Beach, Gagnon and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2, SO AS TO REPLACE THE TWO MULTI-MEMBER DISTRICTS WITH FOUR SINGLE-MEMBER RESIDENCY AREAS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE RESIDENCY AREAS ARE DELINEATED.

Referred to Anderson Delegation

H. 5154 -- Reps. West and Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-5-1030, RELATING TO CIVIL PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A GAS UTILITY WHICH VIOLATES SECTION 58-5-1020 OR A REGULATION UNDER ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 5, TITLE 58 IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT MORE THAN THE CIVIL PENALTY PROVIDED BY 49 U.S.C. SECTION 60122 AND 49 C.F.R. 190.233.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 423 -- Senators Davis, Hutto, Grooms, Kimpson, Malloy, McLeod, Verdin, Fanning, Goldfinch, Gustafson, Shealy and Tedder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT"; BY AMENDING CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 OF THE S.C. CODE, RELATING TO POISONS, DRUGS, AND OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS PRODUCTS AND THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A SALE CAN OCCUR; BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3910 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO VAPORIZE CANNABIS PRODUCTS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 44-53-2010 WHILE OPERATING THE MOTOR VEHICLE AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; BY REPEALING ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

S. 862 -- Senators Shealy and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-30, RELATING TO CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PRE-SERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 903 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 5 OF ACT 91 OF 2021, RELATING TO FLOUNDER CATCH LIMITS, SO AS TO REPEAL THE SUNSET CLAUSE.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 912 -- Senator Davis: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE SC NEXUS FOR ADVANCED RESILIENT ENERGY AND TO ENCOURAGE THE CONTINUED GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TO REDUCE THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WHILE ENHANCING THE ECONOMIC OUTPUT.

On motion of Rep. WEST, with unanimous consent, the Joint Resolution was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

S. 915 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Setzler, Verdin, Davis, Hutto, Kimbrell, Young, Senn and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO CREATE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY AND PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AGENCY; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO DISSOLVE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS AND CREATE THE STATE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND POLICY; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO THE MEDIATION OF GRIEVANCES BY THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY, THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY, AND ALL DIRECT REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY AND TO DIRECTORS OF THE COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-70, RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY SHALL APPOINT A

DIRECTOR TO BE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; AND TO REPEAL TITLE 44, CHAPTER 9 RELATING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 944 -- Senators Gambrell, Bennett, Turner, Fanning and Young: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH FAMILY LEAVE BENEFITS, OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS OF FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE POLICIES, AND PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 946 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-1210, RELATING TO THE STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE REGULATION OF CHILDCARE FACILITIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MEMBERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-1220, RELATING TO COMMITTEE DUTIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE QUORUM OF MEMBERS REQUIRED TO VOTE FROM EIGHT TO SIX.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 957 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-3-150, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE OR HIS DESIGNEES TO CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUCH INVESTIGATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-9-200, RELATING TO CONDITIONS FOR ALLOWING REINSURANCE CREDITS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-13-10, RELATING TO INSURER EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE SUCH EXAMINATIONS ARE FINANCIAL EXAMINATIONS, TO APPLY THE PROVISIONS TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER LICENSEES OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE MARKET CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY

AMENDING SECTION 38-13-70, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEES MAY CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INVESTIGATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FINAL ORDERS DISCIPLINING LICENSEES ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-57-130, RELATING TO INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REVISED EXEMPTIONS FROM PROVISIONS PROHIBITING MISREPRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS, AND REBATES IN INSURANCE CONTRACTS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 974 -- Senator Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 59-104-20, 59-149-10, AND 59-150-370, ALL RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION" FOR PURPOSES OF THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS, THE LEGISLATIVE INCENTIVES FOR FUTURE EXCELLENCE (LIFE) SCHOLARSHIPS, AND THE SC HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO ADD AN INSTITUTION ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITING COMMISSION OF CAREER SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES TO THE DEFINITION.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 1001 -- Senator Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-430, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF INMATE LABOR IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO INMATE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM MAY EARN LESS THAN THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach

Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--118

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CRAWFORD a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. JORDAN a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Patricia Seal of Richland County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3676
Date:	ADD:
02/27/24	ROBBINS and BREWER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4289
Date:	ADD:
02/27/24	TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4703
Date:	ADD:
02/27/24	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4709
Date:	ADD:
02/27/24	MCGINNIS and SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4866
Date:	ADD:
02/27/24	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4875
Date:	ADD:
02/27/24	CASKEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4927
Date:	ADD:
02/27/24	B. NEWTON and WILLIAMS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5066
Date:	ADD:
02/27/24	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5081
Date:	ADD:
02/27/24	HIOTT

H. 3866--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3866 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-7-95 SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT, WHEN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PROCEEDS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DOES NOT UNDERTAKE REPRESENTATION OF STATE AGENCIES AND CANNOT BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE POSSESSION, CUSTODY, OR CONTROL OVER STATE AGENCY DOCUMENTS OR ELECTRONICALLY STORED INFORMATION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-55 SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS ACTING IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST OF THE STATE IN UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE PROCEEDINGS, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION.

Rep. ELLIOTT explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 0; Nays 110

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total—0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee

Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

H. 3989--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3989 -- Reps. Ott, G. M. Smith, Cobb-Hunter, Ligon, Kirby, Haddon, Oremus, Brewer, Gagnon, Sandifer, Weeks, Williams, Henegan, Bauer, Forrest, Jefferson, Wheeler, Anderson and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOLAR, AGRICULTURAL, FARMLAND, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACT"; TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; TO ESTABLISH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES; TO

ESTABLISH THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION PROCESS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEARINGS REGARDING THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION; TO ESTABLISH THE PARTIES TO A CERTIFICATION PROCEEDING; TO REQUIRE A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO CONSOLIDATE THE REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS; TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S DECISION REGARDING AN APPLICATION; TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ISSUE AN ORDER WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS FROM THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS FILED; TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A FILED APPLICATION; AND TO CREATE THE AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND VIABILITY PROTECTION FUND.

Rep. OTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Monday, March 18, which was agreed to.

H. 4927--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4927 -- Reps. Herbkersman, W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Schuessler, B. Newton and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE THE "EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY", TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE OFFICE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO BECOME COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO THE MEDIATION OF GRIEVANCES BY THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY, THE OFFICE'S COMPONENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS TO THE LIST OF EXEMPTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-70, RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING, SO AS TO MAKE

CONFORMING CHANGES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTER 9 OF TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

Reps. W. NEWTON, HIOTT, B. NEWTON, CARTER, HEWITT, MAGNUSON, B. L. COX, PACE, GUEST, J. E. JOHNSON, HARRIS, S. JONES, WHITE, YOW and T. A. MORGAN requested debate on the Bill.

H. 4875--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4875 -- Reps. Ott, Brewer, Atkinson and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-1910, RELATING TO THE SALE OF DEER OR DEER PARTS, SO AS TO ALLOW A PROCESSOR TO PROCESS A LEGALLY TAKEN DOE DONATED BY A HUNTER AND RECOVER THE COSTS OF PROCESSING FROM SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE HUNTER WHO DONATED THE DOE, AND TO INCREASE PENALTIES.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4875 (LC-4875.PH0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 50-11-1910(B) and inserting:

(B) The department may promulgate regulations to permit deer processors to process legally taken female (doe) deer donated by a hunter or crop depredation permittee or designee and recover the fee of processing the deer from a person other than the individual who donated the deer.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. FORREST explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White

Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4387--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4387 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-230, RELATING TO STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO HYBRID BASS.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris

Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:
Lowe

Total--1

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

H. 4820--RECOMMITTED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4820 -- Reps. Forrest, Hixon, Hayes, Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Magnuson, Chapman, McDaniel and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS

TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.

Rep. HIXON moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, which was agreed to.

H. 4386--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4386 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-647 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING, HARMING, OR KILLING OF ROBUST REDHORSE.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby

Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5158 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones,

Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CELEBRATE THE ENDURING LEGACY OF THE EPSILON BETA OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., FOR ITS OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO SERVICE, UPLIFTING THE COMMUNITY, AND ADVOCATING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5159 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CELEBRATE THE SPARTANBURG AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE AND CONGRATULATE IT ON THE COMPLETION OF THE SOUTHSIDE CULTURAL MONUMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5160 -- Reps. J. Moore, B. L. Cox, Pace, M. M. Smith, Jefferson, Davis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WILLIS SANDERS FOR HIS DEDICATED PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CELEBRATE HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5155 -- Reps. Pope, Ligon, O'Neal, Sessions, Felder, Burns, Chumley, Guffey, Lawson and Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-9-65, RELATING TO REGULATION OF CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF A FARM STRUCTURE, SO AS TO EXEMPT

CONVERTED FARM STRUCTURES USED FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EVENTS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 5156 -- Reps. Garvin, King, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 31-21-65, 45-9-11, AND 59-63-41 SO AS TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL AND AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY OF THIS STATE IN HOUSING, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS, AND EDUCATION TO DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, INCLUDING DISCRIMINATING AGAINST CERTAIN FACIAL FEATURES, HAIR TEXTURES, HAIR TYPES, AND HAIR STYLES ASSOCIATED WITH RACE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-13-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD CLARIFYING DEFINITIONS TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL AND AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY OF THIS STATE IN EMPLOYMENT TO DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-13-80, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO COVERED EMPLOYERS ALLOWING THEM TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN FACIAL FEATURES, HAIR TEXTURES, HAIR TYPES, AND HAIRSTYLES ASSOCIATED WITH RACE WHEN NECESSARY TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE EMPLOYEE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5157 -- Reps. Garvin, Bernstein, Gilliard, Gatch, J. L. Johnson, Brewer, Rivers, Dillard, Carter, King, Bauer, Cobb-Hunter, Henegan, W. Jones, Rose and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-100 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FERTILIZED HUMAN EGGS OR HUMAN EMBRYOS THAT EXIST IN ANY FORM OUTSIDE OF THE UTERUS OF A HUMAN BODY ARE NOT CONSIDERED AN UNBORN CHILD OR OTHER TERM CONNOTING A HUMAN BEING FOR ANY PURPOSE UNDER STATE LAW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5161 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Howard, Alexander, Cobb-Hunter, Gilliam, Rivers, Clyburn, Jefferson, J. Moore, Bauer, Anderson,

McDaniel, Henegan, Hosey, Pendarvis, Williams, Dillard, Garvin, Bamberg, Henderson-Myers and Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-1-696, RELATING TO OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE STATE, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE GULLAH LANGUAGE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4319 -- Rep. Erickson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE NEW HARBOR ISLAND BRIDGE IN BEAUFORT COUNTY THE "GEORGE J. 'GEORDIE' MADLINGER III BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THE BRIDGE CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4833 -- Rep. Burns: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLACE APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THE STATE-MAINTAINED ROAD ENTRANCES TO THE TOWN OF SLATER-MARRIETTA IN GREENVILLE COUNTY CONTAINING THE WORDS "HOME OF THE SLATER-MARIETTA HIGH SCHOOL GREEN WAVE FIVE-TIME SOUTH CAROLINA BOYS STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS: 1953, 1962, 1964, 1966, AND 1971".

H. 5111 -- Reps. Calhoon, Ballentine, Caskey, Kilmartin, Forrest, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White, Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore,

T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LAURA SLADE HUDSON FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE IN ADVOCATING FOR CRIME VICTIMS AND FOR HER PUBLIC POLICY ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON BEHALF OF CRIME VICTIMS AND ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:28 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. ANDERSON, adjourned in memory of Karthalmina Blanche Harper, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 50:23: “The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me.”

Let us pray. Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what You have first given to us, ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of Your gracious love. May we receive these gifts. Grant us these things. Bless and keep safe our defenders of freedom and first responders who care and provide for us. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Bestow Your blessings and safe keeping on those men and women who find themselves in harm’s way. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. HIXON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Edwin W. "Ned" Johnson II, which was agreed to.

STATEMENT BY REP. J. L. JOHNSON

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON made a statement relative to the one hundred years of service of Optus Bank to South Carolina.

STATEMENT BY REP. OTT

Rep. OTT made a statement relative to the life and legacy of Stanley Myers.

STATEMENT BY REP. JEFFERSON

Rep. JEFFERSON made a statement relative to the contributions to South Carolina of Richard Craig Freeman.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has appointed Senators Martin, Hutto and Massey to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on H. 3594:

H. 3594 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, G. M. Smith, Lowe, Wooten, Hiott, Bailey, Beach, Burns, Caskey, Crawford, Cromer, Elliott, Forrest, Haddon, Hardee, Hixon, Hyde, Jordan, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, T. Moore, B. Newton, Nutt, Oremus, M. M. Smith, S. Jones, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Willis, Yow, West, Lawson, Chapman, Chumley, Leber, Mitchell, Pace, Harris, O'Neal, Kilmartin, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Hager, Sandifer, Connell, Gilliam, Davis, B. L. Cox, Vaughan, White, Collins, J. E. Johnson, Gagnon, Gibson, W. Newton, Bustos, Herbkersman, Landing, Moss, Pope and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2023" BY AMENDING SECTION 10-11-320, RELATING TO CARRYING OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDERS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION THAT MAKES THIS SECTION INAPPLICABLE TO PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMITS AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS WHO POSSESS FIREARMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-20, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PLACES WHERE AND CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH HANDGUNS MAY BE CARRIED, AND PERSONS WHO MAY CARRY HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-50, RELATING TO CERTAIN PENALTIES, DISPOSITION OF FINES, AND FORFEITURE AND DISPOSITION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF

HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-55, RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR RETURNING FOUND HANDGUNS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO FILING APPLICATIONS TO OBTAIN FOUND HANDGUNS, AND PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO MAINTAIN POSSESSION OR DISPOSE OF FOUND HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-420, RELATING TO POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION, AND DELETE THE TERM "WEAPON" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "FIREARM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-430, RELATING TO CARRYING WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-465, RELATING TO THE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFULLY CARRYING PISTOLS OR FIREARMS ONTO PREMISES OF BUSINESSES SELLING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, BEER, OR WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN OFFENSES THAT PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN DEADLY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO PERSONS WHO KNOWINGLY CARRY CERTAIN FIREARMS, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS LAWFULLY CARRYING FIREARMS WHO DO NOT CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-215, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS REQUIRING PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY PERMITS WHILE CARRYING WEAPONS AND IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS PERMIT HOLDERS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO REPORT THE LOSSES OF PERMITS TO SLED, TO REVISE THE PREMISES UPON WHICH PERMIT HOLDERS MUST NOT CARRY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES EXEMPTIONS TO

CARRYING PERMITS, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR CARRYING EXPIRED PERMITS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-220, RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO ALLOW OR PERMIT CONCEALED WEAPONS UPON PREMISES AND THE POSTING OF SIGNS PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, THAT PERSONS MUST KNOWINGLY VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION TO BE CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION, AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT LIMIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN WEAPONS IN STATE PARKS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-232, RELATING TO CARRYING CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ON PREMISES OF CERTAIN SCHOOLS LEASED BY CHURCHES, SO AS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE CHURCH OFFICIALS OR GOVERNING BODIES MAY ALLOW ANY PERSON TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON ON THE LEASED PREMISES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-235, RELATING TO CONCEALABLE WEAPON SIGN REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SIGNS MUST BE POSTED AT LOCATIONS WHERE THE CARRYING OF CONCEALABLE WEAPONS IS PROHIBITED; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-600, RELATING TO RETIRED PERSONNEL, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 16-23-460, 23-31-225, AND 23-31-230, RELATING TO THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS BY INDIVIDUALS ON THEIR PERSON, INTO RESIDENCES OR DWELLINGS, OR BETWEEN A MOTOR VEHICLE AND A RENTED ACCOMMODATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-500, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY PERSONS CONVICTED OF VIOLENT OFFENSES, THE CONFISCATION OF CERTAIN WEAPONS, AND THE RETURN OF FIREARMS TO INNOCENT OWNERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIST OF CRIMES SUBJECT TO THIS PROVISION AND THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH VIOLATIONS, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "CRIME PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF MORE THAN ONE YEAR".

Very Respectfully,
President
Received as information.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4754 -- Reps. Sandifer and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 57, TITLE 40 SO AS TO OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDERS OF PRELICENSING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-57-725 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND PENALTIES AND APPEALS; AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 57, TITLE 40, RELATING TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINE TERMS, MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, DEFINE THE USE OF APPLICATION FEES, OUTLINE THE PROCEDURE FOR A LICENSE CLASSIFICATION CHANGE, ALLOW FOR RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS, PROHIBIT BAD FAITH AGREEMENTS, REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF REQUIRED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION FOR BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, PROHIBIT ENGAGING IN, REPRESENTING OTHERS IN, OR ASSISTING OTHERS IN THE PRACTICE OF WHOLESALING, REGULATE TEAM MARKETING, AND ADDRESS LICENSING AFTER REVOCATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4113 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Sandifer, Jefferson, M. M. Smith and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE AN AMBULANCE ASSESSMENT FEE FOR PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES; TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AND CHARGE AMBULANCE SERVICES A UNIFORM FEE; TO ESTABLISH AN AMBULANCE FEE TRUST FUND AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORIZED USES OF THE FUND; TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO

IMPOSE PENALTIES AGAINST AMBULANCE SERVICES THAT FAIL TO PAY ASSESSED FEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4218 -- Reps. Pope, Sandifer, Carter, Kirby, Jefferson and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 38-63-110, 38-65-130, 38-71-300, AND 38-72-110 ALL SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN INSURERS FROM CANCELING, LIMITING, OR DENYING COVERAGE, OR ESTABLISHING DIFFERENTIALS IN PREMIUM RATES BASED UPON GENETIC INFORMATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. LOWE, from the Florence Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5146 -- Reps. Lowe, Jordan, Kirby, Alexander and Williams: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXPEDITIOUSLY AND FULLY COOPERATE WITH FLORENCE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FACILITATING THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS FUNDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR LOCAL FUNDS AT INTERSECTIONS OF ROADWAYS MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT ANYWHERE IN FLORENCE COUNTY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. THAYER, from the Committee on Anderson Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5153 -- Reps. West, Thayer, Chapman, Beach, Gagnon and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2, SO AS TO REPLACE THE TWO MULTI-MEMBER DISTRICTS WITH FOUR SINGLE-MEMBER RESIDENCY AREAS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP

NUMBER ON WHICH THESE RESIDENCY AREAS ARE DELINEATED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3963 -- Reps. Nutt and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-920, RELATING TO REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF INDIVIDUAL ANTLERED DEER TAGS, SO AS TO UTILIZE THE REVENUE FOR THE COYOTE AND HOG MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4611 -- Reps. Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hardee, Brewer, Robbins and Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-785 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE UNLAWFUL REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF ELECTRONIC COLLARS OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES PLACED ON DOGS BY THEIR OWNERS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4612 -- Reps. Hixon, Magnuson, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hartnett, Hardee, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Murphy, Connell, Mitchell and Hager: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 55-3-110, RELATING TO HUNTING FROM AN AIRCRAFT, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS POSSESSING A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY LAWFULLY HUNT FROM AN AIRCRAFT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-1190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY ISSUE PERMITS FOR THE TAKING OF FERAL HOGS WHILE AIRBORNE IN A HELICOPTER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5007 -- Reps. Caskey and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-230, RELATING TO STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERMITTED HOOK SIZE IN THE LOWER SALUDA RIVER.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 5105 -- Reps. Erickson and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-53-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A POLICY APPLICABLE TO ALL TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSIONS THAT RECOGNIZES AND AWARDS CREDENTIALS AND COLLEGE CREDIT FOR COURSES AND EXPERIENCES COMPLETED IN THE MILITARY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLICY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND TO PROVIDE THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM SHALL WORK WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES TO ENSURE THE CONSISTENT REVIEW AND AWARDING OF ELIGIBLE CREDIT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4709 -- Reps. Rivers, Atkinson, Henegan, McDaniel, Gilliard, Bernstein, Landing, Bustos, Hartnett, King, Herbkersman, Erickson, Bradley, Ballentine, Pedalino, McGinnis and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-29-15, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CURSIVE WRITING BE TAUGHT IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION MUST BEGIN IN SECOND GRADE AND CONTINUE IN EACH GRADE THROUGH FIFTH GRADE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4819 -- Reps. Felder, Bernstein and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1960, RELATING IN PART TO PARKING PLACARDS FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, SO AS TO ALLOW APPLICANTS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING PLACARDS TO PROVIDE A PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE PLACARD SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE'S APPROVAL.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 3160 -- Rep. Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL VEHICLE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PREARRANGED RIDE".

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4933 -- Reps. Wooten and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-5015, RELATING TO SUNSCREEN DEVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4436 -- Reps. Wooten, Ballentine, Long, Erickson, Caskey, Calhoon, Wetmore, Taylor, Forrest, Hiott, Davis, Pope, Herbkersman, M. M. Smith, Robbins, Burns and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1538, RELATING TO EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE DRIVERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING VEHICLE CONTROL IN CERTAIN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES TO AVOID INTERFERING WITH THE OPERATION OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3676 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Pope, Jordan, W. Newton, Elliott, Lowe, J. E. Johnson, Guest, Mitchell, Taylor, Robbins and Brewer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4590 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Carter, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Taylor, Leber, Robbins, Murphy, Gatch, Brewer and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-25, RELATING TO EARLY VOTING, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF EARLY VOTING CENTERS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4158 -- Reps. Pendarvis, M. M. Smith, Bauer and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4589 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Robbins, Murphy, Gatch and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-120, RELATING TO VOTE COUNTING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE PROVIDING THAT INCUMBENTS HOLD OVER PENDING FINAL DETERMINATION OF ANY CONTESTS FILED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-140, RELATING TO APPEALS FROM DECISIONS REGARDING MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONTESTS, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE PROVIDING THAT A NOTICE OF APPEAL ACTS AS A STAY OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT APPEALS ARE TO BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY OF CONSIDERATION BY THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 5066 -- Reps. Elliott, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Bailey, Wheeler, T. Moore, Taylor, Hixon, Oremus, Blackwell, Schuessler, Stavrinakis and Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 ENTITLED THE "FAIR ACCESS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS" SO AS TO PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE OPTION TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE TO ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SUCH A POLICY, TO CREATE THE AFFORDABLE LIQUOR LIABILITY FUND TO AID IN THE FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXCISE TAX ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK MUST BE CREDITED TO THE FUND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-33-245, RELATING TO THE EXCISE TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIQUOR LIABILITY RISK MITIGATION PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE INSURANCE RESERVE FUND IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE A START-UP LOAN TO THE FUND.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4817 -- Rep. West: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-500, RELATING TO THE SALE OR PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS WITHOUT PROOF OF AGE AND THE LOCATION OF VENDING MACHINES, SO AS TO INCLUDE ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS TO PRESENT PROOF OF AGE UPON DEMAND, AND TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS FROM VENDING MACHINES IN CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4552 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Clyburn, Henegan, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Robbins, Brewer and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4333 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, King, Davis, Pace, B. L. Cox and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-320, RELATING TO SITE AND SERVICE LIMITATIONS ON MOBILE OPTOMETRY UNITS AND CERTAIN ASSOCIATED DISCIPLINARY ACTION LIMITATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN SITES OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE CHILDREN FROM LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES DURING THE SUMMER.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4680 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Henegan, Hartnett, Lawson, Moss, Kilmartin, White, Bauer, Sessions, Pope, Felder, Ligon, Guffey, O'Neal, Hardee, Leber, Gilliard, Rivers and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197, RELATING TO THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "FIREFIGHTER" TO PROVIDE THE TERM INCLUDES CERTAIN NONRESIDENTS OF THIS STATE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4365 -- Reps. Gilliam, Wetmore, Cobb-Hunter, Henegan and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3988 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Pedalino and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACTS THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY, TO PERMIT THE DELEGATION OF CERTAIN ACTS TO TRAINED PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND PHARMACY INTERNS, AND TO DEFINE AN ADDITIONAL TERM; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-84, RELATING TO PHARMACY INTERNS AND EXTERNS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN DIRECT SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-190, RELATING TO PROTOCOL FOR PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES WITHOUT PRACTITIONER ORDERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DISPENSATION OF CERTAIN DRUGS AND DEVICES, TO LOWER THE VACCINATION RECIPIENT AGE TO TWELVE YEARS OF AGE, TO AUTHORIZE DIRECTLY SUPERVISED PHARMACY INTERNS TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN VACCINATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE WRITTEN PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-200, RELATING TO THE JOINT PHARMACIST-ADMINISTERED VACCINES COMMITTEE, SO AS TO RENAME THE COMMITTEE AS THE “JOINT PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE” AND MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO PROVIDE THE PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE

MUST SUBMIT ITS INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY NO LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT, AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5162 -- Reps. Hartnett, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DR. CHARLES PINCKNEY DARBY, JR., OF CHARLESTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5163 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King,

J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Thigpen, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SHIRLEY CALDWELL PRIDE FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER STORIED CAREER IN STATE GOVERNMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5165 -- Reps. Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Thigpen, Weeks, Williams, Pope, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham,

Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STANLEY MYERS FOR HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5166 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND EUGENE RUSH, JR., PASTOR OF PLEASANT HILL MISSIONARY CHURCH, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER NINETEEN YEARS OF SIGNIFICANT SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5167 -- Reps. Erickson, Bradley, Hager, J. L. Johnson, Calhoon, Cromer, Hartnett, A. M. Morgan, Garvin, Landing, Alexander, S. Jones, Rivers, Gilliam, McGinnis, Kilmartin, Vaughan, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR EVANS DAVIS MCNAIR OF RICHLAND COUNTY FOR HIS NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON ACHIEVING THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, THE HIGHEST AWARD IN SCOUTING.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5164 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Herbkersman, Hartnett, McGinnis, Pope, Schuessler, Bradley, Hager, Long, Vaughan, Bannister, Elliott, Willis, Yow, Hiott, Gilliam, Mitchell, Hardee, Whitmire, McCravy, W. Newton, B. Newton, Davis, Gagnon, Hixon, Lowe, Thayer and West: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE

SEVERAL DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-115, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPLICATION PROCESSES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-120, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RELATED INFORMATION, TO REVISE THE FUNDING FORMULA, AND TO REVISE RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-125, RELATING TO FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, AND TO REMOVE PROVISIONS ALLOWING THE USE OF QUALIFIED THIRD PARTIES TO MANAGE ACCOUNTS AND ADMINISTER RELATED FUNCTIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-130, RELATING TO REVERSION OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS UPON TERMINATION OF A SCHOLARSHIP, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETURN OF REVERTED FUNDS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-135, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIMITATIONS, REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST BASED ON CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP DEMAND AND USE INFORMATION, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-140, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER APPLICATION REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESSES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-145, RELATING TO THE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MAY DECLARE A STUDENT INSTEAD OF A PARENT INELIGIBLE, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-150, RELATING TO EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE PROVIDERS GIVE PARENTS SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION FOR QUALIFIED GOODS AND SERVICES ACQUIRED, TO PROVIDE SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS, AND TO REVISE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURE REQUIREMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5168 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, B. Newton and Wheeler: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 930 OF 1970, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR KERSHAW COUNTY, SO AS TO REVISE THE SPECIFIC ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR THESE DISTRICTS.

On motion of Rep. CONNELL, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 5169 -- Reps. Haddon, G. M. Smith, Hiott, Taylor, Hixon, Forrest, Wooten, Crawford, Gibson, Hartnett, Robbins, Sessions, Mitchell, T. Moore, Gilliam, Brewer, Ligon, Bradley, Brittain, Guest, B. L. Cox, Long, Chapman, J. E. Johnson, Burns, O'Neal, Vaughan, McCravy, Davis, Nutt, Trantham, Hyde, McGinnis, Hardee, Bailey, S. Jones, Guffey, West, Schuessler, Gatch, Gagnon, Herbkersman, Lawson, Moss and Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 46 BY ENACTING THE "FARMERS PROTECTION ACT" TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 5170 -- Reps. Pope, W. Newton, Caskey, Jordan, Bailey, Guffey, Wooten, Alexander, Bamberg, Wetmore, Wheeler, Bauer, Elliott, Connell, Pedalino, Hager, Crawford, Bradley, Schuessler, McDaniel, Cobb-Hunter, M. M. Smith, Taylor, B. L. Cox, Leber, Brittain, Sessions, T. Moore, Mitchell, Guest, Yow, Gatch, Thayer, West, Thigpen, King, J. E. Johnson, Magnuson, B. Newton, Ligon, Felder, McGinnis, Hardee, Hyde, Bannister, Bernstein, Blackwell, B. J. Cox, Dillard, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Haddon, Herbkersman, Hixon, Pendarvis, Sandifer, G. M. Smith and Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF TITLE 2, BY RENAMING THE CHAPTER THE "SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, SCREENING AND ELECTION OF JUSTICES AND JUDGES", SO AS TO CREATE THE NEW SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION AND RESTRUCTURE THE PROCESS BY WHICH JUSTICES AND JUDGES ARE SCREENED AND ELECTED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE

COMMISSION AND ITS LIMITED TERMS, TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO HAVE AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OTHER NECESSARY STAFF, TO REQUIRE THE RELEASE OF ALL QUALIFIED JUDICIAL CANDIDATES, TO CREATE A COMBINED BAR AND CITIZENS' JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE, TO CREATE A MIDTERM JUDICIAL BALLOT BOX REVIEW, TO GIVE DELEGATIONS THE AUTHORITY TO REJECT A MASTER-IN-EQUITY CANDIDATE IN ADDITION TO THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY TO DO SO, TO CREATE A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION TO SCREEN MAGISTRATE CANDIDATES BEFORE THE GOVERNOR APPOINTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND TO MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MAGISTRATE MAY SERVE IN HOLDOVER STATUS FOR NO MORE THAN FOURTEEN DAYS AT THE END OF HIS TERM, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY APPOINT A TEMPORARY MAGISTRATE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY MAGISTRATE OR MAGISTRATE CANDIDATE WHO HAS BEEN REPRIMANDED BY THE SUPREME COURT OR ANY OTHER DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY MAY NOT BE APPOINTED OR REAPPOINTED UNLESS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE SENATE AFTER THE SENATE IS INFORMED OF THE REPRIMAND OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-10, RELATING TO THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF THE MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION FROM SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-550, RELATING TO MAGISTRATES COURT CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OVER MINOR OFFENSES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTY TO ONE YEAR AND INCREASE THE FINE OR FORFEITURE JURISDICTION FROM FIVE HUNDRED TO TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF OFFICE SPACE AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION AND REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE COSTS OF THE TRANSFER OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION TO INDEPENDENT OFFICE SPACE WHEN IT CONVERTS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE

THAT THE STAND-ALONE, INDEPENDENT AGENCY MUST BE CREATED AND FUNCTIONAL BY JULY 1, 2025.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer

Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total Present--121

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Reps. THIGPEN, JORDAN and CRAWFORD signed a statement with the Clerk that they came in after the roll call of the House and were present for the Session on Tuesday, February 27.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. YOW a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Jennifer Hanke of Oconee County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BERNSTEIN presented to the House the Cardinal Newman "Cardinals" 2023 SCISA 4-A Wrestling State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on

second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3206
Date:	ADD:
02/28/24	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3618
Date:	ADD:
02/28/24	GUEST, B. NEWTON, CRAWFORD, MCGINNIS, HARDEE, BRITTAIN, BAILEY, CHAPMAN, SCHUESSLER, CROMER, ANDERSON, BURNS, GAGNON, HIXON, TAYLOR, WHITE, ELLIOTT, DAVIS, B. L. COX, HARTNETT, M. M. SMITH and KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4158
Date:	ADD:
02/28/24	KING

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4549
Date:	ADD:
02/28/24	S. JONES and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4590
Date:	ADD:
02/28/24	MITCHELL

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4665
Date:	ADD:
02/28/24	HENEGAN, WILLIAMS, GILLIARD, RIVERS, CLYBURN, HOSEY, ANDERSON, HART, BAMBERG, HAYES, ALEXANDER, KIRBY, JEFFERSON and W. JONES

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4680
Date:	ADD:
02/28/24	GILLIARD, RIVERS and KING

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4691
Date:	ADD:
02/28/24	S. JONES, WHITE, MAGNUSON, HARRIS, PACE and T. MOORE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4927
Date:	ADD:
02/28/24	JEFFERSON and HEWITT

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4954
Date:	ADD:
02/28/24	OREMUS, TRANTHAM and HAYES

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4958
Date:	ADD:
02/28/24	LIGON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5066
Date:	ADD:
02/28/24	STAVRINAKIS and WETMORE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5113
Date:	ADD:
02/28/24	GUEST, BRITTAIN and CRAWFORD

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5115
Date:	ADD:
02/28/24	FORREST

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5146
Date:	ADD:
02/28/24	WILLIAMS

CO-SPONSOR REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 5118
Date:	REMOVE:
02/28/24	GUEST

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 4875 -- Reps. Ott, Brewer, Atkinson and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-1910, RELATING TO THE SALE OF DEER OR DEER PARTS, SO AS TO ALLOW A PROCESSOR TO PROCESS A LEGALLY TAKEN DOE DONATED BY A HUNTER AND RECOVER THE COSTS OF PROCESSING FROM SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE HUNTER WHO DONATED THE DOE, AND TO INCREASE PENALTIES.

H. 4387 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-230, RELATING TO STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO HYBRID BASS.

H. 4386 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-647 SO

AS TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING, HARMING, OR KILLING OF ROBUST REDHORSE.

S. 912--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 912 -- Senator Davis: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE SC NEXUS FOR ADVANCED RESILIENT ENERGY AND TO ENCOURAGE THE CONTINUED GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TO REDUCE THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WHILE ENHANCING THE ECONOMIC OUTPUT.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 14

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Ott	Pedalino

Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Harris	S. Jones	Kilmartin
Magnuson	McCabe	McCravy
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	O'Neal
Pace	White	

Total--14

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 912. If I had been present, I would have voted against the Joint Resolution.

Rep. April Cromer

S. 298--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 298 -- Senators Bennett, Turner, Kimbrell, Campsen and Adams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-2320, RELATING TO ALTERNATE METHODS FOR THE ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF INCOME FOR STATE INCOME TAX PURPOSES, SO AS TO SET FORTH A PROCESS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXPAYERS TO ACCURATELY DETERMINE NET INCOME.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer

Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 4002--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4002 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Hiott, Davis, B. Newton, Erickson, Bannister, Haddon, Sandifer, Thayer, Hixon, Carter, Robbins, Blackwell, Forrest and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-980 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN INMATE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO POSSESS TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE DIRECTOR, TO DEFINE THE TERM "TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE", AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Tuesday, March 5, which was agreed to.

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. JORDAN.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

H. 4927--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4927 -- Reps. Herbkersman, W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Schuessler, B. Newton, Williams, Jefferson and Hewitt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE THE "EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY", TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE OFFICE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO BECOME COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO THE MEDIATION OF GRIEVANCES BY THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY, THE OFFICE'S COMPONENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS TO THE LIST OF EXEMPTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-70, RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTER 9 OF TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4927 (LC-4927.VR0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTIONS 4, 5, and 6 and inserting:

SECTION 5. The Code Commissioner is directed to change the following headings in the S.C. Code:

(1) Chapter 6, Title 44 shall be entitled “Department of Health Financing”;

(2) Chapter 1, Title 44 shall be entitled “Department of Public Health”;

(3) Chapter 20, Title 44 shall be entitled “Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities”; and

(4) Chapter 9, Title 44 shall be entitled “Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services”.

SECTION 6. Chapter 49, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered

SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X.A. Section 44-1-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-1-20. There is created the South Carolina Department of Public Health to be headed by a director who is appointed by the Secretary of Health and Policy pursuant to Section 44-12-50(B)(1).

B. Sections 44-1-80 through 44-1-140 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 44-1-80. (A) The ~~Board of Health and Environmental Control~~ Department of Public Health or its designated agents must investigate the reported causes of communicable or epidemic disease and must enforce or prescribe these preventive measures as may be needed to suppress or prevent the spread of these diseases by proper quarantine or other measures of prevention, as may be necessary to protect the citizens of the State. The ~~Board of Health and Environmental Control~~ Department of Public Health or its designated agents shall declare, when the facts justify it, any place as infected and, in case of hydrophobia or other diseases transmitted from animals to man, must declare such animal or animals quarantined, and must place all such restrictions upon ingress and egress of persons or animals therefrom as may be, in its judgment, necessary to prevent the spread of disease from the infected locality.

(B)(1) Whenever the ~~board~~ department learns of a case of a reportable illness or health condition, an unusual cluster, or a suspicious event that it reasonably believes has the potential to cause a public health emergency, as defined in Section 44-4-130, it is authorized to notify the appropriate public safety authority, tribal authorities, and federal health and public safety authorities.

(2) The sharing of information on reportable illnesses, health conditions, unusual clusters, or suspicious events between authorized personnel must be restricted to information necessary for the treatment, control, investigation, and prevention of a public health emergency. Restriction of access to this information to those authorized personnel for the protection of public health ensures compliance with all state and federal health information privacy laws.

(3) The ~~board~~ department and its agents must have full access to medical records and nonmedical records when necessary to investigate the causes, character, and means of preventing the spread of a qualifying health event or public health emergency. For purposes of this item, "nonmedical records" mean records of entities, including businesses, health facilities, and pharmacies, which are needed to adequately identify and locate persons believed to have been potentially exposed or

known to have been infected with a contagious disease.

(4) An order of the ~~board~~ department given to effectuate the purposes of this subsection is enforceable immediately by the public safety authority.

(5) For purposes of this subsection, the terms qualifying health event, public health emergency, and public safety authority have the same meanings as provided in Section 44-4-130.

Section 44-1-90. The ~~State Board of Health and Environmental Control~~ Department of Public Health or its designated agents, when it is deemed necessary by the municipal officers of any town or city or the governing body of any county, may (a) visit cities, towns, villages or localities where disease is prevalent or threatened, (b) investigate and advise with the local authorities or persons as to such measures as may tend to prevent the spread of disease or to remove or abate causes that may tend to cause or intensify disease, (c) advise, when practicable or possible, as to measures of sanitation or hygiene and (d) investigate and advise as to all matters respecting water supply, sewage, drainage, ventilation, heating, lighting or other measures connected with public sanitation or safety.

Section 44-1-100. All sheriffs and constables in the several counties of this State and police officers and health officers of cities and towns must aid and assist the Director of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ and must carry out and obey his orders, or those of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, to enforce and carry out any and all restrictive measures and quarantine regulations that may be prescribed. During a state of public health emergency, as defined in Section 44-4-130, the director may request assistance in enforcing orders issued pursuant to this chapter and pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 44, from the public safety authority, as defined in Section 44-4-130, other state law enforcement authorities, and local law enforcement. The public safety authority may request assistance from the South Carolina National Guard in enforcing orders made pursuant to this chapter or pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 44.

Section 44-1-110. ~~The Department of Health and Environmental Control is invested with all the rights and charged with all the duties pertaining to organizations of like character and is the sole advisor of the State in all questions involving the protection of the public health within its limits.~~ The Department of Public Health shall advise the Secretary of Health and Policy on all questions involving the protection of public health within its limits.

~~It~~ The Department of Public Health shall, through its

representatives, investigate the causes, character, and means of preventing the epidemic and endemic diseases as the State is liable to suffer from and the influence of climate, location, and occupations, habits, drainage, scavengering, water supply, heating, and ventilation. It shall have, upon request, full access to the medical records, tumor registries, and other special disease record systems maintained by physicians, hospitals, and other health facilities as necessary to carry out its investigation of these diseases. No physician, hospital, or health facility, or person in charge of these records is liable in any action-at-law for permitting the examination or review. Patient-identifying information elicited from these records and registries must be kept confidential by the department and it is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 30. It shall supervise and control the quarantine system of the State. It may establish quarantine both by land and sea.

Section 44-1-130. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ may divide the State into health districts and establish in these districts advisory boards of health which shall consist of representatives from each county in the district. Boards of health now existing in the districts shall have representation on the district advisory board. Counties not having local boards of health shall be represented by individuals appointed by the county legislative delegation. The number of members of a district advisory board shall be determined by the department with due consideration to the population and community needs of the district. District advisory boards of health shall be subject to the supervisory and advisory control of the department. District advisory boards are charged with the duty of advising the district medical director or administrator in all matters of sanitary interest and scientific importance bearing upon the protection of the public health.

The district medical director or administrator shall be secretary of the advisory board and the district advisory board shall elect annually from its membership a chairman.

Section 44-1-140. (A) The Department of Public Health may make, adopt, promulgate, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations from time to time requiring and providing for:

(1) the thorough sanitation and disinfection of all passenger cars, sleeping cars, steamboats, and other vehicles of transportation in this State and all convict camps, penitentiaries, jails, hotels, schools, and other places used by or open to the public;

~~(2) the sanitation of hotels, restaurants, cafes, drugstores, hot dog and hamburger stands, and all other places or establishments providing eating or drinking facilities and all other places known as private nursing~~

~~homes or places of similar nature, operated for gain or profit;~~

~~(3) the safety and sanitation in the harvesting, storing, processing, handling and transportation of mollusks, fin fish, and crustaceans;~~

~~(4) the safety, safe operation and sanitation of public swimming pools and other public bathing places, construction, tourist and trailer camps, and fairs;~~

~~(5)~~(2) the care, segregation, and isolation of persons having or suspected of having any communicable, contagious, or infectious disease; and

~~(6)~~(3) the thorough investigation and study of the causes of all diseases, epidemic and otherwise, in this State, the means for the prevention of contagious disease and the publication and distribution of such information as may contribute to the preservation of the public health and the prevention of disease.

(B) The department may make separate orders and rules to meet any emergency not provided for by general rules and regulations, for the purpose of suppressing nuisances dangerous to the public health and communicable, contagious, and infectious diseases and other danger to the public life and health.

(C) Prior to the submission of rules or regulations pursuant to this section, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

C. Sections 44-1-151 through 44-1-152 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 44-1-151. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all shellfish involved in any violation of law, including any regulation, regarding shellfish may be confiscated and disposed of at the discretion of the arresting officer. Any person convicted of a second offense of harvesting shellfish in any polluted area shall, upon such conviction, be fined not less than two hundred dollars and not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not less than thirty days and not more than sixty days. Any person convicted of a third or subsequent offense of harvesting shellfish in any polluted area shall, upon such conviction, be fined not less than five hundred dollars and not more than one thousand or imprisoned for not less than sixty days and not more than ninety days. All equipment, including, but not limited to, vehicles, boats, motors, trailers, harvesting equipment, weapons, spotlights, bags, boxes, or tools, used or in any other manner involved in a first offense of harvesting shellfish in any polluted area may be impounded at the discretion of the arresting officer. The equipment impounded shall be delivered to the sheriff of the county in which the arrest was made and

shall be retained by the sheriff. Such equipment may not be returned to the owner until the case has been finally disposed of. All equipment, including, but not limited to, vehicles, boats, motors, trailers, harvesting equipment, weapons, spotlights, bags, boxes, or tools, used or in any other manner involved in a second, third, or subsequent offense of harvesting shellfish in any polluted area shall be confiscated. All such confiscated equipment shall be sold at auction by the sheriff of the county in which such second, third, or subsequent offense took place and by a representative of the ~~State~~ Department of ~~Health and~~ Environmental ~~Control~~ Services, except for weapons, which, following confiscation, shall be disposed of in the manner set forth in Sections 16-23-50, 16-23-460, and 16-23-500.

Section 44-1-152. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all revenue from any fine or any forfeiture of bond for any violation of any shellfish law or regulation provided by this title must be deposited monthly with the treasurer of the county in which the arrest for such violation was made. One-third of such revenue must be retained by the county treasurer to be used for the general operating needs of the county pursuant to the direction of the governing body of the county. Two-thirds of such revenue must be remitted quarterly to the ~~state~~ Department of ~~Health and~~ Environmental ~~Control~~ Services of which one-half is to be used in enforcing shellfish laws and regulations and one-half of such revenue must be remitted quarterly to the state's general fund. All monies derived from auction sales of confiscated equipment pursuant to Section 44-1-151 must be deposited, retained, remitted, and used in the same manner as provided in this section for all revenue derived from any fine or any violation of any shellfish law or regulation. A report of fines for forfeitures of bonds regarding shellfish violations must be sent to the ~~state~~ Department of ~~Health and~~ Environmental ~~Control~~ Services monthly by each magistrate and clerk of court in this State. A report of monies derived from auction of sales of confiscated equipment must be sent to the ~~state~~ Department of ~~Health and~~ Environmental ~~Control~~ Services monthly by each sheriff.

D.Sections 44-1-165 through 44-1-300 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 44-1-165. (A) There is established within the Department of ~~Health and~~ Environmental ~~Control~~ Services the Expedited Review Program to provide an expedited process for permit application review. Participation in this program is voluntary and the program must be supported by expedited review fees promulgated in regulation pursuant to subsection (B)(1). The department shall determine the project

applications to review, and the process may be applied to any one or all of the permit programs administered by the department.

(B)(1) Before January 1, 2009, the department shall promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The regulations shall include, but are not limited to, definitions of "completeness" for applications submitted, consideration of joint federal- state permitting activities, standards for applications submitted that advance environmental protection, and expedited process application review fees.

(2) Regulations promulgated pursuant to this section must not alter public notice requirements for any permits, certifications, or licenses issued by the department.

(C) Until such time as regulations are promulgated pursuant to subsection (B), the department shall conduct a pilot expedited review program to determine the most environmentally sound, cost efficient, and economically beneficial process for implementation of a statewide expedited review program. The department shall determine which permit programs, or subcomponents of a program, to include in the pilot program and also may establish pilot program expedited process application fees.

(D) There is created the Expedited Review Fund that is separate and distinct from the general fund of the State and all other funds. Fees established in regulation pursuant to subsection (B)(1) and assessed pursuant to subsection (C) must be credited to the fund and used for the costs of implementing the expedited review program. Interest accruing to the fund must be retained by the fund and used for the same purposes. Revenue in the fund not expended during a fiscal year, including fees generated pursuant to subsection (C), must be carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and must be used for the same purposes.

(E) No later than January 1, 2008, the department shall report to the Board of Health and Environmental Control the department's findings on the implementation of the pilot expedited review program provided for in subsection (C).

Section 44-1-170. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ may direct and supervise the action of the local boards of health in incorporated cities and towns and in all townships in all matters pertaining to such local boards.

Section 44-1-180. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ may establish charges for maintenance and medical care for all persons served in State health centers and other health facilities under the jurisdiction of the department and by personnel

of the department and of the health units under its jurisdiction in homes and any other places where health services are needed. The terms "medical care" and "health services" include the services of physicians, dentists, optometrists, nurses, sanitarians, physical therapists, medical social workers, occupational therapists, health aides, speech therapists, X-ray technologists, dietitians, nutritionists, laboratory technicians, and other professional and subprofessional health workers. The charges, which may be adjusted from time to time, shall be reasonable and based on the total costs of the services rendered, including operating costs, depreciation costs, and all other elements of costs.

Section 44-1-190. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine which persons or which of the parents, guardians, trustees, committees or other persons or agencies legally responsible therefor are financially able to pay the expenses of the care and treatment, and may contract with any person or agency for the care and treatment of any person to the extent permitted by the resources available to the department. The department may require any county or State agency to furnish information which would be helpful to it in making the investigations. In arriving at the amount to be charged, the department shall have due regard for the financial condition and estate of the person, his present and future needs and the present and future needs of his lawful dependents, and whenever considered necessary to protect him or his dependents, may agree to accept a sum less than the actual cost of services. No person shall be deprived of available health services solely because of inability to pay. No fees shall be charged for services which in the judgment of the department should be made freely available in order to protect and promote the public health.

Section 44-1-200. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ may provide home health services to those persons living in areas of the State in which adequate home health services are not available and may charge fees for such services. Home health services shall include care of the ill and disabled rendered at home including, but not limited to, bedside care, treatment and rehabilitation services. In order that it may provide such services, the department may employ the necessary personnel, including nurses, physical therapists, speech therapists, occupational therapists, medical social workers, home health aides, nutritionists, and supervisory personnel, and may purchase equipment and materials necessary to maintain an effective program. The department shall, wherever possible, assist and advise nonprofit agencies or associations in the development of home health services

programs and may enter into agreements with such agencies or associations specifying the type of assistance and advice it will provide.

Section 44-1-210. All fees and charges collected pursuant to Sections 44-1-180 to 44-1-200, including vital statistics fees as now provided by law, shall be deposited in the State Treasury and shall be used in the operation of the public health program of the bureau, division, district health unit or local county health department which performed the services for which the fees and charges were collected. An annual report shall be made to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, Executive Budget Office and the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office of the receipts and expenditures made under the provisions of Sections 44-1-180 to 44-1-200.

Section 44-1-215. Notwithstanding Section 13-7-85, the Department of Health and Environmental Control may retain all funds generated in excess of those funds remitted to the general fund in fiscal year 2000-2001 from fees listed in Regulation R61-64 Title B.

Section 44-1-220. All skilled and intermediate care nursing facilities licensed by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall be required to furnish an item-by-item billing for all charges to the patient or the person paying such bill, upon request by such patient or person. Items which remain unpaid are not required to be itemized again. Such requests for itemized billing shall remain in effect until further notification by the patient or person paying such bill. Provided, that the provision herein shall not apply to the contracted amount of a state or federal agency. Any amount above such contract shall be itemized as provided herein.

Section 44-1-230. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall give consideration to any benefits available to an individual, including private, group or other insurance benefits, to meet, in whole or in part, the cost of any medical or health services. Such benefits shall be utilized insofar as possible; provided, however, the availability of such benefits shall not be the sole basis for determining eligibility for program services of the department. Insurance carriers shall not deny payment of benefits otherwise available to the insured solely on the basis that an individual has applied for, or has been deemed eligible to receive, or has received, services, or on the basis that payments have been made for services by the department.

Section 44-1-260. Upon conducting an early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment screening (EPSDT), or another physical examination of a child from which it is determined that the child may benefit from the use of assistive technology, the department or person

conducting the screening or examination may refer the child to an appropriate agency for an assistive technology evaluation. For purposes of this section, "assistive technology" means a device or service which is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capacities of an individual with a disability. An "assistive technology device" is an item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially, off the shelf, modified, or customized that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capacities of an individual with a disability including, but not limited to, aids for daily living, augmentative communication devices, wheelchairs, and mobility aids, seating and positioning aids, computer aids, environmental controls, home and workplace modifications, prosthetics and orthotics, or aids for vision or hearing impairments. An "assistive technology service" is a service that directly assists an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device.

Section 44-1-280. The ~~Board and~~ Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ in establishing priorities and funding for programs and services which impact on children and families during the first years of a child's life, within the powers and duties granted to it, must support, as appropriate, the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness initiative, as established in Title 59, Chapter 152, at the state and local levels.

Section 44-1-290. A corporation or person whose only purpose is furnishing, supplying, marketing, or selling treated effluent for irrigation purposes, shall not be considered a public utility for purposes of Title 58 by virtue of the furnishing, supplying, marketing, or selling of the treated effluent, provided that the effluent has not been permitted for consumption by the ~~department~~ Department of Environmental Services or other regulatory agency.

Section 44-1-300. The ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture shall not use any funds appropriated or authorized to the ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture to enforce Regulation 61-25 to the extent that its enforcement would prohibit a church or charitable organization from preparing and serving food to the public on their own premises at not more than one function a month or not more than twelve functions a year.

E. Section 44-1-310 (A) and (J) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall establish a Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Review Committee to review maternal deaths and to develop strategies for the prevention of maternal deaths. The committee must be multidisciplinary and composed of members deemed appropriate by the department. The

committee also may review severe maternal morbidity. The department may contract with an external organization to assist in collecting, analyzing, and disseminating maternal mortality information, organizing and convening meetings of the committee, and performing other tasks as may be incident to these activities, including providing the necessary data, information, and resources to ensure successful completion of the ongoing review required by this section.

(J) Reports of aggregated nonindividually identifiable data for the previous calendar year must be compiled and disseminated by March first of the following year in an effort to further study the causes and problems associated with maternal deaths. Reports must be distributed to the General Assembly, the Director of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, health care providers and facilities, key governmental agencies, and others necessary to reduce the maternal death rate.

F. Section 44-1-310 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(M) The Executive Office of Health and Policy shall have access to the data collected pursuant to Section 44-1-370 as necessary for the execution of duties of the Secretary of Health and Policy and in furtherance of the State Health Plan. The Executive Office of Health and Policy shall not disclose this data except as permitted by law.

G.Section 44-1-315 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-1-315. (A) For purposes of the section, "impacted location" means any facility issued or otherwise subject to a permit, license, or approval from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources that has now been determined to be located within the jurisdiction of the ~~South Carolina~~ Department of ~~Health and~~ Environmental ~~Control~~ Services as a result of the amendments to Section 1-1-10, effective January 1, 2017.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the ~~South Carolina~~ Department of ~~Health and~~ Environmental ~~Control~~ Services, in issuing any environmental permit, license, or approval to an impacted location shall provide a schedule of compliance that allows the permittee a reasonable period of time to be no greater than five years to come into compliance with any South Carolina environmental rule, regulation, or standard established by the department or by law that has no corresponding rule, regulation, or standard under North Carolina law or regulation, or is more stringent than the corresponding rule, regulation, or standard established under North Carolina law or regulation. The department may include increments of progress applicable in each year of the schedule established under this subsection, and may shorten the

period of compliance as necessary to prevent an imminent threat to the public health and environment. The department may extend a permittee's compliance schedule under this section beyond five years upon written application by the permittee only if the department determines that circumstances reasonably require such an extension, and the extension of time would pose no threat to public health or the environment.

H.Sections 44-1-30, 44-1-40, 44-1-50, 44-1-70, 44-1-143, 44-1-145, and 44-1-148 of the S.C. Code are repealed.

SECTION X. Article (1), Chapter 6, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Article 1

General Provisions

Section 44-6-5. As used in this chapter:

~~(1) "Department" means the State Department of Health and Human Services.~~

~~(2) "Office" means the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.~~

~~(3) "Costs of medical education" means the direct and indirect teaching costs as defined under Medicare.~~

~~(4) "Market basket index" means the index used by the federal government on January 1, 1986, to measure the inflation in hospital input prices for Medicare reimbursement. If that measure ceases to be calculated in the same manner, the market basket index must be developed and regulations must be promulgated by the commission using substantially the same methodology as the federal market basket uses on January 1, 1986. Prior to submitting the regulations concerning the index to the General Assembly for approval pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, the department shall submit them to the Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee for review.~~

~~(5) "Medically indigent" means:~~

~~(a) all persons whose gross family income and size falls at or below the federal Community Service Administration guidelines and who meet certain qualifying criteria regarding real property allowance, qualifying services, residency requirements, and other sponsorship, and migrant or seasonal farm workers who have no established domicile in any state; and~~

~~(b) all persons whose gross family income and size falls between one hundred percent and two hundred percent of the Community Service Administration guidelines who meet certain other qualifying criteria regarding real property allowance, qualifying services, residency requirements, and other sponsorship and whose medical bill is sufficiently large in relation to their income and resources to preclude~~

~~full payment. For the purposes of this definition, the qualifying criteria for real property allowance shall permit ownership of up to fifty acres of farmland upon which the family has resided for at least twenty-five years.~~

~~(6) "Net inpatient charges" means the total gross inpatient charges, minus the unreimbursed cost of medical education and the unreimbursed cost of providing medical care to medically indigent persons. The cost of care provided by a hospital to meet its Hill-Burton obligation is not considered an unreimbursed cost of providing medical care to medically indigent persons.~~

~~(7) "South Carolina growth index" means the percentage points added to the market basket index to adjust for the South Carolina specific experience. The Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee shall complete a study which identifies and quantifies those elements which should be included in the growth index. The elements may include, but are not limited to: population increases, aging of the population, changes in the type and intensity of hospital services, technological advances, the cost of hospital care in South Carolina relative to the rest of the nation, and needed improvements in the health status of state residents. Based on the study, the department shall develop and promulgate regulations for the annual computation of the growth index. Prior to submitting the regulations concerning the index to the General Assembly for approval pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, the department shall submit them to the Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee for review. Until a formula for computing the South Carolina growth index is promulgated, the annual index must be six and six-tenths percent which is equal to the average percentage difference between South Carolina hospital expenditures and the federal market basket index for the previous ten years.~~

~~(8) "State resident" means a person who is domiciled in South Carolina. A domicile once established is lost or changes only when one moves to a new locality with the intention of abandoning his old domicile and intends to live permanently or indefinitely in the new locale.~~

~~(9) "Target rate of increase" means the federal market basket index as modified by the South Carolina growth index.~~

~~(10) "General hospital" means any hospital licensed as a general hospital by the Department of Health and Environmental Control.~~

(1) "Costs of medical education" means the direct and indirect teaching costs as defined under Medicare.

(2) "Department" means the Department of Health Financing.

(3) "General hospital" means any hospital licensed as a general hospital by the Department of Public Health.

(4) "Market basket index" means the index used by the federal government on January 1, 1986, to measure the inflation in hospital input prices for Medicare reimbursement. If that measure ceases to be calculated in the same manner, the market basket index must be developed and regulations must be promulgated by the department using substantially the same methodology as the federal market basket uses on January 1, 1986. Prior to submitting the regulations concerning the index to the General Assembly for approval pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, the department shall submit them to the Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee for review.

(5) "Medically indigent" means:

(a) all persons whose gross family income and size falls at or below the federal Community Service Administration guidelines and who meet certain qualifying criteria regarding real property allowance, qualifying services, residency requirements, and other sponsorship, and migrant or seasonal farm workers who have no established domicile in any state; and

(b) all persons whose gross family income and size falls between one hundred percent and two hundred percent of the Community Service Administration guidelines who meet certain other qualifying criteria regarding real property allowance, qualifying services, residency requirements, and other sponsorship and whose medical bill is sufficiently large in relation to their income and resources to preclude full payment. For the purposes of this definition, the qualifying criteria for real property allowance shall permit ownership of up to fifty acres of farmland upon which the family has resided for at least twenty-five years.

(6) "Net inpatient charges" means the total gross inpatient charges, minus the unreimbursed cost of medical education and the unreimbursed cost of providing medical care to medically indigent persons. The cost of care provided by a hospital to meet its Hill-Burton obligation is not considered an unreimbursed cost of providing medical care to medically indigent persons.

(7) "Office" means the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

(8) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Policy.

(9) "South Carolina growth index" means the percentage points added to the market basket index to adjust for the South Carolina specific experience. The elements of the South Carolina growth index may include, but are not limited to, population increases, aging of the

population, changes in the type and intensity of hospital services, technological advances, the cost of hospital care in South Carolina relative to the rest of the nation, and needed improvements in the health status of state residents. The department shall develop and promulgate regulations for the annual computation of the growth index.

(10) "State resident" means a person who is domiciled in South Carolina. A domicile once established is lost or changes only when one moves to a new locality with the intention of abandoning his old domicile and intends to live permanently or indefinitely in the new locale.

(11) "Target rate of increase" means the federal market basket index as modified by the South Carolina growth index.

Section 44-6-10. There is created the ~~State~~ Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing which shall be headed by a Director appointed by the~~ Governor, upon the advice and consent of the Senate~~ Secretary of Health and Policy. The director is subject to removal by the ~~Governor~~ Secretary pursuant to the provisions of~~ Section 1-3-240~~ Section 44-12-50(B)(1).

Section 44-6-30. The department shall:

(1) administer Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid)~~, including the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Program, and the Community Long-Term Care System~~;

(2) be designated as the South Carolina Center for Health Statistics to operate the Cooperative Health Statistics Program pursuant to the Public Health Services Act;

~~(3) be prohibited from engaging in the delivery of services.~~

(3) administer payments for programs as designated by the Secretary;

(4) be prohibited from engaging in the delivery of services.

Section 44-6-35. In administering home- and community-based waiver programs, the department shall, to the extent possible, maintain the waiver status of an eligible family member of a member of the armed services who maintains his South Carolina state residence, regardless of where the service member is stationed. Consequently, a person on a waiver waiting list would return to the same place on the waiting list when the family returns to South Carolina. Furthermore, the eligible family member previously enrolled in a waiver program and who received active services would be reinstated into the waiver program once Medicaid eligibility is established, upon their return to South Carolina. It is not the intent of this section to authorize services provided outside the South Carolina Medicaid Service Area. These provisions are

contingent upon the department receiving federal approval.

Section 44-6-40. For all health and human services interagency programs provided for in this chapter, the department shall have the following duties:

(1) Prepare and approve state and federal plans prior to submission to the appropriate authority as required by law for final approval or for state or federal funding, or both.

Such plans shall be guided by the goal of delivering services to citizens and administering plans in the most effective and efficient ways possible.

(2) Compile and maintain in a unified, concise, and orderly form information concerning programs provided for in this chapter.

(3) Continuously review and evaluate programs to determine the extent to which they:

(a) meet fiscal, administrative, and program objectives; and

(b) are being operated cost effectively.

(4) Evaluate plans and programs in terms of their compatibility with state objectives and priorities giving specific attention to areas outlined in Section 44-6-70.

(5) Formulate for consideration and promulgation criteria, standards, and procedures that ensure assigned programs are administered effectively, equitably, and economically and in accordance with statewide policies and priorities.

(6) Inform the ~~Governor and the General Assembly~~ Secretary as to the effectiveness of the criteria, standards, and procedures promulgated pursuant to item (5) ~~of this section~~.

(7) ~~Develop in conjunction with other state agencies~~ Cooperate with the Secretary in the development of an information system to provide data on comparative client and fiscal information needed for programs.

(8) Develop a mechanism for local planning.

(9) ~~Obtain from participating state agencies~~ Coordinate with the Secretary to obtain information considered necessary by the department to perform duties assigned to the department.

Section 44-6-45. The ~~State~~ Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing may collect administrative fees associated with accounts receivable for those individuals or entities which negotiate repayment to the agency. The administrative fee may not exceed one and one-half percent of the amounts negotiated and must be remitted to the State Treasurer and deposited to the credit of the general fund of the State.

Section 44-6-50. In carrying out the duties provided for in Section 44-6-30, the department shall:

(1) Contract for health and human services eligibility determination with performance standards regarding quality control as required by law or regulation.

(2) Contract for operation of certified Medicaid management information claims processing system. ~~For the first year of its operation it shall contract for such system with the Department of Social Services.~~

(3) Contract for other operational components of programs administered under this chapter as considered appropriate.

(4) Monitor and evaluate all contractual services authorized pursuant to this chapter to assure effective performance. Any contract entered into under the provisions of this chapter must be in accordance with the provisions of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code.

(5) Establish a procedure whereby inquiries from members of the General Assembly concerning the department's work and responsibility shall be answered as expeditiously and definitely as possible in coordination with the Secretary.

Section 44-6-70. A state plan must be prepared by the department for each program assigned to it and the department must also prepare resource allocation recommendations based on such plans. The resource allocation recommendations must be approved pursuant to state and federal law. The state plans must address state policy and priority areas of service with specific attention to the following objectives:

(a) Prevention measures as addressed in health and human services programs.

(b) Achievement of a balanced health care delivery system assuring that regulations, coverage, and reimbursement policies assure that while the most appropriate care is given, tailored to the client's needs, it is delivered in the most cost-effective manner.

(c) Simplification of paperwork requirements.

(d) Achievement of optimum cost effectiveness in administration and delivery of services provided quality of care is assured.

(e) Improvement of effectiveness of third party reimbursement efforts.

(f) Assurance of maximum utilization of private and nonprofit providers in administration and service delivery systems, provided quality of care is assured.

(g) Encouragement of structured volunteer programs in administration and service delivery.

Section 44-6-80. The department must submit to the ~~Governor, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, and the Executive Budget Office, and the General Assembly~~ Secretary an annual report concerning the work of the department including details on improvements in the cost effectiveness achieved since the enactment of this chapter and must recommend changes for further improvements.

Interim reports must be submitted as needed to advise the ~~Governor and the General Assembly~~ Secretary of substantive issues.

Section 44-6-90. The department may promulgate regulations to carry out its duties. Prior to submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

All state and local agencies whose responsibilities include administration or delivery of services which are covered by this chapter shall cooperate with the department and comply with its regulations.

Section 44-6-100. The department employees shall have such general duties and receive such compensation as determined by the director, with the authority given by the Secretary. The director shall be responsible for administration of state personnel policies and general ~~department~~ personnel policies of the Executive Office of Health and Policy. The director shall have sole authority to employ and discharge employees subject to such personnel policies and funding available for that purpose.

In all instances, the director shall serve as the chief administrative officer of the department and shall have the responsibility of executing policies, directives, and actions of the department either personally or by issuing appropriate directives to the employees.

The goal of the provisions of this section is to ensure that the department's business is conducted according to sound administrative practice~~, without unnecessary interference with its internal affairs~~. Public officers and employees shall be guided by this goal and comply with these provisions.

Section 44-6-110. A Medicaid provider, outside of the geographical boundary of South Carolina but within the South Carolina Medicaid Service Area, as defined by R. 126-300(B) of the Code of State Regulations, prior to the effective date of the amendments to Section 1-1-10, which are effective January 1, 2017, shall not lose status as a Medicaid provider as a result of the clarification of the South Carolina-North Carolina border.

Section 44-6-115. (A) Pharmacy services are a benefit under

South Carolina Medicaid, subject to approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The department shall establish a fee schedule for the list of pharmacy services.

(B)(1) The following services are covered pharmacy services that may be provided to a Medicaid beneficiary:

(a) dispensing self-administered hormonal contraceptives, as outlined and authorized in Section 40-43-230; and

(b) administering injectable hormonal contraceptives, as outlined and authorized in Section 40-43-230.

(2) Covered pharmacy services shall be subject to department protocols and utilization controls.

(C) A pharmacist shall be enrolled as an ordering, referring, and dispensing provider under the Medicaid program prior to rendering a pharmacist service that is submitted by a Medicaid pharmacy provider for reimbursement pursuant to this section.

(D) The director of the department shall seek any necessary federal approvals to implement this section. This section shall not be implemented until the necessary federal approvals are obtained and shall be implemented only to the extent that federal financial participation is available.

(E) This section does not restrict or prohibit any services currently provided by pharmacists as authorized by law including, but not limited to, this chapter or the Medicaid state plan.

SECTION X.A. Section 44-6-140(A)(2) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) payment on a timely basis to the hospital by the ~~commission~~ department or patient or both, of the maximum allowable payment amount determined by the ~~commission~~ department; and

B. Section 44-6-146(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) Every fiscal year the State Treasurer shall withhold from the portion of the Local Government Fund allotted to the counties a sum equal to fifty cents per capita based on the population of the several counties as shown by the latest official census of the United States. The money withheld by the State Treasurer must be placed to the credit of the ~~commission~~ department and used to provide Title XIX (Medicaid) services.

C. Section 44-6-150 (A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) There is created the South Carolina Medically Indigent Assistance Program administered by the department. The program is authorized to sponsor inpatient hospital care for which hospitals shall receive no reimbursement. A general hospital equipped to provide the

necessary treatment shall:

(1) admit a patient sponsored by the program; and

(2) accept the transfer of a patient sponsored by the program from a hospital which is not equipped to provide the necessary treatment.

In addition to or in lieu of an action taken affecting the license of the hospital, when it is established that an officer, employee, or member of the hospital medical staff has violated this section, the South Carolina Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall require the hospital to pay a civil penalty of up to ten thousand dollars.

D.Section 44-6-170 (A), (B), (C), and (I) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Office" means the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

(2) "Council" means the Data Oversight Council.

~~(3) "Committee" means the Joint Legislative Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee.~~

(B) There is established the Data Oversight Council comprised of:

(1) one hospital administrator;

(2) the chief executive officer or designee of the South Carolina Hospital Association;

(3) one physician;

(4) the chief executive officer or designee of the South Carolina Medical Association;

(5) one representative of major third-party health care payers;

(6) one representative of the managed health care industry;

(7) one nursing home administrator;

(8) three representatives of nonhealth care-related businesses;

(9) one representative of a nonhealth care-related business of less than one hundred employees;

(10) the executive vice president or designee of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce;

(11) a member of the Governor's office staff;

(12) the director or his designee of the South Carolina Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~;

(13) the executive director or his designee of the ~~State~~ Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing.

The members enumerated in items (1) through (10) must be appointed by the ~~Governor for three-year terms and~~ Secretary until their successors are appointed and qualify; the remaining members serve ex officio. The ~~Governor~~ Secretary shall appoint one of the members to serve as chairman. The office shall provide staff assistance to the

council.

(C) The duties of the council are to:

(1) make periodic recommendations to the ~~committee and the General Assembly~~ Secretary concerning the collection and release of health care-related data by the State which the council considers necessary to assist in the formation of health care policy in the State;

(2) convene expert panels as necessary to assist in developing recommendations for the collection and release of health care-related data;

(3) approve all regulations for the collection and release of health care-related data to be promulgated by the office;

(4) approve release of health care-related data consistent with regulations promulgated by the office;

(5) recommend to the office appropriate dissemination of health care-related data reports, training of personnel, and use of health care-related data.

(I) A person, as defined in Section 44-7-130, seeking to collect health care data or information for a registry shall coordinate with the office to utilize existing data collection formats as provided for by the office and consistent with regulations promulgated by the office. With the exception of information that may be obtained from the Office of Vital Records, Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, in accordance with Section 44-63-20 and Regulation 61-19 and disease information required to be reported to the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ under Sections 44-29-10, 44-29-70, and 44-31-10 and Regulations 61-20 and 61-21 and notwithstanding any other provision of law, no hospital or health care facility or health care professional required by this section to submit health care data is required to submit data to a registry which has not complied with this section.

E. Section 44-6-170 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(J) The Executive Office of Health and Policy shall have access to data collected pursuant to Section 44-6-170 as necessary for the execution of duties of the Secretary of Health and Policy and in furtherance of the State Health Plan. The Executive Office of Health and Policy shall not disclose this data except as permitted by law.

F. Section 44-6-190 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-6-190. The department may promulgate regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act. Appeals from decisions by the department are heard pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, Administrative Law Judge, Article 5, Chapter 23 of Title 1 of the

1976 Code.

The department shall promulgate regulations to comply with federal requirements to limit the use or disclosure of information concerning applicants and recipients to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Medicaid program.

Prior to submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

G.Section 44-6-400 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-6-400. As used in this article:

(1) "Department" means the Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing.

(2) "Nursing home" means a facility subject to licensure as a nursing home by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ and subject to the permit provisions of Article 2, Chapter 7 of Title 44 and which has been certified for participation in the Medicaid program or has been dually certified for participation in the Medicaid and Medicare programs.

(3) "Resident" means a person who resides or resided in a nursing home during a period of an alleged violation.

(4) "Survey agency" means the South Carolina Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ or any other agency designated to conduct compliance surveys of nursing facilities participating in the Title XIX (Medicaid) program.

H.Section 44-6-530 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-6-530. Before instituting an action under this article, the Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing shall determine if the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services has jurisdiction under federal law. In such cases, it shall coordinate its efforts with the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services to maintain an action against the nursing home. In an action against a nursing home owned and operated by the State of South Carolina, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services has exclusive jurisdiction.

I. Section 44-6-540 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-6-540. The department is authorized to promulgate regulations, pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, to administer this article, and to ensure compliance with the requirements for participation in the Medicaid program. Prior to submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

J. Section 44-6-720(B)(4)(b)(iv) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(iv) other deductions provided in regulations of the ~~State Health and Human Services Finance Commission~~ Department of Health Financing;

K. Section 44-6-730 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-6-730. The ~~State Health and Human Services Finance Commission~~ Department of Health Financing shall promulgate regulations as are necessary for the implementation of this article and as are necessary to comply with federal law. Prior to submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy. In addition, the ~~commission~~ department shall amend the state Medicaid plan in a manner that is consistent with this article.

L. Section 44-6-1010 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-6-1010. There is created within the Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. The committee must consist of fifteen members appointed by the director and serving at the pleasure of the director of the department. The members must include eleven physicians and four pharmacists licensed to practice in South Carolina and actively engaged in providing services to the South Carolina Medicaid population. The physicians may include, but are not limited to, doctors who have experience in treating diabetes, cancer, HIV/AIDS, mental illness, and hemophilia and who practice in internal medicine, primary care, and pediatrics.

M. Article (5), Chapter 6, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

SECTION X.A. Section 44-7-77 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-77. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ and the State Department of Social Services, in conjunction with the South Carolina Hospital Association, shall develop and implement a program to promote obtaining voluntary acknowledgments of paternity as soon after birth as possible and where possible before the release of the newborn from the hospital. A voluntary acknowledgment including those obtained through an in-hospital program shall contain the requirements of Section 63-17-60(A)(4) and the social security number, or the alien identification number assigned to a resident alien who does not have a social security number, of both parents, and must be signed by both parents. The signatures must be notarized. As part of its in-hospital voluntary acknowledgment of paternity program, a birthing hospital as part of the birth registration process, shall collect, where ascertainable, information which is or may be necessary for the establishment of the paternity of the child and for the establishment of child support. The information to be collected on

the father or on the putative father if paternity has not been established includes, but is not limited to, the name of the father, his date of birth, home address, social security number, or the alien identification number assigned to a resident alien who does not have a social security number, and employer's name, and additionally for the putative father, the names and addresses of the putative father's parents.

B. Section 44-7-80(6) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(6) "Department" means the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~.

C. Section 44-7-84 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-84. (A) In the annual appropriations act, the General Assembly shall establish the maximum number of Medicaid patient days for which the department is authorized to issue Medicaid nursing home permits. The ~~State~~ Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing shall provide the number of Medicaid patient days available to the department within thirty days after the effective date of the annual appropriations act.

(B) Based on a method the department develops for determining the need for nursing home care for Medicaid patients in each area of the State, the department shall determine the distribution of Medicaid patient days for which Medicaid nursing home permits can be issued. Nursing homes holding a Medicaid nursing home permit must be allocated Medicaid days based on their current allocation and available funds. Requests for days must be submitted to the department no later than June fifteenth each year. The department shall issue permits to the facilities by August first of each year. The application must state the specific number of Medicaid patient days the nursing home will provide. If a nursing home requests fewer days than the previous year, or is permitted fewer days, those days first must be offered to the facilities within the same county currently holding a Medicaid nursing home permit. However, if Medicaid patient days remain available after being offered to those nursing homes currently holding a Medicaid patient days permit in that county, then existing nursing homes with a restricted Certificate of Need, within the same county, may apply for a Medicaid nursing home permit to receive the Medicaid permit days remaining available. Following the initial allocation of Medicaid patient days, any additional Medicaid permit days must be credited to a statewide pool and the days must be allocated to those counties showing the greatest need based on the average number of fully eligible Medicaid nursing facility applicants by county in the Community Long Term Care awaiting placement reports for the past twelve months. The Department of Health ~~and~~

~~Human Services~~ Financing shall provide this information to the department no later than July fifteenth of each year. The Medicaid permit days must be proportionately allocated to each facility within the county that currently holds a Medicaid permit and is currently in compliance with its Medicaid permit. A facility is deemed to be in compliance for allocation of these additional Medicaid permit days if it has not exceeded its stated Medicaid permit by more than seven percent. In addition, a nursing home that provides less than ninety percent of the stated Medicaid permit in any fiscal year may not apply for additional Medicaid permit days in the next fiscal year. If a nursing home fails to provide ninety percent of the stated Medicaid permit days for two consecutive fiscal years, the department may issue a Medicaid nursing home permit for fewer days than requested in order to ensure that the nursing home will serve the minimum number of Medicaid patients and that the State will optimize the available Medicaid days. If a nursing home has its Medicaid patient days reduced, the freed days first must be offered to other facilities in the same county before being offered to other nursing homes in the State. The department shall analyze the performance of nursing homes that are under the permit minimum or exceed the permit maximum for a fiscal year, including utilization data from the ~~State~~ Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing, anticipated back days, delayed payments, CLTC waiting list, and other factors considered significant by the department. A nursing home which terminates its Medicaid contract must not be penalized for not meeting the requirements of this section if the nursing home was in compliance with its permit at the time of the cancellation. Facilities designated as Special Focus Facilities may not be issued additional Medicaid permit days while they remain on the Special Focus list.

(C) If the Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing or the General Assembly decreases the number of Medicaid patient days available to the department, the department shall proportionately decrease the authorized Medicaid patient days for each nursing home. If additional Medicaid patient days are authorized in the following year, they must be restored proportionately to each nursing home in accordance with subsection (B).

D.Section 44-7-90 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-90. (A) Based on reports from the ~~State~~ Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing, the department shall determine each nursing home's compliance with its Medicaid nursing home permit. Violations of this article include:

(1) a nursing home exceeding by more than five percent the

number of Medicaid patient days stated in its permit;

(2) the provisions of any Medicaid patient days by a home without a Medicaid nursing home permit.

(B) A nursing home which exceeds its Medicaid patient days stated in its permit may be fined on the number of Medicaid patient days exceeding the permit days multiplied by its daily Medicaid per diem. Medicaid permit days provided to Complex Care residents, as certified by the Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing, must not be counted against the facility's Medicaid permit for the first six months of their care. Any complex care provided after six months must be counted toward the facility's Medicaid patient days under the permit days times their daily Medicaid per diem rate less the statewide average patient per diem recurring income times thirty percent. Complex Care reimbursement must not be used in the fine calculation. A facility may be fined incrementally for exceeding its Medicaid permit. Violations above five and up to ten percent of the stated permit may be fined at thirty percent of its Medicaid per diem rate less the statewide average patient per diem recurring income times the number of excess Medicaid permit days. A facility may be fined fifty percent of its Medicaid per diem rate less the statewide average patient per diem recurring income for each day above ten and up to fifteen percent of its Medicaid permit. A facility may be fined seventy percent of its Medicaid per diem rate less the statewide average patient per diem recurring income for each day in excess of fifteen percent of its stated Medicaid permit. A facility may appeal to the department any fine for days over its permit based on the facility's inability to discharge a resident based on the requirements of Section 44-7-88 if the facility can prove:

(1) the resident's primary pay source upon admission was not Medicaid;

(2) the resident did not convert to Medicaid within twenty days of being admitted as a Medicare or Medicaid replacement policy resident; and

(3) the resident did not convert to Medicaid within thirty days of being admitted as a private pay resident.

(C) In the event of a voluntary or involuntary discontinuation of participation of a nursing facility in the Medicaid program, the State must ensure that the facility provides for patient safety and freedom of choice. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ and the Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing must determine the availability of existing patient days statewide for the purpose of relocating these patients. Based upon this determination, the

department, at its discretion, may reallocate the patient days from a facility discontinuing its Medicaid participation to a facility that participates in the Medicaid program and agrees to accept the residents from the facility that is discontinuing Medicaid participation. The Medicaid permit day shall permanently remain with the facility accepting the resident. In the allocation of patient days from the facility discontinuing Medicaid participation, the department must give first priority to restoring a county's allocation where a facility holding a permit closes, or discontinues participation in Medicaid. A nursing home receiving beds under the provisions of this subsection must not be a Special Focus Facility at the time of allocation.

(D~~) Effective July 1, 2014,~~ All nursing facility providers holding a Medicaid permit must report their daily Medicaid resident census information to the ~~South Carolina~~ Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing or its contractor for the purpose of maintaining a statewide bed locator and permit day tracking system.

(E) Each Medicaid day above the allowable range is considered a separate violation. A fine assessed against a nursing home must be deducted from the nursing home's Medicaid reimbursement.

E. Section 44-7-130 (4), (10), and (24) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(4) ~~"Board" means the State Board of Health and Environmental Control~~ Reserved.

(10) "Department" means the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~.

~~(24) "Solely for research" means a service, procedure, or equipment which has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) but which is currently undergoing review by the FDA as an investigational device. FDA research protocol and any applicable Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) policies and regulations must be followed by a facility proposing a project "solely for research".~~

(24) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Policy.

(25) "Solely for research" means a service, procedure, or equipment which has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) but which is currently undergoing review by the FDA as an investigational device. FDA research protocol and any applicable Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) policies and regulations must be followed by a facility proposing a project "solely for research".

F. Section 44-7-150(A)(3) and (5) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(3) adopt in accordance with Article I of the Administrative

Procedures Act substantive and procedural regulations considered necessary by the department and approved by the ~~board~~ Secretary to carry out the department's licensure duties under this article;

(5) promulgate regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, that establish fees as authorized by this article. Prior to the submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

G.Section 44-7-170(A) of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(4) the establishment or addition of inpatient psychiatric beds pursuant to an agreement with a South Carolina state agency to apply appropriated funds for increased access or availability of services.

H.Section 44-7-190 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-190. ~~(A)~~ The department shall adopt, upon approval of the ~~board~~ Secretary, Project Review Criteria which, at a minimum, must provide for the determination of need for health care facilities, beds, services and equipment, including demographic needs, appropriate distribution, and utilization; accessibility to underserved groups; availability of facilities and services without regard to ability to pay; absence of less costly and more effective alternatives; appropriate financial considerations, including method of financing, financial feasibility, and cost containment; consideration of impact on health systems resources; site and building suitability; consideration of quality of care; and relevant special considerations as may be appropriate. ~~The Project Review Criteria must be adopted as a regulation pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.~~

~~(B) The project review criteria promulgated in regulation must be used in reviewing all projects under the Certificate of Need process. When the criteria are weighted to determine the relative importance for the specific project, the department may reorder the relative importance of the criteria no more than one time after the project review meeting. When an application has been appealed, the department may not change the weighted formula.~~

~~(C) Project review criteria must prioritize timely access to health care services and seek a balance between competition in the marketplace and regulation in the provision of health care and must support reasonable patient choice in health care facilities and services. The department shall promulgate regulations within one year of the effective date of this act identifying how the department will incorporate these considerations in reviewing Certificate of Need applications.~~

I. Section 44-7-200 (C), (D), and (E) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

~~(C) Upon publication of this notice and until a contested case hearing is requested pursuant to Section 44-1-60(G):~~

~~(1) members of the board and persons appointed by the board to hold a final review conference on staff decisions may not communicate directly or indirectly with any person in connection with the application; and~~

~~(2) no person shall communicate, or cause another to communicate, as to the merits of the application with members of the board and persons appointed by the board to hold a final review conference on staff decisions.~~

~~A person who violates this subsection is subject to the penalties provided in Section 1-23-360.~~

~~(D)~~(C) After receipt of an application with proof of publication and payment of the initial application fee, the department shall publish in the State Register a notice that an application has been accepted for filing. Within fifteen days of acceptance of the application, the department may request additional information as may be necessary to complete the application. The applicant has fifteen days from the date of the request to submit the additional information. If the applicant fails to submit the requested information within the fifteen-day period, the application is considered withdrawn.

~~(E)~~(D) After a Certificate of Need application has been filed with the department, state and federal elected officials are prohibited from communicating with the department with regard to the Certificate of Need application at any time. This prohibition does not include written communication of support or opposition to an application. Such written communication must be included in the administrative record.

J. Section 44-7-210 (C), (D), (E), (F), and (G) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) On the basis of staff review of the application, the staff shall make a staff decision to grant or deny the Certificate of Need and the staff shall issue a decision in accordance with Section 44-1-60(D). Notice of the decision must be sent to the applicant and affected persons who have asked to be notified. The decision becomes the final agency decision unless a timely written request for a final review is filed with the department as provided for in Section 44-1-60(E).

However, a person may not file a request for final review of a contested case hearing in opposition to the staff decision on a Certificate of Need unless the person provided written notice to the department during the staff review that he is an affected person and specifically states his opposition to the application under review.

~~(D) The staff's decision is not the final agency decision until the completion of the final review process provided for in Section 44-1-60(F).~~

~~(E)~~(D) A contested case hearing of the final agency decision must be requested in accordance with Section 44-1-60(G). The issues considered at the contested case hearing considering a Certificate of Need are limited to those presented or considered during the staff review.

~~(F)~~(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including Section 1-23-650(C), in a contested case arising from the department's decision to grant or deny a Certificate of Need application, grant or deny a request for exemption under Section 44-7-170, or the issuance of a determination regarding the applicability of Section 44-7-160, the following apply:

(1) each party may name no more than five witnesses who may testify at the contested case hearing;

(2) each party is permitted to take only the deposition of a person listed by an opposing party as a witness who may testify at the contested case hearing and one Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 30(b)(6) deposition;

(3) each party is permitted to serve only ten interrogatories pursuant to Rule 33 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure;

(4) each party is permitted to serve only ten requests for admission, including subparts;

(5) each party is permitted to serve only fifteen requests for production, including subparts; and

(6) the parties shall complete discovery within one hundred twenty days after the assignment of the administrative law judge.

~~(G)~~(F) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a contested case arising from the department's decision to grant or deny a Certificate of Need application, grant or deny a request for exemption under Section 44-7-170, or the issuance of a determination regarding the applicability of Section 44-7-160, the Administrative Law Court shall file a final decision no later than twelve months after the contested case is filed with the Clerk of the Administrative Law Court. An affected person who was a party to the contested case has a right to appeal to the Supreme Court final decisions issued by the Administrative Law Court for a contested case arising from the department's decision to grant or deny a Certificate of Need application, grant or denial of a request for exemption under Section 44-7-170, or the issuance of a determination regarding the applicability of Section 44-7-160.

K.Section 44-7-260 (B) and (E) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) The licensing provisions of this article do not apply to:

(1) infirmaries for the exclusive use of the student bodies of privately-owned educational institutions which maintain infirmaries;

(2) community-based housing sponsored, licensed, or certified by the ~~South Carolina~~ Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities ~~and Special Needs~~. The Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities ~~and Special Needs~~ shall provide to the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ the names and locations of these facilities on a continuing basis; or

(3) homeshare programs designated by the Department of ~~Mental~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services, provided that these programs do not serve more than two persons at each program location, the length of stay does not exceed fourteen consecutive days for one of the two persons, and the temporarily displaced person must be directly transferred from a homeshare program location. The Department of ~~Mental~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services shall provide to the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ the names and locations of these programs on a continuing basis.

(E) No person, regardless of his ability to pay or county of residence, may be denied emergency care if a member of the admitting hospital's medical staff or, in the case of a transfer, a member of the accepting hospital's medical staff determines that the person is in need of emergency care. "Emergency care" means treatment which is usually and customarily available at the respective hospital and that must be provided immediately to sustain a person's life, to prevent serious permanent disfigurement, or loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member or organ, or to provide for the care of a woman in active labor if the hospital is so equipped and, if the hospital is not so equipped, to provide necessary treatment to allow the woman to travel to a more appropriate facility without undue risk of serious harm. In addition to or in lieu of any action taken by the South Carolina Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ affecting the license of any hospital, when it is established that any officer, employee, or member of the hospital medical staff has recklessly violated the provisions of this section, the department may require the hospital to pay a civil penalty of up to ten thousand dollars.

L. Section 44-7-265 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-265. The department shall promulgate regulations for licensing freestanding or mobile technology. Prior to submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy. At a minimum, the regulations must

include:

(1) standards for the maintenance and operation of freestanding or mobile technology to ensure the safe and effective treatment of persons served;

(2) a description of the professional qualifications necessary for personnel to operate the equipment and interpret the test results;

(3) minimum staffing requirements to ensure the safe operation of the equipment and interpret the test results; and

(4) that all freestanding or mobile technology must be in conformance with professional organizational standards.

M. Section 44-7-266(D) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(D) The department shall promulgate regulations within one year of the effective date of this act setting forth the necessary duties to comply with this provision. Prior to submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

N.Section 44-7-370 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-370. (A) The ~~South Carolina~~ Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall establish a Residential Care Committee to advise the department regarding licensing and inspection of community residential care facilities.

(1) The committee consists of the Long Term Care Ombudsman, three operators of homes with ten beds or less, four operators of homes with eleven beds or more, and three members to represent the department appointed by the ~~commissioner~~ director for terms of four years.

(2) The terms must be staggered and no member may serve more than two consecutive terms. Any person may submit names to the ~~commissioner~~ director for consideration. The advisory committee shall meet at least once annually with representatives of the department to evaluate current licensing regulations and inspection practices. Members shall serve without compensation.

(B) The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall appoint a Renal Dialysis Advisory Council to advise the department regarding licensing and inspection of renal dialysis centers. The council must be consulted and have the opportunity to review all regulations promulgated by the ~~board~~ department affecting renal dialysis prior to submission of the proposed regulations to the General Assembly.

(1) The council is composed of a minimum of fourteen persons, one member recommended by the Palmetto Chapter of the American Nephrology Nurses Association; one member recommended by the South Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Patients on

Hemodialysis and Transplants; three physicians specializing in nephrology recommended by the South Carolina Renal Physicians Association; two administrators of facilities certified for dialysis treatment or kidney transplant services; one member recommended by the South Carolina Kidney Foundation; one member recommended by the South Carolina Hospital Association; one member recommended by the South Carolina Medical Association; one member of the general public; one member representing technicians working in renal dialysis facilities; one member recommended by the Council of Nephrology Social Workers; and one member recommended by the Council of Renal Nutritionists. The directors of dialysis programs at the Medical School of the University of South Carolina and the Medical University of South Carolina, or their designees, are ex officio members of the council.

(2) Members shall serve four-year terms and until their successors are appointed and qualify. No member of council shall serve more than two consecutive terms. The council shall meet as frequently as the ~~board~~ director considers necessary, but not less than twice each year. Members shall serve without compensation.

O. Section 44-7-392 (B) and (C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) The confidentiality provisions of subsection (A) do not prevent committees appointed by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ from issuing reports containing solely nonidentifying data and information.

(C) Nothing in this section affects the duty of a hospital licensed by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ to report accidents or incidents pursuant to the department's regulations. However, anything reported pursuant to the department's regulations must not be considered a waiver of any privilege or confidentiality provided in subsection (A).

P. Section 44-7-180 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

SECTION X.A. Section 44-7-510(4) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(4) "Department" means the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~.

B. Section 44-7-570(D) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(D) The department shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this article including any fees and application costs associated with the monitoring and oversight of cooperative agreements approved under this article. Prior to submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

C. Section 44-7-1420 (2) and (4) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) Unless measures are adopted to alleviate such need, the shortage of such facilities will become increasingly more urgent and serious~~; and~~.

(4) It is the purpose of this article to empower the governing bodies of the several counties of the State under the terms and conditions of this article to finance the acquisition, enlargement, improvement, construction, equipping and providing of such hospital facilities to the end that the public health and welfare of the people of the State will be promoted at the least possible expense to those utilizing such hospital facilities so provided. In this connection, such governing bodies shall function under the guidance of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority of South Carolina and the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ and shall be vested with all powers necessary to enable them to accomplish the purposes of this article, which powers shall be in all respects exercised for the benefits of the inhabitants of the State and to promote the public health and welfare of its citizens.

D. Section 44-7-1440 of the S.C. Code before the numbered items is amended to read:

Section 44-7-1440. Subject to obtaining approvals from the Authority required by Section 44-7-1590 and from the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, required by Section 44-7-1490, the several counties of the State functioning through their respective county boards shall be empowered:

E. Section 44-7-1490 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-1490. The county board shall not undertake the acquisition, construction, expansion, equipping or financing of any hospital facilities unless and until such approval of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ for such undertaking as may be required under Article 3, Chapter 7, Title 44, shall have been obtained.

F. Section 44-7-1590 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-1590. (A) No bonds may be issued pursuant to the provisions of this article until the proposal of the county board to issue the bonds receives the approval of the authority. Whenever a county board proposes to issue bonds pursuant to the provisions of this article, it shall file its petition with the authority setting forth:

(1) a brief description of the hospital facilities proposed to be undertaken and the refinancing or refunding proposed;

(2) a statement setting forth the action taken by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ in connection with the hospital facilities;

(3) a reasonable estimate of the cost of hospital facilities;

(4) a general summary of the terms and conditions of the proposed loan agreement; and

(5) such other information as the authority requires.

(B) Upon the filing of the petition the authority, as soon as practicable, shall conduct the review as it considers advisable, and if it finds that the proposal of the governing board is intended to promote the purposes of this article, it is authorized to approve the proposal. At any time following the approval, the county board may proceed with the issuance of the bonds in accordance with the proposal as approved by the authority. Notice of the approval of the proposal by the authority must be published at least once by the authority in a newspaper having general circulation in the county where the hospital facilities are or are to be located. The notice must set forth the action taken by the county board pursuant to Section 44-7-1480 and the action taken by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ pursuant to Section 44-7-1490.

(C) Any interested party, within twenty days after the date of the publication of the notice, but not afterwards, may challenge the action so taken by the authority, the county board, or the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, by action de novo in the court of common pleas in any county where the hospital facilities are to be located.

G.Section 44-7-1660(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) The county board may not enter into a subsidiary loan agreement to finance the acquisition, construction, expansion, equipping, or financing of any hospital facilities until approval of the agreement by the ~~South Carolina~~ Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ as may be required under Article 3 ~~of~~, Chapter 7 ~~of~~, Title 44.

H.Section 44-7-1690 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-1690. Notice of the approval by a county board of any intergovernmental loan agreement or subsidiary loan agreement must be published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in each county by the respective county board prior to the execution of such agreements. With respect to a subsidiary loan agreement, the notice must set forth the action taken by the county board and the ~~South Carolina~~ Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ pursuant to Section 44-7-1660. The intergovernmental loan agreement and subsidiary loan agreement must be filed with the clerk of court of the authorizing issuer and the clerk of court of the project county prior

to the issuance of the bonds authorized thereby.

Any interested party may, within twenty days after the date of the publication of the notice, challenge the action taken by the county board of the authorizing issuer or the project county in approving the intergovernmental loan agreement by action de novo in the court of common pleas of the project county or the authorizing issuer.

Any interested party may, within twenty days after the date of the publication of the notice, challenge the action taken by the county board in approving the subsidiary loan agreement or the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ with respect to the hospital facilities by action de novo in the court of common pleas in any county where the hospital facilities are to be located.

SECTION X.A. Section 44-7-2420(1) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(1) "Department" means the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~.

B. Section 44-7-2430(C)(1) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(1) The ~~Board of Health and Environmental Control~~ Secretary of Health and Policy shall appoint an advisory committee that must have an equal number of members representing all involved parties. The ~~board~~ secretary shall seek recommendations for appointments to the advisory committee from organizations that represent the interests of hospitals, consumers, businesses, purchasers of health care services, physicians, and other professionals involved in the research and control of infections.

C. Section 44-7-2450(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) Nothing in this section affects the duty of a facility or activity licensed by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ to report accidents or incidents pursuant to the department's regulations. However, anything reported pursuant to the department's regulations must not be considered to waive any privilege or confidentiality provided in subsection (A).

D. Section 44-7-2460(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) The department may promulgate regulations as necessary to carry out its responsibilities under this article. Prior to the submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

SECTION X.A. Section 44-7-2550 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-2550. The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this article. Prior to the submission

of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy. Through regulation or interagency agreement when appropriate the department may develop standards addressing the coordination and provision of early intervention services, including personnel qualifications and health, safety, and program standards for the facilities where the services are offered.

B. Section 44-7-2910(B)(1)(e) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(e) a residential program operated or contracted for operation by the Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services or the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities ~~and Special Needs~~;

C. Section 44-7-2940 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-2940. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall verify that a direct care entity is conducting criminal record checks as required in this article before the department issues a renewal license for the direct care entity. The department shall act as the channeling agency for any federal criminal record checks required by this article.

D. Section 44-7-3430 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-3430. All clinical staff, clinical trainees, medical students, interns, and resident physicians of a hospital shall wear badges clearly stating their names, using at a minimum either first or last names with appropriate initials, their departments, and their job or trainee titles. All clinical trainees, medical students, interns, and resident physicians must be explicitly identified as such on their badges. This information must be clearly visible and must be stated in terms or abbreviations reasonably understandable to the average person, as recognized by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~.

E. Sections 44-7-3455 through 44-7-3460 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 44-7-3455. The provisions of this article do not apply to hospitals owned or operated by the Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services or by specialized hospitals licensed exclusively for treatment of alcohol or drug abuse and which are under contract with the Department of ~~Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Section 44-7-3460. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall administer and enforce the provisions of this article in accordance with procedures and penalties provided in law and regulation.

SECTION X.A. Chapter 9, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended to

read:

CHAPTER 9

~~State Department of Mental Health~~ Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services

Section 44-9-10. There is hereby created the ~~State Department of Mental Health~~ Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services which shall have jurisdiction over all of the State's mental hospitals, clinics and centers, joint State and community sponsored mental health clinics and centers and facilities for the treatment and care of alcohol and drug addicts, including the authority to name each facility. The department shall be vested with all the functions, powers, and duties of the South Carolina Commission on Alcoholism and the South Carolina Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and shall have full authority for formulating, coordinating and administering the state plans for controlling narcotics and controlled substances and alcohol abuse. The Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services shall promote comprehensive, client-centered services in the areas of mental health and substance use treatment in furtherance of the goals of the State Health Plan.

Section 44-9-20. All the powers and duties vested in the South Carolina Mental Health Commission immediately prior to March 26, 1964 are hereby transferred to and vested in the Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services. All records, files and other papers belonging to the South Carolina Mental Health Commission shall be continued as part of the records and files of the Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Section 44-9-30. (A)(1) There is created the ~~governing board~~ advisory board for the ~~State Department of Mental Health~~ Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services known as the South Carolina ~~Mental Health Commission~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services Advisory Board. The ~~commission~~ advisory board shall consist of seven members, one from each congressional district, appointed by the ~~Governor, upon the advice and consent of the Senate~~ Secretary of Health and Policy.

(2) The ~~Governor~~ Secretary of Health and Policy shall consider consumer and family representation when appointing members.

(B) The members serve for terms of five years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. The terms of no more than two members may expire in one year. The ~~Governor~~ Secretary of Health and Policy may remove a member ~~pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-3-~~

~~240~~ when the Secretary determines removal is in the best interest of the State. A vacancy must be filled by the ~~Governor~~ Secretary of Health and Policy for the unexpired portion of the term.

~~(C) The commission shall determine policies and promulgate regulations governing the operation of the department and the employment of professional and staff personnel.~~

~~(D)~~(C) The members shall receive the same subsistence, mileage, and per diem provided by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions.

Section 44-9-40. ~~The Mental Health Commission shall appoint and remove a State Director of Mental Health, who is the chief executive of the State Department of Mental Health. Subject to the supervision and control of the Mental Health Commission, the state director shall administer the policies and regulations established by the commission.~~ The Secretary of Health and Policy shall appoint, and may remove at will, a Director of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services, who is the chief executive of the Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services. The director must be a person of proven executive and administrative ability with appropriate education and substantial experience in the ~~field of mental illness treatment~~ delivery of behavioral health services, including addiction services. ~~The director must appoint and remove all other officers and employees of the Department of Mental Health, subject to the approval of the Mental Health Commission.~~ Department employees shall have such general duties and receive such compensation as determined by the director, within the authority given by the Secretary. The director shall be responsible for administration of state personnel policies and general personnel policies of the Executive Office of Health and Policy. The director shall have sole authority to employ and discharge employees subject to such personnel policies and funding available for that purpose.

Section 44-9-50. (A) The Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services may be divided into such divisions as may be authorized by the ~~director of Mental Health and approved by the commission~~ Director of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services. One of the divisions must be a Division on Alcohol and Drug Addiction which shall have primary responsibility in the State for treatment of alcohol and drug addicts. One of the divisions must be a Division for Long Term Care which shall have primary responsibility for care and treatment of elderly persons with mental and physical disabilities to the extent that their needs are not met in other facilities either public or private.

(B) The department shall appoint a supervisor of adult education for the prevention of alcoholism, who shall be responsible for activating and implementing an adequate alcoholic education program for the citizens of this State above high school age. The program shall be designed to prevent or reduce alcoholism in this State and to create a recognition and understanding of the problem. The department shall furnish the supervisor of adult education for the prevention of alcoholism adequate ways and means to accomplish an effective educational program for the prevention of alcoholism in this State.

In carrying out the provisions of this section, the department and the supervisor of adult education for the prevention of alcoholism may consult and work in conjunction with groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous, the Yale Center of Alcohol Studies of Yale University, the Research Council on Problems of Alcohol of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the South Carolina Medical Association, the Christian Action Council, the Committee on Alcoholism of the South Carolina Conference of Social Work and other groups or agencies that are able to assist in the study, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics and in a scientific educational program on the problems of alcohol.

(C) The department shall establish a program to provide alcohol and drug abuse intervention, prevention, and treatment services for the public schools of the State. The department shall provide staff and support necessary to administer the program. Funds for this program must be annually appropriated by the General Assembly from the Education Improvement Act of 1984 Fund as it determines appropriate. The appropriated funds must be forwarded to the Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services from the Education Improvement Act of 1984 Fund in the manner the State Treasurer shall direct.

Section 44-9-60. The director of the Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services may appoint a director of each hospital. Each director must be knowledgeable in the treatment of the mentally ill and in hospital administration. The director of each hospital under the jurisdiction of the Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services is responsible for the employment of all personnel at the hospital, subject to the approval of the director of the department. The director of the department may serve as director of one or more hospitals or other mental health facilities.

Section 44-9-70. The ~~State~~ Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services is hereby designated as the state's ~~mental~~ behavioral health authority for purposes of

administering federal funds allotted to South Carolina under the provisions of the National Mental Health Act, as amended. The ~~State~~ Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services is further designated as the state agency authorized to administer minimum standards and requirements for mental health clinics as conditions for participation in federal-state grants-in-aid under the provisions of the National Mental Health Act, as amended, and is authorized to promote and develop community mental health outpatient clinics. Provided, that nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit the operation of outpatient mental health clinics by the ~~South Carolina Medical College Hospital~~ Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Provided, further, that nothing herein shall be construed to include any of the functions or responsibilities now granted the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, or the administration of the State Hospital Construction Act (Hill-Burton Act), as provided in the ~~1976~~ S.C. Code ~~of Laws and amendments thereto~~.

Section 44-9-80. Payments made to a mental health facility which are derived in whole or in part from Federal funds which become available after June 30, 1967, and which are provided with the stipulation that they be used to improve services to patients shall not be considered fees from paying patients under the terms of Act No. 1100 of 1964 but may be utilized by the ~~State~~ Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services to improve South Carolina's comprehensive mental health program.

Section 44-9-90. The ~~commission~~ Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services shall:

~~(1) form a body corporate in deed and in law with all the powers incident to corporations;~~

~~(2)~~(1) cooperate with persons in charge of penal institutions in this State for the purpose of providing proper care and treatment for mental patients confined in penal institutions because of emergency;

~~(3)~~(2) inaugurate and maintain an appropriate mental health education and public relations program;

~~(4)~~(3) collect statistics bearing on mental illness, drug addiction, and alcoholism;

~~(5)~~(4) provide vocational training and medical treatment which must tend to the mental and physical betterment of patients and which is designed to lessen the increase of mental illness, drug addiction, and alcoholism;

~~(6)~~(5) encourage the directors of hospitals and their medical staffs in the investigation and study of these subjects and of mental health

treatment in general; ~~and~~

~~(7)~~(6) provide for and promote a statewide system for the delivery of mental health services to treat, care for, reduce, and prevent mental illness and provide mental health services for citizens of this State, whether or not in a hospital. The system must include services to prevent or postpone the commitment or recommitment of citizens to hospitals and shall account for citizens with mild to moderate persistent, chronic, or acute systems requiring care;

(7) coordinate with state agencies and other providers to ensure the appropriate provision of care for individuals with co-occurring diagnoses. The department shall coordinate and cooperate with the Secretary of Health and Policy in complex cases;

(8) perform all functions, powers, and duties of the commissioner of the narcotics and controlled substances section of the State Planning and Grants Division (Division of Administration in the Office of the Governor) previously transferred to the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, except those powers and duties related to the traffic of narcotics and controlled substances as defined in Section 44-53-130 which shall be vested in the State Law Enforcement Division;

(9) establish a block grant mechanism to provide such monies as may be appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose to each of the agencies designated under Section 61-12-20(a). The agencies designated under Section 61-12-20(a) must expend any funds received through this mechanism in accordance with the county plans required under Section 61-12-20(b); and

(10) determine policies and promulgate regulations governing the operation of the department and the employment of professional and staff personnel. Prior to the submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

Section 44-9-100. The ~~commission~~ department may:

(1) prescribe the form of and information to be contained in applications, records, reports, and medical certificates provided for under this chapter, Chapter 11, Chapter 13, Article 1 of Chapter 15, Chapter 17, Chapter 22, Chapter 23, Chapter 24, Chapter 27, Chapter 48, and Chapter 52;

(2) require reports from the director of a state hospital relating to the admission, examination, diagnosis, discharge, or conditional discharge of a patient;

(3) investigate complaints made by a patient or by a person on behalf of a patient;

(4) adopt regulations not inconsistent with this chapter, Chapter 11, Chapter 13, Article 1 of Chapter 15, Chapter 17, Chapter 22, Chapter 23, Chapter 24, Chapter 27, Chapter 48, and Chapter 52 as it may find to be reasonably necessary for the government of all institutions over which it has authority and of state mental health facilities and the proper and efficient treatment of persons with a mental illness or substance abuse disorder. Prior to the submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy;

(5) take appropriate action to initiate and develop relationships and agreements with state, local, federal, and private agencies, hospitals, and clinics as the commission considers necessary to increase and enhance the accessibility and delivery of emergency and all other types of mental health and substance abuse services; and

(6) develop such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter as it may find to be reasonably appropriate for the government of the county plans called for in Section 61-12-20(b), and the financial and programmatic accountability of funds provided under this section and all other funds provided by the department to agencies designated under Section 61-12-20(a).

Section 44-9-110. ~~The Mental Health Commission may accept on behalf of the Department of Mental Health or any of its facilities or services,~~ The Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services may accept gifts, bequests, devises, grants, donations of money or real and personal property of whatever kind, but no such gift or grant shall be accepted upon the condition that it shall diminish an obligation due the department. The ~~Commission~~ department may refuse to accept any such gift or grant and the acceptance of any such gift or grant shall not incur any obligation on the part of the State. Any gift or grant given to a specific facility or service shall be used for that facility or service only, or to its successor. The ~~Commission~~ department may promulgate rules and regulations governing the disposition of such gifts and grants. Prior to submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

Section 44-9-120. The ~~Commission~~ department shall submit an annual report to the ~~Governor~~ Secretary of Health and Policy before the eleventh day of January of each year setting forth its activities, the financial affairs and the state and condition of the state mental health facilities and any other statistical information which is usually required of facilities of the type over which it has charge. The report shall include any recommendations which in the opinion of the ~~Commission~~ department will improve the ~~mental~~ behavioral health program of the

State. ~~A copy of the report shall also be submitted to the General Assembly.~~

Section 44-9-160. Wherever in the ~~1976~~ S.C. Code reference is made to the State Hospital, it shall mean a state hospital; wherever reference is made requiring the signature of the superintendent of any mental health facility, it shall mean the superintendent or his designee; and wherever reference is made to the State Commissioner of Mental Health, it shall mean the ~~State~~ Director of the Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services.

B. Chapter 9, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 44-9-95. (A) The department shall be vested with the following powers and duties relating to narcotics and controlled substances:

(1) The department shall arrange for the exchange of information between governmental officials concerning the use and abuse of controlled substances.

(2) Results, information, and evidence received from the Department of Public Health relating to the regulatory functions of this chapter and Article 3, Chapter 53, Title 44, including results of inspections conducted by such department, may be relied upon and acted upon by the department in conformance with its administration and coordinating duties under this chapter and Article 3, Chapter 53, Title 44.

(3) The department shall:

(a) plan, coordinate and cooperate in educational programs for schools, communities, and the general public designed to prevent and deter misuse and abuse of controlled substances;

(b) promote better recognition of the problems of misuse and abuse of controlled substances within the regulated industry and among interested groups and organizations;

(c) assist the regulated industry, interested groups, and organizations in contributing to the reduction of misuse and abuse of controlled substances;

(d) consult with interested groups and organizations to aid them in solving administrative and organizational problems;

(e) evaluate procedures, projects, techniques, and controls conducted or proposed as part of educational programs on misuse and abuse of controlled substances;

(f) disseminate the results of research on misuse and abuse of controlled substances to promote a better public understanding of what problems exist and what can be done to combat them;

(g) assist in the education and training of state and local law enforcement officials in their efforts to control misuse and abuse of controlled substances;

(h) encourage research on misuse and abuse of controlled substances;

(i) cooperate in establishing methods to assess accurately the effects of controlled substances and to identify and characterize controlled substances with potential for abuse; and

(j) cooperate in making studies and in undertaking programs of research to:

(i) develop new or improved approaches, techniques, systems, equipment, and devices to strengthen the enforcement of this section, Sections 44-9-10 and 44-9-90, and Article 3, Chapter 53, Title 44;

(ii) determine patterns of misuse and abuse of controlled substances and the social effects thereof; and

(iii) improve methods for preventing, predicting, understanding and dealing with the misuse and abuse of controlled substances.

(B) The department may enter into contracts with public agencies, institutions of higher education, and private organizations or individuals for the purpose of conducting research, demonstrations, or special projects which bear directly on misuse and abuse of controlled substances.

(C) The department may enter into contracts for educational and research activities without performance bonds.

(D) The department is authorized to accept gifts, bequests, devises, contributions, and grants, public or private, including federal funds, or funds from any other source for use in furthering the purpose of the department. The department is authorized to administer the grants and contracts arising from the federal program entitled the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1986, P.L. 99-570.

C. Chapter 9, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 44-9-105. (A) The department shall develop and initiate negotiation of the service contracts through which it provides funds to service providers to accomplish the purposes set forth in this chapter. The department may, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, disburse state and federal funds appropriated to it for substance abuse services directly to the service provider.

(B) The service contract shall:

(1) delineate the responsibilities of the department and the service

provider;

(2) specify conditions that must be met for the receipt of state and federal funds;

(3) identify the groups of individuals to be served with state and federal funds;

(4) contain specific outcome measures for individuals receiving services, provider performance measures, satisfaction measures for individuals receiving services, and participation and involvement measures for individuals receiving services and their family members;

(5) contain provisions that enable the department to enforce the service contract in the event that the service provider fails to substantially comply with the requirements of its service contract, which shall include:

(a) provisions to ensure that the service provider is notified when it fails to substantially comply with the requirements of its service contract;

(b) a remediation process to allow the service provider, after failing to substantially comply with its service contract, to come into substantial compliance with its service contract;

(c) provisions for withholding or reducing funds, repayment of funds, or termination of all or part of a service contract in accordance with the provisions of subsection (E) in the event that the service provider fails to come into substantial compliance with the provisions of its service contract despite utilization of the remediation process described in subsection (B); and

(d) provisions for appeal of an enforcement action undertaken by the department; and

(7) include requirements for the service provider to report specific information about (i) its revenues, costs, and services; (ii) individuals served; and (iii) any other information deemed necessary by the department, which shall be displayed in a consistent, comparable format developed by the department.

(D) The department shall develop and implement a process for regular, ongoing monitoring of the performance of service providers to ensure compliance with the requirements of service contracts entered into pursuant to this section.

(E) If a service provider fails to comply with the requirements of its service contract, the department shall utilize the remediation process described in the service contract to allow the service provider to come into compliance. The department shall notify the service provider upon initiation of the remediation process and provide regular updates

regarding the service provider's progress toward coming into compliance.

If a service provider fails to come into compliance after utilization of the remediation process, the department shall, after affording the service provider an adequate opportunity to use the appeal process described in the service contract, terminate all or a portion of the service contract.

(F) Upon terminating all or a portion of a service contract pursuant to subsection (E), the department may, negotiate a performance contract with another service provider to obtain services that were the subject of the terminated performance contract.

(G) No service provider shall be eligible to receive state or federal funds for substance abuse services, unless (i) its performance contract has been approved or renewed by the department; (ii) it provides service, cost, and revenue data and information, and aggregate and individual data and information about individuals receiving services to the department in the format prescribed by the department; (iii) it uses standardized cost accounting and financial management practices approved by the department; and (iv) the service provider is in compliance with its service contract or is making progress to become compliant through the department's remediation process.

SECTION X.A. Sections 44-20-10 through 44-20-440 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 44-20-10. This chapter may be cited as the~~ "South Carolina Intellectual Disability, Related Disabilities, Head Injuries, and Spinal Cord Injuries Act"~~ "South Carolina Intellectual and Related Disabilities Act".

Section 44-20-20. The State of South Carolina recognizes that a person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury,~~ or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism is a person who experiences the benefits of family, education, employment, and community as do all citizens. It is the purpose of this chapter to assist persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries,~~ or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism by providing services to enable them to participate as valued members of their communities to the maximum extent practical and to live with their families or in family settings in the community in the least restrictive environment available.

When persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries,~~ or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism cannot live in communities or with their families, the State shall provide quality care and treatment in the least restrictive environment practical.

In order to plan and coordinate state and locally funded services for persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism, a statewide network of ~~local boards of disabilities and special needs~~ county intellectual and related disabilities boards is established. Services will be delivered to clients in their homes or communities through these boards and other local providers.

It is recognized that persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism have the right to receive services from public and other agencies that provide services to South Carolina citizens and to have those services coordinated with the services needed because of their disabilities.

South Carolina recognizes the value of preventing intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism through education and research and supports efforts to this end.

The State recognizes the importance of the role of parents and families in shaping services for persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism as well as the importance of providing services to families to enable them to care for a family member with these disabilities.

Admission to services of the South Carolina Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities ~~and Special Needs~~ does not terminate or reduce the rights and responsibilities of parents. Parental involvement and participation in mutual planning with the department to meet the needs of the client facilitates decisions and treatment plans that serve the best interest and welfare of the client.

Section 44-20-30. As used in this chapter:

~~(1) "Applicant" means a person who is believed to have intellectual disability, one or more related disabilities, one or more head injuries, one or more spinal cord injuries, or an infant at high risk of a developmental disability who has applied for services of the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.~~

~~(2) "Client" is a person who is determined by the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs to have intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, or spinal cord injury and is receiving services or is an infant at risk of having a developmental disability and is receiving services.~~

~~(3) "Commission" means the South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs, the policy making and governing body of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.~~

~~(4) "County disabilities and special needs boards" means the local public body administering, planning, coordinating, or providing services~~

~~within a county or combination of counties for persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, or spinal cord injuries and recognized by the department.~~

~~(5) "Day programs" are programs provided to persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, or spinal cord injuries outside of their residences affording development, training, employment, or recreational opportunities as prescribed by the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.~~

~~(6) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.~~

~~(7) "Director" means the South Carolina Director of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, the chief executive director appointed by the commission.~~

~~(8) "Disabilities and special needs services" are activities designed to achieve the results specified in an individual client's plan.~~

~~(9) "High risk infant" means a child less than thirty-six months of age whose genetic, medical, or environmental history is predictive of a substantially greater risk for a developmental disability than that for the general population.~~

~~(10) "Least restrictive environment" means the surrounding circumstances that provide as little intrusion and disruption from the normal pattern of living as possible.~~

~~(11) "Improvements" means the construction, reconstruction of buildings, and other permanent improvements for regional centers and other programs provided by the department directly or through contract with county boards of disabilities and special needs, including equipment and the cost of acquiring and improving lands for equipment.~~

~~(12) "Intellectual disability" means significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period.~~

~~(13) "Obligations" means the obligations in the form of notes or bonds or contractual agreements issued or entered into by the commission pursuant to the authorization of this chapter and of Act 1377 of 1968 to provide funds with which to repay the proceeds of capital improvement bonds allocated by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.~~

~~(14) "Regional residential center" is a twenty-four hour residential facility serving a multicounty area and designated by the department.~~

~~(15) "Related disability" is a severe, chronic condition found to be closely related to intellectual disability or to require treatment similar to that required for persons with intellectual disability and must meet the~~

~~following conditions:~~

~~(a) It is attributable to cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or any other condition other than mental illness found to be closely related to intellectual disability because this condition results in impairment of general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior similar to that of persons with intellectual disability and requires treatment or services similar to those required for these persons.~~

~~(b) It is manifested before twenty-two years of age.~~

~~(c) It is likely to continue indefinitely.~~

~~(d) It results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, understanding and use of language, learning, mobility, self-direction, and capacity for independent living.~~

~~(16) "Residential programs" are services providing dwelling places to clients for an extended period of time with assistance for activities of daily living ranging from constant to intermittent supervision as required by the individual client's needs.~~

~~(17) "Revenues" or "its revenues" means revenue derived from paying clients at regional residential centers and community residences but does not include Medicaid, Medicare, or other federal funds received with the stipulation that they be used to provide services to clients.~~

~~(18) "State capital improvement bonds" means bonds issued pursuant to Act 1377 of 1968.~~

~~(19) "Department" shall mean the State Department of Administration as constituted pursuant to Chapter 11, Title 1.~~

(1) "Advisory board" means the South Carolina Advisory Board of Intellectual and Related Disabilities, the policy-making of the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities.

(2) "Applicant" means a person who is believed to have intellectual disability, one or more related disabilities, one or more head injuries, one or more spinal cord injuries, autism, or an infant at high risk of a developmental disability who has applied for services of the South Carolina Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities.

(3) "Autism" means autism spectrum disorder as defined in the most recent edition of Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

(4) "Client" means a person who is determined by the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities to have intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, spinal cord injury, or autism and is receiving services or is an infant at risk of having a developmental disability and is receiving services.

(5) "County intellectual and related disabilities boards" or "county boards" means the local public body administering, planning, coordinating, or providing services within a county or combination of counties for persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, spinal cord injuries, or autism and recognized by the department.

(6) "Day programs" means programs provided to persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, spinal cord injuries, or autism outside of their residences affording development, training, employment, or recreational opportunities as prescribed by the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities.

(7) "Department" means the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities.

(8) "Director" means the Director of the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities, the chief executive director appointed by the Secretary of Health and Policy.

(9) "High risk infant" means a child less than thirty-six months of age whose genetic, medical, or environmental history is predictive of a substantially greater risk for a developmental disability than that for the general population.

(10) "Improvements" means the construction, reconstruction of buildings, and other permanent improvements for regional centers and other programs provided by the department directly or through contract with county intellectual and related disabilities boards, including equipment and the cost of acquiring and improving lands for equipment.

(11) "Intellectual and related disabilities services" means activities designed to achieve the results specified in the individual client's plan.

(12) "Intellectual disability" means significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period.

(13) "Least restrictive environment" means the surrounding circumstances that provide as little intrusion and disruption from the normal pattern of living as possible.

(14) "Obligations" means the obligations in the form of notes or bonds or contractual agreements issued or entered into by the department pursuant to the authorization of this chapter and of Act 1377 of 1968 to provide funds with which to repay the proceeds of capital improvement bonds allocated by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

(15) "Regional residential center" means a twenty-four-hour residential facility serving a multicounty area and designated by the department.

(16) “Related disability” means a severe, chronic condition found to be closely related to intellectual disability or to require treatment similar to that required for persons with intellectual disability and must meet the following conditions:

(a) It is attributable to cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or any other condition other than mental illness found to be closely related to intellectual disability because this condition results in impairment of general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior similar to that of persons with intellectual disability and requires treatment or services similar to those required for these persons.

(b) It is manifested before twenty-two years of age.

(c) It is likely to continue indefinitely.

(d) It results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, understanding and use of language, learning, mobility, self-direction, and capacity for independent living.

(17) “Residential programs” means services providing dwelling places to clients for an extended period of time with assistance for activities of daily living ranging from constant to intermittent supervision as required by the individual client's needs.

(18) “Revenues” or “its revenues” means revenue derived from paying clients at regional residential centers and community residences but does not include Medicaid, Medicare, or other federal funds received with the stipulation that they be used to provide services to clients.

(19) “Secretary” means the Secretary of Health and Policy.

(20) “State capital improvement bonds” means bonds issued pursuant to Act 1377 of 1968.

(21) “State Health Plan” means the state plan for health developed by the Secretary of Health and Policy.

Section 44-20-210. ~~There is created the South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs. The commission consists of seven members. One member must be a resident of each congressional district appointed by the Governor upon the advice and consent of the Senate.~~ There is created the South Carolina Advisory Board of Intellectual and Related Disabilities. The advisory board consists of seven members appointed by the Secretary of Health and Policy. They shall serve for four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Members of the ~~commission~~ advisory board are subject to removal by the ~~Governor pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-3-240~~ Secretary pursuant to the provisions of Section 44-12-50(B)(1). A vacancy may be filled by the ~~Governor~~ Secretary for the unexpired

portion of the term.

Section 44-20-220. ~~The commission shall determine the policy and promulgate regulations governing the operation of the department and the employment of professional staff and personnel. The members of the commission shall receive subsistence, mileage, and per diem as may be provided by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions. The commission shall appoint and in its discretion remove a South Carolina Director of Disabilities and Special Needs who is the chief executive officer of the department. The commission may appoint advisory committees it considers necessary to assist in the effective conduct of its responsibilities. The commission may educate the public and state and local officials as to the need for the funding, development, and coordination of services for persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, and spinal cord injuries and promote the best interest of persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, and spinal cord injuries. The commission is authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of this chapter and other laws related to intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, or spinal cord injuries. In promulgating these regulations, the commission must consult with the advisory committee of the division for which the regulations shall apply.~~ The advisory board shall advise the department on the policy and issues affecting the clients of the department. The members of the advisory board shall receive subsistence, mileage, and per diem as may be provided by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions. The advisory board may appoint advisory committees it considers necessary to assist in the effective conduct of its responsibilities. The advisory board shall submit a written annual report to the director of any policy recommendations.

Section 44-20-230. ~~Subject to the supervision, direction, and control of the commission, the director shall administer the policies and regulations established by the commission. The director may appoint and in his discretion remove all other officers and employees of the department subject to the approval of the commission.~~ The department shall be headed by a director appointed by the Secretary. The director is subject to removal by the Secretary pursuant to the provisions of Section 44-12-50(B)(1). The director shall administer the policies and regulations of the department. Department employees have such general duties and receive such compensation as determined by the director, within the authority given by the Secretary. The director shall be responsible for the administration of state personnel policies and general

personnel policies of the Secretary of Health and Policy. The director shall have the sole authority to employ and discharge employees subject to the personnel policies and funding available for that purpose.

Section 44-20-240. There is created the ~~South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~ Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities, which has authority over all of the state's services and programs for the treatment and training of persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism. This authority does not include services delivered by other agencies of the State as prescribed by statute, unless the services are delivered pursuant to the State Health Plan enacted by the Secretary of Health and Policy. The department is authorized to promulgate regulations governing the operation of the department and to carry out the provisions of this chapter and other laws related to intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, spinal cord injuries, and autism. Prior to the submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy. ~~The department must be comprised of an Intellectual Disability Division, an Autism Division, and a Head and Spinal Cord Injuries Division. The department may be divided into additional divisions as may be determined by the director and approved and named by the commission. Responsibility for all autistic services is transferred from the Department of Mental Health to the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.~~

Section 44-20-250. The department shall coordinate services and programs with other state and local agencies for persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism in accordance with the State Health Plan. The department may negotiate and contract with local agencies, county ~~boards of disabilities and special needs~~ intellectual and related disabilities boards, private organizations, and foundations in order to implement the planning and development of a full range of services and programs for persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism, subject to law and the availability of fiscal resources. The department has the same right to be reimbursed for expenses in providing intellectual and related disabilities ~~and special needs~~ services through a contractual arrangement as it has to be reimbursed for expenses provided through direct departmental services. The department shall develop service standards for programs of the department and for programs for which the department may contract and shall review and evaluate these programs on a periodic basis. The department shall regularly provide to the Secretary a reporting on

operation of the county intellectual and related disabilities boards to include information reported by the county boards to the department as required in Section 44-20-385.

Section 44-20-255. (A) Upon execution of the deed as provided in subsection (B) of this section, ownership of the tract of real property in Richland County described in Section 1 of Act 1645 of 1972 is confirmed in the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities as the successor agency to the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs ~~as,~~ the successor agency to the South Carolina Department of Mental Retardation.

(B) The State Department of Administration shall cause to be executed and recorded an appropriate deed conveying the tract to the ~~South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~ Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities.

(C) Proceeds of a subsequent sale of the tract that is the subject of this section may be retained by the ~~South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~ Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities.

Section 44-20-260. The department, with funds available for these purposes, may conduct research to determine the causes, proper treatment, and diagnosis of intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, and spinal cord injuries and may use facilities and personnel under its control and management for carrying out the research so long as the rights of the client are preserved and prior consent is obtained pursuant to Section 44-26-180.

Section 44-20-270. The department is designated as the state's intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism authority for the purpose of administering federal funds allocated to South Carolina for intellectual disability programs, related disability programs, head injury programs, and spinal cord injury programs. This authority does not include the functions and responsibilities granted to the South Carolina Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ or to the South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation or the administration of the "State Hospital Construction and Franchising Act".

Section 44-20-280. The department may negotiate and contract with an agency of the United States or a state or private agency to obtain grants to assist in the expansion and improvement of services to persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism and may expend the grants under the terms and conditions of the award.

Section 44-20-290. The director or his designee may employ at regional centers security guards who are vested and charged with the powers and the duties of peace officers. They may arrest felons and misdemeanants, eject trespassers, and, without warrant, arrest persons for disorderly conduct who are trespassers on the grounds of the regional center and have them tried in a court of competent jurisdiction. Officers so employed must be bonded and under the direct supervision of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and shall report directly to the director or his designee.

Section 44-20-300. The department may acquire motor vehicle liability insurance for employees operating department vehicles or private vehicles in connection with their official departmental duties to protect against liability.

Section 44-20-310. The department may sell timber from its forest lands with the proceeds from the sales to be deposited in the general fund of the State. Before a sale, the Department of Administration shall consult with the State Forester to determine the economic feasibility of the sale, and a sale must not be made without the approval of the department.

Section 44-20-320. The department or any of its programs may accept gifts, bequests, devises, grants, and donations of money, real property, and personal property for use in expanding and improving services to persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism available to the people of this State. However, nothing may be accepted by the department with the understanding that it diminishes an obligation for paying care and maintenance charges or other monies due the department for services rendered. The ~~commission~~ department may formulate policies and promulgate regulations governing the disposition of gifts, bequests, devises, grants, and donations. If they are given to a specific service program of the department they must remain and be used for that program only or to its successor program.

Section 44-20-330. The department may grant easements, permits, or rights-of-way on terms and conditions it considers to be in the best interest of the State, across, over, or under land held by the department for the construction of water, sewer, drainage, natural gas, telephone, telegraph, and electric power lines.

Section 44-20-340. (A) A person, hospital, or other organization may provide information, interviews, reports, statements, written memoranda, documents, or other data related to the condition and treatment of a client or applicant to the department, and no liability for

damages or other relief arises against the person, hospital, or organization for providing the information or material.

(B) All records pertaining to the identity of a person whose condition or treatment has been studied by the department are confidential and privileged information. However, upon the written request of the client, the client's or applicant's parent with legal custody, legal guardian, or spouse with the written permission of the client or applicant or under subpoena by a court of law, the department may furnish pertinent records in its possession to appropriate parties.

Section 44-20-350. (A) Reasonable reimbursement to the State for its fiscal outlay on behalf of services rendered by the department or any other agency authorized by the department to offer services to clients is a just obligation of the person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism, his estate, or his parent or guardian under the conditions and terms provided in this section.

(B) The department or an agency authorized by the department to offer services to clients may charge for its services. However, no service may be denied a client or his parent or guardian because of inability to pay part or all of the department's or other agency's expenses in providing that service. Where federal reimbursement is authorized for services provided, the department initially shall seek federal reimbursement. No charge or combination of charges may exceed the actual cost of services rendered. The ~~commission~~ department shall approve the procedures established to determine ability to pay and may authorize its designees to reduce or waive charges based upon its findings.

(C) Parents, guardians, or other responsible relatives must not be charged for regional center or community residential services provided by the department for their child or ward. However, a person receiving nonresidential services or his parent or guardian may be assessed a charge for services received, not to exceed cost. The department ~~with the approval of the commission~~ may determine for which services it charges.

(D) The department shall establish a hearing and review procedure so that a client or his parent or guardian may appeal charges made for services or may present to officials of the department information or evidence to be considered in establishing charges. The department may utilize legal procedures to collect lawful claims.

(E) The department may establish by regulation charges for other services it renders.

Section 44-20-355. The department shall assess and collect a fee on

all Intermediate Care Facilities for the persons with intellectual disability, as defined in Section 44-7-130(19). Providers holding licenses on these facilities shall pay to the department a fee equal to eight dollars and fifty cents a patient day in these facilities. The department shall pay all proceeds from the fee into the general fund of the State.

Section 44-20-360. (A) The physical boundaries of Midlands Center, Coastal Center, Pee Dee Center, and Whitten Center are designated as independent school districts. These facilities may elect to participate in the usual activities of the districts, to receive state and federal aid, and to utilize other benefits enjoyed by independent school districts in general.

(B) The ~~commission~~ department operates as the board of trustees for these districts for administrative purposes, including the receipt and expenditure of funds granted to these districts for any purpose.

Section 44-20-365. No regional center of the department may be closed except as authorized by the General Assembly by law in an enactment that specifies by name the regional center to be closed.

Section 44-20-370. (A) The department shall:

(1) notify applicants when they have qualified under the provisions of this chapter;

(2) establish standards of operation and service for county ~~disabilities and special needs~~ intellectual and related disabilities programs funded in part or in whole by state appropriations to the department or through other fiscal resources under its control;

(3) review service plans submitted by county ~~boards of disabilities and special needs~~ intellectual and related disabilities boards and determine priorities for funding plans or portions of the plans subject to available funds;

(4) review county programs covered in this chapter;

(5) offer consultation and direction to county boards;

(6) take other action not inconsistent with the law to promote a high quality of services to persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism and their families.

(B) The department shall seek to develop and utilize the most current and promising methods for the training of persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism. It shall utilize the assistance, services, and findings of other state and federal agencies. The department shall disseminate these methods to county boards and programs providing related services.

Section 44-20-375. (A) Before July 1, 1992, county boards of

intellectual and related disabilities ~~and special needs~~ must be created within a county or within a combination of counties by ordinance of the governing bodies of the counties concerned. The ordinance must establish the number, terms, appointment, and removal of board members and provide for their powers and duties in compliance with state law and the process for appointing board members which existed on January 1, 1991, must be preserved in the ordinance. However, where the county legislative delegation or county council recommends board members to the appointing authority, the delegation may transfer its authority to recommend to the council or the council may transfer its authority to the delegation. If there is a transfer, preservation of the authority to recommend existing on January 1, 1991, is not required, and the new recommending authority must be contained in the ordinance.

(B) County boards of intellectual and related disabilities ~~and special needs~~ established before January 1, 1991, shall continue to exist, operate, and function as they existed on January 1, 1991, until created by ordinance pursuant to subsection (A).

(C) After June 30, 1992, the department shall recognize only county boards of intellectual and related disabilities ~~and special needs~~ that plan, administer, or provide services to persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism within a county or combination of counties which are created or established pursuant to this section, including those whose members are appointed by the Governor. A county board of intellectual and related disabilities ~~and special needs~~ created by ordinance before January 1, 1991, is considered created pursuant to this section, provided the ordinance includes and complies with the provisions of subsection (A).

(D) A county board of intellectual and related disabilities ~~and special needs~~ is a public entity.

(E) In Dorchester County, appointments made pursuant to this section are governed by the provisions of Act 512 of 1996.

(F) In Georgetown County, appointments made pursuant to this section are governed by the provisions of Act 515 of 1996.

Section 44-20-378. A county board of intellectual and related disabilities ~~and special needs~~ established pursuant to Section 44-20-375 must consist of not less than five members. If the board is created within a combination of counties, the number of members representing each county must be proportional to the county's population in relation to the total population of the counties served by the board. However, a county participating in a multicounty board must not have less than two members. The term of the members is four years and until their

successors are appointed and qualify. Vacancies for unexpired terms must be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. A member may be removed by the appointing authority for neglect of duty, misconduct, or malfeasance in office after being given a written statement of reasons and an opportunity to be heard.

Section 44-20-380. (A) ~~County disabilities and special needs boards~~ County intellectual and related disabilities boards are encouraged to utilize lawful sources of funding to further the development of appropriate community services to meet the needs of persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism and their families.

(B) County boards may apply to the department for funds for community services development under the terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the department. The department shall review the applications and, with the approval of the Secretary and subject to state appropriations to the department or to other funds under the department's control, may fund the programs it considers in the best interest of service delivery to the citizens of the State with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism.

(C) Subject to the approval of the department, county boards may seek state or federal funds administered by state agencies other than the department, funds from local governments or from private sources, or funds available from agencies of the federal government. The county boards may not apply directly to the General Assembly for funding or receive funds directly from the General Assembly.

Section 44-20-385. Subject to the provisions of this chapter and the regulations of the department each county ~~disabilities and special needs~~ intellectual and related disabilities board:

(1) is the administrative, planning, coordinating, and service delivery body for county disabilities and special needs services funded in whole or in part by state appropriations ~~to the department or funded from other sources under the department's control~~. It is a body corporate in deed and in law with all the powers incident to corporation including the power to incur debt insofar as that debt is payable from contract, grant, or other revenues and is not the debt of the State or its other political subdivisions. A county board may purchase and hold real and mortgage property and erect and maintain buildings. The department shall approve all debt of a county board to be paid in whole or in part from contract, grant, or other revenues provided by the State. However, the department has no responsibility for the debt so approved;

(2) shall submit an annual plan and projected budget to the

department for approval and consideration of funding;

(3) shall review and evaluate on at least an annual basis the county ~~disabilities and special needs~~ board services provided pursuant to this chapter and report its findings and recommendations to the department;

(4) shall promote and accept local financial support for the county program from private and other lawful sources and promote public support from municipal and county sources;

(5) shall employ personnel and expend its budget for the direct delivery of services or contract with those service vendors necessary to carry out the county intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism services program who meet specifications prescribed by the department;

(6) shall plan, arrange, implement, and monitor working agreements with other human service agencies, public and private, and with other educational and judicial agencies;

(7) shall provide the department records, reports, and access to its sponsored services and facilities the department may require and submit its sponsored services and facilities to licensing requirements of the department or to the licensing requirements of other state or local agencies having this legal authority;

(8) shall represent the best interest of persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism to the public, public officials, and other public or private organizations.

Section 44-20-390. (A) In order to provide assistance to families and individuals the department shall provide an initial intake and assessment service to a person believed to be in need of services and who makes application for them. An assessment must be provided ~~through diagnostic centers~~ at a diagnostic center of the department or a diagnostic center approved by the department. If upon completion of the assessment, the applicant is determined to have intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism, and be in need of services, he may become a client of the department and eligible for services. A service plan must be designated for each person assessed. A person determined to have intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism, and who chooses to become a client of the department, must be provided with the delivery or coordination of services by the department. A person determined not to have intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism may be provided by the department with referral and assistance in obtaining appropriate services or further evaluation.

(B) Service plans must recommend the services to assist the individual in developing to the fullest potential in the least restrictive environment available. The department shall determine the "least restrictive environment" and may contract with individuals or organizations for a reasonable sum as determined by the department to provide the services. The department shall review service plans of its clients at least periodically according to standards prescribing the frequency to ensure that appropriate services are being provided in the least restrictive environment available. The parents, the legal guardian, the client, and other appropriate parties must be included in the review. The department shall develop standards prescribing the service plan review.

(C) No individual believed to have intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism may be admitted to the services of the department until he has been examined at a diagnostic center of the department or a diagnostic center approved by the department and certified by the department on the basis of acceptable data to have intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism, ~~or~~ unless he is an infant at risk of a developmental disability and in need of the department's services.

(D) The applicant shall meet residency requirements in at least one of the following categories:

(1) The applicant or his spouse, parent, with or without legal custody, or legal guardian is domiciled in South Carolina.

(2) The applicant or his spouse, parent, with or without legal custody, or legal guardian lives outside South Carolina but retains legal residency in this State and demonstrates to the department's satisfaction his intent to return to South Carolina.

(3) The applicant or his spouse or parent, with or without legal custody, or legal guardian is a legal resident of a state which is an active member of the Interstate Compact on Mental Health and qualifies for services under it.

Section 44-20-400. Upon the written request of the person, the person's parents, parent with legal custody, or lawful custodian or legal guardian and subject to the availability of suitable accommodations and services, a person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism may be admitted to the services of the department for evaluation and diagnosis and shall remain in the residential services of the department for that period required to complete the diagnostic study. However, this period may not exceed thirty days except upon approval of the director or his designee.

Individuals admitted under the provisions of this section are subject to the same regulations and departmental policies as regular admissions. The department may prescribe the form of the written application for diagnostic services.

Section 44-20-410. A person who is determined to be eligible for services is subject to the following considerations regarding his order of admission to services and programs:

(1) relative need of the person for special training, supervision, treatment, or care;

(2) availability of services suitable to the needs of the applicant.

Section 44-20-420. The director or his designee may designate the service or program in which a client is placed. The appropriate services and programs must be determined by the evaluation and assessment of the needs, interests, and goals of the client. The designation must align with the State Health Plan.

Section 44-20-430. The director or his designee has the final authority over applicant eligibility, determination, or services and admission order, subject to policies adopted by the ~~commission~~ Secretary, and direction as specified in the State Health Plan.

Section 44-20-440. Subject to the availability of suitable services and programs and subject to the provisions of "Requirement for Admission to Services", "Order in which Person May be Admitted", and "Final Authority over Eligibility", the director or his designee may admit a client to the services of the department upon the written request of the parents of the person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism, a parent with legal custody, spouse, lawful custodian or legal guardian, or the person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism seeking to be admitted to the department's services if the person is twenty-one years of age or over and competent to make the decision. The department shall prescribe the form of the application for services.

B. Chapter 20, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 44-20-372. (A) The department shall develop and initiate negotiation of the service contracts through which it provides funds to service providers to accomplish the purposes set forth in this chapter. The department may, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, disburse state and federal funds appropriated to it for intellectual and related disabilities services directly to the service provider.

(B) The service contract shall:

(1) delineate the responsibilities of the department and the service

provider;

(2) specify conditions that must be met for the receipt of state and federal funds;

(3) identify the groups of individuals to be served with state and federal funds;

(4) contain specific outcome measures for individuals receiving services, provider performance measures, satisfaction measures for individuals receiving services, and participation and involvement measures for individuals receiving services and their family members;

(5) contain provisions that enable the department to enforce the service contract in the event that the service provider fails to substantially comply with the requirements of its service contract, which shall include:

(a) provisions to ensure that the service provider is notified when it fails to substantially comply with the requirements of its service contract;

(b) a remediation process to allow the service provider, after failing to substantially comply with its service contract, to come into substantial compliance with its service contract;

(c) provisions for withholding or reducing funds, repayment of funds, or termination of all or part of a service contract in accordance with the provisions of subsection (E) in the event that the service provider fails to come into substantial compliance with the provisions of its service contract despite utilization of the remediation process described in subdivision (B); and

(d) provisions for appeal of an enforcement action undertaken by the department; and

(6) include requirements for the service provider to report specific information about (i) its revenues, costs, and services; (ii) individuals served; and (iii) any other information deemed necessary by the department, which must be displayed in a consistent, comparable format developed by the department.

(C) The department shall develop and implement a process for regular, ongoing monitoring of the performance of service providers to ensure compliance with the requirements of service contracts entered into pursuant to this section.

(D) If a service provider fails to comply with the requirements of its service contract, the department shall utilize the remediation process described in the service contract to allow the service provider to come into compliance. The department shall notify the service provider upon initiation of the remediation process and provide regular updates

regarding the service provider's progress toward coming into compliance. If a service provider fails to come into compliance after utilization of the remediation process, the Department shall, after affording the service provider an adequate opportunity to use the appeal process described in the service contract, terminate all or a portion of the service contract.

(E) Upon terminating all or a portion of a service contract pursuant to subsection E, the Department may, negotiate a performance contract with another service provider to obtain services that were the subject of the terminated performance contract.

(F) No service provider is eligible to receive state or federal funds for intellectual and related disabilities services, unless (i) its performance contract has been approved or renewed by the department; (ii) it provides service, cost, and revenue data and information, and aggregate and individual data and information about individuals receiving services to the department in the format prescribed by the department; (iii) it uses standardized cost accounting and financial management practices approved by the department, and (iv) the service provider is in compliance with its service contract or is making progress to become compliant through the department's remediation process.

C. Section 44-20-490(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) When the department determines that a client may benefit from being placed in an employment situation, the department shall regulate the terms and conditions of employment, shall supervise persons with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism so employed, and may assist the client in the management of monies earned through employment to the end that the best interests of the client are served.

D. Section 44-20-510 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-20-510. Placement of a person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism in a program of the department does not preclude his attendance in community-based public school classes when the individual qualifies for the classes.

SECTION X.A. Section 44-20-710 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-20-710. No day program in part or in full for the care, training, or treatment of a person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism may deliver services unless a license first is obtained from the department. For the purpose of this article "in part" means a program operating for ten hours

a week or more. Educational and training services offered under the sponsorship and direction of school districts and other state agencies are not required to be licensed under this article.

B. Section 44-20-740 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-20-740. No day program may accept a person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism for services other than those for which it is licensed. No program may serve more than the number of clients as provided on the license. An applicant for a license shall file an application with the department in a form and under conditions the department may prescribe. The license must be issued for up to three years unless sooner suspended, revoked, or surrendered. The license is not transferable and must not be assigned.

C. Section 44-20-900(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) The department, in accordance with the laws of the State governing injunctions and other processes, may maintain an action in the name of the State against a person for establishing, conducting, managing, or operating a day program for the care, training, and treatment of a person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism without obtaining a license as provided in this article. In charging a defendant in a complaint in the action, it is sufficient to charge that the defendant, upon a certain day and in a certain county, provided day program services without a license, without averring more particular facts concerning the charge.

SECTION X. Article (7), Chapter 20, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Article 7

Capital Improvements ~~for Disabilities and Special Needs~~

Section 44-20-1110. The department has authority for all of the state's ~~disabilities and special needs~~ intellectual and related disabilities services and programs.

~~Section 44-20-1120. The commission may raise monies for the construction of improvements under the terms and conditions of this article.~~

Section 44-20-1130. The aggregate of the outstanding principal amounts of state capital improvement bonds issued for the ~~commission~~ department may not exceed twenty million dollars.

Section 44-20-1140. If the ~~commission~~ department determines that improvements are required for a residential regional center or community facility, it may make application for them to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority or Department of Administration, as

appropriate. The application must contain:

(1) a description of the improvements sought and their estimated cost;

(2) the number of paying clients receiving services from the department, the amount of fees received from the clients during the preceding fiscal year, and the estimated amount to be received from them during the next succeeding fiscal year;

(3) the revenues derived from the paying clients during the preceding three fiscal years;

(4) a suggested maturity schedule, which may not exceed twenty years, for the repayment of monies to be made available to the commission for state capital improvement bonds;

(5) a statement showing the debt service requirements of other outstanding obligations.

Section 44-20-1150. The State Fiscal Accountability Authority or Department of Administration, as appropriate, may approve, in whole or in part, or may modify an application received from the ~~commission~~ department. If it finds that a need for the improvements sought by the ~~commission~~ department exists, it may contract to make available to the ~~commission~~ department funds to be realized from the sale of state capital improvements bonds if it finds that the revenues for the preceding fiscal year, if multiplied by the number of years, which may not exceed twenty, contemplated by the suggested or revised maturity schedule for the repayment of the monies to be made available to the ~~commission~~ department, result in the production of a sum equal to not less than one hundred twenty-five percent of the aggregate principal and interest requirement of all outstanding obligations and all obligations to be incurred by the ~~commission~~ department.

Section 44-20-1160. Upon receiving the approval of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority or Department of Administration, as appropriate, the ~~commission~~ department shall obligate itself to apply all monies derived from its revenues to the payment of the principal and interest of its outstanding obligations and those to be issued and to deliver to the county board its obligations.

Section 44-20-1170. (A) Following the execution and delivery of its obligations, the ~~commission~~ department shall remit to the State Treasurer all its revenues, including accumulated revenues not applicable to prior obligations, for credit to a special fund. The special fund must be applied to meet the sums due by the ~~commission~~ department under its obligations. These monies from the special fund must be applied by the State Treasurer to the payment of the principal of

and interest on outstanding state capital improvement bonds.

(B) If the accumulation of revenues of the ~~commission~~ department in the special fund exceeds the payment due or to become due during the then current fiscal year and an additional sum equal to the maximum annual debt service requirement of the obligations for a succeeding fiscal year, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority or the Department of Administration, as applicable, may permit the ~~commission~~ department to withdraw the excess and apply it to improvements that have received the approval of the ~~authority or department~~ State Fiscal Accountability Authority or the Department of Administration, as applicable, or to transfer the excess out of the special fund for contract awards to ~~local disabilities and special needs boards~~ county intellectual and related disabilities boards for needed improvements at the local level and for nonrecurring prevention, assistive technology, and quality initiatives at the regional centers and ~~local~~ county boards.

SECTION X.A. Section 43-21-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 43-21-10. There is created the Department on Aging. The department must be supported by an Advisory Council on Aging consisting of one member from each of the ten planning and service areas and five members from the State at large. The director of the department shall provide statewide notice that nominations may be submitted to the director from which the ~~Governor~~ Secretary of Health and Policy shall appoint the members of the council. The members must be citizens of the State who have an interest in and a knowledge of the problems of an aging population. In making appointments to the council, consideration must be given to assure that the council is composed of appointees who are diverse in age, who are able and disabled, and who are active leaders in organizations and institutions that represent different concerns of older citizens and their families. The chair must be elected by the members of the advisory council from its members for a term of two years and until a successor is elected. Members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall receive mileage and subsistence authorized by law for members of boards, commissions, and committees. The advisory council shall meet at least once each quarter and special meetings may be called at the discretion of the director of the department. Rules and procedures must be adopted by the council for the governance of its operations and activities.

B. Section 43-21-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 43-21-20. The members of the advisory council shall serve for terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and

qualify. The terms of the members expire on June thirtieth and all vacancies must be filled in the manner of the original appointment for the unexpired portion of the term only. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms.

The ~~Governor~~ Secretary of Health and Policy may terminate a member of the council for any reason pursuant to the provisions of ~~Section 1-3-240, and the reason for the termination must be communicated to each member of the council~~ Section 44-12-50(B)(1).

C. Section 43-21-40 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 43-21-40. The department shall be the designated state agency to implement and administer all programs of the federal government relating to the aging, requiring acts within the State which are not the specific responsibility of another state agency under the provisions of federal or state law. The department may accept and disburse any funds available or which might become available pursuant to the purposes of this chapter, upon approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

The department shall study, investigate, plan, promote, and execute a program to meet the present and future needs of aging citizens of the State, in accordance with the State Health Plan, and it shall receive the cooperation of other state departments and agencies in carrying out a coordinated program.

It shall also be the duty of the department to encourage and assist in the development of programs for the aging in the counties and municipalities of this State. It shall consult and cooperate with the Secretary of Health and Policy, with public and voluntary groups, with county and municipal officers and agencies, and with any federal or state agency or officer for the purpose of promoting cooperation between state and local plans and programs, and between state and interstate plans and programs for the aging.

Without limiting the foregoing, the department is specifically authorized to:

(a) initiate requests for the investigation of potential resources and problems of the aging people of the State, encourage research programs, initiate pilot projects to demonstrate new services, and promote the training of personnel for work in the field of aging;

(b) promote community education in the problems of older people through institutes, publications, radio, television, and the press;

(c) cooperate with, encourage, and assist local groups, both public and voluntary, which are concerned with the problems of the aging;

(d) encourage the cooperation of agencies in dealing with problems

of the aging and offer assistance to voluntary groups in the fulfillment of their responsibility for the aging;

(e) serve as a clearinghouse for information in the field of aging;

(f) appoint such committees as it deems necessary for carrying out the purposes of this chapter, such committee members to serve without compensation;

(g) engage in any other activity deemed necessary by the department to promote the health and well-being of the aging citizens of this State, not inconsistent with the purposes of this chapter or the public policies of the State, including the State Health Plan;

(h) certify homemakers and home health aides pursuant to the Federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 and subsequent amendments to that act and through regulations promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act establish and collect fees for the administration of this certification program. Fees collected must be placed on deposit with the State Treasurer. Accounting records must be maintained in accordance with the Comptroller General's policies and procedures. Unused fees may be carried forward to the next fiscal year for the same purpose;

(i) award grants and contracts to public and private organizations for the purpose of planning, coordinating, administering, developing, and delivering aging programs and services;

(j) designate area agencies on aging as required by the Older Americans Act;

(k) administer the Senior Citizens Center Permanent Improvement Fund established pursuant to Section 12-21-3441 and community services programs in accordance with Section 12-21-3590.

D.Sections 43-21-60 through 43-21-140 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 43-21-60. The Department on Aging shall submit an annual report to the Secretary of Health and Policy, the Governor, and ~~to~~ the General Assembly on or before January first of each year. The report shall deal with the present and future needs of the elderly and with the work of the department during the year.

Section 43-21-70. The ~~Governor~~ Secretary of Health and Policy shall appoint ~~with the advice and consent of the Senate~~ a director to be the administrative officer of the Department on Aging who shall serve at the ~~Governor's~~ Secretary's pleasure and who is subject to removal pursuant to the provisions of ~~Section 1-3-240~~ Section 44-12-50(B)(1).

Section 43-21-80. ~~The director shall appoint any other personnel and consultants considered necessary for the efficient performance of the~~

~~duties prescribed by this chapter and shall fix the compensation therefore in accordance with the Human Resource Management Division of the State Department of Administration and Merit System requirements.~~ The director shall administer the policies and regulations of the department. Department employees shall have such general duties and receive such compensation as determined by the director, within the authority given by the Secretary. The director shall be responsible for the administration of state personnel policies and general personnel policies of the Executive Office of Health and Policy. The director shall have sole authority to employ and discharge employees subject to such personnel policies and funding available for that purpose.

~~Section 43-21-100. The Department on Aging shall prepare the budget for its operation which must be submitted to the Governor and to the General Assembly for approval.~~

~~Section 43-21-110. The General Assembly shall provide an annual appropriation to carry out the work of the commission.~~

~~Section 43-21-120. There is created the Coordinating Council to the Department on Aging to work with the department on the coordination of programs related to the field of aging, and to advise and make pertinent recommendations, composed of the following: the Director of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the State Director of Social Services, the Director of the Department of Mental Health, the Superintendent of Education, the Director of the State Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the Executive Director of the South Carolina State Department of Employment and Workforce, the Secretary of Commerce, the Commissioner of the State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Director of the Clemson University Extension Service, the Director of the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, the Director of the South Carolina Retirement System, the Executive Director of the South Carolina Municipal Association, the Executive Director of the State Office of Economic Opportunity, the Executive Director of the South Carolina Association of Counties, the Commissioner of the Commission for the Blind, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Director of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, and the Chairperson of the Commission on Women.~~

~~The council shall meet at least once each six months and special meetings may be called at the discretion of the chairman or upon request of a majority of the members.~~

~~The chairman of the advisory commission and the director of the Department on Aging, who shall serve as secretary to the council, shall~~

~~attend the meetings of the council.~~

~~The director of each agency or department making up the council shall serve as chairman of the council for a term of one year. The office of chairman is held in the order in which the membership of the council is listed in this section.~~

Section 43-21-130. (A) There is created the Long Term Care Council (council) composed of the following voting members:

(1) the ~~Governor or his designee~~ Long Term Care Ombudsman;

(2) the Director of the Department of Social Services;

(3) the Director of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~;

(4) the Director of the Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services;

(5) the Director of the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities ~~and Special Needs~~;

(6) the Director of the ~~Division~~ Department on Aging;

(7) the Director of the Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing;

~~(8) the Chairman of the Joint Legislative Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee, or his designee;~~

~~(9) the Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging, or his designee;~~

~~(10) one representative of each of the following groups appointed by the Lieutenant Governor annually:~~

~~(a) long term care providers;~~

~~(b) long term care consumers;~~

~~(c) persons in the insurance industry developing or marketing a long term care product.~~

(8) one representative of each of the following groups appointed by the Secretary of Health and Policy annually:

(a) long term care providers;

(b) long term care consumers;

(c) persons in the insurance industry developing or marketing a long term care product.

(B) Each director serving as a council member may authorize in writing a designee to vote on his behalf ~~at two meetings a year~~. Members appointed by the ~~Lieutenant Governor~~ Secretary to represent private groups serve without compensation.

(C) The council shall meet at least quarterly, provide for its own officers, and make an annual report to the Secretary of Health and Policy, the Governor, and the General Assembly before January second each

year. This report must include new council recommendations.

Section 43-21-140. The council has no authority to direct or require any implementing action from any member agency. The council shall identify future policy issues in long term care and may conduct research and demonstration activities related to these issues. Through close coordination of each member agency's planning efforts, the council shall develop recommendations for a statewide service delivery system for all health-impaired elderly or disabled persons, regardless of the persons' resources or source of payment in furtherance of the State Health Plan. These recommendations must be updated annually as needed. The service delivery system must provide for:

(1) charges based on ability to pay for persons not eligible for Medicaid;

(2) coordination of community services;

(3) access to and receipt of an appropriate mix of long term care services for all health-impaired elderly or disabled persons;

(4) case management; and

(5) discharge planning and services.

The council, through its member agencies, shall study and make recommendations concerning the costs and benefits of: adult day care centers, in-home and institutional respite care, adult foster homes, incentives for families to provide in-home care, such as cash assistance, tax credits or deductions, and home-delivered services to aid families caring for chronically impaired elderly relatives.

SECTION X. Section 48-6-60(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) The Department of Environmental Services may make, adopt, promulgate, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations from time to time requiring and providing for:

(1) the classification of waters;

~~(2) the control of disease-bearing insects, including the impounding of waters;~~

~~(3)~~(2) the control of industrial plants, including the protection of workers from fumes, gases, and dust, whether obnoxious or toxic;

~~(4)~~(3) the use of water in air humidifiers;

~~(5)~~(4) the regulation of the methods of disposition of garbage or sewage and any like refuse matter in or near any village, town, or city of the State, incorporated or unincorporated, and to abate obnoxious and offensive odors caused or produced by septic tank toilets by prosecution, injunction, or otherwise; ~~and~~

~~(6)~~(5) the alteration of safety glazing material standards and the

defining of additional structural locations as hazardous areas, and for notice and hearing procedures by which to effect these changes.;

(6) the safety and sanitation regarding harvesting, storing, processing, handling, and transportation of mollusks, fin fish, and crustaceans; and

(7) the safety, safe operation, and sanitation of public swimming pools and other public bathing places, construction, tourist and trailer camps, and fairs.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. WILLIAMS spoke in favor of the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. O'NEAL a temporary leave of absence.

Rep. MAGNUSON spoke against the amendment.

Rep. LANDING spoke upon the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Reps. Herbkersman, Jordan and W. Newton proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4927 (LC-4927.VR0016H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, page [4927-4], by striking Section 44-1-100 and inserting:

Section 44-1-100. All sheriffs and constables in the several counties of this State and police officers and health officers of cities and towns must aid and assist the Director of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ and must carry out and obey his orders, or those of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, to enforce and carry out any and all restrictive measures and quarantine regulations that may be prescribed. During a state of public health emergency, as defined in Section 44-4-130, the director may request assistance in enforcing orders issued pursuant to this chapter and pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 44, from the public safety authority, as defined in Section 44-4-130, other state law enforcement authorities, and local law enforcement. The public safety authority may request assistance from the South Carolina National Guard in enforcing orders

made pursuant to this chapter or pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 44, which may be deployed or activated only upon order of the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Magnuson proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 4927 (LC-4927.VR0010H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, beginning on page [3927-3], by striking Section 44-1-100 and inserting:

Section 44-1-100. ~~All sheriffs and constables in the several counties of this State and police officers and health officers of cities and towns must aid and assist the Director of the Department of Health and Environmental Control and must carry out and obey his orders, or those of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, to enforce and carry out any and all restrictive measures and quarantine regulations that may be prescribed.~~ During a state of public health emergency, as defined in Section 44-4-130, the director may request assistance in enforcing orders issued pursuant to this chapter and pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 44, from the public safety authority, as defined in Section 44-4-130, other state law enforcement authorities, and local law enforcement. The public safety authority may request assistance from the South Carolina National Guard in enforcing orders made pursuant to this chapter or pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 44.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

Rep. MAGNUSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN spoke against the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 90; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Ott
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Gilliam	Harris
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Landing
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan

Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Trantham	White	

Total--20

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. Magnuson proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 4927 (LC-4927.VR0011H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, beginning on page [3927-3], by striking Section 44-1-100 and inserting:

Section 44-1-100. ~~All~~ Sheriffs and constables in the several counties of this State and police officers and health officers of cities and towns ~~must~~ may aid and assist the Director of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control and must~~. At their discretion, they may carry out ~~and obey~~ his orders, or those of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, to enforce ~~and carry out any and all~~ restrictive measures and quarantine regulations that may be prescribed. During a state of public health emergency, as defined in Section 44-4-130, the director may request assistance in enforcing orders issued pursuant to this chapter and pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 44, from the public safety authority, as defined in Section 44-4-130, other state law enforcement authorities, and local law enforcement. The public safety authority may request assistance from the South Carolina National Guard in enforcing orders made pursuant to this chapter or pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 44.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. CASKEY raised the Point of Order under Rule 8.3 that Amendment No. 4 to H. 4967 was dilatory because its effect was substantially identical to Amendment No. 3, which had been tabled.

Rep. MAGNUSON argued contra.

The SPEAKER stated Amendment No. 4 was similar to Amendment No. 3; however, it was different in that Amendment No. 4 changed mandatory language to permissive language. He stated that Amendment No. 4, by itself, did not meet the standard for being dilatory, and he overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. MAGNUSON continued speaking.
Rep. MAGNUSON spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. MCCRAVY spoke against the amendment.
Rep. MCCRAVY spoke against the amendment.
Rep. CASKEY spoke against the amendment.

Rep. MAGNUSON moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Reps A. M. Morgan and Magnuson proposed the following Amendment No. 6 to H. 4927 (LC-4927.VR0019H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-12-20 and inserting:

Section 44-12-20. The Secretary of Health and Policy shall be the head and governing authority of the office. The secretary must be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, subject to removal from office by the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-3-240(B). To be eligible to serve as secretary, a person must not have been a registered lobbyist within five years prior to appointment.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. TRANTHAM raised the Point of Order that the questions being asked of the Member holding the floor violated the decorum rules of the House.

The SPEAKER cited the House Rules concerning decorum, read the rules aloud to the House, and admonished the Body to follow the rules and show respect and professional courtesy to each other. He stated that he was sustaining the Point of Order and would continue to require the Body to follow the rules concerning decorum

Rep. A. M. MORGAN spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. JORDAN spoke against the amendment.
Rep. LONG spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 88; Nays 21

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McDaniel
McGinnis	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Ott
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--88

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Gilliam	Haddon

Harris	S. Jones	Kilmartin
Landing	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Trantham	White

Total--21

So, the amendment was tabled.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. A. M. MORGAN a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Reps. A. M. Morgan and Magnuson proposed the following Amendment No. 7 to H. 4927 (LC-4927.VR0024H), which was tabled:

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

Section 44-12-25. The Secretary of Health and Policy is prohibited from receiving any compensation from any industry regulated by the Executive Office of Health and Policy while serving as secretary. For purposes of this section, “compensation” means the same as that term is defined in Section 8-13-100(6).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

Rep. MAGNUSON moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. Landing proposed the following Amendment No. 8 to H. 4927 (LC-4927.VR0022H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-12-40(3) and inserting:

(3) shall be the primary advisor of the State concerning all questions involving the protection of public health within its limits;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 44-12-40(4).

Amend the bill further, page [4927-3], by striking Section 44-1-80(B)(3) and inserting:

(3) ~~The board and its agents must have full access to medical records and nonmedical records when necessary to investigate the causes,~~

~~character, and means of preventing the spread of a qualifying health event or public health emergency. For purposes of this item, "nonmedical records" mean records of entities, including businesses, health facilities, and pharmacies, which are needed to adequately identify and locate persons believed to have been potentially exposed or known to have been infected with a contagious disease~~ Reserved.

Amend the bill further, page [4927-3], by striking Section 44-1-80(B)(4) and inserting:

(4) ~~An order of the board given to effectuate the purposes of this subsection is enforceable immediately by the public safety authority~~ Reserved.

Amend the bill further, page [4927-4], by striking Section 44-1-100 and inserting:

Section 44-1-100. ~~All~~ Sheriffs and constables in the several counties of this State and police officers and health officers of cities and towns ~~must~~ may aid and assist the Director of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ and ~~must~~ may carry out ~~and obey~~ his orders, or those of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, to enforce and carry out any and all restrictive measures and quarantine regulations that may be prescribed. During a state of public health emergency, as defined in Section 44-4-130, the director may request assistance in enforcing orders issued pursuant to this chapter and pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 44, from the public safety authority, as defined in Section 44-4-130, other state law enforcement authorities, and local law enforcement. The public safety authority may request assistance from the South Carolina National Guard in enforcing orders made pursuant to this chapter or pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 44; provided, however, only the Governor has the authority to deploy or activate the South Carolina National Guard.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. LANDING explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 8 was not germane to H. 4927.

The SPEAKER stated that Rule 9.3 governs the germaneness of amendments and expressly states that the Speaker shall be guided by the House precedents when applying the rule. He stated further that House precedents as far back as former Speakers Bob Sheheen and David

Wilkins consistently and clearly state that an amendment must have the same substantial effect or impact as the bill it proposes to amend. He also stated these precedents consistently hold that an amendment cannot expand upon or go beyond the scope of the bill's subject matter. The SPEAKER explained that H. 4927 is a Bill that restructures multiple health agencies under the new Executive Office of Health and Policy with a Secretary of Health, appointed by the Governor, overseeing the state health services. He stated that Amendment No. 8 seeks to implement new health-related policies and went beyond the Bill's purpose to restructure the state's health agencies and attempted to expand the Bill beyond the purpose of restructuring the agencies. He sustained the Point of Order and ruled Amendment No. 8 out of order.

Rep. White proposed the following Amendment No. 9 to H. 4927 (LC-4927.HA0023H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking in SECTION 1, Section 44-12-20, and inserting:

Section 44-12-20. The Secretary of Health and Policy shall be the head and governing authority of the office. The secretary must be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, subject to removal from office by the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-3-240(B). In addition, the General Assembly must vote every two years on the retention of the secretary appointed by the Governor. The secretary may remain in office if the General Assembly, by majority vote of each respective body, votes in favor of the secretary remaining in office.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WHITE explained the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN spoke against the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 89; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
McDaniel	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Thayer
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--89

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Landing	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
T. A. Morgan	Nutt	Oremus

Pace Trantham Vaughan
White

Total--19

So, the amendment was tabled.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote to table Amendment No. 9, H. 4927. If I had been present, I would have voted to table the Amendment.

Rep. Matt Leber

Rep. Magnuson proposed the following Amendment No. 10 to H. 4927 (LC-4927.VR0025H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, page [4927-17], by striking Section 44-6-80 and inserting:

Section 44-6-80. The department must submit to the Governor, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, and the Executive Budget Office, and the General Assembly an annual report concerning the work of the department including details on improvements in the cost effectiveness achieved since the enactment of this chapter and must recommend changes for further improvements.

Interim reports must be submitted as needed to advise the Governor and the General Assembly of substantive issues.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

Rep. MAGNUSON moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. Herbkersman proposed the following Amendment No. 11 to H. 4927 (LC-4927.VR0026H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION 3. Section 8-17-370 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(21) The Secretary of Health and Policy, the directors of the component departments of the Executive Office of Health and Policy,

all direct reports to the Secretary and to directors of the component departments, and all direct reports to division directors within the Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Pace proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 4927 (LC-4927.VR0015H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-12-20 and inserting:

Section 44-12-20. The Secretary of Health and Policy shall be the head and governing authority of the office. The secretary must be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, subject to removal from office by the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-3-240(B) or by a majority vote of both houses of the General Assembly.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE spoke in favor of the amendment.

ACTING SPEAKER BANNISTER IN CHAIR

Rep. PACE continued speaking.

Rep. JORDAN moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 97; Nays 18

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer

Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Harris	Hartnett	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Landing	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
T. A. Morgan	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Trantham	White

Total--18

So, the amendment was tabled.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. WHITE spoke against the Bill.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. ERICKSON a temporary leave of absence due to a constituent meeting.

Rep. S. JONES spoke against the Bill.
Rep. LANDING spoke against the Bill.
Rep. PACE spoke against the Bill.
Rep. HERBKERSMAN spoke in favor of the Bill.
Rep. TRANTHAM spoke against the Bill.
Rep. JORDAN spoke in favor of the Bill.
Rep. W. NEWTON spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 17

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard

Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Landing	Magnuson
May	McCabe	T. A. Morgan
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Trantham	White	

Total--17

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to a work obligation and flight issues that caused me to miss part of Session on February 28 and February 29, 2024. If I had been present, I would have voted against H. 4927.

Rep. Adam Morgan

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5171 -- Reps. Anderson, Hewitt, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE FRED ALLEN SMALLS, A NATIVE OF PLANTERSVILLE, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECENT ONE HUNDRED SIXTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5172 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Thigpen, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox,

B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FELICIA YVONNE YOUNG TROWER, A NATIVE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE, TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, AND TO OUR NATION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5173 -- Reps. Bernstein, Howard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL MEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE

2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5175 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE S.A.F.E. ORGANIZATION IN ORANGEBURG WHOSE GOAL IS TO PROVIDE MENTORSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICES TO YOUTH IN ORANGEBURG AND SURROUNDING COUNTIES WITH RESOURCES AND TOOLS TO EQUIP AND ENABLE EACH YOUTH TO LEAD A PRODUCTIVE LIFE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5176 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox,

B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JENNY AND PATRICK BOWERS OF LITTLE MOUNTAIN FOR THEIR COMPASSIONATE VISION IN FOUNDING SCREAMING EAGLES SPECIAL NEEDS ATHLETICS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5177 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PEARL

MOORE OF FLORENCE COUNTY FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS ON AND OFF THE BASKETBALL COURT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5178 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THUANE B. FIELDING, CO-CHAIR OF THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., FOR HER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5174 -- Reps. May, Ballentine, Calhoon, Caskey, Forrest, Kilmartin, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White, Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman,

Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF BETTY LEE BODIE KNOTTS OF WEST COLUMBIA, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5179 -- Reps. T. Moore and Hyde: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO NAME THE CONVERSE SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE SHOP IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY THE "DAVID T. BREWINGTON SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE CENTER", AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE CONTAINING THE WORDS "DAVID T. BREWINGTON SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE CENTER" AS THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS ADVISABLE.

Referred to Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions

H. 5180 -- Reps. Guffey, King, Kilmartin, Beach, Mitchell, Yow, Brewer, Pedalino, J. E. Johnson, Ligon, Magnuson, Guest, Neese, O'Neal, Kirby, B. Newton, Harris, Bamberg, Cromer, Felder, Hiott,

Pope, Robbins and Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-720, RELATING TO ZONING DISTRICTS' REGULATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY MAY NOT ENACT ORDINANCES THAT REGULATE CERTAIN POLITICAL SIGNS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5181 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, May, Magnuson, O'Neal, Beach, Trantham, T. A. Morgan, McCabe, Harris, Pace, White, Kilmartin, Long, S. Jones, Cromer, Burns and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-320, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, SO AS TO PERMIT THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO TAKE ACTION ON A COMPLAINT AFTER FOUR YEARS OF AN ALLEGED VIOLATION IF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC MEMBER WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED A VIOLATION IS IN THE SAME GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY IN WHICH THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OCCURRED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-540, RELATING TO THE MANNER IN WHICH INVESTIGATIONS AND HEARINGS ARE CONDUCTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ETHICS COMMITTEES , SO AS TO PERMIT AN ETHICS COMMITTEE TO TAKE ACTION ON A COMPLAINT AFTER FOUR YEARS OF AN ALLEGED VIOLATION IF THE MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS IN THE SAME LEGISLATIVE BODY IN WHICH THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OCCURRED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5182 -- Reps. Bustos, Leber and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 9 SO AS TO CREATE THE "POLICE OFFICER RETENTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-11-620, RELATING TO LEAVE AND LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS PERMITTED UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, DEATH, OR RETIREMENT OF EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE POLICE OFFICER RETENTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5183 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, West, Hewitt, Chapman, B. Newton, Hiott, Sessions, Pope, Davis, Gagnon and Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-196, RELATING TO THE DELEGATION OF NURSING TASKS TO UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL BY CERTAIN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL TASKS THAT MAY BE DELEGATED.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 4895--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN

The Senate Amendments to the following Concurrent Resolution were taken up for consideration:

H. 4895 -- Reps. Caskey, Jordan and Rutherford: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JULY 31, 2034; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 8, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 9, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,

FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,

SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 4, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2027; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 8, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2027; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 11, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 16, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 6, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS

RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; AND TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024.

The Senate Amendments were concurred in and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 5141 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AMIKIDS FOR FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF GUIDING AT-RISK YOUTH TO POSITIVE, PRODUCTIVE ALTERNATIVES TO PAST BEHAVIOR WHILE ENABLING THEM TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS

OF THIS GREAT STATE AND TO DECLARE THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024, AS AMIKIDS DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:00 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. HIXON, adjourned in memory of Edwin W. "Ned" Johnson II, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, February 29, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Malachi 3:6: "For I the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished."

Let us pray. God of steadfast love and faithfulness, for Your goodness that surprises us every day, we give thanks and praise to You. Bless and keep these Representatives and Staff, that they will do the work for the people of South Carolina. For our defenders of freedom and first responders, we pray for them as they work for the people of this State. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and talent and effort for the good of this State and Nation. Bless and keep our women and men who protect us and keep them safe in harm's way. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. ERICKSON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Lucille Lipsitz, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer in memory of former Representative David Mack III and former Senator John Scott.

STATEMENT BY REP. MCDANIEL

Rep. MCDANIEL made a statement relative to the contributions of Felicia Tower and Shirley Pride to South Carolina.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

STATEMENT BY REP. THIGPEN

Rep. THIGPEN made a statement relative to the lives and legacies of former Representative David Mack III and former Senator John Scott.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

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

H. 4649 -- Reps. Bannister, Carter, Leber, Vaughan, West and Elliott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE CERTAIN SECURITY PERSONNEL TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND SECURITY ON SCHOOL PREMISES IF LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS, AND TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS REMAIN OBLIGATED TO USE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS LICENSURE, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO SECURITY OFFICER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION AGENCY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5184 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox,

B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LATE SENATOR JOHN L. SCOTT, JR., FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT AND BROAD CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5185 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CROSS SCHOOLS GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO

CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5186 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TITLE TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 5, 2024 AS "4-H DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA, HONOR MRS. SHERRY DAVIS-LIVINGSTON, MRS. SHANNON HERNDON, MRS. TERRI SUMPTER, AND MRS. GAYLE WILLIFORD FOR THEIR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE YOUTH OF OUR STATE, AND COMMEND STATE 4-H TEEN COUNCIL AND THE 4-H PROGRAM TEAM ON THEIR NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE 2023-2024 YEAR AND FOR THE LEADERSHIP AND IMPACT THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5187 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 41-10-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MINIMUM WAGE IN THIS STATE IS THE GREATER VALUE OF EITHER TEN DOLLARS OR THE MINIMUM WAGE SET BY THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-130, RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY TO SET MINIMUM WAGE RATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE MAY NOT REQUIRE A MINIMUM WAGE THAT EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM WAGE ESTABLISHED IN THIS ACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-22-160, RELATING TO THERAPEUTIC PATIENT EMPLOYMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PATIENT EMPLOYEE MUST BE PAID THE MINIMUM WAGE ESTABLISHED IN THIS ACT; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 53-1-100 AND 53-1-110, BOTH RELATING TO SUNDAY WORK IN MACHINE SHOPS AND SUNDAY WORK IN MANUFACTURING OR FINISHING OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUNDAY WORK MUST BE COMPENSATED AT A RATE OF NO LESS THAN THE MINIMUM WAGE ESTABLISHED IN THIS ACT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5188 -- Reps. Thayer, West, Beach, Chapman, Cromer and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-37-30, RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES OR TOLLS AS REVENUE FOR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FOR UNPREPARED FOOD ITEMS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5189 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING PART 4 TO ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 62 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF TITLED PERSONAL PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-60, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR WATERCRAFT OR OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO

PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-70, RELATING TO FEES FOR WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-90, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-130, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS BY OPERATION OF LAW, SO AS TO INCLUDE TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-290, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-420, RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE FEES TO ISSUE OR TRANSFER A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-6-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE AND INCLUDE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO TRANSFERS ON DEATH FOR TITLED PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 755 -- Senators Young, Malloy, Massey, Campsen, Bennett, Rankin, Hembree, Matthews, Corbin, Talley, M. Johnson, Garrett, McLeod, Hutto, McElveen, Senn, Harpootlian, Sabb and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING PART 4 TO ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 62 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF TITLED PERSONAL PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-60, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR WATERCRAFT OR OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-70, RELATING TO FEES FOR WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-90, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 845 -- Senators Rankin, Sabb, Talley and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-108, RELATING TO PROBATE, TESTACY, AND APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS; ULTIMATE TIME LIMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS FOR AN ESTATE OF AN INDIVIDUAL REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF DEATH, TO ALLOW APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A CLAIM PURSUANT TO THE "HONORING OUR PACT ACT OF 2022".

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 1005 -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1320, RELATING TO MOTOR RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE WILLIAM C. BOWEN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A BOAT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER TYPE OF VESSEL POWERED BY AN OUTDRIVE OR INBOARD MOTOR HAVING AN ENGINE AUTOMOTIVE HORSEPOWER RATING IN EXCESS OF TWO HUNDRED HORSEPOWER IS PERMITTED AND THAT PERSONAL WATERCRAFT MAY NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED

NINETY HORSEPOWER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1350, RELATING TO WATER SKIING AND TOWING RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE WILLIAM C. BOWEN, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, SPECIALTY PROPCRAFT, OR VESSELS IN EXCESS OF IDLE SPEED WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FEET OF A WHARF, DOCK, BULKHEAD, OR PIER OR WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF A MOORED OR ANCHORED VESSEL OR PERSON IN THE WATER.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 1064 -- Senators Turner and Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE CURRENT LAW REGARDING COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, QUALIFICATIONS FOR A FACILITY TO IDENTIFY AND ADVERTISE AS AN ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNIT, EVALUATION OF STAFFING LEVELS FOR A FACILITY'S ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNIT, AND A REVIEW OF THE NEED FOR REGISTERED NURSING COVERAGE IN A FACILITY'S ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNIT; AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY JANUARY 1, 2025, FOR UPDATING AND IMPROVING THE LAW'S REQUIREMENTS FOR ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNITS HOUSED IN COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox

Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--117

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HENEGAN a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BALLENTINE a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WILLIS a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. B.J. COX a leave of absence for the day.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

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

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. LANDING presented to the House the Oceanside Collegiate Academy "Landsharks" 2A Football State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3127
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3247
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	M. M. SMITH, B. L. COX, DAVIS and SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3964
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	COLLINS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3988
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	WHEELER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4158
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4303
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	CARTER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4333
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4365
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4549
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	CASKEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4552
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	WHEELER, HENDERSON-MYERS, ERICKSON, STAVRINAKIS, WEEKS and DAVIS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4561
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	CASKEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4589
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	WHEELER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4590
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	KING and HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4612
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	CASKEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4680
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	CASKEY and HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4709
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	HART

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4866
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	SCHUESSLER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4933
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	CASKEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5066
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	BRADLEY and ERICKSON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5105
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	CASKEY, CHAPMAN, B. L. COX and GAGNON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5157
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	THIGPEN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5169
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	CHUMLEY and CARTER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5170
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	CARTER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5183
Date:	ADD:
02/29/24	CARTER

H. 5153--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5153 -- Reps. West, Thayer, Chapman, Beach, Gagnon and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF ANDERSON

COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2, SO AS TO REPLACE THE TWO MULTI-MEMBER DISTRICTS WITH FOUR SINGLE-MEMBER RESIDENCY AREAS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE RESIDENCY AREAS ARE DELINEATED.

Rep. THAYER explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 99; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith

Stavrinakis	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 5168--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5168 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, B. Newton and Wheeler: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 930 OF 1970, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR KERSHAW COUNTY, SO AS TO REVISE THE SPECIFIC ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR THESE DISTRICTS.

Rep. CONNELL explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon

Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

S. 912--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 912 -- Senator Davis: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE SC NEXUS FOR ADVANCED RESILIENT ENERGY AND TO ENCOURAGE THE CONTINUED GLOBAL

LEADERSHIP TO REDUCE THE STATE'S ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WHILE ENHANCING THE ECONOMIC OUTPUT.

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

Yeas 78; Nays 24

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Long	McDaniel
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Ott
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Thayer	Trantham	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Wooten	Yow

Total--78

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Gibson	Gilliam
Haddon	Harris	S. Jones

Jordan	Kilmartin	Leber
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	T. A. Morgan
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Vaughan	White

Total--24

So, the Joint Resolution was read the third time, passed and having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 4754--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4754 -- Reps. Sandifer and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 57, TITLE 40 SO AS TO OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDERS OF PRELICENSING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-57-725 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND PENALTIES AND APPEALS; AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 57, TITLE 40, RELATING TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINE TERMS, MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, DEFINE THE USE OF APPLICATION FEES, OUTLINE THE PROCEDURE FOR A LICENSE CLASSIFICATION CHANGE, ALLOW FOR RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS, PROHIBIT BAD FAITH AGREEMENTS, REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF REQUIRED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION FOR BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, PROHIBIT ENGAGING IN, REPRESENTING OTHERS IN, OR ASSISTING OTHERS IN THE PRACTICE OF WHOLESALING, REGULATE TEAM MARKETING, AND ADDRESS LICENSING AFTER REVOCATION.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. SANDIFER made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not

been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4113--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4113 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Sandifer, Jefferson, M. M. Smith and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE AN AMBULANCE ASSESSMENT FEE FOR PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES; TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AND CHARGE AMBULANCE SERVICES A UNIFORM FEE; TO ESTABLISH AN AMBULANCE FEE TRUST FUND AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORIZED USES OF THE FUND; TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPOSE PENALTIES AGAINST AMBULANCE SERVICES THAT FAIL TO PAY ASSESSED FEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4218--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4218 -- Reps. Pope, Sandifer, Carter, Kirby, Jefferson and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 38-63-110, 38-65-130, 38-71-300, AND 38-72-110 ALL SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN INSURERS FROM CANCELING, LIMITING, OR DENYING COVERAGE, OR ESTABLISHING DIFFERENTIALS IN PREMIUM RATES BASED UPON GENETIC INFORMATION.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. SANDIFER made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not

been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 5146--POINT OF ORDER

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5146 -- Reps. Lowe, Jordan, Kirby, Alexander and Williams: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXPEDITIOUSLY AND FULLY COOPERATE WITH FLORENCE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FACILITATING THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS FUNDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR LOCAL FUNDS AT INTERSECTIONS OF ROADWAYS MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT ANYWHERE IN FLORENCE COUNTY.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3963--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3963 -- Reps. Nutt and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-920, RELATING TO REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF INDIVIDUAL ANTLERED DEER TAGS, SO AS TO UTILIZE THE REVENUE FOR THE COYOTE AND HOG MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3963 (LC-3963.PH0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 50-9-920(12) and inserting:

(12) resident antler restriction individual antlered deer tag shall be used to administer the Coyote and Hog Management Program. No later

than January thirty-first of each year, the department must file with the General Assembly a report on the use of these funds during the preceding year;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. FORREST explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt

O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3963--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. FORREST, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3963 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4611--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4611 -- Reps. Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hardee, Brewer, Robbins and Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-785 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE UNLAWFUL REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF ELECTRONIC COLLARS OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES PLACED ON DOGS BY THEIR OWNERS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4612--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4612 -- Reps. Hixon, Magnuson, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hartnett, Hardee, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Murphy, Connell, Mitchell, Hager and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 55-3-110, RELATING TO HUNTING FROM AN AIRCRAFT, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS POSSESSING A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY LAWFULLY HUNT FROM AN AIRCRAFT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-1190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY ISSUE PERMITS FOR THE TAKING OF FERAL HOGS WHILE AIRBORNE IN A HELICOPTER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 5007--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5007 -- Reps. Caskey and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-230, RELATING TO STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERMITTED HOOK SIZE IN THE LOWER SALUDA RIVER.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach

Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 5105--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5105 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Caskey, Chapman, B. L. Cox and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-53-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A POLICY APPLICABLE TO ALL TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSIONS THAT RECOGNIZES AND AWARDS CREDENTIALS AND COLLEGE CREDIT FOR COURSES AND EXPERIENCES COMPLETED IN THE MILITARY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLICY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND TO PROVIDE THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM SHALL WORK WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES TO ENSURE THE CONSISTENT REVIEW AND AWARDING OF ELIGIBLE CREDIT.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4709--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4709 -- Reps. Rivers, Atkinson, Henegan, McDaniel, Gilliard, Bernstein, Landing, Bustos, Hartnett, King, Herbkersman, Erickson, Bradley, Ballentine, Pedalino, McGinnis, Schuessler and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-29-15, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT CURSIVE WRITING BE TAUGHT IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION MUST BEGIN IN SECOND GRADE AND CONTINUE IN EACH GRADE THROUGH FIFTH GRADE.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 107; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Hewitt
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore

Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:
Jordan

Total--1

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

H. 4709--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BRADLEY, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4709 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4819--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4819 -- Reps. Felder, Bernstein and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1960, RELATING IN PART TO PARKING PLACARDS FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, SO AS TO ALLOW APPLICANTS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING PLACARDS TO PROVIDE A PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE PLACARD SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE'S APPROVAL.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3160--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3160 -- Rep. Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE

TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL VEHICLE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PREARRANGED RIDE".

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4933--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4933 -- Reps. Wooten, G. M. Smith and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-5015, RELATING TO SUNSCREEN DEVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4436--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4436 -- Reps. Wooten, Ballentine, Long, Erickson, Caskey, Calhoon, Wetmore, Taylor, Forrest, Hiott, Davis, Pope, Herbkersman, M. M. Smith, Robbins, Lawson, Burns and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1538, RELATING TO EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE DRIVERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING VEHICLE CONTROL IN CERTAIN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES TO AVOID INTERFERING WITH THE OPERATION OF AUTHORIZED

EMERGENCY VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4590--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4590 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Carter, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Taylor, Leber, Robbins, Murphy, Gatch, Brewer, Mitchell, King and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-25, RELATING TO EARLY VOTING, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF EARLY VOTING CENTERS.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 3

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt

Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Hayes	Leber	Yow

Total--3

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

OBJECTION TO MOTION

Rep. JORDAN asked unanimous consent that H. 4590 be read a third time tomorrow.

Rep. MAGNUSON objected.

H. 4158--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4158 -- Reps. Pendarvis, M. M. Smith, Bauer, King and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA

CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4589--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4589 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Robbins, Murphy, Gatch, Brewer and Wheeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-120, RELATING TO VOTE COUNTING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE PROVIDING THAT INCUMBENTS HOLD OVER PENDING FINAL DETERMINATION OF ANY CONTESTS FILED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-140, RELATING TO APPEALS FROM DECISIONS REGARDING MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONTESTS, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE PROVIDING THAT A NOTICE OF APPEAL ACTS AS A STAY OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT APPEALS ARE TO BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY OF CONSIDERATION BY THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey

Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4589--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. JORDAN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4589 be read the third time tomorrow.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

H. 5066--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5066 -- Reps. Elliott, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Bailey, Wheeler, T. Moore, Taylor, Hixon, Oremus, Blackwell, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Bradley and Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 ENTITLED THE "FAIR ACCESS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS" SO AS TO PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE OPTION TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE TO ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SUCH A POLICY, TO CREATE THE AFFORDABLE LIQUOR LIABILITY FUND TO AID IN THE FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXCISE TAX ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK MUST BE CREDITED TO THE FUND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-33-245, RELATING TO THE EXCISE TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIQUOR LIABILITY RISK MITIGATION PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE INSURANCE RESERVE FUND IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE A START-UP LOAN TO THE FUND.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4817--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4817 -- Reps. West and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-500, RELATING TO THE SALE OR PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS WITHOUT PROOF OF AGE AND THE LOCATION OF VENDING MACHINES, SO AS TO INCLUDE ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS TO PRESENT PROOF OF AGE UPON DEMAND, AND TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS FROM VENDING MACHINES IN CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS.

Rep. BUSTOS explained the Bill.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

H. 4552--POINT OF ORDER, RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15, INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4552 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Clyburn, Henegan, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Robbins, Brewer, King, Wheeler, Henderson-Myers, Erickson, Stavrinakis, Weeks and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4552 (LC-4552.SA0001H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 31-12-30(6) and inserting:

(6) "Redevelopment project" means buildings, improvements, including street improvements, water, sewer and storm drainage facilities, parking facilities, and recreational facilities. A project or undertaking authorized under Section 6-21-50 also may qualify as a redevelopment project under this chapter. All such projects may be owned by the authority, the municipality, the county, or other appropriate public body. This term includes portions of the redevelopment project located outside the redevelopment project area so long as they provide needed infrastructure support for the redevelopment project area or the municipality makes specific findings of benefit to the redevelopment project area. A redevelopment project for purposes of this chapter also includes affordable housing projects where all or a part of new property tax revenues generated in the tax increment financing district are used to provide or support publicly and privately owned affordable housing in the district or is used to provide infrastructure projects to support publicly and privately owned affordable housing in the district. The term "affordable housing" as used herein means residential housing for rent or sale that is appropriately priced for rent or sale to a person or family whose income does not exceed eighty percent of the median income for the local area, with adjustments for household size, according to the latest figures available from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 31-12-210(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) The obligations must be issued not later than ~~fifteen~~ thirty-five years after the adoption of an ordinance by the municipality pursuant to Section 31-12-280 concurring in an authority's redevelopment plan.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BUSTOS explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15

Rep. HART moved to waive rule 5.10, pursuant to rule 5.15.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 86; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	J. Moore	T. Moore
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Ott
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan

Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--86

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Caskey
Chumley	Cromer	Felder
Harris	Jordan	Kilmartin
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	T. A. Morgan
Moss	O'Neal	Pace
Trantham	White	

Total--20

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

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar, the pending question being consideration of the Bill, Rule 5.10 being waived pursuant to Rule 5.15.

S. 418--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 418 -- Senators Hembree, Turner, Gustafson, Loftis and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-180, RELATING TO PRE-SERVICE AND IN-SERVICE TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS OF READ TO SUCCEED.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 4927--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4927 -- Reps. Herbkersman, W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Schuessler, B. Newton, Williams, Jefferson and Hewitt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE THE "EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY", TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE OFFICE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO BECOME COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO THE MEDIATION OF GRIEVANCES BY THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY, THE OFFICE'S COMPONENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS TO THE LIST OF EXEMPTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-70, RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTER 9 OF TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

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

Yeas 91; Nays 18

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer

Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
Kirby	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Landing	Magnuson
May	McCabe	T. A. Morgan
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Trantham	White

Total--18

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I had a work obligation and flight issues that caused me to miss part of Session on February 28 and February 29, 2024. If I had been present, I would have voted against H. 4927.

Rep. Adam Morgan

H. 3676--AMENDED, ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 3676 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Pope, Jordan, W. Newton, Elliott, Lowe, J. E. Johnson, Guest, Mitchell, Taylor, Robbins and Brewer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.

Reps. T. Moore, W. Newton, Jordan and King proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3676 (LC-3676.HA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the concurrent resolution, as and if amended, by adding an undesignated paragraph to read:

Be it further resolved that the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina adopts this application expressly subject to the following reservations, understandings, and declarations:

(1) an application to the Congress of the United States to call an amendment convention of the states pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution confers no power to Congress other than the power to call such a convention. The power of Congress to exercise this ministerial duty consists solely of the authority to name a reasonable time and place for the initial meeting of a convention; and

(2) Congress shall perform its ministerial duty of calling an amendment convention of the states only upon the receipt of applications for an amendment convention for the substantially same purpose as this application from two thirds of the legislatures of the several states; and

(3) Congress does not have the power or authority to determine any

rules for the governing of an amendment convention of the states called pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution. Congress does not have the power to set the number of delegates to be sent by any state to such a convention, nor does it have the power to name delegates to such a convention. The power to name delegates remains exclusively within the authority of the legislatures of the several states; and

(4) by definition, an amendment convention of the states means that states shall vote on the basis of one state, one vote; and

(5) a convention of the states convened pursuant to this application must be limited to consideration of the topics specified in this joint resolution and no other. This application is made with the express understanding that an amendment that in any way seeks to amend, modify, or repeal any provision of the Bill of Rights, the thirteenth, fourteenth, and fifteenth amendments to the United States Constitution shall not be authorized for consideration at any stage. This application shall be void ab initio if ever used at any stage to consider any change to any provision of the Bill of Rights; and

(6) pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution, Congress may determine whether proposed amendments shall be ratified by the legislatures of the several states or by special state ratification conventions. The South Carolina General Assembly recommends that Congress select ratification by the legislatures of the several states; and

(7) the South Carolina General Assembly may provide further instructions to its delegates and may recall its delegates at any time for a breach of a duty or a violation of the instructions provided.

Renumber sections to conform. Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Concurrent Resolution.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HART raised the Point of Order that Rules 5.9 and 5.15 did not prohibit the 24-hour Point of Order from being applied to concurrent resolutions and that the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* should sustain a 24-hour Point of Order raised on H. 3676, a concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* stated that Rules 5.9 and 5.15 did not pertain to the 24-hour Point of Order. He stated that Rule 5.10 and Rule 9.1 concerned the 24-hour Point of Order with Rule 5.10 applying

only to bills and joint resolutions and Rule 9.1 only applying to Senate amendments to bills.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* stated that the rules, by refraining from referencing concurrent resolutions when discussing the application of the 24-hour Point of Order, were excluding concurrent resolutions from the application of the rule. He overruled Rep. HART's Point of Order and stated that the printing requirements under Rule 5.10 and Rule 9.1 did not apply to concurrent resolutions.

Rep. KIRBY spoke against the Concurrent Resolution.

Rep. MCDANIEL spoke against the Concurrent Resolution.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HIXON a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. MCDANIEL continued speaking.

Rep. KIRBY moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution.

Rep. TAYLOR moved to table the motion.

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

Yeas 67; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hewitt

Hiott	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Lowe	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pope
Robbins	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
West	Whitmire	Wooten
Yow		

Total--67

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bauer	Bernstein
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Cromer	Dillard	Gilliard
Harris	Hart	Henderson-Myers
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Kirby	Long	Magnuson
McCabe	McDaniel	J. Moore
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Williams		

Total--28

So, the motion to adjourn debate was tabled.

Rep. MAGNUSON spoke upon the Concurrent Resolution.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. MAGNUSON continued speaking.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. MAGNUSON continued speaking.

Rep. MAY spoke upon the Concurrent Resolution.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CHUMLEY a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. MAY continued speaking.
Rep. MCCRAVY spoke against the Concurrent Resolution.

The question recurred to the passage of the passage of the Concurrent Resolution.

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

Yeas 68; Nays 30

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	May	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan

West	White	Whitmire
Wooten	Yow	

Total--68

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Harris	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Kirby	Long	Magnuson
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
J. Moore	Moss	Nutt
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Weeks	Williams

Total--30

So, the Concurrent Resolution, as amended, was adopted and sent to the Senate.

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 5174 -- Reps. May, Ballentine, Calhoon, Caskey, Forrest, Kilmartin, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White, Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese,

B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF BETTY LEE BODIE KNOTTS OF WEST COLUMBIA, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

H. 4608 -- Reps. Hayes and Atkinson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE LUMBER RIVER ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 AT THE BORDER OF MARION AND HORRY COUNTIES "PLAN LANNEAU ELVINGTON, SR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:21 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. ERICKSON, adjourned in memory of Lucille Lipsitz, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Friday, March 1, 2024
(Local Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 148:1: "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights. Praise him, all angels; praise him, all his hosts."

Let us pray. We give You thanks and praise for all the great things You have provided for these women and men who give of their time and effort to make everything work to give the people of our State the very best. We give thanks for our defenders of freedom and first responders who care for and protect us. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and talent and effort for the good of this State and Nation. Bless and keep our members of our Armed Forces safe and out of harm's way. Bless our women and men who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 3963 -- Reps. Nutt and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-920, RELATING TO REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF INDIVIDUAL ANTLERED DEER TAGS, SO AS TO UTILIZE THE REVENUE FOR THE COYOTE AND HOG MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

H. 4709 -- Reps. Rivers, Atkinson, Henegan, McDaniel, Gilliard, Bernstein, Landing, Bustos, Hartnett, King, Herbkersman, Erickson, Bradley, Ballentine, Pedalino, McGinnis, Schuessler and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-29-15, RELATING TO THE

REQUIREMENT THAT CURSIVE WRITING BE TAUGHT IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS, SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE CURSIVE WRITING INSTRUCTION MUST BEGIN IN SECOND GRADE AND CONTINUE IN EACH GRADE THROUGH FIFTH GRADE.

H. 4589 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Robbins, Murphy, Gatch, Brewer and Wheeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-120, RELATING TO VOTE COUNTING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE PROVIDING THAT INCUMBENTS HOLD OVER PENDING FINAL DETERMINATION OF ANY CONTESTS FILED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-140, RELATING TO APPEALS FROM DECISIONS REGARDING MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONTESTS, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE PROVIDING THAT A NOTICE OF APPEAL ACTS AS A STAY OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT APPEALS ARE TO BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY OF CONSIDERATION BY THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, March 5.

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Tuesday, March 5, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 139:14: "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well."

Let us pray. Thank You for being the light that dispels our darkness. Lord, breathe Your Spirit upon us and make us live for what You have done. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. We give thanks for Your blessings that give these Representatives and Staff the skills and resources to accomplish the work to be done for the good of all people. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort to keep our members of the Armed Forces safe and out of harm's way. Bless our women and men who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. WILLIAMS moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Frankie Johnson, Jr., which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Commander Bobby Knight.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

REPORT RECEIVED

The following was received:

Committee to Investigate Candidates for the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce

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Chairman

SENATOR SEAN BENNETT
Vice Chairman

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March 5, 2024

The Honorable Charles F. Reid, Clerk
House of Representatives
Post Office Box 11867
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

Pursuant to South Carolina Code § 41-27-720, the Committee to Investigate Candidates for the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce (DEW) must screen candidates for the DEW Appellate Panel. There are three seats on the Appellate Panel and the current terms expire on June 30, 2024. The Committee screened Ms. Evelyn Belicia Ayers, Mr. Stephen S. Kelly III and Mr. Daniel C. Beach on February 13, 2024, and found all candidates both qualified and nominated.

On behalf of the Committee, it is my pleasure to submit the enclosed Screening Report of Qualifications for these candidates to be printed in the journals of the South Carolina House of Representatives and South Carolina Senate.

Sincerely,
Representative Kevin Hardee, Chairman

Committee to Investigate Candidates for the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce

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Columbia, South Carolina

Screening Report of Qualifications
The Committee to Investigate Candidates for the
South Carolina Department of
Employment and Workforce Appellate Panel

Workforce Review Committee

Act. No. 146 of 2010 created the SC Department of Employment and Workforce Review Committee and charged the review committee with, among other duties, the duty to screen candidates for membership on the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce Appellate Panel and report the qualified candidates to the General Assembly for election. The transcript of the screening of each candidate will be available on the Workforce Review Committee page of the SC State House website.

The Workforce Review Committee began advertising vacancies for the Appellate Panel on December 5, 2023. The Workforce Review Committee received applications from three (3) persons by the deadline of January 5, 2024 - one candidate for each available seat. Evelyn Belicia Ayers is an incumbent appellate panelist seeking reelection to the seat she currently holds. The two remaining applicants, Stephen S. Kelly III and Daniel C. Beach, meet the statutorily prescribed eligibility requirements and possess certain qualifications as specified in South Carolina Code § 41-29-300(E). The Workforce Review Committee

conducted background investigations of each candidate, including credit, driver's license, and law enforcement checks.
On February 13, 2024, the Workforce Review Committee reported that the following candidates are "qualified" to serve on one of the three (3) seats of the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce Appellate Panel:

Evelyn Belicia Ayers - Seat #1
Stephen S. Kelly III - Seat #2
Daniel C. Beach - Seat #3

Beginning on March 7, 2024, at Noon, candidates may solicit votes from members of the General Assembly, and members of the General Assembly may pledge their votes to candidates.

Respectfully submitted,
Representative Kevin Hardee, Chairman

Received as information.

INVITATIONS

On motion of Rep. BRITTAIN, with unanimous consent, the following were taken up for immediate consideration and accepted:

March 4, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC Governor's School for Agriculture, the Members of the House of Representatives and Staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on March 6, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Stacie Smith
Executive Director
JDLH School Foundation, Inc.

March 4, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Institute for Child Success, the Members of the House of Representatives and Staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at The Vista Room at Blue Marlin, 1200 Lincoln Street.

Sincerely,
Mary Kate Mackie

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. MCCRAVY, from the Greenwood Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 972 -- Senator Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 595 OF 1994, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES IN GREENWOOD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 50, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THESE REAPPORTIONED DISTRICTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4655 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Oremus, Cobb-Hunter, J. L. Johnson and Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MANDATORY MINIMUM PERIODS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECESS IN FOUR-YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE EACH

YEAR IN ADDITION TO OTHER CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RECESS PERIODS MUST BE HELD INDOORS DURING TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER; TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 AS "PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY"; TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL TAKE CERTAIN MEASURES TO CONFORM THEIR RESPECTIVE REGULATIONS AND RULES TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT PREVAIL TO THE EXTENT THEY CONFLICT WITH ANY SUCH REGULATIONS AND RULES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4902 -- Rep. Hager: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 IN HAMPTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 363 TO THE HAMPTON-ALLENDALE COUNTY LINE THE "HONORABLE JAMES RISHER, SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4904 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE BROAD RIVER ALONG SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAYS 49 AND 9 IN UNION COUNTY "1ST LT. ROY D. BRATTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS DESIGNATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4905 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 49 IN UNION COUNTY "PFC FRANKLIN LEROY BARBER BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4906 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE LOCKHART CANAL ON SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAYS 49 AND 9 "SP5 WALTER 'BUBBA' BRANNON MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4965 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Connell and B. Newton: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE JUNCTION AT LOCKHART ROAD AND KEYS LANE IN KERSHAW COUNTY "COMMISSIONER DAVID E. BRANHAM, SR. INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4966 -- Reps. Kirby and Jefferson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF

TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF ROAD IN THE TOWN OF ALVIN IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM 1976 SANTEE RIVER ROAD NORTH TO THE INTERSECTION OF GREENTOWN AND SANTEE RIVER ROAD "HENRY J. GREENE HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5088 -- Reps. Alexander, Jordan, Kirby, Lowe and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF STATE ROAD 868 (MARION STREET) FROM THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 52 (COIT STREET) TO THE INTERSECTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 174 (HARRELL STREET) IN FLORENCE COUNTY "DR. VASHTI SMITH AND MARY T. WILSON WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5089 -- Rep. Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SUMTER STREET IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH ALEXANDER STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH MCQUEEN STREET "SENATOR MAGGIE GLOVER WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5094 -- Rep. Bamberg: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF GOVAN ROAD IN BAMBERG COUNTY FROM

ITS INTERSECTION WITH VOORHEES ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 "WILLIAM H. NIMMONS, SR. ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5190 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2024, AS "GIRL SCOUT WEEK" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO COMMEND THE GIRL SCOUT MOVEMENT, GIRL SCOUTS OF EASTERN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA-MOUNTAINS TO MIDLANDS FOR PROVIDING GIRLS WITH A SAFE, INCLUSIVE, ALL-GIRL SPACE WHERE THEY CAN HONE THEIR SKILLS AND DEVELOP LEADERSHIP ABILITIES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5191 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MICHAELA JAMES UPON BEING NAMED 2024 PEE DEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5192 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber,

Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5193 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE PAGELAND RESCUE SQUAD FOR SERVING A VITAL ROLE IN KEEPING THE RESIDENTS OF WESTERN CHESTERFIELD

COUNTY SAFE AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5194 -- Reps. Yow, Henegan and Mitchell: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MAE ESTHER FIELDS OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED SERVICE, HEALTH, AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5195 -- Rep. Collins: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GREENVILLE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ANY AVAILABLE COMMITTEE HEARING ROOMS IN THE BLATT BUILDING FOR ITS YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024. HOWEVER, THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE USED IF THE HOUSE IS IN SESSION OR THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.

Whereas, the Youth in Government program is designed to provide first-hand experience in the state legislature and government affairs for high school and middle school students; and

Whereas, students taking part in the program will run for statewide office, enact legislation, and organize their own government; and

Whereas, the purpose of the Young Men's Christian Association Youth in Government program is to encourage our youth to develop enthusiasm and appreciation for government and community affairs; and

Whereas, almost one thousand five hundred students in the State are expected to participate this year, making the South Carolina Youth in Government program one of the largest per capita in the nation. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, authorize the Greenville Young Men's Christian Association to use the Chamber of the South Carolina House of Representatives and any available committee hearing rooms in the Blatt Building for its Youth in Government program on Thursday, November 7 and Friday, November 8 and Monday, November 18, 2024. However, the chamber may not be used if the House is in session or the chamber is otherwise unavailable.

Be it further resolved that the use of the chamber and the available committee hearing rooms by the Greenville Young Men's Christian Association must be in strict accordance with policies and the Rules of the House of Representatives.

Be it further resolved that the Office of the Sergeant at Arms of the House shall provide assistance and access as necessary for this meeting in accordance with applicable procedures of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Executive Director of the YMCA Youth in Government program and to House of Representatives Sergeant at Arms Mitchell G. Dorman.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5196 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott,

Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO BE INFORMED ABOUT THE SYMPTOMS OF ALZHEIMER'S AND THE GREAT NEED FOR RESEARCH TO FIND A CURE FOR THE DISEASE, FOR ADVOCACY FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM ITS EFFECTS, AND FOR SUCCOR FOR THEIR CAREGIVERS, AND TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 6, 2024, AS "ALZHEIMER'S ADVOCACY DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5197 -- Reps. Hiott, Hixon, Forrest, Burns, Chumley, Atkinson, Bauer, Brewer, Chapman, Gibson, Haddon, May, Magnuson, McCabe, McDaniel, T. A. Morgan, Neese and Trantham: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MARTHA ANN CURTO OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5198 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE LOWCOUNTRY FOOD BANK FOR MORE THAN FOUR DECADES OF FEEDING THE HUNGRY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL AND COMPASSIONATE SERVICE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5199 -- Reps. Anderson, Hewitt, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber,

Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND DR. NORVEL GOFF, SR., PRESIDING ELDER OF THE EDISTO DISTRICT FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5200 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TONY LEWIS OF CHARLESTON FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY AND TO EXTEND

BEST WISHES AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5201 -- Reps. Blackwell, Clyburn, Hixon, Oremus and Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 988 -- Senator Shealy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PALMETTO GIRLS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1037 -- Senators Adams and Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF ROYLE ROAD IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17A/NORTH MAIN STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH TREELAND DRIVE "WADE ARNETTE ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS

ALONG THIS PORTION OF ROADWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1041 -- Senator Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF US HIGHWAY 17A IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH HARRISTOWN ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HOODTOWN ROAD "REV. LARRY A. BRADBERRY HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1118 -- Senator Verdin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 6, 2024 AS "OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA IN HONOR OF THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT DOCTORS OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE PLAY IN MEETING THE HEALTHCARE NEEDS OF THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THE UNITED STATES MILITARY, AND THE NATION.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1130 -- Senator Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO WELCOME LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR JAMES C. "JAY" MOUGHON TO THE PALMETTO STATE ON THE OCCASION OF THE ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA LIONS

DISTRICT 32-S CONVENTION AND TO HONOR THE LIONS CLUBS FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1131 -- Senator Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO WELCOME LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR ANTHONY W. PARADISO TO THE PALMETTO STATE ON THE OCCASION OF THE 99TH ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA LIONS MULTIPLE DISTRICT 32 STATE CONVENTION AND TO HONOR THE LIONS CLUBS FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5100 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Without Reference

H. 5101 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

Without Reference

H. 5202 -- Rep. Hyde: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-52-870, RELATING TO THE ENERGY EFFICIENT MANUFACTURED HOMES INCENTIVE PROGRAM, SO AS TO EXTEND THE PROGRAM FOR FIVE MORE YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2110, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM TAX ON SALE OR LEASE OF CERTAIN ENERGY EFFICIENT MANUFACTURED HOMES, SO AS TO EXTEND THE PROVISION FOR FIVE MORE YEARS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5203 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET PROVISO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2024", SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE S.C. CODE OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO CODIFY OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-17-170, 59-1-471, 59-17-180, 59-17-190, 59-67-310, 59-67-800, 59-67-330, 59-67-340, 59-17-200, 59-17-210, 59-1-472, AND 59-1-407 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-150 AND 59-6-130 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-51-60, 59-51-70, AND 59-51-80 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-130, 59-47-140, AND 59-47-150 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND; BY ADDING SECTION 59-49-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-7-70, 59-7-80, 59-7-90, AND 59-101-220 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-50-80, 59-50-90, AND 59-50-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-48-80, 59-48-90, 59-48-100, AND 59-1-497 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S

SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-123-330 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-53-110 AND 59-53-170 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 60-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-15-100, 60-15-110, AND 60-15-120 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-13-60, 60-13-70, 60-13-80, AND 60-13-90 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-31-180 AND 43-31-190 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-6-116, 44-6-117, 44-6-118, 44-6-119, 44-6-120, 44-6-121, 44-6-122, AND 44-6-123 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-1-320, 44-1-330, 44-1-340, 44-1-350, 44-1-360, 44-1-370, 48-6-90, 44-1-380, 48-6-100, 48-6-110, 44-1-400, 44-1-410, AND 44-1-420 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-170 AND 44-9-180 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-20-40, 44-20-50, 44-20-60, 44-20-70, AND 44-20-80 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-49-90 AND 44-49-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-1-270, 43-1-280, 43-1-290, 43-1-300, 43-1-310, 43-1-320, 43-1-330, 43-1-340, 43-1-350, 43-1-360, AND 43-1-370 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-210 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-2300 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY; BY ADDING SECTION 31-13-100 AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-

13-430, RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CODIFY PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 48-23-310, 48-23-320, AND 48-23-330 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PSA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-3-200, 50-3-210, 50-3-220, 50-3-230, AND 50-3-240 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-45-90 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 51-1-100, 51-1-110, AND 51-1-120 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 13-1-70, 13-1-80, 13-1-90, 13-1-100, 13-1-110, 13-1-120, 13-1-130, AND 13-1-140 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-50-190 AND 11-40-280 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-9-270, 14-1-250, 14-3-460, 14-1-260, 14-1-270, 14-1-280, 14-1-290, AND 14-1-300 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-23-690 AND 14-1-290 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-3-87, 23-3-90, 23-3-92, 23-3-95, 23-3-97, AND 23-3-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY ADDING SECTION 23-6-197 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-23-170 AND 23-23-180 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 24-1-330, 24-1-340, 24-1-350, 24-1-360, 24-1-370, 24-1-380, 24-1-390, 24-1-400, 24-1-410, 24-1-420, 24-1-430, 24-1-440, 24-1-450, AND 24-1-460 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-120 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE

DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON; BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-19-500, 63-19-510, 63-19-520, 63-19-530, 63-19-540, 63-19-550, 63-19-560, AND 63-19-570 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-13-120, 1-13-130, AND 1-13-140 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 1-31-70, 1-31-80, 1-31-90, 1-31-100, AND 1-31-110 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-4-140, 58-4-150, AND 58-4-160 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 42-7-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 38-3-250 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; BY ADDING SECTION 34-1-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-304 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 41-3-150, 41-3-160, 23-9-199, AND 41-3-170 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240, 57-3-250, AND 57-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 55-1-110, 55-1-120 AND 55-1-130 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS; BY ADDING SECTION 10-3-70 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATED TO THE OFFICE THE OF GOVERNOR; BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-498 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-300 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER; BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 7-3-80, 7-3-90, AND 7-3-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1720, 59-101-440, 59-53-110, 59-101-450, 1-11-492, 1-1-1730, 11-11-85, 1-1-1740, 11-49-180, BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-1310, RELATING TO THE USE TAX, BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-610, 11-55-60, 59-1-498, 1-1-1750, 1-11-499, 1-1-1760; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1770 AND 1-3-70 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-220 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO STATEWIDE REVENUE.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5204 -- Rep. J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-505 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING TUTORING INTERVENTION TO STUDENTS USING A HIGH-QUALITY TUTORING PROGRAM.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5205 -- Rep. J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-139-100 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER THE HIGH-QUALITY PREKINDERGARTEN EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5206 -- Rep. W. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT IS AUTHORIZED TO USE SURPLUS LAND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5207 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 36-8-503, RELATING TO THE PROPERTY INTEREST OF ENTITLEMENT HOLDERS IN FINANCIAL ASSETS HELD BY SECURITIES INTERMEDIARIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO SECTION 36-8-511; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-8-511, RELATING TO PRIORITY AMONG SECURITY INTERESTS AND ENTITLEMENT HOLDERS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE PRIORITY OF CLAIMS FOR A CREDITOR BY A SECURITIES INTERMEDIARY AND FOR THE PRIORITY OF CLAIMS FOR A CLEARING CORPORATION BY CREDITORS AND ENTITLEMENT HOLDERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-305, RELATING TO THE LAW GOVERNING PERFECTION AND PRIORITY OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN INVESTMENT PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION REGARDING THE LOCAL LAW OF THE SECURITIES INTERMEDIARY'S JURISDICTION TO GOVERN PERFECTION AND PRIORITY OF AN INTEREST IN A SECURITY ENTITLEMENT OR ACCOUNT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5208 -- Reps. Brewer and Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-615, RELATING TO SPOUSAL SEXUAL BATTERY, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS REQUIRING REPORTING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AND PROVIDING THAT THE SECTION IS NOT APPLICABLE TO PERSONS UNDER A CERTAIN AGE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 235 -- Senators Adams, Gustafson, Senn, McLeod and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-340 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UPON REQUEST OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE CALL LOCATION INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE OF THE USER TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO A CALL FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES OR IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION THAT INVOLVES THE RISK OF DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL HARM, TO PROVIDE A CIVIL OR

CRIMINAL ACTION MAY NOT BE BROUGHT AGAINST A WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDER UNDER THIS SECTION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE SLED SHALL OBTAIN CONTACT INFORMATION FROM WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS TO FACILITATE A REQUEST FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 578 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-54-240, RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS OF AND REPORTS AND RETURNS FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 780 -- Senator Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-18-30, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY AND EXCEPTIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA AMUSEMENT RIDES SAFETY CODE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS ALLOWED TO OPERATE A SUPER-KART IF THEY ARE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER OR ARE FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HOLD A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 881 -- Senators M. Johnson, McLeod, Devine and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING THE "PROHIBITION OF UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS ACT"; AND TO MAKE THE PROHIBITIONS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS THAT ARE RECORDED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT OR THAT ARE EXECUTED MODIFIED, EXTENDED, OR AMENDED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 947 -- Senators Hembree, Senn, McLeod and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO KIDNAPPING, SO

AS TO ALLOW SENTENCING FOR THE CRIME OF KIDNAPPING AND OTHER CRIMES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 1025 -- Senators Young, Massey, Setzler and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 588 OF 1986, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF AIKEN COUNTY, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE DISTRICTS BEGINNING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS IN 2024, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS MAY BE FOUND, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Referred to Aiken Delegation

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon

Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--119

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CONNELL a leave of absence for the day due to a prior family commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. ERICKSON a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. J. E. JOHNSON a leave of absence for the day.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. March Seabrook of Lexington County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its

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

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3160
Date:	ADD:
03/05/24	GILLIARD

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4113
Date:	ADD:
03/05/24	GILLIARD

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4158
Date:	ADD:
03/05/24	GILLIARD

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4365
Date:	ADD:
03/05/24	GILLIARD

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4436
Date:	ADD:
03/05/24	MITCHELL and YOW

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4549
Date:	ADD:
03/05/24	BREWER and MAGNUSON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4552
Date:	ADD:
03/05/24	RIVERS and GILLIARD

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4611
Date:	ADD:
03/05/24	FORREST

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4612
Date:	ADD:
03/05/24	FORREST, WOOTEN, ELLIOTT, B. J. COX and BANNISTER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4935
Date:	ADD:
03/05/24	WOOTEN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5066
Date:	ADD:
03/05/24	HYDE, BALLENTINE and CALHOON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5069
Date:	ADD:
03/05/24	MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5118
Date:	ADD:
03/05/24	POPE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5157
Date:	ADD:
03/05/24	WETMORE

CO-SPONSOR REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 5023
Date:	REMOVE:
03/05/24	NUTT

CO-SPONSOR REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 5164
Date:	REMOVE:
03/05/24	MCCRAVY

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 5153 -- Reps. West, Thayer, Chapman, Beach, Gagnon and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2, SO AS TO REPLACE THE TWO MULTI-MEMBER DISTRICTS WITH FOUR SINGLE-MEMBER RESIDENCY AREAS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE RESIDENCY AREAS ARE DELINEATED.

H. 5168 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, B. Newton and Wheeler: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 930 OF 1970, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR KERSHAW COUNTY, SO AS TO REVISE THE SPECIFIC ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR THESE DISTRICTS.

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 5007 -- Reps. Caskey and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-230, RELATING TO STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERMITTED HOOK SIZE IN THE LOWER SALUDA RIVER.

H. 4590 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Carter, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Taylor, Leber, Robbins, Murphy, Gatch, Brewer, Mitchell, King and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-25, RELATING TO EARLY VOTING, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF EARLY VOTING CENTERS.

H. 4552--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4552 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Clyburn, Henegan, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Robbins, Brewer, King, Wheeler, Henderson-Myers, Erickson, Stavrinakis, Weeks, Davis, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. CROMER raised the point of order under Rule 5.10 that H. 4552's title had not been printed on the House calendar for one statewide day.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* overruled the Point of Order and stated that H. 4552's title had been printed on the House calendar for two statewide days.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4552 (LC-

4552.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 31-12-30(6) and inserting:

(6) "Redevelopment project" means buildings, improvements, including street improvements, water, sewer and storm drainage facilities, parking facilities, and recreational facilities. A project or undertaking authorized under Section 6-21-50 also may qualify as a redevelopment project under this chapter. All such projects may be owned by the authority, the municipality, the county, or other appropriate public body. This term includes portions of the redevelopment project located outside the redevelopment project area so long as they provide needed infrastructure support for the redevelopment project area or the municipality makes specific findings of benefit to the redevelopment project area. A redevelopment project for purposes of this chapter also includes affordable housing projects where all or a part of new property tax revenues generated in the tax increment financing district are used to provide or support publicly and privately owned affordable housing in the district or is used to provide infrastructure projects to support publicly and privately owned affordable housing in the district. The term "affordable housing" as used herein means residential housing for rent or sale that is appropriately priced for rent or sale to a person or family whose income does not exceed eighty percent of the median income for the local area, with adjustments for household size, according to the latest figures available from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 31-12-210(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) The obligations must be issued not later than ~~fifteen~~ thirty-five years after the adoption of an ordinance by the municipality pursuant to Section 31-12-280 concurring in an authority's redevelopment plan.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BUSTOS spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 5, 2024
The Honorable Charles Reid
Clerk of the South Carolina House of Representatives
213 Blatt Bldg.
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Charles Reid,

I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on H. 4552, regarding redevelopment of federal military installations definitions, providing that a redevelopment project includes certain affordable housing projects.

I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest, as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for March 5, 2024.

Sincerely,
Rep. Jordan Pace

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4552. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Annie McDaniel

H. 4754--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4754 -- Reps. Sandifer and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 57, TITLE 40 SO AS TO OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDERS OF PRELICENSING AND CONTINUING

EDUCATION COURSES FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-57-725 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND PENALTIES AND APPEALS; AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 57, TITLE 40, RELATING TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINE TERMS, MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, DEFINE THE USE OF APPLICATION FEES, OUTLINE THE PROCEDURE FOR A LICENSE CLASSIFICATION CHANGE, ALLOW FOR RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS, PROHIBIT BAD FAITH AGREEMENTS, REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF REQUIRED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION FOR BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, PROHIBIT ENGAGING IN, REPRESENTING OTHERS IN, OR ASSISTING OTHERS IN THE PRACTICE OF WHOLESALING, REGULATE TEAM MARKETING, AND ADDRESS LICENSING AFTER REVOCATION.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4754 (LC-4754.PH0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 40-57-725(A) and inserting:

(A) The department may refer any reports of violations of this chapter and Article 1, Chapter 1 of this title or any reports of violations of regulations promulgated under this chapter directly to the commission or may issue administrative citations and cease and desist orders in person or by certified mail and may assess administrative penalties against any individual or entity, including unlicensed individuals, for violations of this chapter as specified by the commission.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 40-57-725(C)(3) and inserting:

(3) for the third or subsequent violation of the same or substantially similar provision in a five-year period, not more than a ten thousand dollar penalty.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 40-57-725(D) and inserting:

(D) An individual or entity assessed administrative penalties may appeal those penalties to the commission within ten days of receipt of the citation. If an appeal is filed, the department shall schedule a hearing

before the commission, which shall make a determination in the matter. If no appeal is filed, the citation is deemed a final order and the administrative penalties must be paid within thirty days of receipt of the citation.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-57-30(2) and inserting:

(2) "Agency relationship" means a legally binding relationship created in writing between a real estate brokerage firm and its client.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-57-30(4) and inserting:

(4) "Alternative name" means a first name, other than the licensee's legal first name, that is registered with the commission and used by the licensee for marketing purposes.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, page 4, line 31 by deleting Section 40-57-30(6)(b).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-57-30(7) and inserting:

~~(4)~~(7) "Broker-in-charge" means ~~a~~the sole broker designated by the commision to have responsibility over the actions of all ~~associated~~supervised licensees ~~and also has the responsibility and control over and liability for a real estate trust account~~. A broker-in-charge is responsible for:

(a) the day-to-day management of the brokerage firm;

(b) the control and liability for a real estate trust account; and

(c) ensuring compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

The authority granted to the broker-in-charge cannot be assigned or designated to another licensee.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by deleting Section 40-57-30(11).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-57-30(21) and inserting:

(21) "Incompetency" means the failure of a licensee to demonstrate and apply the knowledge, skill, and care that is ordinarily possessed and exercised by other licensees of the same licensure status and required by the generally accepted standards of the profession. Charges of incompetence may be based upon a single act of incompetence or upon a course of conduct or series of acts or omissions that extend over a period of time and that, taken as a whole, demonstrate incompetence.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-57-30(23) and inserting:

(23) "Letter of Caution" means a written caution or warning about

past or future conduct issued when it is determined that only minor misconduct not warranting discipline has been committed. The issuance of a letter of caution is not a form of discipline and does not constitute a finding of misconduct unless the letter of caution specifically states that misconduct has been committed. While nondisciplinary, the fact that a letter of caution has been issued may be considered in a subsequent disciplinary proceeding.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-57-30(45) and inserting:

(45) "Wholesaling" means having a contractual interest in purchasing residential real estate from a property owner, then marketing the property for sale to a different buyer prior to taking legal ownership of the property. Advertising or marketing real estate owned by another individual or entity with the expectation of compensation falls under the definition of "broker" and requires licensure.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-57-110(E) and inserting:

(E) A license that has lapsed and is not reinstated by the last day of the ~~sixth~~twenty-fourth month following expiration is canceled.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-57-135(B) and inserting:

(B) ~~An associated~~A supervised licensee may not receive compensation from an activity requiring a real estate license from an entity or person other than the one for which the license is issued. ~~An associated~~A supervised licensee may form a business entity allowing the licensee's broker-in-charge or property manager-in-charge to pay fees or commissions to that entity if the principals in that entity hold an active real estate license.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by deleting Section 40-57-135(E)(2)(c).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-57-135(I)(5) and inserting:

(5) If an offer is rejected without counter, an offer rejection form, promulgated by the commission, signed by the licensee affirming presentation of the offer must be provided to the offeror by the licensee within forty-eight hours of rejection, whether the agent of the buyer, the seller, or if acting as a transaction broker.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-57-330(C) and inserting:

(C) When a designated broker-in-charge becomes disassociated with the office registered with the commission, the broker-in-charge

shall notify the commission within five days. The broker-in-charge designation will be removed and the licensee's license will be deactivated.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-57-340(A)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(1) A broker or ~~salesperson~~ associate shall submit to a criminal background check upon every third renewal as required for initial applicants pursuant to Section 40-57-115 and shall provide proof of satisfactory completion biennially of ten hours of continuing education in courses. The ten hours must include a minimum of four hours of instruction in mandated topics.

(2) A broker-in-charge shall submit to a criminal background check upon every third renewal as required for initial applicants pursuant to Section 40-57-115 and shall provide proof of satisfactory completion biennially of ten hours of continuing education in courses approved by the commission. The ten hours must include a minimum of four hours of instruction in mandated topics for a broker or ~~salesperson~~ associate license and four hours of continuing education must be in advanced real estate topics designed for brokers-in-charge.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-57-370(E) and inserting:

(E) For all real estate transactions, no agency relationship between a buyer, seller, landlord, or tenant and a real estate brokerage firm ~~and its associated licensees~~ exists unless the buyer, seller, landlord, or tenant and the brokerage company ~~and its associated licensees~~ agree, in writing, to the agency relationship. No type of agency relationship may be assumed by a buyer, seller, landlord, tenant, or licensee or created orally or by implication. A real estate brokerage firm may not be considered to have an agency relationship with a party or have agency obligations to a party but is responsible only for exercising reasonable care in the discharge of the real estate brokerage firm's specified duties, as provided in this chapter, and, in the case of a client, as specified in the agency agreement.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-57-710(A)(9) and inserting:

(9) is convicted of violating the federal and state fair housing laws, forgery, embezzlement, breach of trust, larceny, obtaining money or property under false pretense, extortion, fraud, conspiracy to defraud, or any other crime involving the theft or taking of the property belonging to another, or has been convicted of a felony sex-related, felony drug-related, felony real estate-related, felony financial, or felony

violent offense, or pleading guilty or nolo contendere to such an offense in a court of competent jurisdiction of this State, another state, or a federal court;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-57-710(A)(26) and inserting:

(26) fails to promptly submit all offers and counteroffers in a real estate sales transaction;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-57-710(B) and inserting:

(B) If after an investigation, charges of a violation are brought against a licensee, the broker-in-charge or property manager-in-charge must be notified of the charges. In the event a supervised licensee is noticed for a formal complaint hearing or otherwise appears before the commission to resolve the charges, the broker-in-charge or property manager-in-charge of record during the events in question must also attend the hearing. Unless the broker-in-charge or property manager-in-charge can show good cause as to why he failed to appear, the absence may result in the broker-in-charge or property manager-in-charge facing disciplinary action at the discretion of the commission.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-57-720(C)(3) and inserting:

(3) The commission shall render a decision and shall serve, within ninety days, notice, in writing, of the commission's decision to the licensee charged. The commission also shall state in the notice the date upon which the ruling or decision becomes effective.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Article 7, Chapter 57, Title 40 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 40-57-820. A licensee under this chapter is responsible for any and all work product produced by him or with the assistance of artificial intelligence, machine learning, or similar programs. A violation of this chapter that is committed through the use of these programs will be treated as if the violation was committed directly by the licensee.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTIONS 4 and 5 and inserting:

SECTION 4. Sections 40-57-135(E)(2) and 40-57-360 take effect twelve months after the date of ratification of the act.

SECTION 5. Except as otherwise provided, this act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope

Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Weeks	West	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4113--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4113 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Sandifer, Jefferson, M. M. Smith, Kirby and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE AN AMBULANCE ASSESSMENT FEE FOR PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES; TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AND CHARGE AMBULANCE SERVICES A UNIFORM FEE; TO ESTABLISH AN AMBULANCE FEE TRUST FUND AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORIZED USES OF THE FUND; TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPOSE PENALTIES AGAINST AMBULANCE SERVICES THAT FAIL TO PAY ASSESSED FEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. BLACKWELL explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 88; Nays 26

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg

Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliard	Haddon
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	J. Moore	T. Moore
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten		

Total--88

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Calhoon
Chumley	Cromer	Felder
Gilliam	Guffey	Hager
Harris	S. Jones	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
Mitchell	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	O'Neal	Pace

Pedalino	Vaughan	White
Willis	Yow	

Total--26

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

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 5, 2024
The Honorable Charles Reid
Clerk of the South Carolina House of Representatives
213 Blatt Bldg.
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Charles Reid,

I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on H. 4113, regarding creating an ambulance assessment fee for private ambulance services, requiring the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services to establish and charge ambulance services a uniform fee, establishing an ambulance fee trust fund and providing for the authorized uses of the fund, allowing the department to impose penalties against ambulance services that fail to pay assessed fees.

I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest, as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for March 5, 2024.

Sincerely,
Rep. M. Brian Lawson

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

H. 3594--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

H. 3594—CONFERENCE REPORT
The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., March 05, 2024

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:

H. 3594 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, G. M. Smith, Lowe, Wooten, Hiott, Bailey, Beach, Burns, Caskey, Crawford, Cromer, Elliott, Forrest, Haddon, Hardee, Hixon, Hyde, Jordan, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, T. Moore, B. Newton, Nutt, Oremus, M. M. Smith, S. Jones, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Willis, Yow, West, Lawson, Chapman, Chumley, Leber, Mitchell, Pace, Harris, O'Neal, Kilmartin, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Hager, Sandifer, Connell, Gilliam, Davis, B. L. Cox, Vaughan, White, Collins, J. E. Johnson, Gagnon, Gibson, W. Newton, Bustos, Herbkersman, Landing, Moss, Pope and Guest: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2023" BY AMENDING SECTION 10-11-320, RELATING TO CARRYING OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDERS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION THAT MAKES THIS SECTION INAPPLICABLE TO PERSONS THAT POSSESS CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMITS AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS WHO POSSESS FIREARMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-20, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PLACES WHERE AND CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH HANDGUNS MAY BE CARRIED, AND PERSONS WHO MAY CARRY HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-50, RELATING TO CERTAIN PENALTIES, DISPOSITION OF FINES, AND FORFEITURE AND DISPOSITION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-55, RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR RETURNING FOUND HANDGUNS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO FILING APPLICATIONS TO OBTAIN FOUND HANDGUNS, AND PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO MAINTAIN POSSESSION OR DISPOSE OF FOUND HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-420, RELATING TO POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION, AND DELETE THE TERM "WEAPON" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "FIREARM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-430, RELATING TO CARRYING WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE

PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-465, RELATING TO THE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFULLY CARRYING PISTOLS OR FIREARMS ONTO PREMISES OF BUSINESSES SELLING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, BEER, OR WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN OFFENSES THAT PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN DEADLY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO PERSONS WHO KNOWINGLY CARRY CERTAIN FIREARMS, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS LAWFULLY CARRYING FIREARMS WHO DO NOT CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-215, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS REQUIRING PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY PERMITS WHILE CARRYING WEAPONS AND IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS PERMIT HOLDERS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO REPORT THE LOSSES OF PERMITS TO SLED, TO REVISE THE PREMISES UPON WHICH PERMIT HOLDERS MUST NOT CARRY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES EXEMPTIONS TO CARRYING PERMITS, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR CARRYING EXPIRED PERMITS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-220, RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO ALLOW OR PERMIT CONCEALED WEAPONS UPON PREMISES AND THE POSTING OF SIGNS PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, THAT PERSONS MUST KNOWINGLY VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION TO BE CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION, AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT LIMIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN WEAPONS IN STATE PARKS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-232, RELATING TO CARRYING CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ON PREMISES OF CERTAIN SCHOOLS LEASED BY CHURCHES, SO AS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE CHURCH OFFICIALS OR GOVERNING

BODIES MAY ALLOW ANY PERSON TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON ON THE LEASED PREMISES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-235, RELATING TO CONCEALABLE WEAPON SIGN REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SIGNS MUST BE POSTED AT LOCATIONS WHERE THE CARRYING OF CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ARE PROHIBITED; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-600, RELATING TO RETIRED PERSONNEL, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 16-23-460, 23-31-225, AND 23-31-230, RELATING TO THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS BY INDIVIDUALS ON THEIR PERSON, INTO RESIDENCES OR DWELLINGS, OR BETWEEN A MOTOR VEHICLE AND A RENTED ACCOMMODATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-500, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY PERSONS CONVICTED OF VIOLENT OFFENSES, THE CONFISCATION OF CERTAIN WEAPONS, AND THE RETURN OF FIREARMS TO INNOCENT OWNERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIST OF CRIMES SUBJECT TO THIS PROVISION AND THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH VIOLATIONS, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "CRIME PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF MORE THAN ONE YEAR".

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

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

SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the "South Carolina Constitutional Carry/Second Amendment Preservation Act of 2023".

SECTION 2. Section 10-11-320(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) This section does not apply to a person who possesses ~~a concealable weapons' permit pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23~~ firearms and is authorized to park on the capitol grounds or in the parking garage below the capitol grounds. The firearm must remain locked in the person's vehicle while on or below the capitol grounds and must be stored in a place in the vehicle that is not readily accessible to any person upon entry to or below the capitol grounds.

SECTION 3. Section 16-23-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-23-20. (A) It is unlawful, whether or not the person has a concealed weapon permit, for anyone to carry about the person any handgun, whether concealed or not, ~~except as follows,~~ unless otherwise specifically ~~prohibited~~ authorized by law into a:

~~(1) regular, salaried law enforcement officers, and reserve police officers of a state agency, municipality, or county of the State, uncompensated Governor's constables, law enforcement officers of the federal government or other states when they are carrying out official duties while in this State, deputy enforcement officers of the Natural Resources Enforcement Division of the Department of Natural Resources, and retired commissioned law enforcement officers;~~

~~(2) members of the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard, organized reserves, or the State Militia when on duty;~~

~~(3) members, or their invited guests, of organizations authorized by law to purchase or receive firearms from the United States or this State or regularly enrolled members, or their invited guests, of clubs organized for the purpose of target shooting or collecting modern and antique firearms while these members, or their invited guests, are at or going to or from their places of target practice or their shows and exhibits;~~

~~(4) licensed hunters or fishermen who are engaged in hunting or fishing or going to or from their places of hunting or fishing while in a vehicle or on foot;~~

~~(5) a person regularly engaged in the business of manufacturing, repairing, repossessing, or dealing in firearms, or the agent or representative of this person, while possessing, using, or carrying a handgun in the usual or ordinary course of the business;~~

~~(6) guards authorized by law to possess handguns and engaged in protection of property of the United States or any agency of the United States;~~

~~(7) members of authorized military or civil organizations while parading or when going to and from the places of meeting of their respective organizations;~~

~~(8) a person in his home or upon his real property or a person who has the permission of the owner or the person in legal possession or the person in legal control of the home or real property;~~

~~(9) a person in a vehicle if the handgun is:~~

~~(a) secured in a closed glove compartment, closed console, closed trunk, or in a closed container secured by an integral fastener and transported in the luggage compartment of the vehicle; however, this item is not violated if the glove compartment, console, or trunk is opened in the presence of a law enforcement officer for the sole purpose of~~

~~retrieving a driver's license, registration, or proof of insurance. If the person has been issued a concealed weapon permit pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23, then the person also may secure his weapon under a seat in a vehicle, or in any open or closed storage compartment within the vehicle's passenger compartment; or~~

~~(b) carried openly or concealed on or about his person, and he has a valid concealed weapons permit pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23;~~

~~(10) a person carrying a handgun unloaded and in a secure wrapper from the place of purchase to his home or fixed place of business or while in the process of changing or moving one's residence or changing or moving one's fixed place of business;~~

~~(11) a prison guard while engaged in his official duties;~~

~~(12) a person who is granted a permit under provision of law by the State Law Enforcement Division to carry a handgun about his person, under conditions set forth in the permit, and while transferring the handgun between the permittee's person and a location specified in item (9);~~

~~(13) the owner or the person in legal possession or the person in legal control of a fixed place of business, while at the fixed place of business, and the employee of a fixed place of business, other than a business subject to Section 16-23-465, while at the place of business; however, the employee may exercise this privilege only after: (a) acquiring a permit pursuant to item (12), and (b) obtaining the permission of the owner or person in legal control or legal possession of the premises;~~

~~(14) a person engaged in firearms-related activities while on the premises of a fixed place of business which conducts, as a regular course of its business, activities related to sale, repair, pawn, firearms training, or use of firearms, unless the premises is posted with a sign limiting possession of firearms to holders of permits issued pursuant to item (12);~~

~~(15) a person while transferring a handgun directly from or to a vehicle and a location specified in this section where one may legally possess the handgun.~~

~~(16) Any person on a motorcycle when the pistol is secured in a closed saddlebag or other similar closed accessory container attached, whether permanently or temporarily, to the motorcycle.~~

(1) law enforcement, correctional, or detention facility;

(2) courthouse, courtroom, or other publicly owned building, whether owned by the State, a county, a municipality, or other political subdivision, where court is held and during the time that court is in session;

(3) polling place on election days;

(4) office of or business meeting of the governing body of a county, public school district, municipality, or special purpose district;

(5) school or college athletic event not related to firearms;

(6) daycare facility or preschool facility;

(7) place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited by federal law;

(8) church or other established religious sanctuary unless express permission is given by the appropriate church official or governing body;

(9) hospital, medical clinic, doctor's office, or any other facility where medical services or procedures are performed, unless expressly authorized by the appropriate entity;

(10) residence or dwelling place of another person without the express permission of the owner or person in legal control or possession of the residence or dwelling place, as appropriate; or

(11) place clearly marked with a sign prohibiting the carrying of a concealable weapon on the premises in compliance with Section 23-31-235. A person who violates a provision of this item, whether the violation is wilful or not, only may be charged with a violation of Section 16-11-620 and must not be charged with or penalized for a violation of this subsection.

(B) The provisions of subsection (A) do not apply to:

(1) regular, salaried law enforcement officers, and reserve police officers of a state agency, municipality, or county of the State, uncompensated Governor's constables, law enforcement officers or other authorized personnel of the federal government or other states when they are carrying out official duties while in this State, deputy enforcement officers of the Natural Resources Enforcement Division of the Department of Natural Resources, and retired commissioned law enforcement officers;

(2) employees of a law enforcement facility, correctional facility, detention facility, or courthouse while in the course of employment and where the employment requires the possession of a firearm;

(3) members of the Armed Forces of the United States, the National Guard, organized reserves, or the State Militia when on duty;

(4) subject to the limitations of Section 23-31-600(D), persons who meet the definition of "qualified retired law enforcement officer" contained in Section 23-31-600; or

(5) a person carrying as authorized by Section 23-31-240.

(C) Nothing contained in this section may be construed to alter or affect the provisions of Sections 10-11-320, 16-23-30, 16-23-420,

16-23-430, 16-23-465, 44-23-1080, 44-52-165, and 51-3-145, or the ability for a person to obtain a concealed weapon permit as provided for in Section 23-31-215.

(D) Notwithstanding any provision in this section, a person who is not otherwise prohibited by law from carrying a firearm may lawfully store a firearm anywhere in a vehicle whether occupied or unoccupied.

SECTION 4. Section 16-23-50(A)(2) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) A person violating the provisions of Section 16-23-20 is guilty of ~~a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be~~:

(1) a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both~~.~~, for a first offense;

(2) a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not more than three years for a second offense; or

(3) a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned not more than five years for a third or subsequent offense.

SECTION 5. Section 16-23-55(C) and (D) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) After the ninety days have elapsed from publication of the first advertisement, and upon request of the individual who found and turned over the handgun, the agency shall return the handgun to this person if the individual ~~fully completes the application process as described in Section 23-31-140 and in federal law, and~~ pays all advertising and other costs incidental to returning the handgun. ~~No handgun may be returned until the individual fully completes the application.~~

(D) ~~Upon proper completion of the application, the law enforcement agency shall provide copies of the application in compliance with Section 23-31-140~~Notwithstanding subsection (C), the agency shall not return a handgun to the individual who found and turned it in if that individual is prohibited under state or federal law from possessing or receiving a handgun. The agency may dispose of any handgun that is not reclaimed or returned under this section by sale in accordance with Section 27-21-22 and Section 27-21-20.

SECTION 6. Section 16-23-420 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-23-420. (A) It is unlawful for a person to possess a firearm of any kind on any premises or property owned, operated, or controlled by a private or public school, college, university, technical college, other post-secondary institution, or in any publicly owned building, without the express permission of the authorities in charge of the premises or property. The provisions of this subsection related to any premises or

property owned, operated, or controlled by a private or public school, college, university, technical college, or other post-secondary institution, do not apply to ~~a person who is authorized to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23~~ when the ~~weapon~~firearm remains inside an attended or locked motor vehicle and is secured in a closed glove compartment, closed console, closed trunk, or in a closed container secured by an integral fastener and transported in the luggage compartment of the vehicle.

(B) It is unlawful for a person to enter the premises or property described in subsection (A) and to display, brandish, or threaten others with a firearm.

(C) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

(D) This section does not apply to a guard, law enforcement officer, or member of the armed forces, or student of military science. A married student residing in an apartment provided by the private or public school whose presence with a ~~weapon~~ firearm in or around a particular building is authorized by persons legally responsible for the security of the buildings is also exempted from the provisions of this section.

(E) For purposes of this section, the terms "premises" and "property" do not include state or locally owned or maintained roads, streets, or rights-of-way of them, running through or adjacent to premises or property owned, operated, or controlled by a private or public school, college, university, technical college, or other post-secondary institution, which are open full time to public vehicular traffic.

(F) This section does not apply to a person ~~who is authorized to carry concealed weapons pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31 of Title 23~~ when upon any premises, property, or building that is part of an interstate highway rest area facility.

SECTION 7. Section 16-23-430 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-23-430. (A) It shall be unlawful for any person, except state, county, or municipal law enforcement officers or personnel authorized by school officials, to carry on his person, while on any elementary or secondary school property, a knife, with a blade over two inches long, a blackjack, a metal pipe or pole, firearms, or any other type of weapon, device, or object which may be used to inflict bodily injury or death.

(B) This section does not apply ~~to a person who is authorized to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23~~ when the weapon remains inside an attended or locked motor vehicle and is

secured in a closed glove compartment, closed console, closed trunk, or in a closed container secured by an integral fastener and transported in the luggage compartment of the vehicle.

(C) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both. Any weapon or object used in violation of this section may be confiscated by the law enforcement division making the arrest.

SECTION 8. Section 16-23-465 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-23-465. (A) In addition to the penalties provided for by Sections 16-11-330, 16-11-620, ~~16-23-460,~~23-31-220, and Article 1, Chapter 23, Title 16, a person convicted of knowingly carrying a firearm into a business which sells alcoholic liquor, beer, or wine for consumption on the premises is guilty of a misdemeanor~~,~~ and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than two years, or both.

In addition to the penalties described above, a person who violates this section while carrying a concealable weapon pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23 must have his concealed weapon permit revoked for a period of five years.

(B)(1) This section does not apply to a person otherwise lawfully carrying a ~~concealable weapon pursuant to and in compliance with Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23; however, the person shall~~firearm who does not consume alcoholic liquor, beer, or wine while carrying the concealable weapon on the business' premises. A person who violates this item may be charged with a violation of subsection (A).

(2) A property owner, holder of a lease interest, or operator of a business may prohibit the carrying of concealable weapons into the business by posting a "NO CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ALLOWED" sign in compliance with Section 23-31-235. A person who carries a concealable weapon into a business with a sign posted in compliance with Section 23-31-235 may be charged with a violation of subsection (A).

(3) A property owner, holder of a lease interest, or operator of a business may request that a person carrying a concealable weapon leave the business' premises, or any portion of the premises, or request that a person carrying a concealable weapon remove the concealable weapon from the business' premises, or any portion of the premises. A person carrying a concealable weapon who refuses to leave a business' premises or portion of the premises when requested or refuses to remove the concealable weapon from a business' premises or portion of the premises

when requested may be charged with a violation of subsection (A).

SECTION 9. Section 23-31-215(K), (M), (O), and (U) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(K) ~~A permit holder must have his permit identification card in his possession whenever he carries a concealable weapon. When carrying a concealable weapon pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23, a permit holder must inform a law enforcement officer of the fact that he is a permit holder and present the permit identification card when an officer:~~

~~(1) identifies himself as a law enforcement officer; and~~

~~(2) requests identification or a driver's license from a permit holder.~~

A permit holder ~~immediately~~ must report the loss or theft of a permit identification card to SLED headquarters within forty-eight hours of the time the permit holder knew or reasonably should have known of the loss or theft. A person who violates the provisions of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined twenty-five dollars.

An owner or other person who is lawfully in possession of a firearm, rifle, or shotgun in this State who suffers the loss or theft of such weapon shall report, within ten days of discovery, the loss or theft of each weapon to the appropriate local law enforcement agency, whether local police department or county sheriff's office, which would have appropriate jurisdiction where the weapon is located. In addition, the facts and circumstances of the loss or theft also must be reported to the appropriate law enforcement agency to which the report is made.

(M) A permit issued pursuant to this section does not authorize a permit holder to carry a concealable weapon into ~~a.~~any place listed in Section 16-23-20(A) except as permitted by law.

~~(1) law enforcement, correctional, or detention facility;~~

~~(2) courthouse or courtroom;~~

~~(3) polling place on election days;~~

~~(4) office of or the business meeting of the governing body of a county, public school district, municipality, or special purpose district;~~

~~(5) school or college athletic event not related to firearms;~~

~~(6) daycare facility or preschool facility;~~

~~(7) place where the carrying of firearms is prohibited by federal law;~~

~~(8) church or other established religious sanctuary unless express permission is given by the appropriate church official or governing body;~~

~~(9) hospital, medical clinic, doctor's office, or any other facility where medical services or procedures are performed unless expressly authorized by the employer; or~~

~~(10) place clearly marked with a sign prohibiting the carrying of a concealable weapon on the premises pursuant to Sections 23-31-220 and 23-31-235. Except that a property owner or an agent acting on his behalf, by express written consent, may allow individuals of his choosing to enter onto property regardless of any posted sign to the contrary. A person who violates a provision of this item, whether the violation is wilful or not, only may be charged with a violation of Section 16-11-620 and must not be charged with or penalized for a violation of this subsection.~~

~~Except as provided for in item (10), a person who wilfully violates a provision of this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than one year, or both, at the discretion of the court and have his permit revoked for five years.~~

Except as provided in Section 16-23-20(A)(11), a person who wilfully violates a provision of this subsection may be charged with a violation of Section 16-23-20 and in addition to the penalties provided in Section 16-23-20, at the discretion of the court, may have his permit revoked for up to five years.

Nothing contained in this subsection may be construed to alter or affect the provisions of Sections 10-11-320, 16-23-420, 16-23-430, 16-23-465, 44-23-1080, 44-52-165, ~~50-9-830,~~ and 51-3-145.

(O)(1) A permit issued pursuant to this article is not required for a person:

~~(1) specified in Section 16-23-20, items (1) through (5) and items (7) through (11);~~

(~~2~~a) carrying a self-defense device generally considered to be nonlethal including the substance commonly referred to as "pepper gas"; or

(~~3~~b) carrying a concealable weapon in a manner not prohibited by law.

(2) The availability of a permit to carry a concealable weapon under this section must not be construed to prohibit the permitless transport or carrying of a firearm in a vehicle or on or about one's person, whether openly or concealed, loaded or unloaded, in a manner not prohibited by law.

~~(U) A concealable weapon permit holder whose permit has been expired for no more than one year may not be charged with a violation of Section 16-23-20 but must be fined not more than one hundred dollars.~~

SECTION 10. Section 23-31-220 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 23-31-220. (A) Nothing contained in this article shall in any

way be construed to limit, diminish, or otherwise infringe upon:

(1) the right of a public or private employer to prohibit a person who is ~~licensed under this article~~ otherwise not prohibited by law from possessing a handgun from carrying a concealable weapon, whether concealed or openly carried, upon the premises of the business or ~~work place~~ workplace or while using any machinery, vehicle, or equipment owned or operated by the business; or

(2) the right of a private property owner or person in legal possession or control to allow or prohibit the carrying of a concealable weapon, whether concealed or openly carried, upon his premises.

(B) The posting by the employer, owner, or person in legal possession or control of a sign stating "NO CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ALLOWED" shall constitute notice to a person ~~holding a permit issued pursuant to this article~~ that the employer, owner, or person in legal possession or control requests that concealable weapons, whether concealed or openly carried, not be brought upon the premises or into the ~~work place~~workplace. A person who knowingly brings a concealable weapon, whether concealed or openly carried, onto the premises or ~~work place~~ workplace in violation of the provisions of this paragraph may be charged with a violation of Section 16-11-620. In addition to the penalties provided in Section 16-11-620, a person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of the provisions of this paragraph must have his permit revoked for a period of one year. The prohibition contained in this section does not apply to persons specified in Section 16-23-20~~, item~~ (B)(1).

(C) In addition to the provisions of subsection (B), a public or private employer or the owner of a business may post a sign regarding the prohibition or allowance on those premises of concealable weapons, whether concealed or openly carried, which may be unique to that business.

(D) This section must not be construed to limit an individual from carrying a concealable weapon pursuant to Section 51-3-145(G).

SECTION 11. Section 23-31-232(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, upon express permission given by the appropriate church official or governing body, ~~a person who holds a valid permit issued pursuant to this article~~ any person may carry a concealable weapon, whether concealed or openly carried, on the leased premises of an elementary or secondary school if a church leases the school premises or areas within the school for church services or official church activities.

(1) The provisions contained in this section apply:

(a) only during those times that the church has the use and enjoyment of the school property pursuant to its lease with the school; and

(b) only to the areas of the school within the lease agreement, any related parking areas, or any reasonable ingress or egress between these areas.

(2) A school district may request that a church utilizing school property for its services disclose and notify the school district if persons are, or may be, carrying concealed weapons on the school property.

(3) The provisions of this section do not apply during any time students are present as a result of a curricular or extracurricular school-sponsored activity that is taking place on the school property.

SECTION 12. Section 23-31-235(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) All signs must be posted at each entrance into a building where carrying of a concealable weapon ~~permit holder~~ is prohibited ~~from carrying a concealable weapon, whether concealed or openly carried,~~ and must be:

(1) clearly visible from outside the building;

(2) eight inches wide by twelve inches tall in size;

(3) contain the words "NO CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ALLOWED" in black one-inch tall uppercase type at the bottom of the sign and centered between the lateral edges of the sign;

(4) contain a black silhouette of a handgun inside a circle seven inches in diameter with a diagonal line that runs from the lower left to the upper right at a forty-five-degree angle from the horizontal;

(5) a diameter of a circle; and

(6) placed not less than forty inches and not more than sixty inches from the bottom of the building's entrance door.

SECTION 13. Section 23-31-600(D) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(D) The restrictions contained in ~~Sections~~ Section 23-31-220 ~~and 23-31-225~~ are applicable to a person carrying a concealed weapon pursuant to this section. Carrying a concealed weapon into the residence or dwelling place of another person is prohibited without the expressed permission of the owner or person in legal control or possession of the premises, as appropriate.

SECTION 14. Section 51-3-145(G) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(G) Possessing any firearm, airgun, explosive, or firework except by duly authorized park personnel, law enforcement officers, or persons

using areas specifically designated by the department for use of firearms, airguns, fireworks, or explosives. Licensed hunters may have firearms in their possession during hunting seasons provided that such firearms are unloaded and carried in a case or the trunk of a vehicle except that in designated game management areas where hunting is permitted, licensed hunters may use firearms for hunting in the manner authorized by law. This subsection shall not apply to a person in possession or carrying a concealable weapon ~~pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23, and the concealable weapon and its ammunition~~, as defined in Section 23-31-20(5).

SECTION 15. Sections 16-23-460, 23-31-225, and 23-31-230 of the S.C. Code are repealed.

SECTION 16. Section 16-23-500 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-23-500. (A) Except as provided in subsection (F), it is unlawful for a person who has been convicted of a ~~violent crime, as defined by Section 16-1-60, that is classified as a felony offense,~~ crime punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of more than one year to possess a firearm or ammunition within this State.

(B) A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction ~~must be fined not more than two thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.~~:

(1) for a first offense, must be imprisoned not more than five years;

(2) for a second offense, must be imprisoned for a mandatory minimum of five years, but not more than twenty years; and

(3) for a third or subsequent offense, must be imprisoned for a mandatory minimum of ten years, but not more than thirty years.

(C)(1) In addition to the penalty provided in this section, the firearm or ammunition involved in the violation of this section must be confiscated. The firearm or ammunition must be delivered to the chief of police of the municipality or to the sheriff of the county if the violation occurred outside the corporate limits of a municipality. The law enforcement agency that receives the confiscated firearm or ammunition may use it within the agency, transfer it to another law enforcement agency for the lawful use of that agency, trade it with a retail dealer licensed to sell firearms or ammunition in this State for a firearm, ammunition, or any other equipment approved by the agency, or destroy it. A firearm or ammunition must not be disposed of in any manner until the results of any legal proceeding in which it may be involved are finally determined. If the State Law Enforcement Division seized the firearm or ammunition, the division may keep the firearm or ammunition for use by its forensic laboratory. Records must be kept of all confiscated

firearms or ammunition received by the law enforcement agencies under the provisions of this section.

(2) A law enforcement agency that receives a firearm or ammunition pursuant to this section shall administratively release the firearm or ammunition to an innocent owner. The firearm or ammunition must not be released to the innocent owner until the results of any legal proceedings in which the firearm or ammunition may be involved are finally determined. Before the firearm or ammunition may be released, the innocent owner shall provide the law enforcement agency with proof of ownership and shall certify that the innocent owner will not release the firearm or ammunition to the person who has been charged with a violation of this section which resulted in the confiscation of the firearm or ammunition. The law enforcement agency shall notify the innocent owner when the firearm or ammunition is available for release. If the innocent owner fails to recover the firearm or ammunition within thirty days after notification of the release, the law enforcement agency may maintain or dispose of the firearm or ammunition as otherwise provided in this section.

(D) The ~~judge that hears the case involving the violent~~ court with jurisdiction over an offense,~~ as defined by Section 16-1-60, that is classified as a felony offense,~~ punishable by imprisonment for more than one year, as provided in subsection (A), shall make a specific finding on the record that the offense is ~~a violent offense, as defined by Section 16-1-60, and is classified as a felony offense~~ subject to the provisions of this section. A judge's failure to make a specific finding on the record does not bar or otherwise affect prosecution pursuant to this subsection and does not constitute a defense to prosecution pursuant to this subsection.

(E) A second or subsequent offense for the purpose of this section means any conviction pursuant to Section 16-23-500(A).

(F) For the purpose of this section, "crime punishable by a maximum term of imprisonment of more than one year" does not include:

(1) any offense in this State or another jurisdiction pertaining to antitrust violations, unfair trade practices, restraints of trade, or other similar offenses relating to the regulation of business practices;

(2) any offense classified by the laws of this State or another jurisdiction as a misdemeanor and punishable by a term of imprisonment of five years or less; or

(3) any crime for which the conviction has been expunged, or set aside or for which a person has been pardoned or has had civil rights restored, unless such pardon, expungement, or restoration of civil rights expressly provides that the person may not ship, transport, possess, or

receive firearms.

SECTION 17. Section 22-5-910 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 22-5-910. (A) Following a conviction for a crime carrying a penalty of not more than thirty days imprisonment or a fine of one thousand dollars, or both, or a first offense for unlawful possession of a firearm or weapon carrying a penalty of not more than one year or a fine of one thousand dollars, or both, the defendant after three years from the date of the conviction, including a conviction in magistrates or general sessions court, may apply, or cause someone acting on his behalf to apply, to the circuit court for an order expunging the records of the arrest and conviction and any associated bench warrant. However, this section does not apply to an offense involving the operation of a motor vehicle.

(B) Following a conviction for domestic violence in the third degree pursuant to Section 16-25-20(D), or Section 16-25-20(B)(1) as it existed before June 4, 2015, the defendant after five years from the date of the conviction, including a conviction in magistrates or general sessions court, may apply, or cause someone acting on his behalf to apply, to the circuit court for an order expunging the records of the arrest and conviction and any associated bench warrant.

(C) If the defendant has had no other conviction, including out-of-state convictions, during the three-year period as provided in subsection (A), or during the five-year period as provided in subsection (B), the circuit court may issue an order expunging the records including any associated bench warrant.

(D) After the expungement, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division is required to keep a nonpublic record of the offense and the date of the expungement to ensure that no person takes advantage of the rights of this section more than once. This nonpublic record is not subject to release pursuant to Section 34-11-95, the Freedom of Information Act, or any other provision of law except to those authorized law or court officials who need to know this information in order to prevent the rights afforded by this section from being taken advantage of more than once.

(E) As used in this section, "conviction" includes a guilty plea, a plea of nolo contendere, or the forfeiting of bail. For the purpose of this section, any number of offenses ~~for crimes carrying a penalty of not more than thirty days imprisonment or a fine of one thousand dollars, or both~~ listed pursuant to subsection (A), for which the individual received sentences at a single sentencing proceeding that are closely connected and arose out of the same incident may be considered as one offense and treated as one conviction for expungement purposes.

(F) No person may have the person's record expunged under this

section if the person has pending criminal charges of any kind unless the charges have been pending for more than five years; however, this five-year time period is tolled for any time the defendant has been under a bench warrant for failure to appear. No person may have the person's records expunged under this section more than once. A person may have the person's record expunged even though the conviction occurred before the effective date of this section.

SECTION 18. Section 23-31-240 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 23-31-240. (A) Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this article, the following persons who possess a valid permit pursuant to this article may carry a concealable weapon anywhere within this State:

(1) active Supreme Court justices;
(2) active judges of the court of appeals;
(3) active circuit court judges;
(4) active family court judges;
(5) active masters-in-equity;
(6) active probate court judges;
(7) active magistrates;
(8) active municipal court judges;
(9) active federal judges;
(10) active administrative law judges;
(11) active solicitors and assistant solicitors;
(12) active workers' compensation commissioners; ~~and~~
(13) the Attorney General and assistant attorneys general;
(14) active county clerks of court; and
(15) active public defenders and assistant public defenders.

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (A), public defenders and assistant public defenders may not carry a concealable weapon into a local or state correctional facility.

SECTION 19. Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 23-31-245. A person openly carrying a weapon in accordance with this article does not give a law enforcement officer reasonable suspicion or probable cause to search, detain, or arrest the person. This article does not prevent a law enforcement officer from searching, detaining, or arresting a person when he has a particularized and objective basis for suspecting the particular person stopped of criminal activity. A person merely carrying a weapon in accordance with this article is not sufficient to justify a search, detention, or arrest.

SECTION 20.Chapter 1, Title 17 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 17-1-65. A person may apply for an expungement of one conviction for unlawful possession of a handgun as provided in Section 16-23-20, if the conviction occurred prior to the enactment of the S.C. Constitutional Carry/Second Amendment Preservation Act of 2023. An application under this section must be made within five years of the enactment of this section.

SECTION 21. Section 23-31-215 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(V)(1) The State Law Enforcement Division shall provide a statewide concealed weapon permit training course that satisfies the proof of training requirement for the issuance of a concealed weapon permit. SLED may not charge participants a fee of any kind for the concealed weapon permit training course provided for in this subsection. SLED may contract with private certified concealed weapon permit training class instructors or local law enforcement to provide the course or SLED itself may provide the course.

(2) The training course must be offered in every county in South Carolina at least twice per month. If demand exceeds the capacity of the training course in any county, SLED shall provide additional classes until there exists a sufficient number of classes offered at least twice a month to meet the demand for training in each respective county. If SLED is unable to contract with a certified concealed weapon permit training class instructor or local law enforcement in any county, SLED must conduct the training class for that county.

(3) This program does not prohibit any certified concealed weapon permit training class instructors from providing their own training classes and charging participants a fee.

SECTION 22. Chapter 23, Title 16 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 16-23-495. (A) A person convicted of committing or attempting to commit a crime involving a concealable weapon, as defined by Section 23-31-210(5), in violation of an offense listed in Chapter 23, Title 16, or a violation of Section 10-11-320, must be imprisoned not to exceed three years. A term of imprisonment imposed for violating this section must be served consecutively to any term of imprisonment imposed for the underlying offense, and may not exceed the actual sentence imposed for the underlying offense.

(B) This section does not apply to a person with a valid permit to carry a concealable weapon issued pursuant to Article 4, Chapter 31, Title 23, provided that the permit was valid at the time the crime was committed.

(C) The additional punishment may not be imposed unless the

indictment alleged as a separate count that the person was in possession of a concealable weapon without a valid concealed weapon permit during the commission of the crime and conviction was had upon this count in the indictment. The penalties prescribed in this section may not be imposed unless the person convicted was at the same time indicted and convicted of the underlying crime.

(D) The State Law Enforcement Division shall develop a document and distribute it to retailers that are federally licensed to engage in the business of dealing in or selling firearms in South Carolina. Such retailers shall provide the document to gun purchasers in South Carolina to inform them that South Carolina law provides a process for gun owners to obtain a concealed weapon permit and allows law-abiding gun owners to carry their weapons without a permit. The document must inform gun purchasers that if a gun owner commits a crime involving a concealable weapon, and the owner does not have a valid concealed weapon permit, then there may be an additional criminal penalty for the underlying offense.

(E) The State Law Enforcement Division must conduct a regular, statewide marketing campaign to inform South Carolinians that South Carolina law provides a process for gun owners to obtain a concealed weapon permit and allows law-abiding gun owners to carry their weapons without a permit. The campaign must inform gun purchasers that if a gun owner commits a crime involving a concealable weapon, and the owner does not have a valid concealed weapon permit, then there may be an additional criminal penalty for the underlying offense.

SECTION 23. Section 23-31-215(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except subject to subsection (B), SLED must issue a permit, which is no larger than three and one-half inches by three inches in size, to carry a concealable weapon to a resident or qualified nonresident who is at least ~~twenty-one~~eighteen years of age and who is not prohibited by state law from possessing the weapon upon submission of:

(1) a completed application signed by the person;

(2) a photocopy of a driver's license or photographic identification card;

(3) proof of residence or if the person is a qualified nonresident, proof of ownership of real property in this State;

(4) proof of actual or corrected vision rated at within six months of the date of application or, in the case of a person licensed to operate a motor vehicle in this State, presentation of a valid driver's license;

(5) proof of training; and

(6) a complete set of fingerprints unless, because of a medical condition verified in writing by a licensed medical doctor, a complete set of fingerprints is impossible to submit. In lieu of the submission of fingerprints, the applicant must submit the written statement from a licensed medical doctor specifying the reason or reasons why the applicant's fingerprints may not be taken. If all other qualifications are met, the Chief of SLED may waive the fingerprint requirements of this item. The statement of medical limitation must be attached to the copy of the application retained by SLED. A law enforcement agency may charge a fee not to exceed five dollars for fingerprinting an applicant.

SECTION 24. No provision in this act should be construed as the General Assembly discouraging responsible gun ownership; and the General Assembly, in fact, encourages all gun owners to pursue and receive appropriate gun safety training before carrying a firearm or weapon.

SECTION 25. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

SECTION 26. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 27. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Massey	/s/Rep. Caskey
/s/Senator Martin	/s/Rep. B.J. Cox
/s/Senator Hutto	/s/Rep. Bamberg
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. CASKEY explained the Conference Report.

Rep. ROSE spoke against the Conference Report.
Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke against the Conference Report.
Rep. OTT spoke against the Conference Report.
Rep. JEFFERSON spoke against the Conference Report.
Rep. KING spoke against the Conference Report.
Rep. GILLIARD spoke against the Conference Report.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. LEBER raised the Point of Order under Rule 9.3 that Rep. Gilliard's remarks on the Conference Report to H. 3594 were not germane to the topic under consideration.

Rep. GILLIARD argue contra.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER argued contra.

Rep. HART argued contra and stated that Rule 9.3 was not applicable because the House was not considering Amendments but was considering the question of adoption of a Conference Report.

The SPEAKER overruled the Point of Order and stated that Rule 9.3 was not applicable to the situation facing the House. However, he stated that although he was overruling the Point of Order that all members must confine their statements, and use of analogies and metaphors, to the topic under debate.

Rep. GILLIARD continued speaking.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke in favor of the Conference Report.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. BAMBERG continued speaking.
Rep. RIVERS spoke against the Conference Report.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. RIVERS continued speaking.

Rep. HART spoke against the Conference Report.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke against the Conference Report.

Rep. B. J. COX spoke in favor of the Conference Report.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 86; Nays 33

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	West

White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--86

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Felder	Garvin
Gilliard	Hart	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams

Total--33

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was granted leave on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. During this excused leave, the House of Representatives adopted the conference report on H. 3594. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of adopting the conference report.

Rep. Jeffery E. Johnson

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 5201 -- Reps. Blackwell, Clyburn, Hixon, Oremus and Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR

WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:34 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. WILLIAMS, adjourned in memory of Frankie Johnson, Jr., to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Wednesday, March 6, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Isaiah 61:1: “The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of our Lord’s favor.”

Let us pray. Ever-present God, help us to see and trust that Your saving work is with us so that we may not fear, complain, or forget Your goodness to us. Awesome God, help us to live a life that reflects Your power and glory meant for us and all the World. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort to make this State great. We pray for our men and women who serve our Country and who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. HENEGAN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of former Representative Wade R. "Ronnie" Crow, which was agreed to.

Wade R. “Ronnie” Crow

Mr. Speaker, I move that when the House adjourns today, that we do so in memory of a man who dedicated his life to serving others - Wade R. "Ronnie" Crow of Marlboro County.

Wade "Ronnie" Crow passed away on January 19, 2024, surrounded by his family.

Mr. Crow was a licensed attorney. He loved politics. He entered countywide politics in 1974, and later statewide politics. He served as an elected member of the South Carolina General Assembly.

During his term as a representative, he served on the Judiciary Committee and his second term on the Ways and Means Committee. He also served on the South Carolina State Reorganization Commission.

Attorney Crow served on many committees at the local and state level during his lifetime. He was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge and also a Shriner in OMAR Temple.

We extend our condolences to his wife and other family members, and I further move that these remarks be printed in the House Journal.

Representative Patricia Moore Henegan

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 5203 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET PROVISO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2024", SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE S.C. CODE OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO CODIFY OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-17-170, 59-1-471, 59-17-180, 59-17-190, 59-67-310, 59-67-800, 59-67-330, 59-67-340, 59-17-200, 59-17-210, 59-1-472, AND 59-1-407 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-150 AND 59-6-130 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-51-60, 59-51-70, AND 59-51-80 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-130, 59-47-140, AND 59-47-150 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND; BY ADDING SECTION 59-49-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-7-70, 59-7-80, 59-7-90, AND 59-101-220 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING

TO THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-50-80, 59-50-90, AND 59-50-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-48-80, 59-48-90, 59-48-100, AND 59-1-497 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-123-330 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-53-110 AND 59-53-170 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 60-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-15-100, 60-15-110, AND 60-15-120 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-13-60, 60-13-70, 60-13-80, AND 60-13-90 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-31-180 AND 43-31-190 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-6-116, 44-6-117, 44-6-118, 44-6-119, 44-6-120, 44-6-121, 44-6-122, AND 44-6-123 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-1-320, 44-1-330, 44-1-340, 44-1-350, 44-1-360, 44-1-370, 48-6-90, 44-1-380, 48-6-100, 48-6-110, 44-1-400, 44-1-410, AND 44-1-420 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-170 AND 44-9-180 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-20-40, 44-20-50, 44-20-60, 44-20-70, AND 44-20-80 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-49-90 AND 44-49-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-1-270, 43-1-280, 43-1-290, 43-1-300, 43-1-310, 43-1-320, 43-1-330, 43-1-340, 43-1-350, 43-1-360, AND 43-1-370 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-210 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-2300 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY; BY ADDING SECTION 31-13-100 AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-430, RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CODIFY PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 48-23-310, 48-23-320, AND 48-23-330 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PSA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-3-200, 50-3-210, 50-3-220, 50-3-230, AND 50-3-240 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-45-90 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 51-1-100, 51-1-110, AND 51-1-120 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 13-1-70, 13-1-80, 13-1-90, 13-1-100, 13-1-110, 13-1-120, 13-1-130, AND 13-1-140 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-50-190 AND 11-40-280 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-9-270, 14-1-250, 14-3-460, 14-1-260, 14-1-270, 14-1-280, 14-1-290, AND 14-1-300 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-23-690 AND 14-1-290 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-3-87, 23-3-90, 23-3-92, 23-3-95, 23-3-97, AND 23-3-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY ADDING SECTION 23-6-197 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-23-170 AND 23-23-180 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 24-1-330, 24-1-340, 24-1-350, 24-1-360, 24-1-370, 24-1-380, 24-1-390, 24-1-400, 24-1-410, 24-1-420, 24-1-430, 24-1-440, 24-1-450, AND 24-1-460 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-120 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON; BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-19-500, 63-19-510, 63-19-520, 63-19-530, 63-19-540, 63-19-550, 63-19-560, AND 63-19-570 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-13-120, 1-13-130, AND 1-13-140 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 1-31-70, 1-31-80, 1-31-90, 1-31-100, AND 1-31-110 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-4-140, 58-4-150, AND 58-4-160 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 42-7-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 38-3-250 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; BY ADDING SECTION 34-1-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-304 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 41-3-150, 41-3-160, 23-9-199, AND 41-3-170 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240, 57-3-250, AND 57-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 55-1-110, 55-1-120 AND 55-1-130 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS; BY ADDING SECTION 10-3-70 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATED TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR;

BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-498 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-300 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER; BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 7-3-80, 7-3-90, AND 7-3-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1720, 59-101-440, 59-53-110, 59-101-450, 1-11-492, 1-1-1730, 11-11-85, 1-1-1740, 11-49-180, BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-1310, RELATING TO THE USE TAX, BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-610, 11-55-60, 59-1-498, 1-1-1750, 1-11-499, 1-1-1760; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1770 AND 1-3-70 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-220 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO STATEWIDE REVENUE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3776 -- Reps. Bannister, Bamberg, Caskey, Collins, Connell, Elliott, Garvin, Gatch, Guest, Hager, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, McCabe, McCravy, Mitchell, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Stavrinakis, T. Moore, Tedder, W. Newton, Weeks, Wetmore and Wheeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 14-5-130 RELATING TO JUDGES ABSENTING THEMSELVES FROM THE STATE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4561 -- Reps. Wetmore, Dillard, Collins, Erickson, B. Newton, Schuessler, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Pendarvis and

Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1348, RELATING TO USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO USE CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR DEPENDENT CARE OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO DEFINE "DEPENDENT CARE".

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4563 -- Reps. Bernstein, J. L. Johnson and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-11-345 SO AS TO CLARIFY THE POWER OF SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS TO OWN, ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, USE, LEASE, CONVEY, SELL, TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF PROPERTY IN FURTHERANCE OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS, TO PROVIDE THESE POWERS ARE IN ADDITION TO POWERS AND AUTHORIZATIONS PREVIOUSLY VESTED IN SUCH DISTRICTS, AND DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4234 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bernstein and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "SUPPORTS AND ASSISTANCE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-103, RELATING TO FACILITY OF PAYMENT OR DELIVERY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE NATURE OF THE FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLAR THRESHOLD; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-106, RELATING TO DUTIES OF GUARDIANS AD LITEM, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LENGTH OF TIME THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM HAS TO SUBMIT HIS REPORT PRIOR TO THE HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-108, RELATING TO EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY ORDERS AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 62-5-303, 62-5-303A, 62-5-303B, 62-5-303C, AND 62-5-

303D, ALL RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR COURT APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-307, RELATING TO INFORMAL REQUESTS FOR RELIEF, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE WARD'S ABILITY TO SUBMIT CERTAIN REQUESTS TO THE COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-401, RELATING TO VENUES, SO AS TO CLARIFY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT, IN THE CASE OF MINOR CONSERVATORSHIPS, PROPER VENUE IS THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MINOR RESIDES OR OWNS PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403A, RELATING TO SERVICE OF SUMMONS AND PETITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN OTHER AFFIDAVITS AND REPORTS AMONG THOSE THAT MUST BE FILED WITH THE PETITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403B, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL AND GUARDIANS, SO AS TO APPOINT NURSE PRACTITIONERS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, NURSES, AND PSYCHOLOGISTS TO SERVE AS EXAMINERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403C, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND WAIVERS, SO AS TO REVISE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CERTAIN PROCEDURES IF NO PARTY REQUESTS A HEARING OR IF THE ALLEGED INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL WAIVES HIS RIGHT TO A HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-405, RELATING TO PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN ACTS THAT MAY BE PERFORMED BY CONSERVATORS AND SPECIAL CONSERVATORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-422, RELATING TO POWERS OF CONSERVATORS IN ADMINISTRATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-426, RELATING TO CLAIMS AGAINST PROTECTED PERSONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE CLAIMANT ALSO MUST FILE A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE CLAIM WITH THE PROBATE COURT IN WHICH THE CONSERVATORSHIP IS UNDER ADMINISTRATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-428, RELATING TO ACTIONS FOR REQUESTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE APPOINTMENT, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REVISE CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT THE COURT MAY TAKE AFTER THE TIME FOR RESPONSE TO THE PETITION HAS ELAPSED TO ALL PARTIES SERVED; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-433, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS IN FAVOR OF OR AGAINST MINORS OR INCAPACITATED PERSONS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINE "GUARDIAN AD LITEM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-715, RELATING TO CONFIRMATIONS OF GUARDIANSHIPS OR CONSERVATORSHIPS TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER STATES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COURT MORE DISCRETION AS TO THE TYPE OF DOCUMENTS IT MAY REQUIRE IN THE TRANSFER OF A GUARDIANSHIP OR CONSERVATORSHIP FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-716, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF ORDERS FROM ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN CERTAIN OTHER JURISDICTIONS, A GUARDIAN MAY ALSO HOLD THE SAME POWERS AS A CONSERVATOR.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4642 -- Reps. Mitchell, Gilliam, Pope and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-20, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF ACT OF CONGRESS, SO AS TO DISALLOW CONFLICTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-40, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2420, RELATING TO THE MILITARY CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "MILITARY FORCES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2430, RELATING TO PERSONS SUBJECT TO CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR WHAT JURISDICTION DUTY STATUS INCLUDES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2520, RELATING TO NONJUDICIAL DISCIPLINARY PUNISHMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PERSONS MAY NOT DECLINE NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2530, RELATING TO TYPES OF COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR WHOM A SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL CONSISTS OF; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2550, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF GENERAL COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO REMOVE FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2560, RELATING TO THE

JURISDICTION OF SPECIAL COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO REMOVE FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2570, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PUNISHMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2620, RELATING TO DETAIL AND DESIGNATION OF MILITARY JUDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY CONVENING A SUMMARY COURT-MARTIAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2765, RELATING TO VOTING AND RULINGS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN REFERENCES TO THE PRESIDENT OF A COURT MARTIAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2780, RELATING TO RECORD OF TRIAL, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2795, RELATING TO FORFEITURE OF PAY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE SENTENCE OF FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2805, RELATING TO THE REDUCTION IN PAY GRADE AND THE RESTORATION OF BENEFITS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2865, RELATING TO THE REMISSION OR SUSPENSION OF A SENTENCE, SO AS TO REPLACE FORFEITURES WITH FINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2985, RELATING TO THE IMPROPER USE OR DISCLOSURE OF PAROLE OR COUNTERSIGN, SO AS TO INCLUDE WHEN THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3140, RELATING TO WRIT WHEN FINE HAS NOT BEEN PAID, SO AS TO UPDATE DATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3145, RELATING TO WRIT OF SENTENCE OF CONFINEMENT, SO AS TO UPDATE DATES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3160, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OF CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE IS NOT BINDING ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4813 -- Reps. Wooten and W. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-23-60, RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE

ISSUED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL, SO AS TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING CERTIFICATION MUST UNDERGO CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, TO PROVIDE SLED AND THE FBI MAY RETAIN THE INDIVIDUALS' FINGERPRINTS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES, AND TO PROVIDE THE INDIVIDUALS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COSTS OF THE RECORDS CHECKS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5209 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SERVICE OF TRANSIT EMPLOYEES AND THE BENEFIT THEY PROVIDE FOR ALL CITIZENS IN THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO DECLARE MARCH 18, 2024, NATIONAL TRANSIT EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5210 -- Reps. Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC., ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE AND TO WELCOME TO SOUTH CAROLINA THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR PLATINUM JUBILEE FROM MARCH 22 TO MARCH 24, 2024, IN COLUMBIA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5211 -- Reps. Gagnon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard,

Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND BUSINESSES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CONSUMER-FACING PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE AND TO DECLARE THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024, AS "STO PROGRAMS DAY" IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5212 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA UPON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, TO

RECOGNIZE RACHELLE JAMERSON-HOLMES UPON HER ELECTION AS THE 2023-2024 ABWA NATIONAL PRESIDENT, AND TO WELCOME ALL ABWA MEMBERS AND GUESTS FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL "AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S DAY" AT THE STATE HOUSE ON MARCH 7, 2024.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5213 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE WITH THE TOWN OF IRMO THE ANNUAL IRMO CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BEAUTY OF THE FESTIVAL, AND TO PROCLAIM MARCH 23, 2024, AS CHERRY BLOSSOM DAY IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5214 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GRAY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5215 -- Reps. J. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones,

W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. SEBASTIAN CAMACHO REYES, DISTINGUISHED CRIMINAL JUDGE AND COLOMBIAN ATTORNEY, FOR HIS CONTINUED EFFORTS TO UPHOLD HUMAN RIGHTS AND SEEK JUSTICE FOR THOSE IN NEED, AND TO WELCOME HIM TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5216 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT LEGISLATURE TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS ANNUAL STATE HOUSE SESSION APRIL 3-5, 2024, UNLESS THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, authorize the South Carolina Student Legislature to use the chamber of the South Carolina House of Representatives for its annual State House session on April 3-5, 2024, unless the chamber is otherwise unavailable.

Be it further resolved that no charges may be made for the use of the House chamber by the South Carolina Student Legislature.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5217 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR BISHOP CEDRIC M. BOYD FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AND TO EXTEND TO HIM BEST WISHES FOR GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5218 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, May, Magnuson, T. A. Morgan, Kilmartin, Cromer, Pace, S. Jones, O'Neal, Oremus, Burns, Harris, Chumley, Beach, McCabe and White: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 4.6 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO COMMITTEES AND THEIR PROCEDURES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES TO SET BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS WITH FIFTEEN OR MORE SPONSORS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE FULL COMMITTEE OR SUBCOMMITTEE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF A WRITTEN REQUEST OF A SPONSOR OR COSPONSOR.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5219 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, May, Magnuson, T. A. Morgan, Kilmartin, Cromer, Pace, Harris, S. Jones, Oremus, Chumley, Burns, Long, Beach, McCabe, O'Neal and White: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 4.4 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO COMMITTEES AND THEIR PROCEDURES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE LIVESTREAMING OF ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS, INCLUDING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5220 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, May, Magnuson, T. A. Morgan, Kilmartin, Cromer, Pace, Harris, S. Jones, Oremus, Burns, Chumley, Beach, McCabe, O'Neal and White: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 10 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY ADDING RULE 10.17 SO AS TO RESTRICT A LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS FROM INSTITUTING RULES THAT RESTRICT A MEMBER'S ABILITY TO SPEAK IN THE PUBLIC FORUM OR THAT ATTEMPTS TO RESTRICT POLITICAL SPEECH.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5221 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, May, Magnuson, T. A. Morgan, Kilmartin, Cromer, Pace, S. Jones, Oremus, Long, Burns, Harris, Ott, Chumley, Beach, McCabe and White: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 7.2 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO ROLL CALL VOTING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IN JUDICIAL ELECTIONS, THE AYES AND NAYS MUST BE ENTERED IN THE HOUSE JOURNAL AND THE ELECTRONIC ROLL SYSTEM MUST BE USED REGARDLESS OF IF THE ELECTION IS CONTESTED.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5222 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, May, Magnuson, T. A. Morgan, Kilmartin, Cromer, Pace, Harris, O'Neal, Burns, Chumley, Beach, Oremus, McCabe and White: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 8.9 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO MOTION PROCEDURES, SO AS TO ALLOW A MOTION TO VACATE THE SPEAKERSHIP.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5223 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE HEATHWOOD HALL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM ON ITS IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5224 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long,

Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR MS. JEANETTE CHANDA MAKGOLO, COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF BOTSWANA UNIFIED REVENUE SERVICE, FOR HER SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO BOTSWANA'S PUBLIC SECTOR AND TO RECOGNIZE HER CONTRIBUTIONS IN IMPLEMENTING MEASURES TO ENHANCE HER COUNTRY'S FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY AND EFFICIENCY IN PROVIDING RELATED SERVICES.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5225 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1180 SO AS TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR EACH CLINICAL ROTATION SERVED BY A PHYSICIAN, ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE, OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AS A PRECEPTOR FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5226 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Crawford, Elliott, B. J. Cox, Wetmore, Hewitt, Neese, West, Sessions, B. Newton, Bannister, Herbkersman, Rutherford and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-130, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE FACILITY LICENSURE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-170, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL OR A SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO

PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR LICENSING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 5227 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-3-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HIRING AND REMOVAL OF ALL STATE AGENCY HEADS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5228 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8-11-164 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY SUSPEND A STATE AGENCY HEAD BY THE PASSAGE OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5229 -- Reps. Mitchell, Henegan, Murphy, Yow, Robbins, Guffey, Wheeler and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-53-70, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF BENCH WARRANTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CLERK OF COURT TO ISSUE A BENCH WARRANT IF A DEFENDANT VIOLATES THE CONDITIONS OF RELEASE ON BOND.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5230 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THIS STATE IN THE DEFINITION OF "SOLICITOR" AND TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PROVISIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SYSTEM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-40, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE SYSTEM, SO AS TO ALLOW THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SERVING ON JULY 1, 2024, TO ELECT TO BECOME A MEMBER.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5231 -- Rep. Bamberg: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 104 OF 2021, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONSOLIDATED BAMBERG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ITS NINE MEMBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE TO BE ELECTED FROM SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS WHICH CORRESPOND WITH THE BAMBERG COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS, AND TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS ARE TO BE ELECTED FROM THE COUNTY AT-LARGE.

Referred to Bamberg Delegation

H. 5232 -- Reps. Brewer, Hewitt, Guffey, Mitchell, Murphy and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY REGULATION REGARDING THE USE, DISPOSITION, SALE, OR ANY IMPOSITION OF ANY PROHIBITION, RESTRICTION, FEE IMPOSITION, OR TAXATION OF A CO-OWNED HOME MUST BE DONE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5233 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-29-205 SO AS TO PROHIBIT NURSING SCHOOLS FROM REQUIRING THAT STUDENTS BE VACCINATED WITH A NOVEL VACCINE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Felder

Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total Present--120

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WOOTEN a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HARRIS a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. ERICKSON a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. COLLINS a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. OTT a temporary leave of absence.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. PEDALINO presented to the House the Clarendon Hall "Saints" 2-A SCISA Championship Varsity Softball Team.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3160
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3180
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	TAYLOR

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3247
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	YOW

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3735
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	HENDERSON-MYERS, MAGNUSON, LAWSON, T. MOORE, NUTT, HYDE, LONG and CHUMLEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4158
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4234
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4333
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	WEEKS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4365
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	RIVERS and WILLIAMS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4385
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	LONG

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4609
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	B. L. COX

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4649
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	WILLIAMS and HENEGAN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4655
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	HENDERSON-MYERS, HART, KING, WILLIAMS and HENEGAN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4680
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	HART

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4874
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	CHAPMAN and FORREST

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4954
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	W. JONES, T. A. MORGAN, B. J. COX, WEEKS, WHEELER and SESSIONS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5105
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	WILLIAMS and HENEGAN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5157
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5164
Date:	ADD:
03/06/24	TAYLOR

CO-SPONSORS REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 4388
Date:	REMOVE:
03/06/24	ATKINSON, OTT and GAGNON

S. 972--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 972 -- Senator Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 595 OF 1994, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES IN GREENWOOD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 50, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THESE REAPPORTIONED DISTRICTS.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 95; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard

Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hiott	Hixon
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pendarvis	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Yow	

Total--95

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total—0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 972. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jeff Bradley

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 4552 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Clyburn, Henegan, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Robbins, Brewer, King, Wheeler, Henderson-Myers, Erickson, Stavrinakis, Weeks, Davis, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS.

H. 4754 -- Reps. Sandifer and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 57, TITLE 40 SO AS TO OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDERS OF PRELICENSING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-57-725 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND PENALTIES AND APPEALS; AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 57, TITLE 40, RELATING TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINE TERMS, MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, DEFINE THE USE OF APPLICATION FEES, OUTLINE THE PROCEDURE FOR A LICENSE CLASSIFICATION CHANGE, ALLOW FOR RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS, PROHIBIT BAD FAITH AGREEMENTS, REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF REQUIRED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION FOR BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, PROHIBIT ENGAGING IN, REPRESENTING OTHERS IN, OR ASSISTING OTHERS IN THE PRACTICE OF WHOLESALING, REGULATE TEAM MARKETING, AND ADDRESS LICENSING AFTER REVOCATION.

H. 4113 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Sandifer, Jefferson, M. M. Smith, Kirby and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE AN AMBULANCE ASSESSMENT

FEE FOR PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES; TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AND CHARGE AMBULANCE SERVICES A UNIFORM FEE; TO ESTABLISH AN AMBULANCE FEE TRUST FUND AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORIZED USES OF THE FUND; TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPOSE PENALTIES AGAINST AMBULANCE SERVICES THAT FAIL TO PAY ASSESSED FEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

H. 4218--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4218 -- Reps. Pope, Sandifer, Carter, Kirby, Jefferson and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 38-63-110, 38-65-130, 38-71-300, AND 38-72-110 ALL SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN INSURERS FROM CANCELING, LIMITING, OR DENYING COVERAGE, OR ESTABLISHING DIFFERENTIALS IN PREMIUM RATES BASED UPON GENETIC INFORMATION.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4218 (LC-4218.PH0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 38-63-110(B), (C), and (D) and inserting:

(B) A life insurer shall not require an individual to whom the insurer provides life insurance coverage, or an individual who applies for life insurance coverage, to take a genetic test as a precondition of insurability and shall not require the complete genome sequencing of an individual's DNA.

(C) A life insurer shall not request, obtain, or use an individual's genetic information for underwriting purposes without first obtaining the individual's signed, written consent.

(D) Provided that an individual's signed, written consent is obtained, no life insurer authorized to transact insurance in this State may cancel, limit, or deny coverage based solely on an individual's genetic information.

(E) This section does not apply to the underwriting or issuance of an accident-only policy, hospital indemnity or fixed indemnity policy, dental policy, or vision policy or any other actions of an insurer directly related to an accident-only policy, hospital indemnity or fixed indemnity

policy, dental policy, or vision policy.

(F) Nothing in this section may be construed as preventing a life insurer from accessing an individual's medical record as part of an application exam. Nothing in this section prohibits a life insurer from considering a medical diagnosis included in an individual's medical record, even if a diagnosis was made based on the results of genetic testing.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 38-65-130(B), (C), and (D) and inserting:

(B) A life insurer shall not require an individual to whom the insurer provides life insurance coverage, or an individual who applies for life insurance coverage, to take a genetic test as a precondition of insurability and shall not require the complete genome sequencing of an individual's DNA.

(C) A life insurer shall not request, obtain, or use an individual's genetic information for underwriting purposes without first obtaining the individual's signed, written consent.

(D) Provided that an individual's signed, written consent is obtained, no life insurer authorized to transact insurance in this State may cancel, limit, or deny coverage based solely on an individual's genetic information.

(E) This section does not apply to the underwriting or issuance of an accident-only policy, hospital indemnity or fixed indemnity policy, dental policy, or vision policy or any other actions of an insurer directly related to an accident-only policy, hospital indemnity or fixed indemnity policy, dental policy, or vision policy.

(F) Nothing in this section may be construed as preventing a life insurer from accessing an individual's medical record as part of an application exam. Nothing in this section prohibits a life insurer from considering a medical diagnosis included in an individual's medical record, even if a diagnosis was made based on the results of genetic testing.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 38-71-300(B) and (C) and inserting:

(B) A health insurer shall not require an individual to whom the insurer provides health insurance coverage, or an individual who applies for health insurance coverage, to take a genetic test as a precondition of insurability and shall not require the complete genome sequencing of an individual's DNA.

(C) A health insurer shall not request, obtain, or use an individual's genetic information for underwriting purposes without first obtaining the

individual's signed, written consent.

(D) Provided that an individual’s signed, written consent is obtained, no accident and health insurer authorized to transact insurance in this State may cancel, limit, or deny coverage based solely on an individual’s genetic information.

(E) This section does not apply to the underwriting or issuance of an accident-only policy, hospital indemnity or fixed indemnity policy, dental policy, or vision policy or any other actions of an insurer directly related to an accident-only policy, hospital indemnity or fixed indemnity policy, dental policy, or vision policy.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 38-72-110(B), (C), and (D) and inserting:

(B) A long-term care insurer shall not require an individual to whom the insurer provides long-term care insurance coverage, or an individual who applies for long-term care insurance coverage, to take a genetic test as a precondition of insurability and shall not require the complete genome sequencing of an individual’s DNA.

(C) A long-term care insurer shall not request, obtain, or use an individual’s genetic information for underwriting purposes without first obtaining the individual's signed, written consent.

(D) Provided that an individual’s signed, written consent is obtained, no long-term care insurer authorized to transact insurance in this State may cancel, limit, or deny coverage based solely on an individual’s genetic information.

(E) This section does not apply to the underwriting or issuance of an accident-only policy, hospital indemnity or fixed indemnity policy, dental policy, or vision policy or any other actions of an insurer directly related to an accident-only policy, hospital indemnity or fixed indemnity policy, dental policy, or vision policy.

(F) Nothing in this section may be construed as preventing a long-term care insurer from accessing an individual’s medical record as part of an application exam. Nothing in this section prohibits a life insurer from considering a medical diagnosis included in an individual’s medical record, even if a diagnosis was made based on the results of genetic testing.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HARDEE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West

Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4218. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Don Chapman

H. 5146--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5146 -- Reps. Lowe, Jordan, Kirby, Alexander and Williams: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXPEDITIOUSLY AND FULLY COOPERATE WITH FLORENCE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FACILITATING THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS FUNDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR LOCAL FUNDS AT INTERSECTIONS OF ROADWAYS MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT ANYWHERE IN FLORENCE COUNTY.

Rep. Hager proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5146 (LC-5146.VR0001H), which was tabled:

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

SECTION 1. (A) The South Carolina Department of Transportation shall expeditiously and fully cooperate with Florence County and the City of Florence in facilitating the installation and use of automatic license plate readers, funded by the General Assembly in the 2023-2024 Appropriations Act, or through local funds, at intersections of roadways maintained by the department anywhere in Florence County. Use of such

automated license plate readers to issue traffic citations is prohibited.

(B) The provisions of this Joint Resolution expire on July 1, 2026.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HAGER explained the amendment.

Rep. HAGER moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. Lowe proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 5146 (LC-5146.WAB0002H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION 1. (A) The South Carolina Department of Transportation shall expeditiously and fully cooperate with Florence County and the City of Florence in facilitating the installation and use of automatic license plate readers funded by the General Assembly in the 2023-2024 Appropriations Act, or through local funds, at intersections of roadways maintained by the department anywhere in the county.

(B) Florence County and the City of Florence are authorized and shall collect and maintain data from automated license plate readers referred to subsection (A) for a maximum of ninety days; provided, however, if the data is a part of an ongoing criminal investigation, the data may be retained until the final disposition of the case. For purposes of this joint resolution, an ongoing criminal investigation does not include investigations of minor traffic violations, and in no event may data collected from the readers be used to investigate or prosecute minor traffic violations.

(C) Florence County and the City of Florence, or a vendor acting on behalf of either, may not use data collected and stored from automated license plate readers referred to in subsection (A) for commercial purposes.

(D) Data collected or retained from a license plate reader referred to in subsection (A) is not subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act.

(E) For purposes of this joint resolution:

(1) “automated license plate reader” means a mobile or fixed automated high-speed camera used in combination with computer algorithms to convert images of license plates into computer-readable data; and

(2) “minor traffic violations” include violations of Section 56-5-

1520(G)(1), (2), or (3).
Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

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

The question recurred to the passage of the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 61; Nays 39

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Carter
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Elliott
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliard	Guest	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Lowe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Pace
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Thigpen	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--61

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Bradley	Burns
Chapman	Chumley	B. J. Cox
Cromer	Gibson	Gilliam

Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Long
Magnuson	McCabe	McCravy
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pendarvis	Rose
Rutherford	Sessions	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Trantham	Vaughan

Total--39

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

H. 4611--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4611 -- Reps. Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hardee, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-785 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE UNLAWFUL REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF ELECTRONIC COLLARS OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES PLACED ON DOGS BY THEIR OWNERS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4611 (LC-4611.CM0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 50-11-785, by adding a subsection to read:

(C) The provisions of this section do not apply when an electronic collar or other electronic tracking device placed on a dog by its owner is removed or destroyed for the reasonable administration of medical assistance given to the dog.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. FORREST explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan

Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4612--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4612 -- Reps. Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hartnett, Hardee, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Murphy, Connell, Mitchell, Hager, Caskey, Forrest, Wooten, Elliott, B. J. Cox and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 55-3-110, RELATING TO HUNTING FROM AN AIRCRAFT, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS POSSESSING A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY LAWFULLY HUNT FROM AN AIRCRAFT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-1190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY ISSUE PERMITS FOR THE TAKING OF FERAL HOGS WHILE AIRBORNE IN A HELICOPTER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4612 (LC-4612.CM0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 50-11-1190(B) and inserting:

(B) No feral hog may be taken using a helicopter on any parcel or group of parcels consisting of less than 500 contiguous acres. An application for a permit issued under this section must identify the specific parcel from which feral hogs are to be taken with sufficient detail to enable law enforcement to locate the property. Reference from

the nearest town, mile marker, prominent intersection, or geographic positioning system coordinates should be included.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 50-11-1190(G) and inserting:

(G) A person who violates the conditions of a permit, or who hunts or kills, or attempts to hunt or kill any animal or bird, other than a feral hog, or who engages in hunting for sport or profit while airborne in a helicopter is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned for a term not to exceed thirty days. Any permit issued to that person is revoked. The magistrates court retains concurrent jurisdiction for offenses contained in this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. FORREST explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers

Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 5105--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5105 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Caskey, Chapman, B. L. Cox, Gagnon, Williams and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-53-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A POLICY APPLICABLE TO ALL TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA

COMMISSIONS THAT RECOGNIZES AND AWARDS CREDENTIALS AND COLLEGE CREDIT FOR COURSES AND EXPERIENCES COMPLETED IN THE MILITARY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLICY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND TO PROVIDE THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM SHALL WORK WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES TO ENSURE THE CONSISTENT REVIEW AND AWARDING OF ELIGIBLE CREDIT.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Felder
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss

Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4819--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4819 -- Reps. Felder, Bernstein and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1960, RELATING IN PART TO PARKING PLACARDS FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, SO AS TO ALLOW APPLICANTS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING PLACARDS TO PROVIDE A PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE PLACARD SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE'S APPROVAL.

Rep. GILLIAM explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns

Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5234 -- Rep. Elliott: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT REGULATORY OVERREACH ON THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, TO ENCOURAGE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO REEVALUATE PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, AND TO URGE SUPPORT OF FRAMEWORKS THAT CELEBRATE INNOVATION AND ACCELERATE PROGRESS IN THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5235 -- Reps. Bannister and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-7-465, RELATING TO INSURERS PROVIDING COVERAGE TO PERSONS RECEIVING MEDICAID, SO AS TO COMPORT WITH THE FEDERAL CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2022.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5236 -- Reps. Bannister and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-6-50, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OR A SUCCESSOR AGENCY, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES CONCERNING MEDICAID CLAIMS PROCESSING CONTRACTS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 3160--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3160 -- Reps. Stavrinakis, Gilliard and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL VEHICLE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PREARRANGED RIDE".

Rep. GILLIAM explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe

McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4933--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4933 -- Reps. Wooten, G. M. Smith and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-5015, RELATING TO SUNSCREEN DEVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.

Rep. GILLIAM explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer

Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

RECORD FOR VOTING

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4933. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Paula Rawl Calhoon

H. 4436--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4436 -- Reps. Wooten, Ballentine, Long, Erickson, Caskey, Calhoon, Wetmore, Taylor, Forrest, Hiott, Davis, Pope, Herbkersman, M. M. Smith, Robbins, Lawson, Burns, Chumley, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1538, RELATING TO EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE DRIVERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING VEHICLE CONTROL IN CERTAIN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES TO AVOID INTERFERING WITH THE OPERATION OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Rep. GILLIAM explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 116; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson

Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Yow	

Total—116

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4158--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4158 -- Reps. Pendarvis, M. M. Smith, Bauer, King, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH

CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4158 (LC-4158.SA0001H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 27-40-350 and inserting:

Section 27-40-350 (A) If a residential tenant is a protected tenant, the tenant may:

(1) terminate the protected tenant's obligations under a rental agreement within sixty days of the date of the documented qualifying incident; and

(2) not be held liable for penalties or fees that might otherwise be imposed for the termination of the protected tenant's obligations under a rental agreement within sixty days of the documented qualifying incident.

(B) A protected tenant shall provide the landlord with written notice of the intent to terminate the protected tenant's obligations under a rental agreement within sixty days after the documented qualifying incident and is entitled to remain at the residence for at least thirty days following the submission of the notice to the landlord. The protected tenant is still responsible for paying rent and other amounts owed, other than any fees imposed for early termination of the rental agreement, during the thirty days before the termination of the protected tenant's obligations under a rental agreement.

(C) The protected tenant's obligations as a tenant must continue through the effective date of the termination. Any cotenants on the lease with the protected tenant shall remain responsible for the rent for the balance of the term of the rental agreement. If the perpetrator is the remaining sole tenant obligated on the rental agreement, the landlord may terminate the rental agreement with five days' written notice and collect actual damages for such termination against the perpetrator.

(D) A landlord:

(1) may not require or force the protected tenant to vacate the residence before the expiration of the thirty days authorized by this section, but may enter into an agreement with the protected tenant to terminate the protected tenant's obligations under a rental agreement earlier than what is required pursuant to this section; and

(2) is entitled to all remedies available arising from the destruction or damage of the rental unit caused by the protected tenant or permitted by the protected tenant while on the premises with the protected tenant's permission.

(E) A landlord may not take any retaliatory action against a protected tenant in response to the early termination of the protected tenant's obligations under a rental agreement pursuant to this section.

(F) A landlord may not terminate a tenancy, fail to renew a tenancy, refuse to enter into a rental agreement, or otherwise retaliate in the rental of a dwelling based substantially on:

(1) the tenant, applicant, or a household member's status as a protected tenant; or

(2) the tenant or applicant having terminated a rental agreement under Section 27-40-350.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 27-40-210 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(19) "protected tenant" means a tenant or household member who is a victim of a qualifying incident.

(20) "qualifying incident" means domestic abuse or violence as defined by Chapter 4 of Title 20 or Chapter 25 of Title 16 wherein both the victim and the perpetrator are leaseholders on the same property and the domestic abuse or violence is documented by law enforcement, court, or other federal or state agency records or files.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the amendment.

Reps. RUTHERFORD, CALHOON, BERNSTEIN, PENDARVIS, DILLARD, ROBBINS, WEEKS, WHEELER, MCCABE, MURPHY, GIBSON, J. L. JOHNSON, RIVERS, HOSEY, DAVIS, B. L. COX, CROMER, THAYER and CHAPMAN requested debate on the Bill.

H. 5066--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5066 -- Reps. Elliott, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Bailey, Wheeler, T. Moore, Taylor, Hixon, Oremus, Blackwell, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Bradley, Erickson, Hyde, Ballentine and Calhoon: A BILL

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 ENTITLED THE "FAIR ACCESS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS" SO AS TO PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE OPTION TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE TO ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SUCH A POLICY, TO CREATE THE AFFORDABLE LIQUOR LIABILITY FUND TO AID IN THE FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXCISE TAX ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK MUST BE CREDITED TO THE FUND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-33-245, RELATING TO THE EXCISE TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIQUOR LIABILITY RISK MITIGATION PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE INSURANCE RESERVE FUND IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE A START-UP LOAN TO THE FUND.

Reps. W. NEWTON, CARTER, BRITTAIN, B. NEWTON, FELDER, O'NEAL, LIGON, GUFFEY, HYDE, T. MOORE, MCCRAVY, NUTT, GUEST, J. E. JOHNSON, BAILEY, B. L. COX, PACE, MAGNUSON, OTT, HIOTT, HEWITT, RIVERS, MCDANIEL, ROBBINS, HART, JEFFERSON, CHUMLEY, GIBSON, GILLIAM, BREWER, MITCHELL, WHITE and CASKEY requested debate on the Bill.

H. 4817--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4817 -- Reps. West and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-500, RELATING TO THE SALE OR PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS WITHOUT PROOF OF AGE AND THE LOCATION OF VENDING MACHINES, SO AS TO INCLUDE ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS TO PRESENT PROOF OF AGE UPON DEMAND, AND TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ALTERNATIVE

NICOTINE PRODUCTS FROM VENDING MACHINES IN CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS.

Rep. BUSTOS spoke in favor of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 87; Nays 21

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Guest
Guffey	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	McDaniel
McGinnis	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Burns	Calhoon	Chumley
Connell	Crawford	Cromer
Felder	Gibson	Gilliam
Hager	McCabe	McCravy
Mitchell	Moss	Nutt
Oremus	Taylor	Trantham
White	Willis	Yow

Total--21

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

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 6, 2024
The Honorable Charles Reid
Clerk of the South Carolina House of Representatives
213 Blatt Bldg.
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Charles Reid,

I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on H. 4817, regarding the sale or purchase of tobacco products to minors without proof of age and the location of vending machines, including alternate nicotine products and to require individuals seeking to purchase tobacco products or alternate nicotine products to present proof of age upon demand. It additionally allows for the purchase of tobacco products and alternative nicotine products from vending machines in certain establishments.

I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest, as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for March 6, 2024.

Sincerely,
Rep. Jordan Pace

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

H. 4333--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4333 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, King, Davis, Pace, B. L. Cox, McDaniel, Henderson-Myers and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-320, RELATING TO SITE AND SERVICE LIMITATIONS ON MOBILE OPTOMETRY UNITS AND CERTAIN ASSOCIATED DISCIPLINARY ACTION LIMITATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN SITES OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE CHILDREN FROM LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES DURING THE SUMMER.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4333 (LC-4333.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION X. Section 40-37-20 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(9) “Community foundation” means an organization, lawfully organized and in good standing, that typically focuses on supporting a geographical area by addressing community needs and supporting local nonprofits.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:
White

Total--1

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I inadvertently pushed the wrong button during the vote on H. 4333, voting against the passage of the Bill. I intended to vote in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Joe White

H. 4680--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4680 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Henegan, Hartnett, Lawson, Moss, Kilmartin, White, Bauer, Sessions, Pope, Felder, Ligon, Guffey, O'Neal, Hardee, Leber, Gilliard, Rivers, King, Caskey, Henderson-Myers and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197, RELATING TO THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "FIREFIGHTER" TO PROVIDE THE TERM INCLUDES CERTAIN NONRESIDENTS OF THIS STATE.

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

H. 4365--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4365 -- Reps. Gilliam, Wetmore, Cobb-Hunter, Henegan, Guffey, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Williams and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT; AND TO DESIGNATE THE

EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

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

H. 3988--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3988 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Pedalino, Forrest and Wheeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACTS THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY, TO PERMIT THE DELEGATION OF CERTAIN ACTS TO TRAINED PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND PHARMACY INTERNS, AND TO DEFINE AN ADDITIONAL TERM; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-84, RELATING TO PHARMACY INTERNS AND EXTERNS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN DIRECT SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-190, RELATING TO PROTOCOL FOR PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES WITHOUT PRACTITIONER ORDERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DISPENSATION OF CERTAIN DRUGS AND DEVICES, TO LOWER THE VACCINATION RECIPIENT AGE TO TWELVE YEARS OF AGE, TO AUTHORIZE DIRECTLY SUPERVISED PHARMACY INTERNS TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN VACCINATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE WRITTEN PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-200, RELATING TO THE JOINT PHARMACIST ADMINISTERED VACCINES COMMITTEE, SO AS TO RENAME THE COMMITTEE AS THE "JOINT PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE" AND MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO PROVIDE THE PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE MUST SUBMIT ITS INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY NO LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT, AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE.

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

H. 4649--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4649 -- Reps. Bannister, Carter, Leber, Vaughan, West, Elliott, Williams and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE CERTAIN SECURITY PERSONNEL TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND SECURITY ON SCHOOL PREMISES IF LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS, AND TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS REMAIN OBLIGATED TO USE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS LICENSURE, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO SECURITY OFFICER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION AGENCY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS.

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

H. 4655--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4655 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Oremus, Cobb-Hunter, J. L. Johnson, Collins, Henderson-Myers, Hart, King, Williams and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MANDATORY MINIMUM PERIODS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECESS IN FOUR-YEAR OLD

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE EACH YEAR IN ADDITION TO OTHER CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RECESS PERIODS MUST BE HELD INDOORS DURING TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER; TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 AS "PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY"; TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL TAKE CERTAIN MEASURES TO CONFORM THEIR RESPECTIVE REGULATIONS AND RULES TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT PREVAIL TO THE EXTENT THEY CONFLICT WITH ANY SUCH REGULATIONS AND RULES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 5100--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5100 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 5101--POINT OF ORDER

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5101 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4002--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4002 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Hiott, Davis, B. Newton, Erickson, Bannister, Haddon, Sandifer, Thayer, Hixon, Carter, Robbins, Blackwell, Forrest and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-980 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN INMATE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO POSSESS TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE DIRECTOR, TO DEFINE THE TERM "TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE", AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Rep. G. M. Smith proposed the following Amendment No. 1A to H. 4002 (LC-4002.CM0007H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION X. This act may be cited as the “Captain Robert Johnson Act”.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. G. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 117; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer

Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--117

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were amended, and the Bill was ordered returned to the Senate.

H. 3592--POINT OF ORDER

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3592 -- Reps. Hyde and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-86, RELATING TO COMPOUNDING OF MEDICATIONS BY PHARMACIES , SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPOUNDING PHARMACIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-87, RELATING TO NUCLEAR/RADIOLOGIC PHARMACY PRACTICES, SO AS TO REMOVE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING NUCLEAR PHARMACY FACILITIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-88, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PREPARATION, LABELING, AND DISTRIBUTION OF STERILE PRODUCTS BY PHARMACIES, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN STANDARDS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HYDE made the Point of Order that the Senate Amendments were improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to such reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3355--POINT OF ORDER

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3355 -- Reps. Moss and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-4072 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TOWING TRUCK WITH A FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLY MAY TOW ONE ADDITIONAL VEHICLE, TO PROVIDE A MAXIMUM LENGTH FOR THIS COMBINATION OF VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT FOR THE FINAL TRAILING VEHICLE, AND TO PROVIDE A TRUCK OPERATING A TOWING COMBINATION MUST INCLUDE A VIDEO SYSTEM WHICH ALLOWS THE DRIVER TO MONITOR THE FINAL TRAILING VEHICLE AS IT IS BEING TOWED AND BE EQUIPPED WITH CERTAIN SAFETY DEVICES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MOSS made the Point of Order that the Senate Amendments were improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to such reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4116--POINT OF ORDER

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4116 -- Reps. Sandifer, M. M. Smith and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-19-295 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DIVIDING OF FEES OR OTHER COMPENSATION CHARGED OR RECEIVED BY LICENSEES OF THE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITH ANOTHER PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, OR LEGAL ENTITY FOR THE DELIVERY OR PERFORMANCE OF FUNERAL SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-100, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS REGULATING PRENEED FUNERAL CONTRACTS, SO AS TO INCREASE FINE RANGES AND PERMANENTLY BAR PERSONS CONVICTED OF A FELONY FROM CONDUCTING PRENEED CONTRACT SALES;

BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-110, RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST UNLICENSED PRENEED CONTRACT SALES PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE COMPLAINTS TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RESPOND MAY BE WRITTEN OR ORAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-360, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE SAFE CREMATION ACT, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES AND REQUIRE IMMEDIATE REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS TO THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-385, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS THAT CREMATORIES EMPLOY CERTAIN TRAINED STAFF TO PERFORM CREMATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL CREMATIONS BE PERFORMED BY THESE TRAINED STAFF MEMBERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-30, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LICENSURE TO PRACTICE FUNERAL SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONDUCT CONSTITUTING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES INCLUDES PARTIES WHO EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OR AUTHORITY OVER A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT OR ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO PROHIBIT CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, OR INDIVIDUALS IN WHOSE NAME APPEARS THE NAME OF A PERSON WITH A REVOKED OR LAPSED LICENSE FROM HAVING A LICENSE TO OPERATE A FUNERAL HOME; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, OR EMPLOYEES MAY NOT BE LIABLE FOR ACTS PERFORMED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES IN THE ABSENCE OF MALICE SHOWN AND PROVEN IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-80, RELATING TO INSPECTORS EMPLOYED BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO INSTEAD REQUIRE THE BOARD TO EMPLOY AT LEAST TWO INVESTIGATORS WHO MAY BE LICENSED EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS WITH CERTAIN EXPERIENCE BUT WHO HAVE NOT BEEN DISCIPLINED; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-110, RELATING TO CONDUCT CONSTITUTING UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BY A LICENSEE OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO MAKE GRAMMATICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-

115, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLICENSED PERSONS WITH THIS JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-200, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITHOUT A LICENSE OR USING FALSE INFORMATION TO OBTAIN SUCH LICENSURE, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES, AND TO SUBJECT PERSONS WHO AID AND ABET UNLICENSED PERSONS OR ENTITIES IN ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICE WITHOUT LICENSURE TO THESE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-250, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN COURSEWORK IN ETHICS, TO REQUIRE FOUR HOURS OF TOTAL ANNUAL COURSEWORK, TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK TO BE IN ETHICS, AND TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK BE COMPLETED IN PERSON; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-290, RELATING TO THE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PAYMENTS RECEIVED FOR FUNERAL MERCHANDISE BEING PURCHASED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE PAYMENTS MUST BE KEPT IN A TRUST ACCOUNT UNTIL THE MERCHANDISE IS DELIVERED FOR ITS INTENDED USE OR IS DELIVERED INTO THE PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE PURCHASER.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. SANDIFER made the Point of Order that the Senate Amendments were improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to such reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3518--POINT OF ORDER

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3518 -- Reps. Felder and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-395, RELATING TO THE DRIVER'S LICENSE REINSTATEMENT FEE PAYMENT PROGRAM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DRIVERS' LICENSES ISSUED UNDER THIS

PROGRAM ARE VALID FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS, TO REVISE THE AMOUNT OF REINSTATEMENT FEES OWED BY PERSONS TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN THESE DRIVERS' LICENSES, TO REVISE THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES COLLECTED, TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY PROVIDE PERSONS IN THE PROGRAM A FEE SCHEDULE OF THE AMOUNTS OWED AND THE ABILITY TO MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS, TO REVISE THE TYPES OF DRIVERS' LICENSE SUSPENSIONS THAT ARE COVERED BY THIS SECTION, AND TO REVISE THE FREQUENCY THAT PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AND THE CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE PARTICIPATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-396, RELATING TO THE DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION AMNESTY PERIOD, SO AS TO LIMIT THE TYPES OF QUALIFYING SUSPENSIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-10-240, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT UPON LOSS OF INSURANCE, NEW INSURANCE MUST BE OBTAINED OR PERSONS MUST SURRENDER THEIR REGISTRATION AND PLATES, WRITTEN NOTICE BY INSURERS, APPEAL OF SUSPENSIONS, ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PERIOD OF TIME VEHICLE OWNERS MUST SURRENDER MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES AND REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLES, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT GIVES THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES DISCRETION TO AUTHORIZE INSURERS TO UTILIZE ALTERNATE METHODS OF PROVIDING CERTAIN NOTICES TO THE DEPARTMENT, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS CERTAIN PERSONS TO APPEAL CERTAIN SUSPENSIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE FOR FAILURE TO MEET THE STATE'S FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS IN ERROR, AND TO ALLOW THESE PERSONS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS TO SHOW THE SUSPENSION WAS ISSUED IN ERROR; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-10-245, RELATING TO PER DIEM FINES FOR LAPSE IN REQUIRED COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE FINES CONTAINED IN THE SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS PER VEHICLE FOR A FIRST OFFENSE; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 56, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNINSURED MOTORIST FUND, SO AS TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS

ARTICLE TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLES, TO DELETE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND COLLECTION OF UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE FEES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, TO REVISE THE AMOUNT OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE REINSTATEMENT FEE AND PROVIDE IT SHALL BE INCREASED ANNUALLY, TO PROVIDE SUSPENDED LICENSES, REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES, LICENSE PLATES, AND DECALS MAY BE RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY ELECTRONIC MEANS OR IN PERSON, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS THAT REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO COLLECT STATISTICS REGARDING VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, INSURANCE, AND UNINSURED MOTORIST FUND ISSUES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. FELDER made the Point of Order that the Senate Amendments were improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to such reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4902--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4902 -- Rep. Hager: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 IN HAMPTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 363 TO THE HAMPTON-ALLENDALE COUNTY LINE THE "HONORABLE JAMES RISHER, SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4904--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4904 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE BROAD RIVER ALONG SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAYS 49 AND 9 IN UNION COUNTY "1ST LT. ROY D. BRATTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS DESIGNATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4905--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4905 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 49 IN UNION COUNTY "PFC FRANKLIN LEROY BARBER BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4906--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4906 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE LOCKHART CANAL ON SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAYS 49 AND 9 "SP5 WALTER 'BUBBA' BRANNON MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4965--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4965 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Connell and B. Newton: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE JUNCTION LOCKHART ROAD AND KEYS LANE IN KERSHAW COUNTY "COMMISSIONER DAVID E. BRANHAM, SR. INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 4966--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 4966 -- Reps. Kirby and Jefferson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF ROAD IN THE TOWN OF ALVIN IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM 1976 SANTEE RIVER ROAD NORTH TO THE INTERSECTION OF GREENTOWN AND SANTEE RIVER ROAD "HENRY J. GREENE HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 5088--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 5088 -- Reps. Alexander, Jordan, Kirby, Lowe and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF STATE ROAD 868 (MARION STREET) FROM THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 52 (COIT STREET) TO THE INTERSECTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 174 (HARRELL STREET) IN FLORENCE COUNTY "DR. VASHTI SMITH AND MARY T. WILSON WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 5089--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 5089 -- Rep. Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SUMTER STREET IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH ALEXANDER STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH MCQUEEN STREET "SENATOR MAGGIE GLOVER WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 5094--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 5094 -- Rep. Bamberg: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF GOVAN ROAD IN BAMBERG COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH VOORHEES ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 "WILLIAM H. NIMMONS, SR. ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

HOUSE STANDS AT EASE

The House stood at ease subject to the call of the Chair.

JOINT ASSEMBLY

At 12:30 p.m. the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House. The President of the Senate called the Joint Assembly to order and announced that it had convened under the terms of a Concurrent Resolution adopted by both Houses.

The Reading Clerk of the House read the following Concurrent Resolution:

S. 1065 -- Senator Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO WELCOME THE NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DANIEL J. SEEHAFER, AND TO INVITE HIM TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT 12:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024.

The Honorable Daniel J. Seehafer and distinguished party were escorted to the rostrum by Senators Corbin, Matthews, Hembree, Garrett and McElveen and Representatives HOSEY, B. L. COX, T. MOORE AND WILLIAMS. The President recognized our special guests and then the National American Legion Commander addressed the General Assembly as follows:

Address by the Honorable Daniel J. Seehafer
National Commander of The American Legion
March 6, 2024

Ladies, Gentlemen, distinguished Members of this great Body--It's truly an honor to speak to you today in this beautiful historic capitol.

Before I begin, please allow me a moment to introduce members of The American Legion Family of South Caorlina who are with me today.

We have the Department Commander, Jim Kvam of Charleston.

National Executive Committeeman Joe Lysaght of James Island.

James Holland, Alternate NEC from Aiken.

The Department Adjutant Mike Strauss, of North Augusta.

Our American Legion Auxiliary Department President Lorena Pate of Dalzell.

And, our Sons of the American Legion Detachment Commander Richard Hall of Chesnee.

Ladies and Gentlemen--it is an honor to be in a state with such a proud and distinguished military history. South Carolina has produced famous leaders such as General Thomas Sumter, General William Westmoreland, and Lieutenant Col. William Travis, the man who authored the "Victory or Death" letter from the Alamo.

However, I would like to begin with a tribute to a less famous son of the Palmetto State.

Eighty years ago, a 19-year-old private from the farming community of Six Mile, made the Supreme Sacrifice for this Nation.

Furman L. Smith, a soldier with the 135th Infantry Regiment, 34th Infantry Division, came under intense fire by a force of 80 Germans near Lanuvio, Italy. After his squad leader and another soldier were seriously wounded, the rest of his company safely withdrew. BUT NOT PRIVATE SMITH.

He epitomized the warrior ethos of "leave no one behind" and he placed his wounded comrades in shell craters for their protection. Against overwhelming odds, he fired his rifle and unloaded clip after clip on the enemy. He killed many of them until he was himself mortally wounded, rifle-in-hand.

For the actions he had taken on June 1st, 1944, Furman L. Smith became the first World War II Medal of Honor recipient from South Carolina. He is buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

In many ways I believe Private Smith's actions are symbolic of the relationship that South Carolina has with its veterans. Private Smith refused to abandon his friends in need, just as this State has repeatedly stood at the side of its veterans.

Nearly 400,000 veterans call South Carolina home, including 63,000 military retirees. The state income tax exemptions you provide to military pensions and the multitude of other benefits you award veterans make South Carolina an attractive home for those who have served.

The American Legion is grateful that the South Carolina House of Representatives unanimously passed H. 3116, which will grant immediate property tax exemptions to certain disabled veterans.

Senate Bill S. 437 calls for the military to do more to assist veterans with transitioning. The American Legion believes that a smooth acclimation from military to civilian life can make a difference in reducing the suicide rate among veterans.

For the last several years, previous American Legion National Commanders have appeared before this legislature and discussed the importance of destigmatizing the act of seeking mental wellness.

The United States has lost more than 135,000 veterans to suicide since the 9/11 attacks. This is well more than the total American deaths incurred during the entire Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf War and Global War on Terrorism combined.

A veteran is 50 percent more likely to take his or her own life than a person who has never served in the military.

The American Legion calls on all of us to Be the One to stop these tragedies. Be the One is not a marketing campaign, or catchy slogan or cool phrase for us.

IT IS A MISSION. A mission of relevance and purpose; yes, a mission that changes lives and saves lives. You see, family, veterans value courage and it takes courage to ask for help. Through our Buddy Check outreach programs, The American Legion does not sit back and wait for veterans to ask us. WE ASK THEM! We take a proactive approach and start conversations with veterans.

Included in those conversations is the most important question of all: "ARE YOU OKAY?" If the answer is "no," we connect that veteran with the resources he or she needs. We follow up. We do not abandon them.

As a result of our lobbying efforts, Congress passed legislation directing the Department of Veterans Affairs to conduct its own national Buddy Check Week, which they did from October 16-20, 2023.

It's impossible to tell how many lives were saved as a result, but we do know that thousands of veterans were told that their lives were valuable and worth living. We also know that in 2023 nearly 50,000 veterans accessed a new VA benefit which offers free emergency suicide prevention care in and outside the VA system.

Suicide also is a major problem for the active-duty military. South Carolia is home to eight major military installations and numerous smaller facilities.

Yesterday, I had the honor of visiting the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command Weapons Station. It is truly inspiring to meet the bright professionals serving in today's All Volunteer Force.

Nonetheless, logic would dictate that providing high quality housing, health care, childcare and other lifestyle amenities goes hand-in-hand with reducing the stress and hardships that can contribute to the suicide rate.

You have probably seen the widespread reports of moldy rooms, broken air conditioning, vermin and other problems that have plagued some military barracks and housing facilities around the world. The American Legion finds these conditions UNACCEPTABLE.

In 2022, our organization created the Base Assessment and Servicemember Experience Program - yes, the acronym is B.A.S.E. The BASE program includes assessment tours by Legion delegations and townhalls with servicemembers and their families to discuss the conditions aboard various installations.

In addition to housing, we focus on issues such as spousal employment opportunities, education, military exchanges, commissaries, economic hardships, and food insecurity.

The goal is not to criticize military commands but to identify challenges and drive solutions.

As the nation's largest veteran's organization, The American Legion is able to report our findings to the White House, Pentagon and Congress, much like the Department of South Carolina American Legion communicates with all of you.

Please consider this our invitation to you. If you have concerns about your veteran constituents or the military community in general, please reach out to our American Legion Department of South Carolina headquarters here in Columbia. Every officer in The American Legion has worn the uniform of the United States military. We have the expertise and experience to help but most importantly, we have the desire to be servant leaders for our communities and our Country.

While I am here, I would like to extend my congratulations to Charles Bratton of Clover, S.C. On July 23rd, Charles finished first in the sporter category of The American Legion Junior-3 Position Air Rifle Championships that we held in Colorado Springs. Charles's marksmanship skills earned him a $5,000 scholarship, which he is now using at Harvard University.

This summer, our Past Department Commanders Club also honored Sumter native Bobby Richardson with our 2023 Good Guy Award. Bobby was not just a legendary second baseman for the New York Yankees, but he was also a proud American Legion Baseball alumnus. He is an outstanding patriot and servant of his community.

Now, if you would allow me for one moment to call to this platform two members of this distinguished Body who have proven that they are not only great lawmakers, but they are advocates for those who have served. They have been designated by The American Legion Department of South Carolina as the Outstanding Members of the Legislature for 2024. They are true friends of veterans and The American Legion.

Senator Mike Fanning and Representative Sylleste H. Davis, would you please join me?

Congratulations Senator Fanning and Representative Davis. We appreciate all that you do on behalf of veterans.

Thank you so much, South Carolina Legislature.

God Bless you and God Bless America.

Upon conclusion of his address, The Honorable Daniel J. Seehafer and his escort party retired from the Chamber.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

JOINT ASSEMBLY

The President of the Senate called the Joint Assembly to order and announced that it had convened under the terms of a Concurrent Resolution adopted by both Houses.

The following Concurrent Resolution was read:

H. 4895 -- Reps. Caskey, Jordan and Rutherford: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JULY 31, 2034; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 8, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 9, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL

THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 4, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2027; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A

CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 8, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2027; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 11, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 16, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 6, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; AND TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024.

ELECTION OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Committee, stated that the Honorable John W. Kittredge had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed and the Joint Assembly proceeded to a vote.

The following named Senators voted for John W. Kittredge:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Campsen	Cash
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Fanning
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Grooms	Gustafson	Harpootlian
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson, Kevin	*Johnson, Michael*	Kimbrell
Loftis	Malloy	Martin
Massey	Matthews	McElveen
McLeod	Peeler	Rankin
Reichenbach	Rice	Sabb
Senn	Setzler	Shealy
Stephens	Talley	Tedder
Turner	Verdin	Williams
Young		

Total—46

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for John W. Kittredge:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley

Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--120

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting..... 46
Total number of Representatives voting 120
Grand Total 166

Necessary to a choice..... 84
Of which John W. Kittredge received 166

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable John W. Kittredge was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 1:00 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:13 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. HENEGAN, adjourned in memory of former Representative Wade R. "Ronnie" Crow, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, March 7, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from 2 Kings 2:9: "Please let me inherit a double share of your Spirit."

Let us pray. God, grant us a fitting portion of Your Spirit today, that we might serve our God and the people of this State. Guide and direct our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Bestow Your blessings on each and every person as they give of their time and effort to do the work for the people of South Carolina. Keep each of us in Your loving care. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort for this great cause. We pray for our men and women who guard and support our Armed Forces, that they will keep us safe. We remember our men and women who have hidden wounds. Support them in their time of need. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. KING moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of James Preston McNeil, Sr., which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for General Beverly "Ben" Skardon.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., March 7, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully invites your Honorable Body to attend in the Senate Chamber at a mutually convenient time for the purpose of ratifying Acts.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. FORREST the invitation was accepted.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., March 7, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on H. 3594:

H. 3594 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, G. M. Smith, Lowe, Wooten, Hiott, Bailey, Beach, Burns, Caskey, Crawford, Cromer, Elliott, Forrest, Haddon, Hardee, Hixon, Hyde, Jordan, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, T. Moore, B. Newton, Nutt, Oremus, M. M. Smith, S. Jones, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Willis, Yow, West, Lawson, Chapman, Chumley, Leber, Mitchell, Pace, Harris, O'Neal, Kilmartin, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Hager, Sandifer, Connell, Gilliam, Davis, B. L. Cox, Vaughan, White, Collins, J. E. Johnson, Gagnon, Gibson, W. Newton, Bustos, Herbkersman, Landing, Moss, Pope and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2023" BY AMENDING SECTION 10-11-320, RELATING TO CARRYING OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDERS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION THAT MAKES THIS SECTION INAPPLICABLE TO PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMITS AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS WHO POSSESS FIREARMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-20, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PLACES WHERE AND CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH HANDGUNS MAY BE CARRIED, AND PERSONS WHO MAY CARRY

HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-50, RELATING TO CERTAIN PENALTIES, DISPOSITION OF FINES, AND FORFEITURE AND DISPOSITION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-55, RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR RETURNING FOUND HANDGUNS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO FILING APPLICATIONS TO OBTAIN FOUND HANDGUNS, AND PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO MAINTAIN POSSESSION OR DISPOSE OF FOUND HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-420, RELATING TO POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION, AND DELETE THE TERM "WEAPON" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "FIREARM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-430, RELATING TO CARRYING WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-465, RELATING TO THE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFULLY CARRYING PISTOLS OR FIREARMS ONTO PREMISES OF BUSINESSES SELLING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, BEER, OR WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN OFFENSES THAT PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN DEADLY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO PERSONS WHO KNOWINGLY CARRY CERTAIN FIREARMS, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS LAWFULLY CARRYING FIREARMS WHO DO NOT CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-215, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS REQUIRING PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY PERMITS WHILE CARRYING WEAPONS AND IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS PERMIT HOLDERS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO REPORT THE LOSSES OF

PERMITS TO SLED, TO REVISE THE PREMISES UPON WHICH PERMIT HOLDERS MUST NOT CARRY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES EXEMPTIONS TO CARRYING PERMITS, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR CARRYING EXPIRED PERMITS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-220, RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO ALLOW OR PERMIT CONCEALED WEAPONS UPON PREMISES AND THE POSTING OF SIGNS PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, THAT PERSONS MUST KNOWINGLY VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION TO BE CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION, AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT LIMIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN WEAPONS IN STATE PARKS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-232, RELATING TO CARRYING CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ON PREMISES OF CERTAIN SCHOOLS LEASED BY CHURCHES, SO AS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE CHURCH OFFICIALS OR GOVERNING BODIES MAY ALLOW ANY PERSON TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON ON THE LEASED PREMISES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-235, RELATING TO CONCEALABLE WEAPON SIGN REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SIGNS MUST BE POSTED AT LOCATIONS WHERE THE CARRYING OF CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ARE PROHIBITED; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-600, RELATING TO RETIRED PERSONNEL, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 16-23-460, 23-31-225, AND 23-31-230, RELATING TO THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS BY INDIVIDUALS ON THEIR PERSON, INTO RESIDENCES OR DWELLINGS, OR BETWEEN A MOTOR VEHICLE AND A RENTED ACCOMMODATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-500, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY PERSONS CONVICTED OF VIOLENT OFFENSES, THE CONFISCATION OF CERTAIN WEAPONS, AND THE RETURN OF FIREARMS TO INNOCENT OWNERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIST OF CRIMES SUBJECT TO THIS PROVISION AND THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH VIOLATIONS, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM “CRIME

PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF MORE THAN ONE YEAR".

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4871 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47-9-420 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTERFERENCE OR INTERACTION WITH FARM ANIMALS BEING TRANSPORTED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION.
Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4874 -- Reps. Hixon, Chapman and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 17 TO TITLE 50 SO AS TO REGULATE CAPTIVE WILDLIFE BY DEFINING TERMS, OUTLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS, LISTING EXCEPTIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-16-40, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR WILDLIFE IMPORTED FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES, SO AS TO LIMIT THE EXCEPTIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-11-1180 RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PERMITS TO COLLECT PROTECTED WILDLIFE FOR SCIENTIFIC OR PROPAGATING PURPOSES.
Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4820 -- Reps. Forrest, Hixon, Hayes, Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Magnuson, Chapman, McDaniel and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 5164 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Herbkersman, Hartnett, McGinnis, Pope, Schuessler, Bradley, Hager, Long, Vaughan, Bannister, Elliott, Willis, Yow, Hiott, Gilliam, Mitchell, Hardee, Whitmire, W. Newton, B. Newton, Davis, Gagnon, Hixon, Lowe, Thayer, West and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE SEVERAL DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-115, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPLICATION PROCESSES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-120, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RELATED INFORMATION, TO REVISE THE FUNDING FORMULA, AND TO REVISE RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-125, RELATING TO FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, AND TO REMOVE PROVISIONS ALLOWING THE USE OF QUALIFIED THIRD PARTIES TO MANAGE ACCOUNTS AND ADMINISTER RELATED FUNCTIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS;

BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-130, RELATING TO REVERSION OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS UPON TERMINATION OF A SCHOLARSHIP, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETURN OF REVERTED FUNDS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-135, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIMITATIONS, REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST BASED ON CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP DEMAND AND USE INFORMATION, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-140, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER APPLICATION REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESSES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-145, RELATING TO THE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MAY DECLARE A STUDENT INSTEAD OF A PARENT INELIGIBLE, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-150, RELATING TO EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE PROVIDERS GIVE PARENTS SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION FOR QUALIFIED GOODS AND SERVICES ACQUIRED, TO PROVIDE SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS, AND TO REVISE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURE REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5237 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan,

Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CHEF MAXCEL HARDY OF DETROIT, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5238 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE WILSON HALL SHOTGUN TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION/SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF

NATURAL RESOURCES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES FOR TRAP AND SKEET.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5239 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR HIEN YACOUBA SIE FOR HIS WORK IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF INTRA-AFRICAN TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5240 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett,

Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DAERE AFONYA-A AKOBO FOR HIS RELENTLESS USE AND PURSUIT OF STRONG BUSINESS PRINCIPLES IN THE ENERGY SECTOR IN NIGERIA AND THROUGHOUT AFRICA TO BENEFIT THE CONTINENT'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL PHILANTHROPIC EFFORTS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5241 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR HIS EXCELLENCY DR. JAKAYA M. KIKWETE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED

REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE IN PROMOTING PEACE AND SECURITY ACROSS AFRICA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5242 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. ZAFIVANONA ERNEST LAINKANA, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS IN MADAGASCAR, FOR HIS MEANINGFUL ROLE IN HIS NATION'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1102 -- Senator Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO PROFESSIONALS WHO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, AS WELL AS TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO ASSIST THEM, AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6,

2024 AS "MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5243 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Kirby, Davis, Herbkersman, King and McDaniel: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE HEALTH CARE MARKET REFORM MEASURES STUDY COMMITTEE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE STUDY COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP AND NONVOTING ADVISORY BOARD; TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE; TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO ISSUE A REPORT WITH FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5244 -- Reps. Ligon, B. Newton, Sessions, Neese and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-16000 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE "CATAWBA NATION" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5245 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CHARTER SCHOOLS MAY GIVE ENROLLMENT PREFERENCE TO CHILDREN OF ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY SERVICEMEMBERS IN THIS STATE IF THEIR ENROLLMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT OF THE OVERALL ENROLLMENT, AND TO REVISE EXISTING ENROLLMENT PREFERENCE PROVISIONS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5246 -- Reps. Wetmore, Brittain, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Hartnett, Leber, Gilliard, Bustos, Pendarvis, Jefferson, Landing and

Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-612 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BLACK SKIMMER IS THE OFFICIAL SEABIRD OF THE STATE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5247 -- Reps. Beach, Pace, Magnuson, Harris, O'Neal, Cromer, Bailey, A. M. Morgan, Kilmartin, Guffey, Thayer, May, Yow, Sessions, Pope, Ligon, Gilliam, Vaughan, T. Moore, Burns and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1120, RELATING TO COMPLIANCE BY MOTOR CARRIERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE COUNTY SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENTS MAY ENFORCE THE COMMERCIAL MOTOR CARRIER LAWS AND PROVIDE COUNTY SHERIFFS' DEPARTMENTS MUST RETAIN ANY FINES COLLECTED FOR TRAFFIC TICKETS ISSUED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones

W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total Present--116

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. NUTT a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. YOW a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HOSEY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. ERICKSON a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MCCRAVY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. COLLINS a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. G. M. SMITH a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Chris Fyock of Greenville County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. W. NEWTON presented to the House the Cross Schools "Stingrays" 1-A SCISA Championship JV Cheerleading Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BERNSTEIN presented to the House the Hammond School "Skyhawks" 4-A SCISA Championship Varsity Competitive Cheer Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BERNSTEIN presented to the House the Hammond School "Skyhawks" 4-A SCISA Championship Varsity Football Team.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or

addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3748
Date:	ADD:
03/07/24	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3988
Date:	ADD:
03/07/24	KIRBY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4187
Date:	ADD:
03/07/24	ROBBINS and HADDON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4289
Date:	ADD:
03/07/24	GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4303
Date:	ADD:
03/07/24	GUFFEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4655
Date:	ADD:
03/07/24	LIGON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4802
Date:	ADD:
03/07/24	A. M. MORGAN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4954
Date:	ADD:
03/07/24	CROMER, VAUGHAN, J. L. JOHNSON and BEACH

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved that H. 5100, the General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, be set for Special Order on Monday, March 11, after roll call and after roll call every day thereafter, and continue each day until given second reading, which was agreed to.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved that H. 5101, the Joint Resolution appropriating the Capital Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, be set for Special Order immediately following second reading of H. 5100, and immediately after roll call every day thereafter, and continue each day until given second reading, which was agreed to.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved that H. 5100 be set for Special Order for third reading immediately after second reading of H. 5101, and immediately after roll call every day thereafter, and continue each day thereafter until given third reading, which was agreed to.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved that H. 5101 be set for Special Order for third reading immediately after third reading of H. 5100, and immediately after roll call every day thereafter, and continue each day thereafter until given third reading, which was agreed to.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved that while debating H. 5100 and H. 5101 on second reading that the Bills on the Calendar be printed by number only, which was agreed to.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved that when the House adjourns today that it adjourn to meet in Local Session tomorrow, Friday, March 8, 2024, and then convene in Statewide Session at 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 11, 2024, which was agreed to.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bill was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification:

S. 972 -- Senator Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 595 OF 1994, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES IN GREENWOOD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 50, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THESE REAPPORTIONED DISTRICTS.

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 4218 -- Reps. Pope, Sandifer, Carter, Kirby, Jefferson and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 38-63-110, 38-65-130, 38-71-300, AND 38-72-110 ALL SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN INSURERS FROM CANCELING, LIMITING, OR DENYING COVERAGE, OR ESTABLISHING DIFFERENTIALS IN PREMIUM RATES BASED UPON GENETIC INFORMATION.

H. 5146 -- Reps. Lowe, Jordan, Kirby, Alexander and Williams: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXPEDITIOUSLY AND FULLY COOPERATE WITH FLORENCE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FACILITATING THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS FUNDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR LOCAL FUNDS AT

INTERSECTIONS OF ROADWAYS MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT ANYWHERE IN FLORENCE COUNTY.

H. 4611 -- Reps. Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hardee, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-785 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE UNLAWFUL REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF ELECTRONIC COLLARS OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES PLACED ON DOGS BY THEIR OWNERS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

H. 4612 -- Reps. Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hartnett, Hardee, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Murphy, Connell, Mitchell, Hager, Caskey, Forrest, Wooten, Elliott, B. J. Cox and Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 55-3-110, RELATING TO HUNTING FROM AN AIRCRAFT, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS POSSESSING A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY LAWFULLY HUNT FROM AN AIRCRAFT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-1190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY ISSUE PERMITS FOR THE TAKING OF FERAL HOGS WHILE AIRBORNE IN A HELICOPTER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION.

H. 5105 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Caskey, Chapman, B. L. Cox, Gagnon, Williams and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-53-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A POLICY APPLICABLE TO ALL TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSIONS THAT RECOGNIZES AND AWARDS CREDENTIALS AND COLLEGE CREDIT FOR COURSES AND EXPERIENCES COMPLETED IN THE MILITARY AS RECOMMENDED BY THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLICY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND TO PROVIDE THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM SHALL WORK WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO

ESTABLISH GUIDELINES TO ENSURE THE CONSISTENT REVIEW AND AWARDING OF ELIGIBLE CREDIT.

H. 4819 -- Reps. Felder, Bernstein and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1960, RELATING IN PART TO PARKING PLACARDS FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, SO AS TO ALLOW APPLICANTS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING PLACARDS TO PROVIDE A PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE PLACARD SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE'S APPROVAL.

H. 3160 -- Reps. Stavrinakis, Gilliard and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL VEHICLE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PREARRANGED RIDE".

H. 4333 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, King, Davis, Pace, B. L. Cox, McDaniel, Henderson-Myers and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-320, RELATING TO SITE AND SERVICE LIMITATIONS ON MOBILE OPTOMETRY UNITS AND CERTAIN ASSOCIATED DISCIPLINARY ACTION LIMITATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN SITES OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE CHILDREN FROM LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES DURING THE SUMMER.

H. 4933--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4933 -- Reps. Wooten, G. M. Smith and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-5015, RELATING TO SUNSCREEN DEVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.

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

Yeas 99; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Trantham	Vaughan
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4933. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4933. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Randy Ligon

H. 4436--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4436 -- Reps. Wooten, Ballentine, Long, Erickson, Caskey, Calhoon, Wetmore, Taylor, Forrest, Hiott, Davis, Pope, Herbkersman, M. M. Smith, Robbins, Lawson, Burns, Chumley, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1538, RELATING TO EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE DRIVERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING VEHICLE CONTROL IN CERTAIN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES TO AVOID INTERFERING WITH THE OPERATION OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

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

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein

Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4817--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4817 -- Reps. West and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-500, RELATING TO THE SALE OR PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS WITHOUT PROOF OF AGE AND THE LOCATION OF VENDING MACHINES, SO AS TO INCLUDE ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS TO PRESENT PROOF OF AGE UPON DEMAND, AND TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS FROM VENDING MACHINES IN CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Monday, March 11, which was agreed to.

H. 4680--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4680 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Henegan, Hartnett, Lawson, Moss, Kilmartin, White, Bauer, Sessions, Pope, Felder, Ligon, Guffey, O'Neal, Hardee, Leber, Gilliard, Rivers, King, Caskey, Henderson-Myers and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197, RELATING TO THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "FIREFIGHTER" TO PROVIDE THE TERM INCLUDES CERTAIN NONRESIDENTS OF THIS STATE.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4680 (LC-4680.CM0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 23-9-197(A)(3) and inserting:

(3) "Firefighter" means any person, paid or unpaid, who ~~is a resident of this State and~~ engages in rescue, fire suppression, or related

activities, under the supervision of a fire chief or fire department in this State or who is employed by the State Commission of Forestry, ~~or~~South Carolina State Fire, or a forestry district for the purpose of fire protection.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McDaniel

McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4680--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. M. M. SMITH, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4680 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4365--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4365 -- Reps. Gilliam, Wetmore, Cobb-Hunter, Henegan, Guffey, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Williams and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

Rep. Davis proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4365 (LC-4365.HA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 40-63-520(6)(b) and inserting:

(b) investigative information that indicates that the regulated social worker represents an immediate threat to public health and safety, as may be defined by the commission, regardless of whether the regulated social worker has been notified and has had an opportunity to respond.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 40-63-520(24) and inserting:

(24) "Social work" or "Social work services" means the application of social work theory, knowledge, methods, ethics, and the professional use of self to restore or enhance social, psychosocial, or biopsychosocial functioning of individuals, couples, families, groups, organizations, and communities through the care and services provided by a regulated social worker as set forth in the member state's statutes and regulations in the state where the services are being provided.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 40-63-540(B)(1), (2), (3), and (4) and inserting:

(1) Fulfill a competency requirement, which shall be satisfied by either:

(a) Passage of a clinical-category qualifying national exam; or

(b) Licensure of the applicant in their home state at the clinical category, beginning prior to such time as a qualifying national exam was required by the home state and accompanied by a period of continuous social work licensure thereafter, all of which may be further governed by the rules of the commission; or

(c) the substantial equivalency of the foregoing competency requirements which the commission may determine by rule.

(2) Attain at least a master's degree in social work from a program that is:

(a) operated by a college or university recognized by the licensing authority; and

(b) accredited, or in candidacy that subsequently becomes accredited, by an accrediting agency recognized by either:

(i) the Council for Higher Education Accreditation or its successor; or

(ii) the United States Department of Education.

(3) Fulfill a practice requirement, which shall be satisfied by demonstrating completion of either:

(a) a period of postgraduate supervised clinical practice equal to a minimum of three thousand hours; or

(b) a minimum of two years of full-time postgraduate supervised clinical practice; or

(c) the substantial equivalency of the foregoing practice requirements which the commission may determine by rule.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 40-63-650(C) and inserting:

(C) Notwithstanding subsection (B), the commission may deny a state's participation in the Compact or, in accordance with the requirements of section -40-63-630(B), terminate a member state's participation in the compact, if it determines that a constitutional requirement of a member state is a material departure from the compact. Otherwise, if this compact shall be held to be contrary to the constitution of any member state, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining member states and in full force and effect as to the member state affected as to all severable matters.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Felder	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guffey	Haddon

Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4365--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. M. M. SMITH, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4365 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3988--REQUEST FOR DEBATE AND DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3988 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Pedalino, Forrest, Wheeler and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACTS THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY, TO PERMIT THE DELEGATION OF CERTAIN ACTS TO TRAINED PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND PHARMACY INTERNS, AND TO DEFINE AN ADDITIONAL TERM; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-84, RELATING TO PHARMACY INTERNS AND EXTERNS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN DIRECT SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-190, RELATING TO PROTOCOL FOR PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES WITHOUT PRACTITIONER ORDERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DISPENSATION OF CERTAIN DRUGS AND DEVICES, TO LOWER THE VACCINATION RECIPIENT AGE TO TWELVE YEARS OF AGE, TO AUTHORIZE DIRECTLY SUPERVISED PHARMACY INTERNS TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN VACCINATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE WRITTEN PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-200, RELATING TO THE JOINT PHARMACIST ADMINISTERED VACCINES COMMITTEE, SO AS TO RENAME THE COMMITTEE AS THE “JOINT PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE” AND MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO PROVIDE THE PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE MUST SUBMIT ITS INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY NO LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT, AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Rep. HARRIS requested debate on the Bill.

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

H. 4649--AMENDED AND REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4649 -- Reps. Bannister, Carter, Leber, Vaughan, West, Elliott, Williams and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE CERTAIN SECURITY PERSONNEL TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND SECURITY ON SCHOOL PREMISES IF LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS, AND TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS REMAIN OBLIGATED TO USE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS LICENSURE, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO SECURITY OFFICER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION AGENCY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4649 (LC-4649.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-19-275 and inserting:

Section 59-19-275. Each public school district with more than fifteen thousand students may use the services of personnel who are armed or delegated arrest authority to work on the premises of the district to promote safety and security on the premises, provided the district shall obtain proprietary security business licensure as provided in Section 40-18-60 and Section 40-18-80 and otherwise complies with the applicable requirements of those sections. The provisions of this section do not affect any requirement that a school district use the services of a school resource officer as provided by law, and security personnel hired under the authorization of this section shall not be used in the advisor or

teacher roles authorized for school resources officers under Section 5-7-12 (B).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 40-18-60(A) and inserting:

(A) An employer who ~~utilizes~~uses a person who is armed, uniformed, or has been delegated arrest authority for work on the employer's premises in connection with the affairs of the employer must make application to SLED for a proprietary security business license and pay an annual license fee, set by SLED regulation.

(1) If the applicant is an association or corporation, then the chief executive officer of the association or corporation must be the applicant or must designate in writing the corporate officer or principal who is the applicant.

(2) If the applicant is a partnership, then all partners must complete an application form.

(3) If the applicant is a public school district, then the board of trustees must designate in writing that the superintendent is the applicant.

(4) The application for license must be made, under oath, on a form approved by SLED. The application must state the applicant's full name, age, date and place of birth, current residence address, residence addresses for the past ten years, employment for the past ten years, including names and addresses of employers, the applicant's current occupation with the name and address of the current employer, the date and place of any arrests, any convictions for violations of federal or state laws, and any additional information as SLED may require. Each applicant must submit with the application one complete set of the applicant's fingerprints on forms specified and furnished by SLED and one color photograph of the applicant's full face, without head covering, taken within six months of the application.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-18-80(A)(3) and inserting:

(3) SLED shall implement training requirements for the initial registration and renewal registration of applicants. These training requirements may impose additional training for persons working as security officers in the school setting to enhance accountability and compliance. School district applicants must not employ any person as a security officer in a school unless the person is at least twenty-one years old, and must also have:

(a) a full-time division solely dedicated to security and emergency management;

(b) a written agreement with the local law enforcement agency

for shared, consistent joint training and continuous education in firearms, defensive tactics, active shooter or assailant scenarios, legal updates, and other areas addressed by the local law enforcement agency; and

(c) school district security officers recertified every two years.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Reps. OTT, BAMBERG, FELDER, LIGON, HENDERSON-MYERS, GILLIARD, KING, KIRBY, HENEGAN, CLYBURN, PENDARVIS, JEFFERSON and DILLARD requested debate on the Bill.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RATIFICATION OF ACTS

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on March 7, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. and the following Acts and Joint Resolution were ratified:

(R. 112, S. 245) -- Senators Kimbrell and Hembree: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-170 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PERSONS WITH CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS FROM SERVING AS PUBLIC SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB FINANCIAL OFFICERS, TO PROVIDE SUCH BOOSTER CLUBS ANNUALLY SHALL REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OR CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER OF ITS SCHOOL, AND TO PROVIDED RELATED POWERS AND DUTIES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS AND CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZERS.

(R. 113, S. 298) -- Senators Bennett, Turner, Kimbrell, Campsen and Adams: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-2320, RELATING TO ALTERNATE METHODS FOR THE ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF INCOME FOR STATE INCOME TAX PURPOSES, SO AS TO SET FORTH A PROCESS FOR THE

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXPAYERS TO ACCURATELY DETERMINE NET INCOME.

(R. 114, S. 410) -- Senator Talley: AN ACT TO CONVEY THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION TO SPARTANBURG COUNTY; TO DISSOLVE THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION; AND TO REPEAL ACT 819 OF 1978, RELATING TO THE CREATION AND DUTIES OF THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION.

(R. 115, S. 418) -- Senators Hembree, Turner, Gustafson, Loftis and Kimbrell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-110, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA READ TO SUCCEED OFFICE AND THE COMPREHENSIVE READING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED BY THE OFFICE, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE OFFICE, TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, AND TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-120, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE STATEWIDE READING PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE VARIOUS DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-130, RELATING TO FUNCTIONS OF THE PROGRAM FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE THE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS THAT FAIL TO MEET REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON READING CAMPS ARE INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDING FOR THE CAMPS DURING THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR BUT SHALL CONTINUE TO OPERATE THE CAMPS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-140, RELATING TO COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM, SO AS TO REQUIRE ANNUAL APPROVAL BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO REVISE CERTAIN COMPONENTS, AND TO REVISE OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-150, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENSURE CERTAIN READINESS ASSESSMENTS ARE ADMINISTERED WITHIN THE FIRST FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF

SCHOOL, SO AS TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS MAY REQUEST WAIVERS FROM STATUTORY ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS TO SCHEDULE THE ASSESSMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-155-155 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NUMBER OF UNIVERSAL READING SCREENERS THAT DISTRICTS MAY USE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCREENERS, TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS SHALL ADMINISTER SCREENERS AT LEAST THREE TIMES DURING EACH SCHOOL YEAR IN CERTAIN INTERVALS, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT AND PROGRESS MONITORING TOOLS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-160, RELATING TO MANDATORY RETENTION PROVISIONS FOR THIRD GRADERS WHO FAIL TO DEMONSTRATE READING PROFICIENCY, SO AS TO REVISE EXEMPTIONS AND EXEMPTION PROCESSES, TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND SUPPORT THAT MUST BE PROVIDED TO RETAINED STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE RETAINED STUDENTS SHALL ENROLL IN SUMMER READING CAMPS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-170, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF TEACHERS IN CERTAIN CONTENT AREAS MASTER CERTAIN READING COMPREHENSION INSTRUCTION PRACTICES AND ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PROVISIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN FOUNDATIONAL LITERACY SKILLS TRAINING FOR ALL KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADE TEACHERS CERTIFIED IN CERTAIN TEACHING AREAS, AND TO PROVIDE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THIS TRAINING SHALL SATISFY LITERACY ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-180, RELATING TO LITERACY READING COACHES, SO AS TO REVISE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COACHES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-200, RELATING TO THE PROMOTION OF READING AND WRITING HABITS AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, SO AS TO REMOVE FAMILY SUPPORT PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-210, RELATING TO STANDARDS, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES DEVELOPED BY THE BOARD AND DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE

PROGRAM, SO AS TO REMOVE THE BOARD FROM THE PROVISIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-18-310, RELATING TO ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED IN THE EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, SO AS TO REVISE ASSESSMENTS AND THEIR USES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

(R. 116, S. 738) -- Senator K. Johnson: AN ACT TO DELINEATE THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THESE DISTRICTS.

(R. 117, S. 782) -- Senators Matthews and Davis: AN ACT TO DELINEATE THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THESE DISTRICTS, AND TO REPEAL SECTION 2 OF ACT 476 OF 1998 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS OF THE JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

(R. 118, S. 801) -- Senator Alexander: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-430, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN OCONEE COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-40, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN AIKEN COUNTY, SO AS TO ADD NEW PRECINCTS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.

(R. 119, S. 912) -- Senator Davis: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE SC NEXUS FOR ADVANCED RESILIENT ENERGY AND TO ENCOURAGE THE CONTINUED GLOBAL LEADERSHIP TO REDUCE THE STATE'S

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WHILE ENHANCING THE ECONOMIC OUTPUT.

(R. 120, H. 3116) -- Reps. Felder, Carter, Pope, Guffey, O'Neal, Hart, Caskey, Williams, Blackwell and Gilliam: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-610, RELATING TO PERSONS LIABLE FOR TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS ON REAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND CERTAIN SPOUSES ARE EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAXES IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE DISABILITY OCCURS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A QUALIFIED SURVIVING SPOUSE INCLUDES CERTAIN SPOUSES REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE DECEASED SPOUSE APPLIED, FILED FOR, OR CLAIMED AN EXEMPTION AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR TWO PRIVATE PASSENGER VEHICLES MAY BE CLAIMED BY CERTAIN SPOUSES OF A DISABLED VETERAN OR CERTAIN TRUSTEES.

(R. 121, H. 3594) -- Reps. B.J. Cox, G.M. Smith, Lowe, Wooten, Hiott, Bailey, Beach, Burns, Caskey, Crawford, Cromer, Elliott, Forrest, Haddon, Hardee, Hixon, Hyde, Jordan, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, A.M. Morgan, T.A. Morgan, T. Moore, B. Newton, Nutt, Oremus, M.M. Smith, S. Jones, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Willis, Yow, West, Lawson, Chapman, Chumley, Leber, Mitchell, Pace, Harris, O'Neal, Kilmartin, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Hager, Sandifer, Connell, Gilliam, Davis, B.L. Cox, Vaughan, White, Collins, J.E. Johnson, Gagnon, Gibson, W. Newton, Bustos, Herbkersman, Landing, Moss, Pope and Guest: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE “SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024” BY AMENDING SECTION 10-11-320, RELATING TO CARRYING OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDERS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION THAT MAKES THIS SECTION INAPPLICABLE TO PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMITS AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS WHO

POSSESS FIREARMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-20, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PLACES WHERE AND CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH HANDGUNS AND FIREARMS MAY BE CARRIED, AND PERSONS WHO MAY CARRY HANDGUNS AND FIREARMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-50, RELATING TO CERTAIN PENALTIES, DISPOSITION OF FINES, AND FORFEITURE AND DISPOSITION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-55, RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR RETURNING FOUND HANDGUNS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO FILING APPLICATIONS TO OBTAIN FOUND HANDGUNS, AND PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO MAINTAIN POSSESSION OR DISPOSE OF FOUND HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-420, RELATING TO POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION, AND DELETE THE TERM "WEAPON" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "FIREARM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-430, RELATING TO CARRYING WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-465, RELATING TO THE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFULLY CARRYING PISTOLS OR FIREARMS ONTO PREMISES OF BUSINESSES SELLING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, BEER, OR WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN OFFENSES THAT PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN DEADLY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO PERSONS WHO KNOWINGLY CARRY CERTAIN FIREARMS, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS LAWFULLY CARRYING FIREARMS WHO DO NOT CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-215, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CONCEALED

WEAPON PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS REQUIRING PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY PERMITS WHILE CARRYING WEAPONS AND IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS PERMIT HOLDERS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TO PROVIDE PERSONS MUST REPORT THE LOSS OR THEFT OF A FIREARM TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO REPORT THE LOSSES OF PERMITS TO SLED, TO REVISE THE PREMISES UPON WHICH PERMIT HOLDERS MUST NOT CARRY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES EXEMPTIONS TO CARRYING PERMITS, TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR CARRYING EXPIRED PERMITS; TO PROVIDE SLED SHALL OFFER A CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT TRAINING COURSE, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD MAY OBTAIN PERMITS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-220, RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO ALLOW OR PERMIT CONCEALED WEAPONS UPON PREMISES AND THE POSTING OF SIGNS PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, THAT PERSONS MUST KNOWINGLY VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION TO BE CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION, AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT LIMIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN WEAPONS IN STATE PARKS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-232, RELATING TO CARRYING CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ON PREMISES OF CERTAIN SCHOOLS LEASED BY CHURCHES, SO AS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE CHURCH OFFICIALS OR GOVERNING BODIES MAY ALLOW ANY PERSON TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON ON THE LEASED PREMISES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-235, RELATING TO CONCEALABLE WEAPON SIGN REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SIGNS MUST BE POSTED AT LOCATIONS WHERE THE CARRYING OF CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ARE PROHIBITED; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-600, RELATING TO RETIRED PERSONNEL, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 51-3-145, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL ACTS COMMITTED AT STATE PARKS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS MAY POSSESS OR CARRY CONCEALABLE WEAPONS IN STATE PARKS; BY

REPEALING SECTIONS 16-23-460, 23-31-225, AND 23-31-230 RELATING TO THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS BY INDIVIDUALS ON THEIR PERSON, INTO RESIDENCES OR DWELLINGS, OR BETWEEN A MOTOR VEHICLE AND A RENTED ACCOMMODATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-500, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY PERSONS CONVICTED OF VIOLENT OFFENSES, THE CONFISCATION OF CERTAIN WEAPONS, AND THE RETURN OF FIREARMS TO INNOCENT OWNERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIST OF CRIMES SUBJECT TO THIS PROVISION AND THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH VIOLATIONS, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "CRIME PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF MORE THAN ONE YEAR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-5-910, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS FOR CERTAIN UNLAWFUL POSSESSIONS OF FIREARMS OR WEAPONS OFFENSES, AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-240, RELATING TO PERSONS ALLOWED TO CARRY CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ANYWHERE IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO ADD ADDITIONAL PERSONS TO THIS LIST WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 23-31-245 SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MAY SEARCH, DETAIN, OR ARREST PERSONS OPENLY CARRYING WEAPONS; BY ADDING SECTION 17-1-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS MAY APPLY FOR EXPUNGEMENTS OF CONVICTIONS FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 16-23-495 SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF COMMITTING OR ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT CERTAIN CRIMES INVOLVING CONCEALABLE WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE SLED SHALL DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE A DOCUMENT THAT INFORMS GUN PURCHASERS THAT THEY MAY OBTAIN CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS, CARRY THEIR WEAPONS WITHOUT A PERMIT, AND CERTAIN PENALTIES IMPOSED FOR CRIMES INVOLVING CONCEALABLE WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE SLED MUST INFORM THE PUBLIC THE STATE PROVIDES A PROCESS FOR GUN OWNERS TO OBTAIN CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS AND ALLOWS GUN OWNERS TO CARRY THEIR WEAPONS WITHOUT PERMITS; AND TO

PROVIDE NO PROVISION OF THIS ACT SHOULD BE CONSTRUED TO DISCOURAGE GUN OWNERSHIP OR GUN SAFETY TRAINING, BUT TO ENCOURAGE GUN OWNERS TO RECEIVE GUN SAFETY TRAINING.

(R. 122, H. 3951) -- Reps. Haddon, G.M. Smith, Bannister, Hiott, Ligon, Hixon, Leber, Erickson, Forrest, Brewer, Murphy, Robbins, Willis, Calhoon, Pope, Davis and M.M. Smith: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-59-40, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK, SO AS TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP BY ADDING THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, AND THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 48-59-150 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE WORKING FARMLAND PROTECTION FUND.

(R. 123, H. 3993) -- Reps. Brewer, West, Lawson, Mitchell, Yow, Sessions, Leber, Ott, Guffey, Atkinson, B.L. Cox, Forrest, B. Newton, Gatch, Hager, Hixon, Murphy and Robbins: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-1920, RELATING TO THE SALE OF EXOTIC FARM-RAISED VENISON, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION.

(R. 124, H. 4047) -- Rep. Ott: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-15-100 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE RELEASE OF RECORDS REGARDING THE OCCURRENCE OF RARE, THREATENED, ENDANGERED, OR IMPERILED PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

(R. 125, H. 4159) -- Reps. Herbkersman, Davis, M.M. Smith, Erickson, W. Newton, Bradley, Ballentine, Hewitt and Blackwell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE “SOUTH CAROLINA TELEHEALTH AND TELEMEDICINE MODERNIZATION ACT” BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN REGULATED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WHO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE BY MEANS OF TELEHEALTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE

MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE "TELEHEALTH"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-37, RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE AND TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS CONCERNING TELEHEALTH; TO AMEND SECTION 40-33-34, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES TO PRACTICE TELEMEDICINE, SO AS TO ALSO AUTHORIZE THE PRACTICE OF TELEHEALTH BY ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND TO CLARIFY THAT LICENSURE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THIS STATE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES TO PRACTICE TELEMEDICINE OR TELEHEALTH EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-47-935, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO PRACTICE TELEMEDICINE, SO AS TO ALSO AUTHORIZE THE PRACTICE OF TELEHEALTH BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND TO CLARIFY THAT LICENSURE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THIS STATE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO PRACTICE TELEMEDICINE OR TELEHEALTH EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED.

(R. 126, H. 4868) -- Reps. Kirby, Lowe, Jordan and Williams: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 84 OF 2011, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE TIME AND METHOD BY WHICH THE NINE MEMBERS OF THE FLORENCE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER THREE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED, TO REAPPORTION THE FIVE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS AND THE TWO MULTIMEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THESE NINE MEMBERS MUST BE ELECTED, TO DESIGNATE A MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

(R. 127, H. 4876) -- Reps. Jefferson, Cobb-Hunter, Robbins, Gatch, Murphy and Brewer: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 536 OF 1986, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4, SO AS TO CHANGE THE CANDIDATE FILING METHOD FROM THE PETITION METHOD TO THE

FILING OF A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY WITH THE DORCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS.

(R. 128, H. 4892) -- Reps. Thayer, West, Chapman, Beach, Cromer and Gagnon: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 510 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ANDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE DISTRICTS FROM WHICH BOARD MEMBERS ARE ELECTED; AND TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 1, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THESE DISTRICTS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:18 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. KING, adjourned in memory of James Preston McNeil, Sr., to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Friday, March 8, 2024
(Local Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 33:20: “God is our helper and shield.”

Let us pray. Almighty God, help us to trust in You as our helper and shield in both easy and hard times. Heavenly Father, with the sun, moon, and stars, we give You thanks for Your creative work, including the gift of good health and the food we eat. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort for this great cause. Remember our men and women who put themselves in harm’s way to serve the people of this great Country. Do not forget those who fight hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 4680 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Henegan, Hartnett, Lawson, Moss, Kilmartin, White, Bauer, Sessions, Pope, Felder, Ligon, Guffey, O'Neal, Hardee, Leber, Gilliard, Rivers, King, Caskey, Henderson-Myers and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197, RELATING TO THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "FIREFIGHTER" TO PROVIDE THE TERM INCLUDES CERTAIN NONRESIDENTS OF THIS STATE.

H. 4365 -- Reps. Gilliam, Wetmore, Cobb-Hunter, Henegan, Guffey, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Williams and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING

ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 1:00 p.m., Monday, March 11.

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Monday, March 11, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 1:00 p.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*, as follows:

Our thought for today is from Galatians 6:9: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if you do not give up."

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, help us to show You the gratitude You deserve with all the blessings that You have given us in this life, our families, our individual lives, and the State. Place Your hand on us this week and give us wisdom and discernment that we would do right in Your eyes and do what is best for our constituents and for the State. Help us to set aside animosities and hardships and focus on Your glory and on the good that You would have us do. Bless each family represented here, all of our guests, all of our constituents, and keep them safe in their travels. In all these things, we ask in Your holy and precious name. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Lou Krasky, which was agreed to.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5248 -- Reps. Howard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder,

Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ELOUISE JOE AS THE MOTHER OF THE JAMESTOWN ROAD CHURCH OF GOD AND TO WISH HER MANY MORE YEARS OF JOY IN SERVICE TO HER CHURCH AND TO GOD'S PEOPLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5249 -- Reps. Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CATAWBA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5250 -- Reps. Jefferson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR APOSTLE JOHN W. JOHNSON, JR., FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITY AND TO HIS MINISTRY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5251 -- Reps. Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE REVEREND DR. SANDY WILLIAM DRAYTON, PRESIDING ELDER OF THE GEORGETOWN DISTRICT OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN EPISCOPAL CHURCH, FOR HIS MORE THAN FIFTY-ONE YEARS

OF GOSPEL MINISTRY, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

The Resolution was adopted.

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers

Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--120

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. O'NEAL a leave of absence for the day due to a prior family commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GUFFEY a temporary leave of absence due to a prior speaking engagement.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. OTT a temporary leave of absence due to a prior speaking engagement.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. W. JONES a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4549
Date:	ADD:
03/11/24	POPE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4935
Date:	ADD:
03/11/24	HARRIS

CO-SPONSOR REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 5247
Date:	REMOVE:
03/11/24	LIGON

H. 5100—INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5100—GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL

H. 5100 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR

THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved that while debating H. 5100 that he be allowed to note a motion daily to reconsider each Section adopted, which was agreed to.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, which was agreed to.

PART IA

SECTION 1

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson

Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 1 was adopted.

SECTION 3

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard

Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 3 was adopted.

SECTION 4

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain

Burns	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 4 was adopted.

SECTION 5

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White

Whitmire	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 5 was adopted.

SECTION 6

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton

W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 6 was adopted.

SECTION 7

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott

Hixon	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 7 was adopted.

SECTION 8

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott

Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 8 was adopted.

SECTION 9

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer

Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 9 was adopted.

SECTION 10

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler

White	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 10 was adopted.

SECTION 11

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Moss

Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 11 was adopted.

SECTION 12

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman

Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Lowe	Magnuson	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 12 was adopted.

SECTION 13

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford

Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 13 was adopted.

SECTION 19

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total—108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 19 was adopted.

SECTION 20B

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins

Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 20B was adopted.

SECTION 20E

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing

Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 20E was adopted.

SECTION 20F

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon

Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 20F was adopted.

SECTION 20G

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 20G was adopted.

SECTION 20H

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith

M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 20H was adopted.

SECTION 24

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long

Lowe	Magnuson	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 24 was adopted.

SECTION 25

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest

Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 25 was adopted.

SECTION 26

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein

Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 26 was adopted.

SECTION 29

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan

Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 29 was adopted.

SECTION 30

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis

Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 30 was adopted.

SECTION 32

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest

Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 32 was adopted.

SECTION 33

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 5

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley

Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chumley
Clyburn	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gilliam	Gilliard
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	A. M. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Harris	Magnuson	May
T. A. Morgan	Pace	

Total--5

Section 33 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted in favor of Section 33, Part 1A of H. 5100. I meant to vote ‘no’.

Rep. Thomas Beach

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1A, Section 33. I should have abstained.

Rep. Todd Rutherford

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1A, Section 33. I should have abstained.

Rep. Seth Rose

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1A, Section 33. I should have abstained.

Rep. Marvin Pendarvis

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1A, Section 33. I should have abstained.

Rep. Chris Hart

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Section 33, Part 1A of H. 5100. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Don Chapman

SECTION 38

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Haddon

Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Rivers	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 38 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1A, Section 38. I should have abstained.

Rep. M. M. Smith

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1A, Section 38. I should have abstained.

Rep. Marvin Pendarvis

SECTION 39

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 39 was adopted.

SECTION 40

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford

Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 40 was adopted.

SECTION 41

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King

Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 41 was adopted.

SECTION 42

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 91; Nays 14

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson

Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Magnuson
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Ballentine	Beach	Cromer
Haddon	Harris	Kilmartin
Long	May	McCabe
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Oremus
Pace	White	

Total--14

Section 42 was adopted.

SECTION 43

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 43 was adopted.

SECTION 44

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford

Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 44 was adopted.

SECTION 45

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson

Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 45 was adopted.

SECTION 46

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson

Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 46 was adopted.

SECTION 47

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 47 was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Section 47, Part 1A of H. 5100. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Heather Bauer

SECTION 48

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 7

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	King
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus

Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
White		

Total--7

Section 48 was adopted.

SECTION 49

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 12

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan

Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Chumley	Cromer
Harris	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Oremus	Pace	White

Total--12

Section 49 was adopted.

SECTION 50

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 96; Nays 12

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brittain	Bustos

Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Oremus	Trantham	White

Total--12

Section 50 was adopted.

SECTION 51

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Chumley	Cromer
Harris	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Oremus	White	

Total--11

Section 51 was adopted.

SECTION 52

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan

Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 52 was adopted.

SECTION 53

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 9

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan

Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Lowe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Harris	Kilmartin
Long	Magnuson	May
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	White

Total--9

Section 53 was adopted.

SECTION 54

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon

Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 54 was adopted.

SECTION 55

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 78; Nays 7

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Rivers
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
West	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--78

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Chumley	Cromer
Harris	Magnuson	May
White		

Total--7

Section 55 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1A, Section 55. I should have abstained.

Rep. Gary Brewer

SECTION 57

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford

Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 57 was adopted.

SECTION 58

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin

King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 58 was adopted.

SECTION 59

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott

Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:
W. Newton

Total--1

Section 59 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1A, Section 59, due to a voting machine malfunction. I intended to abstain.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

SECTION 60

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 60 was adopted.

SECTION 61

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 96; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope

Rivers	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 61 was adopted.

SECTION 62

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby

Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 62 was adopted.

SECTION 63

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson

Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 63 was adopted.

SECTION 64

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 64 was adopted.

SECTION 65

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Rivers	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West

Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 65 was adopted.

SECTION 66

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McDaniel
McGinnis	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Rivers	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith

Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 66 was adopted.

SECTION 67

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 94; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton

Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 67 was adopted.

SECTION 71

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard

Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 71 was adopted.

SECTION 72

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn

Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 72 was adopted.

SECTION 73

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler

White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 73 was adopted.

SECTION 74

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Rivers	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen

Trantham	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 74 was adopted.

SECTION 75

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rivers	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith

Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 75 was adopted.

SECTION 78

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino

Rivers	Robbins	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 78 was adopted.

SECTION 79

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon

Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 79 was adopted.

SECTION 81

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 83; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Haddon	Hager	Hardee

Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McDaniel
McGinnis	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pedalino
Rivers	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--83

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 81 was adopted.

SECTION 82

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder

Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:
Yow

Total--1

Section 82 was adopted.

SECTION 83

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 88; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rivers	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--88

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total—0

Section 83 was adopted.

SECTION 84

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McDaniel	McGinnis
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Rivers	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	West	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total—0

Section 84 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1A, Section 84. I should have abstained.

Rep. Heath Sessions

SECTION 85

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 4

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen

Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Kilmartin	Magnuson	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan		

Total--4

Section 85 was adopted.

SECTION 86

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe

McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 86 was adopted.

SECTION 87

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett

Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Kilmartin	May

Total--2

Section 87 was adopted.

SECTION 91A

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley

Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:
Leber

Total--1

Section 91A was adopted.

SECTION 91B

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliard	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hiott
Hixon	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore

Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total—102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 91B was adopted.

SECTION 91C

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan

Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 91C was adopted.

SECTION 91D

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 116; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart

Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--116

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 91D was adopted.

SECTION 91E

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach

Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 91E was adopted.

SECTION 92A

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Th0ayer	Thigpen

Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total—114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 92A was adopted.

SECTION 92C

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May

McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 92C was adopted.

SECTION 94

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson

Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 94 was adopted.

SECTION 96

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 96 was adopted.

SECTION 97

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 10

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliard	Guest	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus

Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Cromer
Haddon	S. Jones	Kilmartin
Long	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
White		

Total--10

Section 97 was adopted.

SECTION 98

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard

Guest	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 98 was adopted.

SECTION 99

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 99 was adopted.

SECTION 100

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose

Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total—0

Section 100 was adopted.

SECTION 101

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin

King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 101 was adopted.

SECTION 102

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 90; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson

Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Rivers
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	West	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 102 was adopted.

SECTION 103

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter

Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 103 was adopted.

SECTION 104

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 87; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Rivers	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 104 was adopted.

SECTION 105

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen

Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 105 was adopted.

SECTION 106

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Lowe
Magnuson	McCabe	McCravy

McDaniel	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 106 was adopted.

SECTION 107

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam

Gilliard	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 107 was adopted.

SECTION 108

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg

Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 108 was adopted.

SECTION 109

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McDaniel
McGinnis	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Rivers
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 109 was adopted.

SECTION 110

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Rivers	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks

West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 110 was adopted.

SECTION 111

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan

Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 111 was adopted.

SECTION 112

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey

Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 112 was adopted.

SECTION 113

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 90; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley

Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pope
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 113 was adopted.

SECTION 115

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein

Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 115 was adopted.

PART IB

SECTION 1A

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer

Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 1A was adopted.

SECTION 5

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson

May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 5 was adopted.

SECTION 6

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest

Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 6 was adopted.

SECTION 7

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein

Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 7 was adopted.

SECTION 8

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 13

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West

Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	S. Jones
Kilmartin	May	McCabe
McCravy	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Oremus	Trantham	White
Yow		

Total--13

Section 8 was adopted.

SECTION 9

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby

Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 9 was adopted.

SECTION 10

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis

Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 10 was adopted.

SECTION 14

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 14 was adopted.

SECTION 15

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 5

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford

Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	S. Jones
May	Pace	

Total--5

Section 15 was adopted.

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SECTION 19

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott

Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 19 was adopted.

SECTION 20

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey

Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:
Magnuson

Total--1

Section 20 was adopted.

SECTION 23

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White

Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 23 was adopted.

SECTION 25

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan

Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 25 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1B, Section 25. I should have abstained.

Rep. Ivory Thigpen

SECTION 26

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Connell	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest

Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 26 was adopted.

SECTION 27

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 96; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan

Oremus	Pace	Trantham
White		

Total--16

Section 27 was adopted.

SECTION 28

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 96; Nays 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	King	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Ott	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan

Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Oremus	Pace	White

Total--15

Section 28 was adopted.

SECTION 29

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan

Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 29 was adopted.

SECTION 30

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer

Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 30 was adopted.

SECTION 32

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 32 was adopted.

SECTION 33

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 70; Nays 12

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
McDaniel	McGinnis	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Rivers	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	West	Wetmore
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--70

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Chumley	Cromer
Harris	S. Jones	Magnuson
May	McCabe	A. M. Morgan
Oremus	Pace	White

Total--12

Section 33 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1B, Section 33. I should have abstained.

Rep. Marvin Pendarvis

SECTION 34

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson

Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:
White

Total--1

Section 34 was adopted.

SECTION 35

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin

Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Harris	Pace

Total--2

Section 35 was adopted.

SECTION 39

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister

Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 39 was adopted.

SECTION 40

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers

Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 40 was adopted.

SECTION 41

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson

S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 41 was adopted.

SECTION 42

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox

Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:
McCabe

Total--1

Section 42 was adopted.

SECTION 43

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 43 was adopted.

SECTION 44

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions

G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 44 was adopted.

SECTION 45

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe

Magnuson	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 45 was adopted.

SECTION 47

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson

Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 47 was adopted.

SECTION 48

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister

Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 48 was adopted.

SECTION 49

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 12

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Chumley	Cromer
Harris	S. Jones	Kilmartin
May	McCabe	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Pace	White

Total--12

Section 49 was adopted.

SECTION 52

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson

Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 52 was adopted.

SECTION 53

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon

Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 53 was adopted.

SECTION 54

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	T. A. Morgan
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 54 was adopted.

SECTION 55

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 86; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
J. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White

Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--86

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 55 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1B, Section 55. I should have abstained.

Rep. Beth Bernstein

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1B, Section 55. I should have abstained.

Rep. Seth Rose

SECTION 57

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan

Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 57 was adopted.

SECTION 58

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos

Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 58 was adopted.

SECTION 59

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 59 was adopted.

SECTION 60

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins

Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 60 was adopted.

SECTION 61

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson

Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
J. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 61 was adopted.

SECTION 62

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest

Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 62 was adopted.

SECTION 63

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein

Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 63 was adopted.

SECTION 64

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen

Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 64 was adopted.

SECTION 66

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McDaniel	McGinnis
J. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Rivers

Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 66 was adopted.

SECTION 67

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell

J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 67 was adopted.

SECTION 70

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 91; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson

J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McDaniel	McGinnis
J. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Rivers
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 70 was adopted.

SECTION 71

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon

Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 71 was adopted.

SECTION 72

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 72 was adopted.

SECTION 73

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford

Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 73 was adopted.

SECTION 74

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	J. Moore	A. M. Morgan

T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Rivers	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 74 was adopted.

SECTION 75

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Magnuson	May	McCabe

McDaniel	McGinnis	J. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Rivers	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 75 was adopted.

SECTION 78

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 88; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby

Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	J. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Rivers	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total—88

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 78 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1B, Section 78. I should have abstained.

Rep. Micah Caskey

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1B, Section 78, due to a voting machine malfunction. I intended to abstain.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

SECTION 79

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell

Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 79 was adopted.

SECTION 80

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 86; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	May
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Rivers	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--86

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 80 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1B, Section 80. I should have abstained.

Rep. Cody Mitchell

SECTION 81

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 81; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McDaniel
McGinnis	J. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pedalino	Rivers
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--81

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 81 was adopted.

SECTION 82

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose

Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:
Yow

Total--1

Section 82 was adopted.

SECTION 83

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 90; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May

McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
J. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Rivers
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	West	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 83 was adopted.

SECTION 85

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon

Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 85 was adopted.

SECTION 86

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley

Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gilliam	Gilliard	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 86 was adopted.

SECTION 88

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

McCabe	White

Total--2

Section 88 was adopted.

SECTION 92

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope

Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 92 was adopted.

SECTION 94

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan

Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 94 was adopted.

SECTION 96

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox

Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 96 was adopted.

SECTION 97

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White

Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 97 was adopted.

SECTION 98

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan

Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 98 was adopted.

SECTION 99

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes

Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 99 was adopted.

SECTION 100

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain

Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	J. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 100 was adopted.

SECTION 101

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler

White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 101 was adopted.

SECTION 103

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore

A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 103 was adopted.

SECTION 104

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 82; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby

Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	J. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Rivers	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 104 was adopted.

SECTION 105

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard

Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 105 was adopted.

SECTION 106

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister

Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 106 was adopted.

SECTION 109

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McDaniel	McGinnis
J. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Rivers
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan

West	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 109 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1B, Section 109. I should have abstained.

Rep. Micah Caskey

SECTION 110

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson

Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Rivers
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 110 was adopted.

SECTION 111

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager

Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 111 was adopted.

SECTION 112

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon

Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 112 was adopted.

SECTION 113

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 95; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--95

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 113 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1B, Section 113. I should have abstained.

Rep. JA Moore

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

PART IA

SECTION 14--ADOPTED

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, WHITE, A.M. MORGAN, MAGNUSON, BEACH, MAY, CROMER and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\clemson.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 14, CLEMSON UNIVERSITY (EDUCATION & GENERAL), page 27, line 5, opposite /CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
10,198,560	10,198,560

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. CROMER spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. CROMER spoke in favor of the amendment.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. CROMER continued speaking.

Rep. BALLENTINE spoke against the amendment.

Rep. BALLENTINE moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 97; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan

West	Wetmore	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Oremus	Pace	Trantham
White		

Total--16

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott

Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 14 was adopted.

SECTION 15--ADOPTED

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, WHITE, A.M. MORGAN, MAGNUSON, BEACH, MAY, CROMER and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 6 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\university of charleston.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 15, UNIVERSITY OF CHARLESTON, page 31, line 4, opposite /CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
3,984,195	3,984,195

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 97; Nays 18

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford

Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
West	Wetmore	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Trantham	White

Total--18

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris

Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Long	Pace

Total--2

Section 15 was adopted.

SECTION 16--ADOPTED

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, A.M. MORGAN, BEACH, CROMER, WHITE, MAGNUSON, MAY and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 7 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\coastal carolina.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 16, COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, page 32, line 5, opposite /CLASSIFIED

POSITIONS/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
3,057,122	3,057,122

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 93; Nays 17

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Ott	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer

Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--93

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Trantham	White	

Total--17

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett

Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	West	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 16 was adopted.

SECTION 17

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon

Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 17 was adopted.

SECTION 18--ADOPTED

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, WHITE, A.M. MORGAN, MAGNUSON, BEACH, MAY, CROMER and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 9 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\lander university.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 18, LANDER UNIVERSITY, page 36, line 4, opposite /CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
2,443,405	2,443,405

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 96; Nays 17

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan

King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Trantham	White	

Total--17

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter

Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 18 was adopted.

SECTION 20A

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 20A was adopted.

SECTION 20C

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell

J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 20C was adopted.

SECTION 20D

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris

Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 20D was adopted.

SECTION 21

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley

Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 21 was adopted.

SECTION 23

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen

Trantham	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total—0

Section 23 was adopted.

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

Debate was interrupted by the House adjourning, the pending question being the consideration of Part 1A.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved to reconsider the vote whereby Part IA, Sections 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20A, 20B, 20C, 20D, 20E, 20F, 20G, 20H, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 30, 32, 33, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 78, 79, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 91A, 91B, 91C, 91D, 91E, 92A, 92C, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 115 and Part 1B, Sections 1A, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 19, 20, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 85, 86, 88, 92, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 103, 104, 105, 106, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113 and the motion was noted.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:16 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. COBB-HUNTER, adjourned in memory of Lou Krasky, to meet at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 9:30 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Psalm 19:8: "The commandment of the Lord gives light to the eyes."

Let us pray. Father, thank You for setting into motion a promise that would be a blessing for all people. Help these, Your children, as they thrive to be good citizens of our State and Nation. Make us grateful for those who protect and defend our Nation and State. Guide these Representatives and Staff to do the right thing for the right reason. Bless and keep our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Bestow Your blessings on our Armed Forces and especially for those in harm's way. Keep in Your love and care our men and women who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BRITTAIN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Wilma Williamson Smith, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Sam Holland.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Levon Livingston, brother-in-law of Representative Jefferson.

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore

Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--121

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS a leave of absence for the day due to a death in the family.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3174
Date:	ADD:
03/12/24	COBB-HUNTER, WILLIAMS, HENEGAN, THAYER and GAGNON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4548
Date:	ADD:
03/12/24	ERICKSON, WOOTEN, FORREST, S. JONES, LONG, HERBKERSMAN, COBB-HUNTER, HADDON, BAILEY and WHITMIRE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5164
Date:	ADD:
03/12/24	CRAWFORD and GUEST

H. 5100--INTERRUPTED DEBATE

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of Part IA:

H. 5100 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

PART IA

SECTION 28--ADOPTED

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, A.M. MORGAN, BEACH, CROMER, WHITE, MAGNUSON, MAY and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 25 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\arts commission scac hubs.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 28, ARTS COMMISSION, page 70, line 10, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - ARTS COORDINATOR II/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
348,000	348,000
(6.00)	(6.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 28, ARTS

COMMISSION, page 70, line 12, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
95,400	95,400

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 28, ARTS COMMISSION, page 70, line 18, opposite /EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
156,600	156,600

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. STAVRINAKIS spoke against the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 90; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	King

Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Ott	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Vaughan	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Trantham
White		

Total--19

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 94; Nays 17

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman

Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
West	Wetmore	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Harris
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Trantham	White	

Total--17

Section 28 was adopted.

SECTION 31--ADOPTED

REPS. PACE, HARRIS, WHITE, A.M. MORGAN, MAGNUSON, BEACH, MAY, CROMER and KILMARTIN to H. 5100 proposed the following Amendment No. 19 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\006\campus relocation - dph.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 31, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, page 73, line 10, opposite /Agency Lease Payments/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
7,029,026	7,029,026

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE spoke in favor of the amendment.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. HERBKERSMAN spoke against the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 76; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee

Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
Kirby	Landing	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
McCravy	McGinnis	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Ott	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	West	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Magnuson
May	McCabe	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Trantham
White		

Total--19

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 65; Nays 18

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman

Clyburn	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliard	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McGinnis	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Ott	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	West
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--65

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Gilliam	Harris
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Trantham	White

Total--18

Section 31 was adopted.

SECTION 35--ADOPTED

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, WHITE, A.M. MORGAN, MAGNUSON, BEACH, MAY, CROMER and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 20 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\006\campus relocation - dmh.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 35, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, page 84, line 10, opposite

/Agency Lease Payments/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
2,050,215	2,050,215

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. OREMUS explained the amendment.

Rep. OREMUS spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 85; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McGinnis
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Ott	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford

Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Trantham
White		

Total--19

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 94; Nays 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee

Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Ott
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Harris	S. Jones	Kilmartin
May	McCabe	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Trantham	White

Total--15

Section 35 was adopted.

SECTION 36--ADOPTED

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, WHITE, A.M. MORGAN, MAGNUSON, BEACH, MAY, CROMER and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 23 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\006\campus relocation - ddsn.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 36, DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, page 91,

line 8, opposite /Agency Lease Payments/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
1,672,603	1,672,603

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN spoke against the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 91; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
McGinnis	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Ott	Pendarvis

Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Trantham
White		

Total--19

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson

Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Trantham	White	

Total--11

Section 36 was adopted.

SECTION 37--ADOPTED

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, WHITE, A.M. MORGAN, MAGNUSON, BEACH, MAY, CROMER and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 15 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-

wm\006\campus relocation - daodas.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 37, DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, page 95, line 7, opposite /Agency Lease Payments/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
363,238	363,238

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. MURPHY moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 92; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	McGinnis	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese

B. Newton	W. Newton	Ott
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--92

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Trantham
White		

Total--19

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 5

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon

Garvin	Gatch	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Burns	Cromer	Harris
O'Neal	Pace	

Total--5

Section 37 was adopted.

SECTION 70

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 78; Nays 14

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Ott
Pedalino	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--78

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Harris
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Trantham	White	

Total--14

Section 70 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1A, Section 70. I should have abstained.

Rep. Justin Bamberg

SECTION 80--ADOPTED

Rep. BRADLEY proposed the following Amendment No. 22 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\007\consumer affairs funds.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 80, DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, page 192, line 4, opposite /Classified Positions/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
35,446	12,885

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 80, DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, page 192, line 12, opposite /Classified Positions/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
108,926	12,436

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 80, DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, page 192, line 20, opposite /Classified Positions/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Column 3 by:

Column 3	Column 4
15,284	

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 80, DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, page 192, line 28, opposite /Classified Positions/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
15,572	15,572

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 80, DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, page 193, line 8, opposite /Classified Positions/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
3,795	3,795

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 80,

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, page 193, line 15, opposite /Employer Contributions/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
76,978	19,215

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the amendment.

Rep. BRADLEY moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 61; Nays 27

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Blackwell	Brewer
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Clyburn	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gilliard	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Lowe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Ott	Rivers	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan

Weeks	West	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--61

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Bradley	Burns
Chumley	Cromer	Erickson
Gibson	Gilliam	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hiott	Hixon	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Long	Magnuson
May	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Sessions	White

Total--27

Section 80 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1A, Section 80. I should have abstained.

Rep. Justin Bamberg

SECTION 92D--ADOPTED

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, WHITE, A.M. MORGAN, MAGNUSON, BEACH, MAY, CROMER and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 28 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\office of res operating expenses.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 4, opposite /CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
1,912,770	1,912,770

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 6, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - ACCOUNTANT/FISCAL ANALYST/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
53,957	53,957
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 8, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - ACCOUNTANT/FISCAL ANALYST II/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
64,885	64,885
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 10, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - ACCOUNTING/FISCAL MANAGER I/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
78,343	78,343
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 12, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
45,760	45,760
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 14, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR I/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
94,514	94,514
(2.00)	(2.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 16, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR II/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
53,957	53,957
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 18, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - ATTORNEY III/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
78,343	78,343
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 20, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - DATA COORDINATION MANAGER/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
78,343	78,343
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 22, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - DATA COORDINATION I/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
64,885	64,885
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 24, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - DATA PLANNER/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
53,957	53,957
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 26, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - DIRECTOR/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
115,986	115,986
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 28, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - ENGINEER/ASSOCIATE ENGINEER II/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
63,000	63,000
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 30, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - ENGINEER/ASSOCIATE ENGINEER III/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
78,343	78,343

(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 32, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - GRANTS COORDINATOR I/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
64,885	64,885
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 34, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - INSPECTOR III/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
106,096	106,096
(2.00)	(2.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 217, line 2, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - IT MANAGER I/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
68,250	68,250
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 217, line 4, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - IT SPECIALIST/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
53,957	53,957
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 217, line 6, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE LIAISON/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
64,885	64,885
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 217, line 8, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - PROFESSIONAL AUDITOR/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
53,957	53,957
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF

RESILIENCE, page 217, line 10, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - PROGRAM COORDINATOR I/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
186,257	186,257
(3.00)	(3.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 217, line 12, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - PROGRAM COORDINATOR II/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
486,755	486,755
(8.00)	(8.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 217, line 14, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - PROGRAM MANAGER I/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
232,606	232,606
(3.00)	(3.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 217, line 16, opposite /NEW POSITIONS – PROGRAM MANAGER II/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
206,194	206194
(2.00)	(2.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 217, line 18, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR II/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
53,957	53,957
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 217, line 20, opposite /NEW POSITIOSN - RESEARCH AND PLANNING ADMINISTRATOR/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
53,957	53,957
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 217, line 22, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - SENIOR AUDITOR/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
64,885	64,885
(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 217, line 24, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - WATERSHED COORDINATOR/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
519,080	519,080
(8.00)	(8.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 217, line 26, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
925,075	925,075

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 218, line 16, opposite /EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
2,122,161	2,122,161

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. BANNISTER spoke against the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 99; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain

Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Chumley	Cromer
Harris	S. Jones	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
White		

Total--16

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 8

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
McCravy	McDaniel	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore

Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Harris
May	McCabe	O'Neal
Pace	White	

Total--8

Section 92D was adopted.

SECTION 93--ADOPTED

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, WHITE, A.M. MORGAN, MAGNUSON, BEACH, MAY, CROMER and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 29 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\decrease campus relocation from administration.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 93, DEPT OF ADMINISTRATION, page 220, line 17, opposite /Health Agencies Complex/ by decreasing the amount in Columns 3 and 4 by:

Column 3	Column 4
4,393,591	4,393,591

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE spoke in favor of the amendment.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. PACE continued speaking.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. PACE continued speaking.

Rep. MAGNUSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MURPHY spoke against the amendment.

Rep. MURPHY moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 97; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Carter
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
O'Neal	Pace	Trantham
White		

Total--16

Section 93 was adopted.

Rep. BANNISTER moved that the House recede until 1:30 p.m., which was agreed to.

Further proceedings were interrupted by the House receding.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 1:30 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

H. 5100--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of the Bill:

H. 5100 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

PART IB

SECTION 1--AMENDED AND ADOPTED

Rep. ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 8 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\004\interscholstic athletic association dues.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 283, paragraph 1.49, line 34, by striking /, with one person appointed by the delegation to each congressional district;/ and inserting /. *Three members shall be appointed by the Chair of the House Education and Public Works Committee and three appointed by the Chair of he Senate Education Committee. Each Chair must appoint at least one member from the minority party and at least one appointed member must be female. The Governor shall appoint one member who shall serve as the panel's Chair. Existing members of the panel are removed, but may be reappointed in the manner prescribed above.*/

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 284, paragraph 1.49, line 9, by inserting after (5), which was adopted:

/*development and publication by June 30, 2025 of a reorganization plan for classification that goes into effect for the next league realignment. The plan must include* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 284, paragraph 1.49, line 12, by inserting at the end:

/*provided that the student's private or public school does not offer the sport, the entity shall allow a one-time transfer to a student in middle school who transfers after establishing eligibility in the seventh grade and in high school after establishing eligibility in the ninth grade to a school outside of their attendance zone to play without penalty;* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 27; Nays 75

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bamberg	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Felder	Gagnon
Gilliard	Hardee	Henegan
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
Lawson	McDaniel	Mitchell
Moss	Neese	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Weeks	Williams	Yow

Total--27

Those who voted in the negative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Landing
Leber	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McCravy
McGinnis	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Murphy	B. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan

West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten

Total--75

So, the House refused to table the amendment.

Rep. KING spoke against the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

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

Yeas 83; Nays 17

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Brewer	Burns
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCravy	McGinnis
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Schuessler
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks

West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--83

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Bustos	Cobb-Hunter
Felder	Gagnon	Guffey
Hardee	Howard	Jefferson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	Moss	Sandifer
Sessions	Yow	

Total--17

The amendment was then adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Amendment No. 8, Section 1, Part 1B of H. 5100. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Amendment.

Rep. Jeff Bradley

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson

Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 1, as amended, was adopted.

SECTION 11--AMENDED AND ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\005\che fafsa.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 11, COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, page 343, after line 21, by

adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(CHE: FAFSA) High school seniors shall complete and submit a free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) before graduating from high school. Families and legal guardians may elect to be exempted from this requirement. The Commission on Higher Education and the State Board of Education must: (1) develop and adopt a form for the purpose of declining to complete the application; and (2) develop and provide user-friendly resources and information about the purpose of FAFSA, how to complete the FAFSA, and other postsecondary financial aid options.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. TAYLOR proposed the following Amendment No. 47 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\008\university cyber leadership council.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 11, COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, page 343, after line 21, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(CHE: SC University Cyber Leadership Council) Of the funds appropriated for Fiscal year 2024-2025, there is established the South Carolina University Cyber Leadership Council to position South Carolina as a national leader in cyber readiness through education, research, and community engagement. The Council shall:*

(1) work with local agencies to assess the vulnerability of critical infrastructure in South Carolina to cyber threats and develop and implement a plan to identify gaps inn the State's ability to respond;

(2) develop and implement a plan to provide a skilled cyber workforce to the military and civilian arms of federal, state, and local governments and to industry through education and training programs in collaboration with partners in k-12, technical colleges, and four-year colleges and universities;

(3) in coordination with the commission on higher education and existing higher education cybersecurity programs, with The Citadel as convener, develop and implement a plan to include timelines and metrics to attract a pipeline of future cyber workforce;

(4) promote cybersecurity awareness and good cyber citizenship by organizing workshops, summer camps, cyber table-top

exercises, cyber competitions, and conferences;

(5) develop and implement a plan to provide cyber threat hunting services to the state and local agencies and to local, small-and mid-size industries through a cybersecurity situation center; and

(6) submit a paper report to the Chairman of House Ways and Means Committee and the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee by June 30, 2025. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. TAYLOR explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson

May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 11, as amended, was adopted.

SECTION 13--AMENDED AND ADOPTED

Rep. TAYLOR proposed the following Amendment No. 48 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\008\cyber coordination center deletion.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 13, THE CITADEL, pages 343-344, paragraph 13.1, by striking the proviso in its entirety.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. TAYLOR explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 116; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White

Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--116

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 13, as amended, was adopted.

SECTION 31--AMENDED AND ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER proposed the following Amendment No. 55 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\fetal pain awareness.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 31, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, pages 355-356, paragraph 31.28, by striking the proviso in its entirety.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Reps. BURNS and MAGNUSON proposed the following Amendment No. 60 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\006\dph vaccinations.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 31, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, page 361, after line 6, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(DPH: COVID Vaccinations) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Public Health, the department is prohibited from claiming to the public that COVID vaccinations are "safe" and "effective". DPH is allowed to offer the availability of the COVID vaccination without the claims of stated safety or effectiveness.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BURNS explained the amendment.

Rep. BURNS moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 5

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
J. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pedalino	Rivers	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	West	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Cromer	Harris	Kilmartin
May	Pace	

Total--5

Section 31, as amended, was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1B, Section 31. I should have abstained.

Rep. JA Moore

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1B, Section 31. I should have abstained.

Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter

SECTION 33--RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved to reconsider the vote whereby Section 33 was adopted, which was agreed to.

Rep. MAGNUSON proposed the following Amendment No. 24 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\006\defund planned parenthood.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 33, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, page 370, after line 35 , by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(DHHS: Family Planning Funds) The Department of Health and Human Services may not accept federal funds for family planning. None of the state funds appropriated for family planning may be expended to directly or indirectly subsidize abortion services or procedures or administrative functions and none of the funds appropriated herein may be paid or granted to an organization that provides abortion services. An otherwise qualified organization may not be disqualified from receipt of these funds because of its affiliation with an organization that provides abortion services, provided that the affiliated organization that provides abortion services is independent of the qualified organization. An independent affiliate that provides abortion services must be separately incorporated from any organization that receives these funds.*

An organization that provides abortion services where the life of the mother is at risk and the termination of the pregnancy is incidental to the lifesaving intervention is excepted from the above restriction on state family planning funds and may receive state family planning funds, provided that the physician shall act in accordance with the standard of care to preserve both the life of the mother and the life of the pre-born child./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

Rep. MAGNUSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. MAGNUSON continued speaking.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. WETMORE raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 24 was not germane to the Bill under Rule 5.3.B.1.

SPEAKER G. M. SMITH stated that Rule 5.3.B was adopted in 2022 and that he was bound by the precedents from 2023. He said that the rule had been changed in 2022 to require that the principal, chief, or primary effect of an amendment to the annual general appropriations bill must be directly related to the appropriation of funds or the raising of revenue or be a rule, directive, or regulation directly related to the appropriation of funds or raising revenue. He stated that he had to look for the principal purpose or intent of the amendment. The SPEAKER stated further that it was his view that the amendment was drafted to effect what entities would receive funds for purposes of family planning. He stated that he was overruling the Point of Order.

Rep. HEWITT spoke against the amendment.

Rep. HEWITT moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 72; Nays 24

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliard
Guffey	Hager	Hartnett
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
Landing	Leber	Ligon
Lowe	McDaniel	McGinnis
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Pope
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Williams	Wooten

Total--72

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	S. Jones	Kilmartin
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Trantham
Vaughan	White	Willis

Total--24

So, the amendment was tabled.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Amendment No. 24, Section 33, Part 1B of H. 5100. If I had been present, I would have voted to table the Amendment.

Rep. Russell Ott

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 66; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guffey
Hager	Hartnett	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
McDaniel	McGinnis	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Pedalino
Rivers	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
West	Wetmore	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--66

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Haddon	Hardee

Harris	S. Jones	Kilmartin
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Nutt	O'Neal	Pace
Trantham	White	

Total--20

Section 33 was adopted.

SECTION 36--ADOPTED

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, WHITE, A.M. MORGAN, MAGNUSON, BEACH, MAY, CROMER and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 40 to H. 5100 (Doc Name H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\012\DDSN AGENCY LEASE PAYMENTS .DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 36, DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS, page 388, paragraph 36.13, lines 18 - 21, by striking the proviso in its entirety.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 3

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox

Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Harris	Magnuson	Pace

Total--3

Section 36 was adopted.

SECTION 37

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 10

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler

White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Harris
S. Jones	Magnuson	May
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	O'Neal
Pace		

Total--10

Section 37 was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Section 37, Part 1B of H. 5100. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

SECTION 38--ADOPTED

Rep. MCCABE proposed the following Amendment No. 26 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\group home placement.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 38, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, page 395, after line 11, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(DSS: Youth in Group Homes) In the current fiscal year, funds appropriated or authorized to the Department of Social Services for the purpose of group homes, shall be used to place children according to their biological sex.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. MCCABE explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HEWITT raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 26 was not germane under Rule 5.3.B.

Rep. MCCABE argued contra.

SPEAKER G. M. SMITH stated that although the Amendment tried to mention the appropriation of funds, the principal effect of the amendment was to control DJJ's policies concerning the housing of youth in group homes. He stated further that because the amendment's principal effect did not concern the appropriation of funds or raising of revenue that he would sustain the Point of Order. He ruled the amendment to not be germane.

Rep. BEACH proposed the following Amendment No. 37 to H. 5100 (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\5100C002.CC.DG24.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 38, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, page 395, after line 11, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(DSS: Foster care grants) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Social Services, the department may develop a grant program to provide churches and qualifying non-profit organizations grants of up to $30,000 for providing assistance to the foster care system. A grant recipient only may use the grant funding to recruit and train individuals that provide foster care for medically fragile children or teenagers. To qualify for a grant, the qualifying non-profit organization must be in good standing with the Secretary of State's Office and the Internal Revenue Service, and the organization must be a vendor in the South Carolina Enterprise Information System. The department shall develop the rules and standards of the grant program, including but not limited to assistance requirements, grant criteria, and the application and awarding process. The department shall adher to the grant reporting requirements set forth in Executive Order 2022-19 and submit a report of all awarded grants to the Chairmen of House Ways and Means and Senate Finance Committee by June 30th.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BEACH explained the amendment.

Rep. BEACH spoke in favor of the amendment.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. BEACH continued speaking.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. BEACH continued speaking.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Clyburn	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guffey
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	J. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Rivers	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	West	Wetmore

White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 38 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1B, Section 38. I should have abstained.

Rep. Justin Bamberg

SECTION 50--ADOPTED

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, A.M. MORGAN, BEACH, CROMER, WHITE, MAGNUSON, MAY and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 43 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\energy sources.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 50, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, page 411, after line 7, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(CMRC: Energy Sources) No funds appropriated to the department may be utilized for the research, recruitment, production, or purchase of any intermittent forms of energy production, or for the reimbursement or subsidy of such purposes. State- appropriated funds shall only be spent on such purposes for firm energy sources.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. S. JONES explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. STAVRINAKIS raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 43 was not germane pursuant to Rule 5.3.B.

Rep. S. JONES argued contra.

SPEAKER G. M. SMITH that the Amendment's principal effect was to give preferential treatment to specific energy resources and production. He stated that the principal effect was not directly germane to the appropriation of funds or raising of revenue. He sustained the Point of Order.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 13

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor

Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Harris
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	O'Neal	Trantham
White		

Total--13

Section 50 was adopted.

SECTION 55--RECONSIDERED, AMENDED AND ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved to reconsider the vote whereby Section 55 was adopted, which was agreed to.

Rep. OTT proposed the following Amendment No. 33 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\006\dam repair fund.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 55, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, page 416, after line 32, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(DES: Dam Repair Assistance Fund) Of the funds appropriated for System Upgrades beginning with the FY 2024-25 Appropriation Act, there is established within the Department of Environmental Services a Dam Repair Assistance Fund. The interest-bearing fund shall be utilized for cost-sharing grants to correct dam deficiencies identified by the Department for high and significant hazard dams regulated under the Dams and Reservoir Safety Act. A grant of up to seventy-five percent (75%) of the total cost to correct the dam deficiency identified by the Department may be paid from the fund. Funds may also be used by the Department to administer and manage the grant program. Fund balances shall be carried forward from each prior fiscal year into the current fiscal year and used for the same purpose. System Upgrades appropriations remaining from the FY2023-24 Appropriation Act shall*

also be deposited into the Fund. The Department shall draft policies, criteria, and guidance for the grant program by October 15, 2024. This will be posted on the Department's website. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 81; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Blackwell	Bradley	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McGinnis	J. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Rivers
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan

White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--81

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 55, as amended, was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Section 55, Part 1B of H. 5100. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Thomas Beach

SECTION 65

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long

Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Rivers	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 65 was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Section 65, Part 1B of H. 5100. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Thomas Beach

SECTION 84--AMENDED AND ADOPTED

Reps. THAYER, HIXON, COBB-HUNTER, ERICKSON, GAGNON, TAYLOR, HIOTT, MCDANIEL, FORREST, OREMUS, BLACKWELL, POPE and B. NEWTON proposed the following Amendment No. 32 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\007\dot pp proviso.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 84, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, page 457, after line 11, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(DOT: Litter Control Program) In the current fiscal year, PalmettoPride-Litter Control Program funds designated pursuant to*

Section 14-1-208(10) shall be used for the purpose of Section 37-29-130, to fund litter control projects identified and provided in a list by the South Carolina Department of Transportation to PalmettoPride no later than August 15th of the current fiscal year. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. THAYER explained the amendment.

Rep. TRANTHAM spoke against the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 82; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
King	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McDaniel
McGinnis	J. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace

Pedalino	Rivers	Sandifer
Schuessler	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 84, as amended, was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR THE JOURNAL

While there is no ethical conflict of interest, I abstained from the vote on Part 1B, Section 84 in H. 5100 to avoid even an appearance of impropriety due to my service on the board of Palmetto Pride, for which I receive no compensation.

Rep. Ashley Trantham

SECTION 87--AMENDED AND ADOPTED

Reps. HIOTT and CRAWFORD proposed the following Amendment No. 65 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\007\aero hold over.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 87, DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS, page 458, after line 33, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(AERO: Hold-Over Limit) The requirement of Section 13-1-1050(A) pertaining to the hold-over capacity period limits shall be suspended for the current fiscal year.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. HIOTT explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hayes
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler

White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 87, as amended, was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Section 87, Part 1B of H. 5100. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. William Bailey

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on Section 87, Part 1B of H. 5100. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Section.

Rep. Carla Schuessler

SECTION 91--ADOPTED

Rep. WILLIAMS proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 5100 (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\5100C003.CC.DG24.DOCX), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 91, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT, page 463, by striking paragraph 91.13 and inserting:

/ 91.13. (LEG: In-District Compensation) All members of the General Assembly shall receive an in-district compensation of $1,000 per month. *All members of the General Assembly shall receive in district compensation of $2,000 per month effective January 1, 2025.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. WILLIAMS explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MURPHY raised the Point of Order under Rule 5.3.B.3 that Amendment No. 2 was out of order because it appropriated more than one million dollars and did not contain a corresponding appropriation reduction explaining where the funds would be found to make the appropriation.

SPEAKER G. M. SMITH sustained the Point of Order and ruled the Amendment out of order.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese

B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 91 was adopted.

SECTION 92D--ADOPTED

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, A.M. MORGAN, BEACH, CROMER, WHITE, MAGNUSON, MAY and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 44 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\scor musc flooding safety.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 92d, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 466, paragraph 92D.4, line 1-2, by striking: / *utilize $34 million in apropriations from Act 244 of 2022 and/or Act 84 of 2023 for the Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve Fund to* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. STAVRINAKIS spoke against the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West

Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 92D was adopted.

SECTION 93

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott

Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Harris
S. Jones	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Pace	White	

Total--11

Section 93 was adopted.

SECTION 102--ADOPTED

Rep. HARRIS proposed the following Amendment No. 38 to H. 5100 (Doc Name H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\009\NO FEES FOR VOTER LISTS.DOCX), which was ruled out order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 102, ELECTION COMMISSION, page 481, after line 34, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(ELECT: Voter List Fees) The State Election Commission shall not charge a fee for printing and supplying a voter list to an individual or political party.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. HARRIS explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. CASKEY raised the Rule 5.3.B.1 Point of Order that Amendment No. 38 was not germane.

Rep. HARRIS argued contra.

SPEAKER G. M. SMITH stated that the amendment's principal effect was to eliminate a fee and provide free voter lists to individual or political parties and did not have the principal effect of appropriating funds or affecting revenue. He sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. HARRIS proposed the following Amendment No. 39 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\no eric funding.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 102, ELECTION COMMISSION, page 481, after line 34, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(ELECT: ERIC Dues) The State Election Commission shall not use funds to participate in or pay dues to the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC).* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. HARRIS explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. CASKEY raised the Rule 5.3.B.1 Point of Order that Amendment No. 39 was not germane.

Rep. HARRIS argued contra.

SPEAKER G. M. SMITH stated that the amendment's principal effect was to prevent the State Election Commission to not participate in the Electronic Registration Information Center and was not directly affect the appropriation of funds or revenue. He sustained the Point of Order.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 90; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell

B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	J. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Rivers	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	West	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--90

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 102 was adopted.

SECTION 108--AMENDED AND ADOPTED

Reps. MAGNUSON and MCCABE proposed the following Amendment No. 27 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\006\state insurance .docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 108, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY, page 489, paragraph 108.4, line 26, by striking:/ of rape, incest or /

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. WETMORE raised the Rule 5.3.B.1 Point of Order that Amendment No. 27 was not germane.

SPEAKER G. M. SMITH stated that the amendment's purpose was to eliminate certain exceptions to the prohibition on abortion and did not relate to the appropriation of funds or raising of revenue. He sustained the Point of Order.

Reps. POPE and GILLIAM proposed the following Amendment No. 35 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\pors return to work critical needs.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 108, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY, page 491, paragraph 108.16, after line 26 and before line 27, by inserting a new paragraph to read:

/ *For compensation earnings during the current fiscal year, the earnings limitation does not apply if compensation received by the retired member from the covered employer is for employment in a critical needs law enforcement position as determined by the Law Enforcement Training Council. For this provision to apply, the Law Enforcement Training Council must review and approve, from the documentation provided by the covered employer, that no qualified, nonretired member is available for employment in the position, and that the member selected for employment meets the requirements of this provision. No later than January 1st of the current fiscal year, the Law Enforcement Training Council must submit a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee of the positions requested for inclusion in the earnings limitation exception under this provision. The earnings limitation exception in this provision only applies to those positions approved by action of the General Assembly for the fiscal year in response to the report submitted by the Law Enforcement Training Council. The Law Enforcement Training Council shall develop guidelines and curriculum for these officers to be recertified.* /

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

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

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 102; Nays 6

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Lowe	May
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West

Wetmore	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Harris	Kilmartin	Long
Magnuson	McCabe	White

Total--6

Section 108, as amended, was adopted.

SECTION 117--AMENDED AND ADOPTED

Reps. WOOTEN and BAMBERG proposed the following Amendment No. 34 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\school bus driver return to work.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 560, after line 29, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(GP: School Bus Driver Return to Work) Any School Bus Driver who retired under the South Carolina Retirement System on or before December 31, 2023, may return to employment with a public school district as a School Bus Driver without affecting the monthly retirement allowance that they are receiving from the South Carolina Retirement System.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. WOOTEN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. MAGNUSON proposed the following Amendment No. 62 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\005\part 1b new proviso for who.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 560, after line 29, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(GP: who convention) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, from the funds appropriated for the current fiscal year, no state agency,*

or political subdivision of this State, including school districts, or publicly funded organizations, or any elected or appointed official or employee of the same, may employ state funds, personnel, or facilities to execute the provisions, or issue regulations or guidance recommending or enforcing compliance with the provisions, of any treaty that has not received ratification by a two-thirds vote of the United States Senate as required by the United States Constitution, Article II, Section 2. This section must be expressly applied to any treaty drafted under the framework of "a WHO Convention, Agreement, or Other International Agreement on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response" or under color of amendments to the International Health Regulations. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. CASKEY raised the Rule 5.3.B.1 Point of Order that Amendment No. 62 was not germane.

SPEAKER G. M. SMITH sustained the Point of Order.

Reps. A. M. MORGAN and MAY proposed the following Amendment No. 68 to H. 5100 (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\5100C009.CC.DG24.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part 1B, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 560, after line 29, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(GP: Prohibition of funds for lobbyist) No state agency, instrumentality, or department may expend funds appropriated or authorized in this act to contract with a lobbyist as defined in Section 2-17-10(13) of the S.C. Code.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN explained the amendment.

Rep. KING moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 77; Nays 23

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Ligon	Long
McDaniel	J. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Ott	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams	Wooten	

Total--77

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	S. Jones	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Nutt	O'Neal

Oremus	Pace	Trantham
Vaughan	White	

Total--23

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER proposed the following Amendment No. 69 to H. 5100 (Doc Name H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\009\COLA INCREASE FOR RETIREES.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 560, after line 29, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(GP: COLA Increase) For the current fiscal year, the retirement allowance received by retirees and their surviving annuitants inclusive of supplemental allowances payable must be increased by the lesser of two percent or one thousand dollars.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER explained the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 116; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard

Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--116

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 117, as amended, was adopted.

SECTION 118--AMENDED AND ADOPTED

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, WHITE, A. M. MORGAN, MAGNUSON, BEACH, MAY, CROMER and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 46 to H. 5100 (Doc Name H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\009\DEPUTY SHERIFFS SALARY SUPPLEMENT.DOCX), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 591, paragraph 118.20, after line 8, by inserting:

/ *(b) Deputy Sheriff Salary Supplement $24,720,000;*

(2.1)From the funds appropriated in item 2(b), a one-time salary supplement of five thousand dollars per Class 1 Deputy Sheriff shall be provided. The amounts shall be distributed to each county based on their number of Class 1 Deputy Sheriffs as determined by the Law Enforcement Training Council. The one-time salary supplement shall not disqualify Class 1 Deputy Sheriffs from salary increases they might otherwise receive from county funds in the future, and their salaries may not be reduced as a result of this one-time salary supplement. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. WOOTEN raised the Rule 5.3.B.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 46 appropriated more than one million dollars and did not include the corresponding appropriation reductions required by the rule.

SPEAKER G. M. SMITH sustained the Point of Order.

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, WHITE, A. M. MORGAN, MAGNUSON, BEACH, MAY, CROMER and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 51 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\nr - arts commission .docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 591, paragraph 118.20, line 30-31, by striking: /*(11) H910 - Arts Commission Implementation of SCAC Hubs $ 2,000,000;*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. CASKEY raised the Rule 5.3.B.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 51 reduced an appropriation by more than one million and did not explain the reduction.

SPEAKER G. M. SMITH overruled the Point of Order and stated that the rule cited did not apply to an amendment that reduced an appropriation by more than one million dollars.

Rep. PACE continued speaking.

Rep. PACE spoke in favor of the amendment.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. PACE continued speaking.

Rep. WOOTEN spoke against the amendment.

Rep. WOOTEN moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 95; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon

Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--95

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Trantham
White		

Total--19

So, the amendment was tabled.

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, WHITE, A.M. MORGAN, MAGNUSON, BEACH, MAY, CROMER and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 50 to H. 5100 (Doc Name H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\011\FILM INCENTIVES.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 592, paragraph 118.20, line 24, by striking: /*(c) Film Incentives $ 10,000,000;* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. MAY explained the amendment.

Rep. MAY spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 89; Nays 24

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
McDaniel	McGinnis	J. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Ott
Pendarvis	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
West	Wetmore	Wheeler

Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--89

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chapman
Chumley	Cromer	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Sessions	Trantham	White

Total--24

So, the amendment was tabled.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, WHITE, A. M. MORGAN, MAGNUSON, BEACH, MAY, CROMER and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 53 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\sports marketing.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 592, paragraph 118.20, line 26, by striking:/ *(e) Sports Marketing $ 5,000,000;* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. MAGNUSON explained the amendment.

Rep. MAGNUSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. WOOTEN spoke against the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 99; Nays 18

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Ott	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Haddon	Harris

S. Jones	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Nutt	O'Neal
Pace	Trantham	White

Total--18

So, the amendment was tabled.

Reps. PACE, HARRIS, WHITE, A. M. MORGAN, MAGNUSON, BEACH, MAY, CROMER and KILMARTIN proposed the following Amendment No. 49 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\closing fund.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 592, paragraph 118.20, line 35, by striking:/ *(d) Closing Fund $ 10,000,000;* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN explained the amendment.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. WEST spoke against the amendment.

Rep. WEST spoke against the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. MURPHY proposed the following Amendment No. 58 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\009\audit support for sto.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 594, paragraph 118.20, after line 21, by inserting:

/*(b) Audit Support $1,200,000;*

(40.1) From the funds appropriated in item 40(b), the Office of the State Treasurer shall provide an itemized expenditure report of the funds to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee on December 31, 2024, and a final itemized expenditure report of the funds on June 30, 2025. The funds shall be utilized to comply with proviso 93.19./

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

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

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott

Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 118, as amended, was adopted.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

PART IA

SECTION 27

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 14

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon

Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Guffey
Harris	S. Jones	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	O'Neal
Sessions	White	

Total--14

Section 27 was adopted.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

PART IB

SECTION 3--ADOPTED

Reps. PENDARVIS, KIRBY, ROSE and GARVIN proposed the following Amendment No. 66 to H. 5100 (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\004\summer feeding program.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 3, LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, page 332, paragraph 3.6, line 2, by striking /$35,000,000/ and inserting /*$32,000,000*/

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 3, LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, page 332, paragraph 3.6, after line 6, by inserting:

/ (..)Summer Feeding Program...$3,000,000 /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PENDARVIS explained the amendment.

Rep. WHITMIRE spoke against the amendment.

Rep. WHITMIRE moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 68; Nays 49

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gilliam	Guest	Hardee
Harris	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May

McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
A. M. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Pace	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
West	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--68

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bustos	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
McCabe	J. Moore	T. Moore
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sessions
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Williams		

Total--49

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the section.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 118; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--118

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

Section 3 was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted on H. 5100, Part 1B, Section 3. I should have abstained.

Rep. Raye Felder

STATEMENT BY REP. BANNISTER

Rep. BANNISTER gave notice of offering amendments on third reading if necessary, pursuant to Rule 9.2.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. BANNISTER moved to table all pending motions to reconsider, which was agreed to.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch

Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Chumley	Cromer
Harris	S. Jones	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	O'Neal
Pace	Trantham	White

Total--15

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING
H. 5100--General Appropriations Bill

In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
65	**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
67	**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
80	**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
81	**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**
83	**DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE**
84	**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
102	**ELECTION COMMISSION**
104	**STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY**
109	**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or

commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Justin Bamberg

In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
59	**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**
61	**COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
67	**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
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78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
80	**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
81	**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**
83	**DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE**
84	**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
102	**ELECTION COMMISSION**
104	**STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY**
109	**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**
110	**STATE ETHICS COMMISSION**
111	**PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Bruce Bannister

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
65	**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
80	**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
81	**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**

83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Beth Bernstein

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
23 MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA
50 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
51 JOBS-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
85 INFASTRUCTURE BANK BOARD
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
88 STATE PORTS AUTHORITY
108 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY

112 DEBT SERVICE
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS – STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Gary Brewer

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
1	**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
1A	**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – EIA- PART 1B ONLY**
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
61	**COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE**
65	**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
67	**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**

74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Thomas C. "Case" Brittain, Jr.

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
60 PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION
93 DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Paula Rawl Calhoon

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
36 DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
82 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES

83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Micah Caskey

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section, and/or Amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
45 CLEMSON UNIVERSITY - PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or

business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Bill Chumley

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section, and/or Amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
57	**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. William “Bill” Clyburn

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
35	**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**
37	**DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES**

38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
45 CLEMSON UNIVERSITY – PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES
59 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
4 EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
26 DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES & HISTORY
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
102 ELECTION COMMISSION

104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Neal Collins

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
80	**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
81	**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**
82	**DEPARTMENTOF MOTOR VEHICLES**

104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS -STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Ben Connell

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
62 SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS -STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or

other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Brandon Cox

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
16	**COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY**
113	**AID TO SUBDIVISIONS -STATE TREASURER**
115	**TAX RELIEF TRUST FUND**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Heather Crawford

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
25	**STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL & COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION**
35	**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**
44	**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. April Cromer

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
61	**COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
67	**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
80	**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
81	**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**
83	**DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE**
84	**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
102	**ELECTION COMMISSION**
104	**STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY**
109	**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Jason Elliott

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Shannon Erickson

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

3 LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Raye Felder

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
80	**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
81	**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**
83	**DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE**
84	**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS -STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Kambrell Garvin

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Gil Gatch

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
65	**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
67	**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
79	**STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**
80	**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
81	**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**
82	**DEPARTMENTOF MOTOR VEHICLES**
84	**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
86	**COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**
102	**ELECTION COMMISSION**
104	**STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY**
109	**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Thomas Duval "Val" Guest, Jr.

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal**

Year 2024-2025, for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
65	**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
92D	**OFFICE OF RESILENCE**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Patrick Haddon

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
61	**COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE**
65	**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Chris Hart

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or

amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS – STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Tom Hartnett, Jr.

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
42 HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
59 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION

74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Rosalyn Henderson-Myers

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
42 HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Bill Herbkersman

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Max T. Hyde, Jr.

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
1	**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
1A	**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION- EIA- PART IB ONLY**
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
54	**RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE BANK**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
65	**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
67	**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**

80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Jeff Johnson

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
17	**FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY**
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
61	**COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE**
65	**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
67	**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
80	**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
81	**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**
83	**DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE**
84	**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
102	**ELECTION COMMISSION**
104	**STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY**
109	**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**
111	**PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Jay Jordan

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
3	**LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
59	**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. John R. King

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
84	**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
86	**COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**
113	**AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Roger Kirby

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
32	**DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an

individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Phillip Lowe

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. RJ May

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
82 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Ryan McCabe

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
61	**COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE**
65	**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
67	**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
80	**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
81	**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**

83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. John R. McCravy III

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
1 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON

SERVICES
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
100 OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS -STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Cody T. Mitchell

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
42	**HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
50	**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
87	**DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS**
113	**AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. JA Moore

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
61	**COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**

80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
100 ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Travis Moore

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
57 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

58 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
85 INFRASTUCTURE BANK BOARD
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Chris Murphy

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
20	**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA-PART 1B ONLY**
20A	**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**
20E	**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA – LANCASTER CAMPUS**
23	**MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Brandon Newton

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
42	**HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
59	**ATTORNEY GENERAL**
61	**COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
67	**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
80	**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
81	**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**

83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS- STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
50 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Jordan Pace

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS- STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an

individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Fawn Pedalino

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
35	**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
61	**COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE**
63	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**
64	**LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL**
65	**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
67	**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
80	**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
81	**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**
83	**DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE**
84	**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
86	**COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS**
102	**ELECTION COMMISSION**
104	**STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY**
109	**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Marvin Pendarvis

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
65	**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
80	**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
81	**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**
83	**DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE**
84	**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Tommy Pope

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
41 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY
47 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
59 ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE
62 STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING &

REGULATION
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
87 DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
105 SFAA, OFFICE OF STATE AUDITOR
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS – STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Robby Robbins

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
31 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
38 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
55 DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

61 COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE
65 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
66 DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES
67 DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE
70 HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION
74 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION
75 STATE ACCIDENT FUND
78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Seth Rose

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal**

Year 2024-2025, for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:
Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
80	**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
81	**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**
83	**DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE**
84	**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
102	**ELECTION COMMISSION**
104	**STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY**
109	**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**
110	**STATE ETHICS COMMISSION**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an

individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Todd Rutherford

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS – STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

Rep. Carla Schuessler

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name

84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or

other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Heath Sessions

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
1	**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
1A	**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION- EIA- PART IB ONLY**
17	**FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY**
23	**MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**
25	**STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL & COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION**
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
32	**DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
35	**DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
40	**OFFICE ON AGING**
42	**HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**
50	**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
59	**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**
61	**COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE**
62	**STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**
65	**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
67	**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
72	**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
73	**OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**

78 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
80 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
87 DIVISION ON AERONAUTICS
88 STATE PORTS AUTHORITY- PART IB ONLY
100 OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
108 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
110 STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
111 PROCUREMENT REVIEW PANEL
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS – STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. G. Murrell Smith, Jr.

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
59	**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

Rep. Marvin "Mark" Smith

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
1	**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**
1A	**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION- EIA- PART IB ONLY**
23	**MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
50	**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
59	**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
80	**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

81 DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION
82 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES
83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER
115 TAX RELIEF TRUST FUND, PART IA ONLY

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Leon Stavrinakis

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
25 STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL & COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or

business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Ivory Thigpen

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
81	**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**
83	**DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE**
84	**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
102	**ELECTION COMMISSION**
104	**STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY**
109	**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. David Weeks

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
80	**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
81	**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**
104	**STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY**
109	**DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**
113	**AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER**

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Elizabeth "Spencer" Wetmore

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

	Agency Name
31	**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**
33	**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**
38	**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**
55	**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**
61	**COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE**
65	**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
66	**DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE & PARDON SERVICES**
67	**DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE**
70	**HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION**
74	**WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION**
75	**STATE ACCIDENT FUND**
78	**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE**
80	**DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
81	**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING & REGULATION**

83 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE
84 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
86 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION FUNDS
102 ELECTION COMMISSION
104 STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY
109 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Will Wheeler

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Part IA and Part IB Section Numbers

Agency Name
33 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
113 AID TO SUBDIVISIONS - STATE TREASURER

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or

business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Richie Yow

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H. 5101--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5101 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 3

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris

Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Cromer	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan

Total--3

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:05 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. BRITTAIN, adjourned in memory of Wilma Williamson Smith, to meet at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 9:30 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Ezekiel 18:31: "Get rid of all the sins you have done, and get for yourself a new heart and a new way of thinking."

Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, thank You for this day, for Your loving spirit which comes every day. Thank You for granting us blessings that satisfy our souls and bodies. We give thanks for all Your gifts. Thank You and bless our men and women who defend our freedom and keep us safe. Help us to be thankful for Your care during this week. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and heal those who suffer from hidden wounds. Make us grateful for those men and women who keep us safe by going into harm's way. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. B. NEWTON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of James William Horton, brother-in-law of Mag Rigby, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Coach Delmar Patterson.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5252 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MRS. MAPLESE SCOTT-KING ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5253 -- Reps. Trantham, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel,

McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THOMAS LYNN "TOM" BAILEY, SR., OF ANDERSON COUNTY, TO HONOR HIS REMARKABLE COMMITMENT TO CONSERVATION AND TO THE EFFORTS OF PALMETTOPRIDE, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5254 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLUMBIA UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND ITS MEMBERS FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

TO THE COLUMBIA COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5255 -- Reps. Carter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE PEYTON O’BRIEN ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR HER FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5256 -- Reps. Atkinson, Alexander, Anderson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE PEE DEE ACADEMY VARSITY BOYS BASEBALL TEAM FOR AN IMPRESSIVE SEASON AND TO CELEBRATE THE EAGLES' CAPTURE OF THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5257 -- Reps. Connell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ELDER

JOHN D. AMOS OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS FAITHFUL SERVICE IN CHRIST

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5259 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Pedalino, Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE SUMTER HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2024 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM’S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACHES, AND STAFF ON A SUPERB SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5260 -- Reps. Hayes, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox,

B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LAKE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5258 -- Reps. McDaniel, Henegan, Clyburn, Hager, Weeks, Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams,

Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE NATIONAL CAREGIVERS DAY IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA ON FEBRUARY 16, 2024, AS A TESTAMENT TO THE SELFLESS DEDICATION AND INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CAREGIVERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5261 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-300 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF MARCH OF EACH YEAR AS THE BIRTHDATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5262 -- Reps. Bailey, Hardee, Brittain, McGinnis, Guest and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3670, RELATING TO THE CREDIT FOR EXCESS PREMIUM PAID FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE, SO AS TO RAISE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR A TAX YEAR FROM ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS TO ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5263 -- Reps. Rose and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 8 TO TITLE 47 ENTITLED “PUBLIC CONTACT WITH DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS” SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROHIBIT DIRECT CONTACT WITH DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO ALLOW FOR ENFORCEMENT BY ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITIES, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT

AGENTS, AND COUNTY SHERIFFS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5264 -- Reps. Burns and W. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALLOWED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, DISABLED, OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO SET THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT AS THE GREATER OF THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OR THE FIRST THIRTY-THREE PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-37-245 RELATING TO AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5265 -- Rep. Hiott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-9-780, RELATING IN PART TO MUTUAL CONSENT REGISTRIES, SO AS TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION FOR THE RELEASE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT TO AN ADULT ADOPTEE IF THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT IS DECEASED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5266 -- Rep. Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 340 OF 1967, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE GOVERNING BODY THEREOF, AND THE MANNER IN WHICH ITS MEMBERS ARE ELECTED, SO AS TO REVISE THE DATES WHICH A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY.

Referred to Charleston Delegation

H. 5267 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 307 OF 2012, RELATING TO THE ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE SALUDA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST BE ELECTED, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THESE DISTRICTS, TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THESE DISTRICTS, AND TO UPDATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED.

Referred to Saluda Delegation

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore

Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--118

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4246
Date:	ADD:
03/13/24	MITCHELL and YOW

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4954
Date:	ADD:
03/13/24	KIRBY and ANDERSON

H. 5100--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5100 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

H. 5101--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5101 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

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

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 4817 -- Reps. West and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-500, RELATING TO THE SALE OR PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS WITHOUT PROOF OF AGE AND THE LOCATION OF VENDING MACHINES, SO AS TO

INCLUDE ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS TO PRESENT PROOF OF AGE UPON DEMAND, AND TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS FROM VENDING MACHINES IN CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS.

Rep. CLYBURN moved that when the House adjourns today, it stand adjourned to next meet in Statewide Session on Tuesday, March 19 at 12:00 noon, which was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:02 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. B. NEWTON, adjourned in memory of James William Horton, brother-in-law of Mag Rigby, to meet at 12:00 noon Tuesday, March 19.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Ezekiel 37:14: "And I will put my Spirit with you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land, then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken and I will do it, declares the Lord."

Let us pray. Lord, breathe Your spirit upon us and make us live for You. Continue Your blessings upon these men and women as they continue the work set before them. Guide them and refresh them in their duties. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of time and effort for this great cause. Bless and keep our men and women of our Armed Forces safe. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our brave warriors who sacrifice for all of us. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, March 13, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of her brother-in-law, Raymond Jerome Bullock, which was agreed to.

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5136
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-7-110 through 44-7-340
Certification of Need for Health Facilities and Services
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 10, 2023

Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration May 10, 2023
Revised: April 4, 2024

REGULATIONS RECEIVED

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

Document No. 5264
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 44-7-110 through 44-7-394
Standards for Licensing Ambulatory Surgical Facilities
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
March 14, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration March 18, 2025

Document No. 5265
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-7-110 through 44-7-394
Minimum Standards for Licensing Hospitals and Institutional General Infirmaries
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
March 14, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration March 18, 2025

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5268 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel,

McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF BARBARA ANN HOLMES HOWARD, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5269 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5270 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF TEAM ON WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5271 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber,

Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5272 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY COED BOWLING TEAM AND COACHES ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO APPLAUD THE TEAM ON ITS OUTSTANDING SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5273 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, B. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ANDREW JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5274 -- Reps. Nutt, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO HONOR OUR ENGINEERS FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PALMETTO STATE'S QUALITY OF LIFE, AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024, AS "PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5276 -- Reps. Anderson and Hewitt: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARY JOYCE HOLMES, BOARD MEMBER ON THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, AND TO COMMEND HER FOR HER SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FOR HER DEDICATION TO REGISTERING MINORITY VOTERS AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO VOTE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5277 -- Reps. Connell, B. Newton, Mitchell, Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos,

Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2024 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM'S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACH, AND STAFF ON A SUPERB SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5278 -- Reps. Thayer, Cromer, West, Chapman, Gagnon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor,

Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE T.L. HANNA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND AND BAND DIRECTORS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO APPLAUD THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2023 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1167 -- Senator Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 3, 2024 AS "BATTEN DISEASE AWARENESS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committee:

H. 5275 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson and W. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-63-110 SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS THAT ISSUE INDIVIDUAL LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES TO OFFER LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EMBRYOS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-65-130 SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS THAT ISSUE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES TO OFFER LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EMBRYOS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain

Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Thayer	Thigpen
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--112

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. A. M. MORGAN signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Wednesday, March 13.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. TAYLOR a leave of absence for the day due to official legislative business.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BALLENTINE a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. FELDER a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Mark Humphrey and Joseanna Ferreira of Richland County were the Doctors of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3988
Date:	ADD:
03/19/24	GUFFEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4561
Date:	ADD:
03/19/24	BAUER, RIVERS, GILLIARD, HENDERSON-MYERS and WILLIAMS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4642
Date:	ADD:
03/19/24	CASKEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4649
Date:	ADD:
03/19/24	CASKEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4813
Date:	ADD:
03/19/24	CASKEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5013
Date:	ADD:
03/19/24	WILLIS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5042
Date:	ADD:
03/19/24	J. MOORE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5161
Date:	ADD:
03/19/24	KING

H. 3989--RECOMMITTED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3989 -- Reps. Ott, G. M. Smith, Cobb-Hunter, Ligon, Kirby, Haddon, Oremus, Brewer, Gagnon, Sandifer, Weeks, Williams, Henegan, Bauer, Forrest, Jefferson, Wheeler, Anderson and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOLAR, AGRICULTURAL, FARMLAND, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACT"; TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; TO ESTABLISH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES; TO ESTABLISH THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION PROCESS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEARINGS REGARDING THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION; TO ESTABLISH THE PARTIES TO A CERTIFICATION PROCEEDING; TO REQUIRE A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO CONSOLIDATE THE REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS; TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S DECISION REGARDING AN APPLICATION; TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ISSUE AN ORDER WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS FROM THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS FILED; TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A FILED APPLICATION; AND TO CREATE THE AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND VIABILITY PROTECTION FUND.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, which was agreed to.

H. 3988--AMENDED AND DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3988 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Pedalino, Forrest, Wheeler, Kirby and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACTS THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY, TO PERMIT THE DELEGATION OF CERTAIN ACTS TO TRAINED PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND PHARMACY INTERNS, AND TO DEFINE AN ADDITIONAL TERM; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-84, RELATING TO PHARMACY INTERNS AND EXTERNS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN DIRECT SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-190, RELATING TO PROTOCOL FOR PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES WITHOUT PRACTITIONER ORDERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DISPENSATION OF CERTAIN DRUGS AND DEVICES, TO LOWER THE VACCINATION RECIPIENT AGE TO TWELVE YEARS OF AGE, TO AUTHORIZE DIRECTLY SUPERVISED PHARMACY INTERNS TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN VACCINATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE WRITTEN PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-200, RELATING TO THE JOINT PHARMACIST-ADMINISTERED VACCINES COMMITTEE, SO AS TO RENAME THE COMMITTEE AS THE "JOINT PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE" AND MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO PROVIDE THE PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE MUST SUBMIT ITS INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY NO LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT, AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3988 (LC-3988.WAB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 40-43-30(73)(e) and (f) and inserting:

(e) initiation, ordering, and administration of flu and COVID tests. Pharmacists may delegate the task of administering tests provided for in this subsection to a trained pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern, but the pharmacist must perform any interpretation of the results;

(f) reporting of a person's flu or COVID test results and the referral of that patient for follow up care to the health care provider identified by the patient or if none is identified, to an appropriate health care provider; or

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 40-43-40(A) and (B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-43-40. (A) There is created the State Board of Pharmacy to be composed of ~~nine~~ten members, appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom must be a lay member from the State at large, one of whom must be a state-certified pharmacy technician from the State at-large, one of whom must be a pharmacist from the State at large, and seven of whom must be pharmacists representing each of the seven congressional districts. However, if no hospital pharmacist is selected to represent any of the seven congressional districts, the Governor shall appoint a hospital pharmacist as the pharmacist at large.

(B) The pharmacist at large, the state-certified pharmacy technician, and the lay member shall serve coterminously with the appointing Governor and until their successors are appointed and qualify. The certified pharmacy technician must be actively engaged as a certified pharmacy technician. The board shall conduct an election to nominate three pharmacists from each congressional district to be submitted to the Governor for consideration for appointment. The Governor shall appoint one pharmacist to represent each congressional district from among the nominees submitted for that district. The election shall provide for participation by all pharmacists currently licensed and residing in the congressional district for which the nomination is being made. The pharmacists must be residents of the congressional district they represent, licensed, in good standing to practice pharmacy in this State, and actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy in this State. The members of the board representing the seven congressional districts shall serve terms of six years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. No member may serve more than two successive terms of office except that a member serving an unexpired term may be reelected and reappointed for two successive terms.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 5, by striking Section 40-43-190(B) and (C) and inserting:

Section 40-43-190. (A)(1) Upon recommendation of the Joint Pharmacist Administered Vaccines Committee, the Board of Medical Examiners shall determine whether a specific vaccine is appropriate for administration by a pharmacist without a written order or prescription of a practitioner pursuant to this section. If a vaccine is approved, the Board of Medical Examiners shall issue a written protocol for the administration of vaccines by pharmacists without an order or prescription of a practitioner.

(2) The administration of vaccines as authorized in this section must not be to a person under the age of ~~eighteen~~sixteen years; provided, however, that:

(a) the influenza vaccine may be administered to a person twelve years of age or older pursuant to protocol issued by the Board of Medical Examiners;

(b) the influenza vaccine may be administered to a person under the age of twelve pursuant to protocol issued by the Board of Medical Examiners upon recommendation of the Joint Pharmacist Administered Vaccines Committee; ~~and~~

(c) a pharmacist who has completed the training described in subsection (B)(1) may administer other vaccines approved by the Centers for Disease Control to a person of any age pursuant to a written order or prescription of a practitioner for a specific patient of that practitioner; and

(d) if the person receiving a vaccine is under the age of eighteen years, a pharmacist must inform the patient and their caregiver of the importance of mental health and routine well care visits with a pediatrician or other licensed primary care provider and refer patients as appropriate.

(3) The written protocol must further authorize pharmacists to administer without an order or prescription of a practitioner those medications necessary in the treatment of adverse events. These medications must be used only in the treatment of adverse events and must be limited to those delineated within the written protocol.

(4) The Board of Medical Examiners must issue the written protocol upon its approval of the vaccine for administration pursuant to this section.

(5) A pharmacist who has completed the training described in subsection (B)(1) may administer a vaccine approved by the Centers for Disease Control pursuant to written order or prescription of a practitioner

for a specific patient of that practitioner.

(B) The written protocol must provide that:

(1) A pharmacist seeking authorization to administer a vaccine approved pursuant to this section shall successfully complete a course of training accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or a similar health authority or professional body approved by the Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medical Examiners. Training must comply with current Centers for Disease Control guidelines and must include study materials, hands-on training, and techniques for administering vaccines and must provide instruction and experiential training in the following content areas:

(a) mechanisms of action for vaccines, contraindications, drug interactions, and monitoring after vaccine administration;

(b) standards for adult vaccination practices;

(c) basic immunology and vaccine protection;

(d) vaccine-preventable diseases;

(e) recommended vaccination schedules;

(f) vaccine storage management;

(g) biohazard waste disposal and sterile techniques;

(h) informed consent;

(i) physiology and techniques for vaccine administration;

(j) prevaccine and postvaccine assessment and counseling;

(k) vaccination record management;

(l) management of adverse events, including identification, appropriate response, emergency procedures, documentation, and reporting;

(m) understanding of vaccine coverage by federal, state, and local entities;

(n) needle stick management.

(2) A pharmacist administering vaccinations without an order or prescription of a practitioner pursuant to this section shall:

(a) obtain the signed written consent of the person being vaccinated or that person's guardian;

(b) maintain a copy of the vaccine administration in that person's record and provide a copy to the person or the person's guardian;

(c) notify that person's designated physician or primary care provider of a vaccine administered;

(d) report administration of all vaccinations to the South Carolina Immunization Registry in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Health and Environmental Control as the department may require; provided, however, that the phase-in

schedule provided in Regulation 61-120 for reporting vaccinations does not apply to vaccinations administered pursuant to this section;

(e) maintain a current copy of the written protocol at each location at which a vaccination is administered pursuant to this section.

(3) ~~A pharmacist may not delegate the administration of vaccines to a pharmacy technician or certified pharmacy technician.~~

~~(4)~~ A pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician may administer vaccinations under the direct supervision~~, as defined in Section 40-43-84(C),~~ of a pharmacist who has completed vaccination training as required by item (1) if the pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician:

(a) is certified through a basic life support or CPR provider-level course that is ~~jointly~~ approved by the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Pharmacy and completes this course of training described in item (1); and

(b) ~~completes this course of training described in item (1).~~if a pharmacy technician, the pharmacy technician must be:

(i) state certified; or

(ii) nonstate certified but administered vaccinations and received training pursuant to the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act prior to the effective date of this section and registers with the Board of Pharmacy as an authorized vaccination provider.

(5) A pharmacist or pharmacy technician administering vaccinations shall, as part of the current continuing education requirements ~~pursuant to Section 40-43-130~~, complete no less than one hour of continuing education each license year regarding administration of vaccinations.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 6, by striking Section 40-43-200 and inserting:

Section 40-43-200. (A) There is created a Joint Pharmacist Administered Vaccines Committee as a committee to the Board of Medical Examiners which consists of seven members ~~with experience regarding vaccines~~. The committee is comprised of two physicians selected by the Board of Medical Examiners, two pharmacists selected by the Board of Pharmacy, and two advanced practice nurse practitioners selected by the Board of Nursing. One member of the Department of Health and Environmental Control designated by the director of the department also shall serve on the committee. Members of the committee may not be compensated for their service on the board and may not receive mileage, per diem, and subsistence as otherwise authorized by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 6, by striking Section 40-43-200(C) and inserting:

(C) The committee shall assist and advise the Board of Medical Examiners in determining whether a specific vaccine is appropriate for administration by a pharmacist without a written order or prescription of a practitioner pursuant to Section 40-43-190. For a specific vaccine recommended by the committee to the Board of Medical Examiners, the committee also must submit a proposed written protocol for the purpose of authorizing pharmacists to administer the vaccine~~ as authorized by Section 40-43-190. The committee must submit its initial recommendations to the board no later than four months after the passage of this act, and periodically thereafter as determined by the committee~~.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 6 and inserting:

SECTION 6. The Joint Pharmacist Administered Vaccines Committee must submit its initial recommendations to the board no later than four months after the passage of this act, and periodically thereafter as determined by the committee.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Harris proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3988 (LC-3988.VR0008H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 5, by striking Section 40-43-190(B)(5) and inserting:

(~~5~~)4) A pharmacist or pharmacy technician administering vaccinations shall, as part of the current continuing education requirements ~~pursuant to Section 40-43-130,~~ complete no less than one hour of continuing education each license year regarding administration of vaccinations.

(5) Administering without a written order or prescription under this section is limited to vaccines that are approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration and are not a gene therapy or novel vaccine as defined in this item. For purposes of this item,

(a) "Gene therapy" means any technique that attempts to prevent or cure a disease or to enhance or change the genetics of a person by insertional mutation of DNA sequences or through manipulation of genetic expression via synthetic mRNA-directed protein synthesis.

(b) "Novel vaccine" means a vaccine:

(i) which has obtained Emergency Use Authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA);

(ii) which has otherwise not been approved by the FDA; or

(iii) which has been approved for use by the FDA for at least one calendar year.

(c) "Vaccine" means a suspension of attenuated or killed microorganisms, or of antigenic proteins derived from them, that is administered by injection for the purpose of prevention, amelioration, or treatment of infectious diseases.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HARRIS explained the amendment.

Rep. HARRIS spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. M. M. SMITH moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 91; Nays 9

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber

Ligon	Long	Lowe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Thayer	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Burns	Chumley	Gibson
Gilliam	Harris	Kilmartin
McCabe	Nutt	O'Neal

Total--9

So, the amendment was tabled.

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

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

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 5036 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes,

Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 28, 2024, AS "WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AS TRIBUTE TO THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF WORKPLACE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:06 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS, adjourned in memory of her brother-in-law, Raymond Jerome Bullock, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Wednesday, March 20, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.
Deliberations were opened with prayer by the SPEAKER as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 46:8: "Come now, regard the works of the Lord--"

Let us pray. Almighty God, we give You thanks for all you give to ensure we are fed with the Word of life. Fill us with faith, hope, and love. Help us to remain united, serving You and loving one another. Continue to protect our defenders of freedom and first responders as they protect us. Bless our World, Nation, State, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who work to make this a better Country and State. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our brave warriors who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. ROBBINS moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Libby Murdaugh, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Carol Santiago and the Lopez family.

INVITATIONS

On motion of Rep. FORREST, with unanimous consent, the following were taken up for immediate consideration and accepted:

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee

503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at The Palmetto Club.

Sincerely,
Ahmad Ward
Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of HCA Healthcare, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Bourbon.

Sincerely,
Jona Lee
HCA Healthcare

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of South Carolina's Coalition for Mathematics & Science, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Thomas T. Peters
SC Coalition for Mathematics & Science

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,

On behalf of the South Carolina Association for Community Economic Development, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Charlotte W. Grant
SC Association for Community Economic Development

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Association for Justice, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at 1208 Washington Place.

Sincerely,
C. Kenneth Hastie, Jr.
Chief Operating Officer
South Carolina Association for Justice

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee

503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina State Museum Foundation, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, at the South Carolina State Museum.

Sincerely,
Annie Wilson

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Office of the State Treasurer, the Members of the House of Representative and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Dayle DeLong

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives, their staff, and their families are invited to a Legislative Softball Game. This event will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at USC's Founders Park.

Sincerely,
Dana Bolin
BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of Leadership South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Helen F. Munnerlyn
Leadership South Carolina

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the Statehouse Grounds.

Sincerely,
Ashley Boltin
South Carolina State Firefighters' Association.

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,

On behalf of the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory.

Sincerely,
Duncan Crotwell
Director of Governmental Affairs

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Recyclers Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Mark Fredrickson
President, SC Recyclers Association

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of AMIkids, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Heyward D. Golden
AMIkids, Inc.

March 19, 2024

The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Citadel Alumni Association, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, from 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. in the Goodman Building at the State Fairgrounds.

Sincerely,
Sara A. Roth
Citadel Alumni Association

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of Donate Life South Carolina, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Tracy L. Moore
CEO/Executive Director

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of The South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited

to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, on the Statehouse Grounds.

Sincerely,
Douglas OFlaherty

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC Beer Wholesalers Association, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at their office on 1114 College Street.

Sincerely,
Candice Spencer
Director of Operations

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of Together SC, the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at Bourbon.

Sincerely,
GP McLeer
Together SC

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building

Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Coalition for Access to Healthcare, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Burgess
Vice Chair Coalition for Access to Healthcare

March 19, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC Association of Council on Aging Directors, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Columbia Convention Center, Congaree Room.

Sincerely,
Jay W. Ragley

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. FORREST, from the Saluda Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5267 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 307 OF 2012, RELATING TO THE ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE SALUDA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST BE ELECTED, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THESE DISTRICTS, TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THESE DISTRICTS, AND TO UPDATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4289 -- Reps. McGinnis, Erickson, Ballentine, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Mitchell, Yow, Cromer, Beach, Pace, Taylor, Guffey and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-680 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MAY NOT CONDITION OR PROMISE ADMISSIONS OR BENEFITS TO CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR CERTAIN SUPPORT OR DISAGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN STATEMENTS REGARDING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, OR ASSOCIATED ISSUES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4601 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4100, RELATING TO PREVENTING ESCAPE OF MATERIALS LOADED ON VEHICLES AND CLEANING THE HIGHWAYS OF ESCAPED SUBSTANCES OR CARGO, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 56-5-4110 TO CLARIFY THE EXCEPTIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN FARM PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 56-5-4110 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT LOADS AND COVERS MUST BE FIRMLY ATTACHED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 5244 -- Reps. Ligon, B. Newton, Sessions, Neese and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-16000 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE "CATAWBA NATION" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4274 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT", REGARDING A CAUSE OF ACTION ASSERTED IN A CIVIL ACTION BASED UPON A PERSON'S COMMUNICATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3748 -- Reps. Caskey, Wooten, Wetmore, Hartnett, Erickson, W. Newton, Pope, Robbins, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-680, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL ALTERATION OR REMOVAL OF BOUNDARY LANDMARKS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE SECTION PROHIBITS MOVING, ALTERING, DESTROYING, OR REMOVING GEODETIC CONTROL MONUMENTS OR CERTAIN LAND SURVEYING MONUMENTS, TO UPDATE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4248 -- Reps. Rose and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-50, RELATING TO THE SALE OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, OR WINE TO UNDERAGED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4080, RELATING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO AN UNDERAGED PERSON, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4187 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Haddon, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4559 -- Reps. Bernstein, Rose, Clyburn, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-108, RELATING TO PROBATE, TESTACY, AND APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS AND THE ULTIMATE TIME LIMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS REGARDING AN INDIVIDUAL'S ESTATE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A CLAIM TO BE MADE PURSUANT TO THE "HONORING OUR PACT ACT OF 2022" REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S DEATH.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 5113 -- Reps. Elliott, T. Moore, Guest, Brittain and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-3-30 AND 63-15-230, BOTH RELATING TO JOINT CUSTODY ORDERS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES TO AWARD JOINT CUSTODY IN A CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5279 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE I. DEQUINCEY NEWMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND REVEREND FRANK V. JAMES AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE MEADOWLAKE COMMUNITY

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5280 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon,

Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JADA M. SAMUEL, MISS SOUTH CAROLINA 2023, AND TO COMMEND THE EXCEPTIONAL DISCIPLINE, ASPIRATIONS, AND TALENT THAT HAVE ENABLED HER TO REPRESENT THE PALMETTO STATE WITH DIGNITY AND POISE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5281 -- Reps. Cromer, Chapman, Beach, Gagnon, Thayer, West, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH CHUCK PARKER OF ANDERSON COUNTY FOR BEING NAMED TO THE

CLASS OF 2024 FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5282 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE RESTORATION BIBLE INSTITUTE OF BISHOPVILLE ON THE OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATION OF ITS OPENING, TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH FUTURE SUCCESS AS THE SCHOOL PREPARES CHRISTIAN LEADERS TO SERVE THE LORD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5283 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, B. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter,

Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DELMAR BRYANT PATTERSON OF LANCASTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5284 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore,

Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. TONEY C. PARKS, SENIOR PASTOR OF MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH, TO CELEBRATE HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS NEW APPOINTMENT AS PASTOR EMERITUS OF MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5285 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 2024 AS "SECOND CHANCE MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO COMMEND THE SOTERIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON ITS OUTSTANDING WORK IN ASSISTING FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WITH REENTERING SOCIETY FOR THE PAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5286 -- Rep. Hartnett: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KEN BIBLE, CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5287 -- Rep. T. Moore: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STUDENTS AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, AT A DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SPEAKER, TO RECOGNIZE THEM FOR A DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR UNIQUE ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5288 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss,

Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF ROBERT EARL BROWN, SR., OF SPARTANBURG AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5292 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MARGARET "MARGO" TURNER, MISS SOUTH CAROLINA TEEN 2023, AND TO COMMEND THE EXCEPTIONAL DISCIPLINE, ASPIRATIONS, AND TALENT THAT HAVE ENABLED HER TO REPRESENT THE PALMETTO STATE WITH DIGNITY AND POISE.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1101 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT EXIT 38 ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 95 IN HAMPTON COUNTY "MAJOR GENERAL ARNOLD FIELDS INTERCHANGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1178 -- Senator Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS AND SPONSORS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RESTAURANT AND LODGING ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL HOSPITALITY DAY LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON AND TO RECOGNIZE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024 AS "HOSPITALITY DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5289 -- Rep. Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-440, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE, AND SUMMARY COURT JURISDICTION OVER THESE OFFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUSPENSION OF DRIVERS' LICENSES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL POST ALL CONVICTIONS ON THE OFFENDERS' DRIVING RECORDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-330, RELATING TO COURTS REPORTING CERTAIN CONVICTIONS

TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE COURTS FAILING TO REPORT CERTAIN CONVICTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF STATE FUNDS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH JURISDICTION OVER THE OFFENSES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5290 -- Reps. Oremus, McCravy, Cromer, Trantham and Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BABY OLIVIA ACT"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-32-30, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIRED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTION COMPONENT OF THE PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE CERTAIN ULTRASOUND VIDEO SHOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF VITAL ORGANS IN EARLY FETAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPUTER-GENERATED ANIMATION SHOWING THE PROCESS OF FERTILIZATION AND EVERY STAGE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND TO PROVIDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION TO COMPEL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5291 -- Reps. Burns, Haddon and Beach: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT'S SECTION 287(G) PROGRAMS AND TO REQUIRE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, UPON LEARNING OF ILLEGAL OPERATIONS, TO BRING UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS TO THIS STATE TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO COMMENCE RICO-BASED SEIZURES TO SEIZE ALL ASSETS USED IN THE EFFORTS TO IMPORT UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS TO THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 839 -- Senators Alexander, Senn, Rankin and Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-85, RELATING TO HOMICIDE BY

CHILD ABUSE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE OF A CHILD UNDER THIS SECTION FROM UNDER THE AGE OF ELEVEN TO UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 877 -- Senators Senn, Shealy, Gustafson, McLeod, Devine and Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 63-5-90 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, CREATE THE OFFENSE OF LURING A CHILD INTO A CONVEYANCE, DWELLING, OR STRUCTURE, AND PROVIDE A PENALTY AND DEFENSES TO PROSECUTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 962 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-71-2330, RELATING TO DUTIES OF PHARMACY SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT PHARMACY SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS MUST ACT AS FIDUCIARIES TO PHARMACIES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 968 -- Senators Peeler and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80(A)(6) AND (B), RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO VOLUNTARILY DISCLOSE HIS BLOOD TYPE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 996 -- Senators Hutto, Shealy, Reichenbach, Senn, McLeod, Rankin, Alexander and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, DEFINE TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 1046 -- Senators Hembree, Climer, M. Johnson, Peeler, Corbin, Cromer, Shealy, Grooms, Bennett, Gambrell, Loftis, Rice, Gustafson, Martin, Verdin, Turner, Kimbrell, Reichenbach, Cash, Harpootlian, McLeod and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-10, RELATING TO JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS, INITIAL TERMS, AND SUBSEQUENT TERMS, TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT, EXCEPT THOSE FIRST APPOINTED, THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SENATE PRESIDENT, THE SENATE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND THE HOUSE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO NOMINEE MAY BE A FAMILY MEMBER OF A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-20, RELATING TO INVESTIGATION BY COMMISSION AND PUBLICATION OF VACANCIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-30, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND EXECUTIVE SESSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS BE LIVE STREAMED; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-70, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DUAL OFFICES, PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR, AND PLEDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FLOOR PRIVILEGES AND PROHIBITIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND ESTABLISHING SET TIMES FOR THE RELEASE OF REPORTS AND THE SEEKING OF PLEDGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FORMAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT OF QUALIFICATIONS SHALL OCCUR NO EARLIER THAN TWELVE DAYS AFTER NOMINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO NOMINATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SHALL BE RELEASED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE A MAJORITY VOTE OF EACH HOUSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERMS AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FULL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OF THE COUNTY THE MAGISTRATE WILL SERVE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy

Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--115

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. T. MOORE signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Tuesday, March 19.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BALLENTINE a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. FELDER a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HENEGAN a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MAY a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CRAWFORD a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CLYBURN a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Jimmy Wells of Lexington County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. MURPHY presented to the House the Pinewood Preparatory School Boys Soccer State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. MURPHY presented to the House the Pinewood Preparatory School Girls Soccer State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. MURPHY presented to the House the Pinewood Preparatory School Cheerleading State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on

second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3617
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	YOW and MITCHELL

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3665
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	ANDERSON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3748
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	MITCHELL and YOW

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3980
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4158
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	JEFFERSON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4187
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	MITCHELL and YOW

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4248
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	ROBBINS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4289
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	MAGNUSON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4559
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	MITCHELL and YOW

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4561
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	JEFFERSON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4642
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	HART

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4655
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	MCDANIEL and RIVERS

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4676
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	BEACH

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4677
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	BEACH

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4678
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	BEACH

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4688
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	BEACH

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4693
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	BEACH

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4843
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	ANDERSON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4954
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	THAYER and CHAPMAN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5042
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	O'NEAL, B. NEWTON, NEESE, LAWSON, ATKINSON, HAYES, GATCH, W. NEWTON, BANNISTER, CASKEY, HYDE, J. E. JOHNSON, HIOTT, BRITTAIN, HARTNETT, MITCHELL, YOW, GAGNON, CARTER, GUEST, CRAWFORD, OTT, RUTHERFORD, LEBER, HIXON, HERBKERSMAN, ANDERSON, BAILEY, ELLIOTT, GILLIAM, CALHOON, WOOTEN, FORREST, PEDALINO, JORDAN, BUSTOS, BAMBERG, BERNSTEIN, CLYBURN, HOSEY, HENDERSON-MYERS, HOWARD, VAUGHAN and BEACH

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5144
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	WOOTEN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5265
Date:	ADD:
03/20/24	CARTER

H. 3988--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3988 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Pedalino, Forrest, Wheeler, Kirby and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACTS THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY, TO PERMIT THE DELEGATION OF CERTAIN ACTS TO TRAINED PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND PHARMACY INTERNS, AND TO DEFINE AN ADDITIONAL TERM; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-84, RELATING TO PHARMACY INTERNS AND EXTERNS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN DIRECT SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-190, RELATING TO PROTOCOL FOR PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES WITHOUT PRACTITIONER ORDERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DISPENSATION OF CERTAIN DRUGS AND DEVICES, TO LOWER THE VACCINATION RECIPIENT AGE TO TWELVE YEARS OF AGE, TO AUTHORIZE DIRECTLY SUPERVISED PHARMACY INTERNS TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN VACCINATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE WRITTEN PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-200, RELATING TO THE JOINT PHARMACIST-ADMINISTERED VACCINES COMMITTEE, SO AS TO RENAME THE COMMITTEE AS THE "JOINT PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE" AND MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO PROVIDE THE PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE MUST SUBMIT ITS INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY NO LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS

AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT, AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE.

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

H. 4655--AMENDED AND INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4655 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Oremus, Cobb-Hunter, J. L. Johnson, Collins, Henderson-Myers, Hart, King, Williams, Henegan, Ligon, McDaniel and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MANDATORY MINIMUM PERIODS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECESS IN FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE EACH YEAR IN ADDITION TO OTHER CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RECESS PERIODS MUST BE HELD INDOORS DURING TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER; TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 AS "PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY"; TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL TAKE CERTAIN MEASURES TO CONFORM THEIR RESPECTIVE REGULATIONS AND RULES TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT PREVAIL TO THE EXTENT THEY CONFLICT WITH ANY SUCH REGULATIONS AND RULES.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4655 (LC-4655.WAB0007H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-10-10(A)(2), (3), and (4) and inserting:

(2) Beginning in the ~~2006-07~~ 2024-2025 School Year, students in kindergarten through fifth grade must be provided a minimum of ~~one hundred fifty minutes a week of physical education and physical activity. In 2006-07, a minimum of sixty minutes a week must be provided in physical education, and as Section 59-10-20 is phased in, the minimum~~

~~time for physical education must be increased to ninety minutes a week~~an hour and thirty minutes of physical education weekly. Students in sixth grade through eighth grade must be provided a minimum of sixty hours of physical education during each school year. The certified physical education teacher to student ratio is designed to provide students in kindergarten through ~~fifth~~ eighth grade with scheduled physical education ~~either every day or on alternate days throughout the school year~~ and must be based on the South Carolina Physical Education Curriculum Standards. The student to teacher ratio in a physical education class may not exceed the average student to teacher ratio as specified in the defined program~~of 28 to 1. For grades 6-8, the student to teacher ratio in a physical education class may not exceed the average student to teacher ratio of 40 to 1 and the physical education teacher load may not exceed 240 students per day~~. An individual student's fitness status must be reported to his parent or guardian during a student's fifth grade, eighth grade, and high school physical education courses. The physical activity must be planned and coordinated by the certified/licensed Physical Education Activity Director pursuant to Section 59-10-30.

(3) Every student in four-year-old kindergarten through eighth grade must be provided a minimum of twenty minutes of outdoor recess, with allowance for short-term interruption not to exceed three consecutive school days due to facility and staffing availability, in addition to the time required to meet existing physical education standards of this title and other academic curriculum requirements.

(4) In the event of inclement weather, the school shall hold recess period indoors as conducive to allowing physical activity as practical. Recess periods may not be used to fulfill any curriculum or physical education requirements and cannot be removed as a form of punishment to an individual or group.

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 59-10-10 (C) and (D) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C)~~ During each year of implementation of the reduced student to physical education teacher ratio,~~ Each district shall annually report to the State Department of Education by June fifteenth, the number of minutes of physical education instruction and the minutes of additional physical activity students receive daily with a total for the week. The report must be listed by ~~elementary~~ school and by individual class and grade level. The State Department of Education shall provide a summary of this

information to the General Assembly by December first of each year ~~of implementation~~.

(D) The implementation of ~~decreased student-to-teacher ratio and increased instruction in physical education pursuant to Section 59-10-20 is not intended to replace or reduce time dedicated to instruction in the arts taught by certified arts specialists~~ the requirements of Section 59-10-10 (A) shall not result in the replacement or reduction of time dedicated to instruction in the arts taught by certified arts specialists.

SECTION X. Section 59-10-30(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) Noncertified staff or adult volunteers may assist in implementing or supervising these structured physical activities, including the daily recess requirement in Section 59-10-30 (A), if approved by the district superintendent. If volunteers are used, appropriate liability insurance must be provided. The director annually shall submit to the principal a report outlining the additional physical activities for students.

Amend the bill further by striking SECTION 3 and inserting:

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act must be fully implemented by July 1, 2025.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HADDON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. BEACH spoke against the Bill.

Rep. OREMUS spoke in favor of the Bill.

Further proceedings were interrupted by the time expiring on the uncontested calendar, the pending question being consideration of the Bill.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4609 -- Reps. Hixon and B. L. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-2-105, RELATING TO GOLF CART PERMITS AND THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ENACT ORDINANCES TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS TO OPERATE IN DESIGNATED AREAS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS AT NIGHT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5042 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, J. L. Johnson, Murphy, Sessions, Cobb-Hunter, Kirby, Brewer, Garvin, Henegan, M. M. Smith, Jefferson, Rivers, McDaniel, Davis, Haddon, King, Gilliard, Stavrinakis, Bauer, West, Wetmore, T. Moore, Thigpen, Chapman, Schuessler, Pope, Guffey, Dillard, W. Jones, Pendarvis, G. M. Smith, Weeks, Wheeler, Williams, S. Jones, J. Moore, O'Neal, B. Newton, Neese, Lawson, Atkinson, Hayes, W. Newton, Bannister, Caskey, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, Hiott, Brittain, Hartnett, Mitchell, Yow, Gagnon, Carter, Guest, Gatch, Crawford, Ott, Rutherford, Leber, Hixon, Herbkersman, Anderson, Bailey, Elliott, Gilliam, Calhoon, Wooten, Forrest, Pedalino, Jordan, Bustos, Bamberg, Bernstein, Clyburn, Hosey, Henderson-Myers, Howard, Vaughan and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 10-1-185 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ON THE GROUNDS OF THE STATE HOUSE A ROBERT SMALLS MONUMENT, CREATE A COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE DESIGN AND LOCATION OF THE MONUMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, AND SUNSET THE COMMISSION AT A DATE CERTAIN.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5293 -- Reps. Kirby, Atkinson, Alexander, Anderson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF COUNCILMAN W.B. WILSON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5294 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel,

McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE RIDGE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A SUPERB SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5295 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE ORGANIZATION ON MORE THAN A HALF-CENTURY OF FIGHTING THE WAR ON POVERTY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5296 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MRS. JANE WANJIRU MWANGI, PRESIDENT OF THE BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION OF AFRICA AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT, FOR HER EXTRAORDINARY WORK AND TO WELCOME HER TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

H. 4655--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of the Bill:

H. 4655 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Oremus, Cobb-Hunter, J. L. Johnson, Collins, Henderson-Myers, Hart, King, Williams, Henegan, Ligon, McDaniel and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MANDATORY MINIMUM

PERIODS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECESS IN FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE EACH YEAR IN ADDITION TO OTHER CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RECESS PERIODS MUST BE HELD INDOORS DURING TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER; TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 AS "PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY"; TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL TAKE CERTAIN MEASURES TO CONFORM THEIR RESPECTIVE REGULATIONS AND RULES TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT PREVAIL TO THE EXTENT THEY CONFLICT WITH ANY SUCH REGULATIONS AND RULES.

Rep. OTT spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson

S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4655. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Michael F. Rivers

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4655. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Fawn Pedalino

H. 5203--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5203 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET PROVISO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2024", SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE S.C. CODE OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO CODIFY OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-17-170, 59-1-471, 59-17-180, 59-17-190, 59-67-310, 59-67-800, 59-67-330, 59-67-340, 59-17-200, 59-17-210, 59-1-472, AND 59-1-407 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-150 AND 59-6-130 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-51-60, 59-51-70, AND 59-51-80 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-130, 59-47-140, AND 59-47-150 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND; BY ADDING SECTION 59-49-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-7-70, 59-7-80, 59-7-90, AND 59-101-220 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-50-80, 59-50-90, AND 59-50-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-48-80, 59-48-90, 59-48-100, AND 59-1-497 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-123-330 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-53-110 AND 59-53-170 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 60-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY; BY ADDING

SECTIONS 60-15-100, 60-15-110, AND 60-15-120 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-13-60, 60-13-70, 60-13-80, AND 60-13-90 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-31-180 AND 43-31-190 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-6-116, 44-6-117, 44-6-118, 44-6-119, 44-6-120, 44-6-121, 44-6-122, AND 44-6-123 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-1-320, 44-1-330, 44-1-340, 44-1-350, 44-1-360, 44-1-370, 48-6-90, 44-1-380, 48-6-100, 48-6-110, 44-1-400, 44-1-410, AND 44-1-420 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-170 AND 44-9-180 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-20-40, 44-20-50, 44-20-60, 44-20-70, AND 44-20-80 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-49-90 AND 44-49-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-1-270, 43-1-280, 43-1-290, 43-1-300, 43-1-310, 43-1-320, 43-1-330, 43-1-340, 43-1-350, 43-1-360, AND 43-1-370 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-210 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-2300 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY; BY ADDING SECTION 31-13-100 AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-430, RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CODIFY PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 48-23-310, 48-23-320, AND 48-23-330 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PSA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-3-200, 50-3-210, 50-3-220, 50-3-230, AND 50-3-240

SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-45-90 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 51-1-100, 51-1-110, AND 51-1-120 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 13-1-70, 13-1-80, 13-1-90, 13-1-100, 13-1-110, 13-1-120, 13-1-130, AND 13-1-140 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-50-190 AND 11-40-280 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-9-270, 14-1-250, 14-3-460, 14-1-260, 14-1-270, 14-1-280, 14-1-290, AND 14-1-300 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-23-690 AND 14-1-290 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-3-87, 23-3-90, 23-3-92, 23-3-95, 23-3-97, AND 23-3-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY ADDING SECTION 23-6-197 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-23-170 AND 23-23-180 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 24-1-330, 24-1-340, 24-1-350, 24-1-360, 24-1-370, 24-1-380, 24-1-390, 24-1-400, 24-1-410, 24-1-420, 24-1-430, 24-1-440, 24-1-450, AND 24-1-460 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-120 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON; BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-19-500, 63-19-510, 63-19-520, 63-19-530, 63-19-540, 63-19-550, 63-19-560, AND 63-19-570 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-13-120, 1-13-130, AND 1-13-140 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 1-31-70, 1-31-80, 1-31-90, 1-31-100, AND 1-31-

110 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-4-140, 58-4-150, AND 58-4-160 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 42-7-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 38-3-250 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; BY ADDING SECTION 34-1-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-304 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 41-3-150, 41-3-160, 23-9-199, AND 41-3-170 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240, 57-3-250, AND 57-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 55-1-110, 55-1-120 AND 55-1-130 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS; BY ADDING SECTION 10-3-70 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATED TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR; BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-498 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-300 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER; BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 7-3-80, 7-3-90, AND 7-3-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1720, 59-101-440, 59-53-110, 59-101-450, 1-11-492, 1-1-1730, 11-11-85, 1-1-1740, 11-49-180, BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-1310, RELATING TO THE USE TAX, BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-610,

11-55-60, 59-1-498, 1-1-1750, 1-11-499, 1-1-1760; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1770 AND 1-3-70 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-220 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO STATEWIDE REVENUE.

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

H. 3776--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3776 -- Reps. Bannister, Bamberg, Caskey, Collins, Connell, Elliott, Garvin, Gatch, Guest, Hager, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, McCabe, McCravy, Mitchell, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Stavrinakis, T. Moore, Tedder, W. Newton, Weeks, Wetmore and Wheeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 14-5-130 RELATING TO JUDGES ABSENTING THEMSELVES FROM THE STATE.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey

Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4561--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4561 -- Reps. Wetmore, Dillard, Collins, Erickson, B. Newton, Schuessler, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Pendarvis, Caskey, Bauer, Rivers, Gilliard, Henderson-Myers, Williams and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1348, RELATING TO USE OF

CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO USE CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR DEPENDENT CARE OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO DEFINE "DEPENDENT CARE".

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

H. 4563--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4563 -- Reps. Bernstein, J. L. Johnson and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-11-345 SO AS TO CLARIFY THE POWER OF SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS TO OWN, ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, USE, LEASE, CONVEY, SELL, TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF PROPERTY IN FURTHERANCE OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS, TO PROVIDE THESE POWERS ARE IN ADDITION TO POWERS AND AUTHORIZATIONS PREVIOUSLY VESTED IN SUCH DISTRICTS, AND DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Hartnett

Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4234--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4234 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bernstein and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "SUPPORTS AND ASSISTANCE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-103, RELATING

TO FACILITY OF PAYMENT OR DELIVERY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE NATURE OF THE FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLAR THRESHOLD; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-106, RELATING TO DUTIES OF GUARDIANS AD LITEM, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LENGTH OF TIME THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM HAS TO SUBMIT HIS REPORT PRIOR TO THE HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-108, RELATING TO EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY ORDERS AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 62-5-303, 62-5-303A, 62-5-303B, 62-5-303C, AND 62-5-303D, ALL RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR COURT APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-307, RELATING TO INFORMAL REQUESTS FOR RELIEF, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE WARD'S ABILITY TO SUBMIT CERTAIN REQUESTS TO THE COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-401, RELATING TO VENUES, SO AS TO CLARIFY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT, IN THE CASE OF MINOR CONSERVATORSHIPS, PROPER VENUE IS THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MINOR RESIDES OR OWNS PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403A, RELATING TO SERVICE OF SUMMONS AND PETITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN OTHER AFFIDAVITS AND REPORTS AMONG THOSE THAT MUST BE FILED WITH THE PETITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403B, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL AND GUARDIANS, SO AS TO APPOINT NURSE PRACTITIONERS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, NURSES, AND PSYCHOLOGISTS TO SERVE AS EXAMINERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403C, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND WAIVERS, SO AS TO REVISE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CERTAIN PROCEDURES IF NO PARTY REQUESTS A HEARING OR IF THE ALLEGED INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL WAIVES HIS RIGHT TO A HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-405, RELATING TO PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN ACTS THAT MAY BE PERFORMED BY CONSERVATORS AND SPECIAL CONSERVATORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-422, RELATING TO POWERS OF CONSERVATORS IN ADMINISTRATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-426, RELATING TO CLAIMS AGAINST PROTECTED PERSONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE, AMONG

OTHER THINGS, THAT THE CLAIMANT ALSO MUST FILE A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE CLAIM WITH THE PROBATE COURT IN WHICH THE CONSERVATORSHIP IS UNDER ADMINISTRATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-428, RELATING TO ACTIONS FOR REQUESTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE APPOINTMENT, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REVISE CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT THE COURT MAY TAKE AFTER THE TIME FOR RESPONSE TO THE PETITION HAS ELAPSED TO ALL PARTIES SERVED; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-433, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS IN FAVOR OF OR AGAINST MINORS OR INCAPACITATED PERSONS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINE "GUARDIAN AD LITEM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-715, RELATING TO CONFIRMATIONS OF GUARDIANSHIPS OR CONSERVATORSHIPS TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER STATES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COURT MORE DISCRETION AS TO THE TYPE OF DOCUMENTS IT MAY REQUIRE IN THE TRANSFER OF A GUARDIANSHIP OR CONSERVATORSHIP FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-716, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF ORDERS FROM ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN CERTAIN OTHER JURISDICTIONS, A GUARDIAN MAY ALSO HOLD THE SAME POWERS AS A CONSERVATOR.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4234 (LC-4234.PH0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 62-5-101(23)(a) and inserting:

(a) systems in place for the alleged incapacitated individual to make decisions in advance or to have another person to act on his behalf, including, but not limited to, having an agent under a durable power of attorney, a health care power of attorney, a trustee under a trust, a representative payee to manage social security funds, ~~a Declaration of Desire for Natural Death (living will),~~ a designated health care decision maker under Section 44-66-30, or an educational representative designated under Section 59-33-310 to Section 59-33-370; and

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Cobb-Hunter	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith

M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. THAYER a temporary leave of absence.

H. 4642--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4642 -- Reps. Mitchell, Gilliam, Pope, Sessions, Caskey and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-20, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF ACT OF CONGRESS, SO AS TO DISALLOW CONFLICTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-40, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2420, RELATING TO THE MILITARY CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "MILITARY FORCES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2430, RELATING TO PERSONS SUBJECT TO CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR WHAT JURISDICTION DUTY STATUS INCLUDES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2520, RELATING TO NONJUDICIAL DISCIPLINARY PUNISHMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PERSONS MAY NOT DECLINE NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2530, RELATING TO TYPES OF COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR WHOM A SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL CONSISTS OF; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2550,

RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF GENERAL COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO REMOVE FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2560, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF SPECIAL COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO REMOVE FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2570, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PUNISHMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2620, RELATING TO DETAIL AND DESIGNATION OF MILITARY JUDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY CONVENING A SUMMARY COURT-MARTIAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2765, RELATING TO VOTING AND RULINGS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN REFERENCES TO THE PRESIDENT OF A COURT MARTIAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2780, RELATING TO RECORD OF TRIAL, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2795, RELATING TO FORFEITURE OF PAY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE SENTENCE OF FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2805, RELATING TO THE REDUCTION IN PAY GRADE AND THE RESTORATION OF BENEFITS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2865, RELATING TO THE REMISSION OR SUSPENSION OF A SENTENCE, SO AS TO REPLACE FORFEITURES WITH FINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2985, RELATING TO THE IMPROPER USE OR DISCLOSURE OF PAROLE OR COUNTERSIGN, SO AS TO INCLUDE WHEN THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3140, RELATING TO WRIT WHEN FINE HAS NOT BEEN PAID, SO AS TO UPDATE DATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3145, RELATING TO WRIT OF SENTENCE OF CONFINEMENT, SO AS TO UPDATE DATES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3160, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OF CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE IS NOT BINDING ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4642 (LC-4642.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 5, by striking Section 25-1-2520 and inserting:

Section 25-1-2520 1. Under regulations that the Adjutant General may prescribe, limitations may be placed on the powers granted by this section with respect to the kind and amount of punishment authorized, the categories of general officers or commanders authorized to exercise those powers, the applicability of this section to an accused who demands trial by court-martial, and the kinds of courts-martial to which the case may be referred upon a demand. However, punishment may not be imposed upon a member of the military forces under this section if the member has, before the imposition of punishment, demanded trial by court-martial in lieu of punishment. Under similar regulations, rules may be prescribed with respect to the suspension of punishments authorized pursuant to this section. A colonel or general officer may delegate his nonjudicial punishment authority to an individual within his authority, who is no more than ~~one grade~~ two grades inferior in rank, so long as the adjudged sentence is not executed until the delegating commander has approved the procedure and sentence.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MCCRAVY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. MCCRAVY explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey

Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4813--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4813 -- Reps. Wooten, W. Newton and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-23-60, RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE ISSUED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW

ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL, SO AS TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING CERTIFICATION MUST UNDERGO CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, TO PROVIDE SLED AND THE FBI MAY RETAIN THE INDIVIDUALS' FINGERPRINTS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES, AND TO PROVIDE THE INDIVIDUALS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COSTS OF THE RECORDS CHECKS.

Rep. MCCRAVY explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guffey
Haddon	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope

Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4871--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4871 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47-9-420 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTERFERENCE OR INTERACTION WITH FARM ANIMALS BEING TRANSPORTED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION.

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

H. 4874--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4874 -- Reps. Hixon, Chapman and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 17 TO TITLE 50 SO AS TO REGULATE CAPTIVE WILDLIFE BY DEFINING TERMS, OUTLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS, LISTING EXCEPTIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-16-40, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR WILDLIFE IMPORTED FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES, SO AS TO LIMIT THE EXCEPTIONS;

AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-11-1180 RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PERMITS TO COLLECT PROTECTED WILDLIFE FOR SCIENTIFIC OR PROPAGATING PURPOSES.

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

H. 4820--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4820 -- Reps. Forrest, Hixon, Hayes, Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Magnuson, Chapman, McDaniel and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.

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

H. 5164--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5164 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Herbkersman, Hartnett, McGinnis, Pope, Schuessler, Bradley, Hager, Long, Vaughan, Bannister, Elliott, Willis, Yow, Hiott, Gilliam, Mitchell, Hardee, Whitmire, W. Newton, B. Newton, Davis, Gagnon, Hixon, Lowe, Thayer, West, Taylor, Crawford and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE SEVERAL DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-115, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPLICATION PROCESSES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-120, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONFIDENTIALITY

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RELATED INFORMATION, TO REVISE THE FUNDING FORMULA, AND TO REVISE RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-125, RELATING TO FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, AND TO REMOVE PROVISIONS ALLOWING THE USE OF QUALIFIED THIRD PARTIES TO MANAGE ACCOUNTS AND ADMINISTER RELATED FUNCTIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-130, RELATING TO REVERSION OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS UPON TERMINATION OF A SCHOLARSHIP, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETURN OF REVERTED FUNDS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-135, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIMITATIONS, REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST BASED ON CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP DEMAND AND USE INFORMATION, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-140, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER APPLICATION REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESSES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-145, RELATING TO THE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MAY DECLARE A STUDENT INSTEAD OF A PARENT INELIGIBLE, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-150, RELATING TO EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE PROVIDERS GIVE PARENTS SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION FOR QUALIFIED GOODS AND SERVICES ACQUIRED, TO PROVIDE SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS, AND TO REVISE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURE REQUIREMENTS.

Reps. B. NEWTON, HIXON, POPE, FORREST, TAYLOR, NEESE, M. M. SMITH, PACE, MITCHELL, SANDIFER, A. M. MORGAN, GARVIN, WHITE, W. NEWTON, WOOTEN, ERICKSON and WEST requested debate on the Bill.

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

H. 3988--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3988 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Pedalino, Forrest, Wheeler, Kirby and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACTS THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY, TO PERMIT THE DELEGATION OF CERTAIN ACTS TO TRAINED PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND PHARMACY INTERNS, AND TO DEFINE AN ADDITIONAL TERM; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-84, RELATING TO PHARMACY INTERNS AND EXTERNS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN DIRECT SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-190, RELATING TO PROTOCOL FOR PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES WITHOUT PRACTITIONER ORDERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DISPENSATION OF CERTAIN DRUGS AND DEVICES, TO LOWER THE VACCINATION RECIPIENT AGE TO TWELVE YEARS OF AGE, TO AUTHORIZE DIRECTLY SUPERVISED PHARMACY INTERNS TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN VACCINATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE WRITTEN PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-200, RELATING TO THE JOINT PHARMACIST-ADMINISTERED VACCINES COMMITTEE, SO AS TO RENAME THE COMMITTEE AS THE "JOINT PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE" AND MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO PROVIDE THE PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE MUST SUBMIT ITS INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY NO LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT, AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Rep. Beach proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 3988 (LC-3988.HDB0009H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 5, Section 40-43-190(A)(2), by adding a subitem to read:

(e) a pharmacist shall only administer a vaccine to a person less than sixteen years of age if that person's caretaker, parent, or legal guardian is present at the time the vaccine is administered.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BEACH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Harris proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 3988 (LC-3988.VR0011H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 5, by striking Section 40-43-190(B)(5) and inserting:

~~(5)~~(4) A pharmacist or pharmacy technician administering vaccinations shall, as part of the current continuing education requirements ~~pursuant to Section 40-43-130~~, complete no less than one hour of continuing education each license year regarding administration of vaccinations.

(5) Administering without a written order or prescription under this section is limited to vaccines that are approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration and are not a gene therapy or novel vaccine as defined in this item. For purposes of this item,

(a) "Gene therapy" means any technique that attempts to prevent or cure a disease or to enhance or change the genetics of a person by insertional mutation of DNA sequences or through manipulation of genetic expression via synthetic mRNA-directed protein synthesis.

(b) "Novel vaccine" means a vaccine:

(i) which has obtained Emergency Use Authorization by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA);

(ii) which has otherwise not been approved by the FDA; or

(iii) which has not been approved for use by the FDA for at least one calendar year.

(c) "Vaccine" means a suspension of attenuated or killed microorganisms, or of antigenic proteins derived from them, that is administered by injection for the purpose of prevention, amelioration, or treatment of infectious diseases.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HARRIS explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. CASKEY raised the Point of Order under 9.3 that Amendment No. 4 to H. 3988 was not germane.

The SPEAKER stated that the Amendment No. 4 was germane to the Bill and overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. HARRIS continued speaking.

Rep. HARRIS spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 80; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Lowe	McDaniel	McGinnis
J. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West

Wetmore	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Gilliam	Harris
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Long
Magnuson	McCabe	McCravy
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
White		

Total--19

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. West proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 3988 (LC-3988.WAB0013H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 5, Section 40-43-190(A)(1)(2), by adding a subitem to read:

(e) a pharmacist shall only administer a vaccine to a person less than sixteen years of age if that person's caretaker (with written parental consent), parent, or legal guardian is present at the time the vaccine is administered.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WEST explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley

Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Harris	Rutherford

Total--2

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I ask that an entry be made in the Journal to note that I was out of the Chamber while the second reading of H. 3988, but had I been in the Chamber I would have voted for it.

Rep. Micah Caskey

H. 5203--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5203 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET PROVISO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2024", SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE S.C. CODE OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO CODIFY OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-17-170, 59-1-471, 59-17-180, 59-17-190, 59-67-310, 59-67-800, 59-67-330, 59-67-340, 59-17-200, 59-17-210, 59-1-472, AND 59-1-407 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-150 AND 59-6-130 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-51-60, 59-51-70, AND 59-51-80 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-130, 59-47-140, AND 59-47-150 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND; BY ADDING SECTION 59-49-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-7-70, 59-7-80, 59-7-90, AND 59-101-220 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-50-80, 59-50-90, AND 59-50-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-48-80, 59-48-90, 59-48-100, AND 59-1-497 SO AS TO

CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-123-330 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-53-110 AND 59-53-170 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 60-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-15-100, 60-15-110, AND 60-15-120 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-13-60, 60-13-70, 60-13-80, AND 60-13-90 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-31-180 AND 43-31-190 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-6-116, 44-6-117, 44-6-118, 44-6-119, 44-6-120, 44-6-121, 44-6-122, AND 44-6-123 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-1-320, 44-1-330, 44-1-340, 44-1-350, 44-1-360, 44-1-370, 48-6-90, 44-1-380, 48-6-100, 48-6-110, 44-1-400, 44-1-410, AND 44-1-420 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-170 AND 44-9-180 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-20-40, 44-20-50, 44-20-60, 44-20-70, AND 44-20-80 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-49-90 AND 44-49-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-1-270, 43-1-280, 43-1-290, 43-1-300, 43-1-310, 43-1-320, 43-1-330, 43-1-340, 43-1-350, 43-1-360, AND 43-1-370 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-210 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-2300 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY; BY

ADDING SECTION 31-13-100 AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-430, RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CODIFY PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 48-23-310, 48-23-320, AND 48-23-330 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PSA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-3-200, 50-3-210, 50-3-220, 50-3-230, AND 50-3-240 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-45-90 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 51-1-100, 51-1-110, AND 51-1-120 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 13-1-70, 13-1-80, 13-1-90, 13-1-100, 13-1-110, 13-1-120, 13-1-130, AND 13-1-140 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-50-190 AND 11-40-280 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-9-270, 14-1-250, 14-3-460, 14-1-260, 14-1-270, 14-1-280, 14-1-290, AND 14-1-300 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-23-690 AND 14-1-290 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-3-87, 23-3-90, 23-3-92, 23-3-95, 23-3-97, AND 23-3-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY ADDING SECTION 23-6-197 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-23-170 AND 23-23-180 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 24-1-330, 24-1-340, 24-1-350, 24-1-360, 24-1-370, 24-1-380, 24-1-390, 24-1-400, 24-1-410, 24-1-420, 24-1-430, 24-1-440, 24-1-450, AND 24-1-460 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-120 SO AS TO

CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON; BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-19-500, 63-19-510, 63-19-520, 63-19-530, 63-19-540, 63-19-550, 63-19-560, AND 63-19-570 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-13-120, 1-13-130, AND 1-13-140 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 1-31-70, 1-31-80, 1-31-90, 1-31-100, AND 1-31-110 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-4-140, 58-4-150, AND 58-4-160 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 42-7-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 38-3-250 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; BY ADDING SECTION 34-1-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-304 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 41-3-150, 41-3-160, 23-9-199, AND 41-3-170 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240, 57-3-250, AND 57-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 55-1-110, 55-1-120 AND 55-1-130 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS; BY ADDING SECTION 10-3-70 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATED TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR; BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-498 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-300 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER; BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN

PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 7-3-80, 7-3-90, AND 7-3-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1720, 59-101-440, 59-53-110, 59-101-450, 1-11-492, 1-1-1730, 11-11-85, 1-1-1740, 11-49-180, BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-1310, RELATING TO THE USE TAX, BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-610, 11-55-60, 59-1-498, 1-1-1750, 1-11-499, 1-1-1760; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1770 AND 1-3-70 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-220 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO STATEWIDE REVENUE.

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

H. 4561--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4561 -- Reps. Wetmore, Dillard, Collins, Erickson, B. Newton, Schuessler, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Pendarvis, Caskey, Bauer, Rivers, Gilliard, Henderson-Myers, Williams and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1348, RELATING TO USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO USE CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR DEPENDENT CARE OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO DEFINE "DEPENDENT CARE".

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

H. 4871--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4871 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47-9-420 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTERFERENCE OR INTERACTION WITH FARM ANIMALS BEING TRANSPORTED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION.

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

H. 4874--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4874 -- Reps. Hixon, Chapman and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 17 TO TITLE 50 SO AS TO REGULATE CAPTIVE WILDLIFE BY DEFINING TERMS, OUTLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS, LISTING EXCEPTIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-16-40, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR WILDLIFE IMPORTED FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES, SO AS TO LIMIT THE EXCEPTIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-11-1180 RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PERMITS TO COLLECT PROTECTED WILDLIFE FOR SCIENTIFIC OR PROPAGATING PURPOSES.

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

H. 4820--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4820 -- Reps. Forrest, Hixon, Hayes, Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Magnuson, Chapman, McDaniel and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS

TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.

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

H. 5207--RECALLED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

On motion of Rep. HERBKERSMAN, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Judiciary and was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means:

H. 5207 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 36-8-503, RELATING TO THE PROPERTY INTEREST OF ENTITLEMENT HOLDERS IN FINANCIAL ASSETS HELD BY SECURITIES INTERMEDIARIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO SECTION 36-8-511; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-8-511, RELATING TO PRIORITY AMONG SECURITY INTERESTS AND ENTITLEMENT HOLDERS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE PRIORITY OF CLAIMS FOR A CREDITOR BY A SECURITIES INTERMEDIARY AND FOR THE PRIORITY OF CLAIMS FOR A CLEARING CORPORATION BY CREDITORS AND ENTITLEMENT HOLDERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-305, RELATING TO THE LAW GOVERNING PERFECTION AND PRIORITY OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN INVESTMENT PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION REGARDING THE LOCAL LAW OF THE SECURITIES INTERMEDIARY'S JURISDICTION TO GOVERN PERFECTION AND PRIORITY OF AN INTEREST IN A SECURITY ENTITLEMENT OR ACCOUNT.

S. 557--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 557 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Kimbrell, Adams, Rice, Rankin, Reichenbach, Young, Loftis, Climer, Garrett, Alexander, Campsen and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT,

SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 3592--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3592 -- Reps. Hyde and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-86, RELATING TO COMPOUNDING OF MEDICATIONS BY PHARMACIES , SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPOUNDING PHARMACIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-87, RELATING TO NUCLEAR/RADIOLOGIC PHARMACY PRACTICES, SO AS TO REMOVE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING NUCLEAR PHARMACY FACILITIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-88, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PREPARATION, LABELING, AND DISTRIBUTION OF STERILE PRODUCTS BY PHARMACIES, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN STANDARDS.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson

Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 3355--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3355 -- Reps. Moss and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-4072 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TOWING TRUCK WITH A FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLY MAY TOW ONE ADDITIONAL VEHICLE, TO PROVIDE A MAXIMUM LENGTH FOR THIS COMBINATION OF VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT FOR THE FINAL TRAILING VEHICLE, AND TO PROVIDE A TRUCK OPERATING A TOWING COMBINATION MUST INCLUDE A VIDEO SYSTEM WHICH ALLOWS THE DRIVER TO MONITOR THE FINAL TRAILING VEHICLE AS IT IS BEING TOWED AND BE EQUIPPED WITH CERTAIN SAFETY DEVICES.

Rep. MOSS explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson

S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 4116--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4116 -- Reps. Sandifer, M. M. Smith and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-19-295 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DIVIDING OF FEES OR OTHER COMPENSATION CHARGED OR RECEIVED BY LICENSEES OF THE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITH ANOTHER PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION,

ASSOCIATION, OR LEGAL ENTITY FOR THE DELIVERY OR PERFORMANCE OF FUNERAL SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-100, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS REGULATING PRENEED FUNERAL CONTRACTS, SO AS TO INCREASE FINE RANGES AND PERMANENTLY BAR PERSONS CONVICTED OF A FELONY FROM CONDUCTING PRENEED CONTRACT SALES; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-110, RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST UNLICENSED PRENEED CONTRACT SALES PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE COMPLAINTS TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RESPOND MAY BE WRITTEN OR ORAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-360, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE SAFE CREMATION ACT, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES AND REQUIRE IMMEDIATE REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS TO THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-385, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS THAT CREMATORIES EMPLOY CERTAIN TRAINED STAFF TO PERFORM CREMATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL CREMATIONS BE PERFORMED BY THESE TRAINED STAFF MEMBERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-30, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LICENSURE TO PRACTICE FUNERAL SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONDUCT CONSTITUTING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES INCLUDES PARTIES WHO EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OR AUTHORITY OVER A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT OR ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO PROHIBIT CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, OR INDIVIDUALS IN WHOSE NAME APPEARS THE NAME OF A PERSON WITH A REVOKED OR LAPSED LICENSE FROM HAVING A LICENSE TO OPERATE A FUNERAL HOME; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, OR EMPLOYEES MAY NOT BE LIABLE FOR ACTS PERFORMED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES IN THE ABSENCE OF MALICE SHOWN AND PROVEN IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-80, RELATING TO INSPECTORS EMPLOYED BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO INSTEAD REQUIRE THE

BOARD TO EMPLOY AT LEAST TWO INVESTIGATORS WHO MAY BE LICENSED EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS WITH CERTAIN EXPERIENCE BUT WHO HAVE NOT BEEN DISCIPLINED; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-110, RELATING TO CONDUCT CONSTITUTING UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BY A LICENSEE OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO MAKE GRAMMATICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-115, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLICENSED PERSONS WITH THIS JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-200, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITHOUT A LICENSE OR USING FALSE INFORMATION TO OBTAIN SUCH LICENSURE, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES, AND TO SUBJECT PERSONS WHO AID AND ABET UNLICENSED PERSONS OR ENTITIES IN ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICE WITHOUT LICENSURE TO THESE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-250, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN COURSEWORK IN ETHICS, TO REQUIRE FOUR HOURS OF TOTAL ANNUAL COURSEWORK, TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK TO BE IN ETHICS, AND TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK BE COMPLETED IN PERSON; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-290, RELATING TO THE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PAYMENTS RECEIVED FOR FUNERAL MERCHANDISE BEING PURCHASED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE PAYMENTS MUST BE KEPT IN A TRUST ACCOUNT UNTIL THE MERCHANDISE IS DELIVERED FOR ITS INTENDED USE OR IS DELIVERED INTO THE PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE PURCHASER.

Rep. King proposed the following Amendment No. 2A to H. 4116 (LC-4116.HDB0032H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 16, by striking Section 40-19-265(A)(4) and inserting:

(4) designates a manager who meets the requirements of Section 40-19-20(16) and is current and in good standing with the board and lives within a radius of ~~twenty-five~~seventy-five miles of the establishment;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 16, by striking Section 40-19-

265(B)(4) and inserting:

(4) designates a manager who meets the requirements of Section 40-19-20(16) and is current and in good standing with the board and lives within a radius of ~~twenty-five~~seventy-five miles of the establishment;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 16, by striking Section 40-19-265(D)(4) and inserting:

(4) designates a manager who meets the requirements of Section 40-19-20(16) and is current and in good standing with the board and lives within a radius of ~~twenty-five~~seventy-five miles of the establishment;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. KING explained the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER spoke against the amendment.

Rep. KING spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 44; Nays 55

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Calhoon
Chapman	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Gagnon	Gatch	Guest
Hardee	Hartnett	Herbkersman
Hiott	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis

Vaughan	West	Whitmire
Willis	Yow	

Total--44

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Bradley
Bustos	Carter	Caskey
Chumley	Cobb-Hunter	Cromer
Dillard	Forrest	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guffey	Haddon	Harris
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Taylor
Weeks	White	Williams
Wooten		

Total—55

So, the House refused to table the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 76; Nays 22

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Chumley

Cobb-Hunter	Crawford	Cromer
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Harris
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Leber
Ligon	Magnuson	McCabe
McDaniel	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
Taylor	Weeks	West
White	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Brewer	Caskey	Chapman
B. L. Cox	Davis	Gagnon
Gatch	Hardee	Hartnett
Hiott	J. E. Johnson	Lawson
Long	McCravy	McGinnis
Murphy	Nutt	Sandifer
M. M. Smith	Vaughan	Whitmire
Yow		

Total--22

The Senate Amendments were amended, and the Bill was ordered returned to the Senate.

H. 3518--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3518 -- Reps. Felder and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-395, RELATING TO THE DRIVER'S LICENSE REINSTATEMENT FEE PAYMENT PROGRAM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DRIVERS' LICENSES ISSUED UNDER THIS PROGRAM ARE VALID FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX MONTHS, TO REVISE THE AMOUNT OF REINSTATEMENT FEES OWED BY PERSONS TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN THESE DRIVERS' LICENSES, TO REVISE THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES COLLECTED, TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY PROVIDE PERSONS IN THE PROGRAM A FEE SCHEDULE OF THE AMOUNTS OWED AND THE ABILITY TO MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS, TO REVISE THE TYPES OF DRIVERS' LICENSE SUSPENSIONS THAT ARE COVERED BY THIS SECTION, AND TO REVISE THE FREQUENCY THAT PERSONS MAY PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AND THE CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE PARTICIPATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-396, RELATING TO THE DRIVER'S LICENSE SUSPENSION AMNESTY PERIOD, SO AS TO LIMIT THE TYPES OF QUALIFYING SUSPENSIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-10-240, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT UPON LOSS OF INSURANCE, NEW INSURANCE MUST BE OBTAINED OR PERSONS MUST SURRENDER THEIR REGISTRATION AND PLATES, WRITTEN NOTICE BY INSURERS, APPEAL OF SUSPENSIONS, ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PERIOD OF TIME VEHICLE OWNERS MUST SURRENDER MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATES AND REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES FOR CERTAIN UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLES, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT GIVES THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES DISCRETION TO AUTHORIZE INSURERS TO UTILIZE ALTERNATE METHODS OF PROVIDING CERTAIN NOTICES TO THE DEPARTMENT, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS CERTAIN PERSONS TO APPEAL CERTAIN SUSPENSIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE FOR FAILURE TO MEET THE STATE'S FINANCIAL

RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS IN ERROR, AND TO ALLOW THESE PERSONS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN DOCUMENTS TO SHOW THE SUSPENSION WAS ISSUED IN ERROR; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-10-245, RELATING TO PER DIEM FINES FOR LAPSE IN REQUIRED COVERAGE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE FINES CONTAINED IN THE SECTION MAY NOT EXCEED TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS PER VEHICLE FOR A FIRST OFFENSE; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 5 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 56, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNINSURED MOTORIST FUND, SO AS TO REVISE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLES, TO DELETE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND COLLECTION OF UNINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE FEES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, TO REVISE THE AMOUNT OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE REINSTATEMENT FEE AND PROVIDE IT SHALL BE INCREASED ANNUALLY, TO PROVIDE SUSPENDED LICENSES, REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES, LICENSE PLATES, AND DECALS MAY BE RETURNED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES BY ELECTRONIC MEANS OR IN PERSON, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS THAT REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO COLLECT STATISTICS REGARDING VARIOUS MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, INSURANCE, AND UNINSURED MOTORIST FUND ISSUES.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 3

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest

Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
White	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Caskey	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan

Total—3

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. FORREST.

H. 4158--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4158 -- Reps. Pendarvis, M. M. Smith, Bauer, King, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Rivers and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS.

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

H. 5066--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5066 -- Reps. Elliott, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Bailey, Wheeler, T. Moore, Taylor, Hixon, Oremus, Blackwell, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Bradley, Erickson, Hyde, Ballentine and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 ENTITLED THE "FAIR ACCESS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS" SO AS TO PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE OPTION TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE TO ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SUCH A POLICY, TO CREATE THE AFFORDABLE LIQUOR LIABILITY FUND TO AID IN THE FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXCISE TAX ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK MUST BE CREDITED TO THE FUND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-33-245, RELATING TO THE EXCISE TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIQUOR LIABILITY RISK MITIGATION PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE INSURANCE RESERVE FUND IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE A START-UP LOAN TO THE FUND.

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

H. 4649--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4649 -- Reps. Bannister, Carter, Leber, Vaughan, West, Elliott, Williams, Henegan and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE CERTAIN SECURITY PERSONNEL TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND SECURITY ON SCHOOL PREMISES IF LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS, AND TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS REMAIN OBLIGATED TO USE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS LICENSURE, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO SECURITY OFFICER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION AGENCY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS.

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

H. 5164--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5164 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Herbkersman, Hartnett, McGinnis, Pope, Schuessler, Bradley, Hager, Long, Vaughan, Bannister, Elliott, Willis, Yow, Hiott, Gilliam, Mitchell, Hardee, Whitmire, W. Newton, B. Newton, Davis, Gagnon, Hixon, Lowe, Thayer, West, Taylor, Crawford and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE SEVERAL DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION

59-8-115, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPLICATION PROCESSES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-120, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RELATED INFORMATION, TO REVISE THE FUNDING FORMULA, AND TO REVISE RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-125, RELATING TO FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, AND TO REMOVE PROVISIONS ALLOWING THE USE OF QUALIFIED THIRD PARTIES TO MANAGE ACCOUNTS AND ADMINISTER RELATED FUNCTIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-130, RELATING TO REVERSION OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS UPON TERMINATION OF A SCHOLARSHIP, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETURN OF REVERTED FUNDS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-135, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIMITATIONS, REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST BASED ON CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP DEMAND AND USE INFORMATION, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-140, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER APPLICATION REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESSES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-145, RELATING TO THE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MAY DECLARE A STUDENT INSTEAD OF A PARENT INELIGIBLE, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-150, RELATING TO EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE PROVIDERS GIVE PARENTS SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION FOR QUALIFIED GOODS AND SERVICES ACQUIRED, TO PROVIDE SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS, AND TO REVISE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURE REQUIREMENTS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5164 (LC-5164.WAB0005H), which

was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 7, by striking Section 59-8-140(A)(1)(2) and (3) and inserting:

(2) The department must require an independent school that applies to be an education service provider to be located in the State, to have an educational curriculum that includes courses set forth in the state's diploma requirements and to meet the compulsory attendance and State Board of Education approval requirements in Section 59-65-10. The curricula and attendance requirements do not apply to home instruction programs under Sections 59-65-45 or 59-65-47.

(3) An education service ~~provider that participated in the program in the previous school year and desires to participate in the program in the current school year shall reapply to the department. The education service provider reapplying~~annually shall certify to the department that it continues to meet all program requirements. An education service provider required to administer academic testing shall provide to the department test score data from the previous school year. If individual student test score data is not submitted, then the department shall remove the education service provider from the program. The reporting requirements do not apply to home instruction programs under Sections 59-65-45 or 59-65-47.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 59-8-150 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(K) This section does not apply to home instruction programs under Sections 59-65-45 or 59-65-47.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved to table the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 27; Nays 75

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Caskey
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	Ott	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Wetmore	Williams

Total--27

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Chapman
Chumley	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan

West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--75

So, the House refused to table the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. Ott proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 5164 (LC-5164.WAB0022H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 6, by striking Section 59-8-135(4) and inserting:

(4) in School Year 2027-2028, and for all subsequent school years, the department shall submit an annual budget request based on the number of current scholarship recipients and previously unmet demand for scholarships as evidenced by the prior year's applications; provided, however, this request may not exceed five thousand new scholarship students annually.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

Rep. OTT spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 76; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon

Gilliam	Guest	Haddon
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gibson	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	Ott	Pendarvis
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--28

So, the amendment was tabled.

Reps. Ott and Collins proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 5164 (LC-5164.WAB0023H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, Section 59-8-120(C),

by adding an item to read:

(3) Beginning with the 2027-2028 School Year, a student who has Medicaid card or other supporting documentation from the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services in the student's name must receive twice the amount of the scholarship available per student or the cost of the tuition for the school they are attending, whichever is less.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

Rep. BRADLEY moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 75; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith

M. M. Smith	Thayer	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--75

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	J. Moore	Ott
Pendarvis	Rose	Rutherford
Stavrinakis	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--28

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. W. Jones proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 5164 (LC-5164.WAB0007H), which was tabled:

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

SECTION X. Chapter 8, Title 59 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 59-8-147. (A) An education service provider shall not discriminate on the basis of:

(1) race;
(2) ethnicity;
(3) national origin;
(4) religion;
(5) gender;
(6) sexual orientation;
(7) gender identity; or
(8) disability.

(B) An education service provider shall:

(1) admit students of any race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability to all rights,

privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students;

(2) not discriminate in the administration of educational policies, admissions, scholarships, or other school-administered programs;

(3) ensure that students with disabilities have equal access to programs and services;

(4) provide a safe and inclusive learning environment free from harassment, bullying, and intimidation.

(C) The department shall:

(1) conduct regular compliance reviews to ensure participating schools are meeting nondiscrimination requirements of this section;

(2) establish a complaint process for students and families to report discrimination concerns; and

(3) provide training and resources for participating schools to support nondiscrimination compliance.

(D) If an education service provider is found to be in violation of this section:

(1) the department shall prohibit the education service provider from receiving payments from any ESTF account; and

(2) if compliance is not fully achieved within a reasonable timeframe established by the department, not to exceed three years, the department shall bar the education service provider from participating in the program or receiving payments from any ESTF account. If the board bars an education service provider pursuant to this item, it must comply with the notification requirements of Section 58-8-140(D)(1) and the decision is subject to appeal pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.

(E) The provisions of this section apply:

(1) in addition to the requirements of Section 59-8-150(A)(3); and

(2) notwithstanding another provision of this chapter

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 59-8-150(F)(5) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(5) education service providers shall not be required to alter their creeds, practices, admissions policy, or curriculum in order to accept payments by a parent from an ESTF account, except to the extent need to comply with the nondiscrimination provisions of Section 59-8-147.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. W. JONES explained the amendment.

Rep. W. JONES spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. ERICKSON spoke against the amendment.
Rep. THIGPEN spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. THIGPEN spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. MCDANIEL spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. MCDANIEL spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BRADLEY moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 76; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Chapman	Chumley
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	West

Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Williams	

Total--32

So, the amendment was tabled.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted in favor of tabling Amendment No. 4 on H. 5164. I intended to vote against the tabling motion.

Rep. Russell Ott

Rep. Wetmore proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 5164 (LC-5164.WAB0014H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 8, by striking Section 59-8-145(E) and (F) and inserting:

(E) The department may conduct or contract for the auditing of accounts, and shall, at a minimum, conduct random audits of education service providers and scholarship accounts on an annual basis.

(F) The department may refer cases of substantial misuse of funds to law enforcement agencies for investigation.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WHEELER explained the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON spoke against the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 75; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Chumley	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Yow

Total--75

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard

Garvin	Gilliard	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Stavrinakis	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams	Wooten	

Total--32

So, the amendment was tabled.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote to table Amendment No. 5 on H. 5164. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the tabling motion.

Rep. Don Chapman

Rep. Wetmore proposed the following Amendment No. 6 to H. 5164 (LC-5164.WAB0015H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 9, by striking Section 59-8-150(C)(1)(f) and inserting:

(f) ensure that the parent or guardian of a scholarship student taking the assessments above receives a written report of the student's performance on each assessment. The report must include the student's score on the assessment and an indication of how the student's assessment performance compares to other South Carolina students.

The department may promulgate regulations to carry out the requirements of this subsection.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 9, Section 59-8-150, by striking the <<placeholder>> undesignated paragraph and inserting:

The department may promulgate regulations to carry out the requirements of this subsection.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WETMORE explained the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 75; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Chapman	Chumley	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--75

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel

J. Moore	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--32

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. Wetmore proposed the following Amendment No. 7 to H. 5164 (LC-5164.WAB0016H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 7, by striking Section 59-8-140(A)(1)(3) and inserting:

(3) An education service ~~provider that participated in the program in the previous school year and desires to participate in the program in the current school year shall reapply to the department. The education service provider reapplying~~annually shall certify to the department that it continues to meet all program requirements. An education service provider required to administer academic testing shall provide to the department test score data from the previous school year. If individual student test score data is not submitted, then the department shall remove the education service provider from the program. The reporting requirements do not apply to home instruction programs under Sections 59-65-45 or 59-65-47. Additionally, the education service provider reapplying shall certify that it has not raised the cost of attendance for a scholarship student enrolled during the previous school year.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WETMORE explained the amendment.

Rep. WETMORE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON spoke against the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 74; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--74

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	J. Moore	Ott
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose

Rutherford	Thigpen	Wetmore
Williams		

Total—28

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. Wetmore proposed the following Amendment No. 8 to H. 5164 (LC-5164.WAB0017H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 4, by striking Section 59-8-125(B) and inserting:

(B) The ~~General Assembly shall appropriate funds to the department for initial costs to create the program. Thereafter, the~~ department shall deduct an amount from the ESTF to cover the costs of overseeing the accounts and administering the program up to a limit of two percent. Annually, on or before December thirty-first, the department shall notify the respective chairmen of the Senate Finance Committee and House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee regarding the amount deducted for administrative costs and an itemization of the costs incurred to administer the program for the previous ~~school~~fiscal year.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WETMORE explained the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON spoke against the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 70; Nays 31

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson

Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--70

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Guffey	Haddon
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	A. M. Morgan
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--31

So, the amendment was tabled.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CALHOON a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. Wetmore proposed the following Amendment No. 9 to H. 5164 (LC-5164.WAB0018H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 7, Section 59-8-140(A)(1), by adding an item to read:

(3) All owners and employees of an education service provider must submit to fingerprint-based criminal background checks conducted by SLED, which must be paid at the expense of the education service provider, and provide the results of these background checks to the department. Anyone who fails to pass the background check may not be an owner or employee of a educational service provider.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. THIGPEN explained the amendment.

Rep. THIGPEN spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BRADLEY moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 75; Nays 29

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore

A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--75

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Wetmore
Wheeler	Williams	

Total--29

So, the amendment was tabled.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. YOW a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. Wetmore proposed the following Amendment No. 10 to H. 5164 (LC-5164.WAB0019H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-8-110(4)(b)(i) and (ii) and inserting:

(b)(i) attended a public school in this State during the previous school year;

(ii) ~~had not yet~~has attained the age of five on or before September first of the ~~previous school year but who has attained the age of five on or before September of the current~~ school year in which

scholarship funds are awarded; or

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WETMORE explained the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

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

Yeas 74; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan

West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	

Total--74

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--28

So, the amendment was tabled.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. Ott proposed the following Amendment No. 11 to H. 5164 (LC-5164.WAB0020H), which was tabled:

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

SECTION X. Section 59-8-150(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) To ensure equitable treatment and personal safety of all scholarship students, all education service providers shall:

(1) comply with all applicable health and safety laws or codes;

(2) hold a valid occupancy permit if required by the municipality in which the education service provider is located;

(3) not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin. This item shall not be interpreted to preclude any independent or religious educational provider from exercising an exemption allowed under federal law; ~~and~~

(4) conduct criminal background checks on employees and exclude from employment anyone who:

(a) is not permitted by state law to work in a school;

(b) reasonably might pose a threat to the safety of students; or

(c) is listed on federal, state, or other central child abuse registries; and

(5) not include or promote in a course of instruction, curriculum, assignment, instructional program, instructional material (including primary or supplemental materials, whether in print, digital, or online), surveys or questionnaires, or professional educator development or training, nor require a student, employee, or volunteer to affirm, accept, adopt, or adhere to prohibited concepts such as:

(a) one race, sex, ethnicity, color, or national origin is inherently superior to another race, sex, ethnicity, color, or national origin;

(b) an individual, by virtue of the race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin of the individual, inherently is privileged, racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or subconsciously;

(c) an individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment because of the race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin of the individual;

(d) the moral character of an individual is determined by the race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin of the individual;

(e) an individual, by virtue of the race or sex of the individual, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin;

(f) meritocracy or traits such as a hard work ethic:

(i) are racist, sexist, belong to the principles of one religion; or

(ii) were created by members of a particular race, sex, or religion to oppress members of another race, sex, ethnicity, color, national origin, or religion; and

(g) fault, blame, or bias should be assigned to race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin, or to members of a race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin because of their race, sex, ethnicity, religion, color, or national origin.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 73; Nays 29

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten		

Total--73

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	J. Moore	Ott

Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Wetmore
Wheeler	Williams	

Total--29

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. Ott proposed the following Amendment No. 12 to H. 5164 (LC-5164.WAB0021H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 7, by striking Section 59-8-140~~(F)~~(1) and (2) and inserting:

~~(F)~~(1) ~~For scholarship students utilizing a scholarship to attend an online education service provider,~~ The department must track data on scholarship student wellness through mandatory in-person days of attendance at least once per semester at their resident public school or homeschool. For first semester the in-person date shall be no later than November fifteenth. For the second semester the in-person date shall be no later than March fifteenth. During the in-person attendance, a school teacher, counselor, principal, assistant principal, school attendance officer, social or public assistance worker, school nurse, on-site mental health, or allied health professional, or other appropriately designated mandated reporter at the local public school or homeschool as defined in Section 63-7-310 must complete a comprehensive wellness check to screen for abuse and neglect as defined in Section 63-7-20.

(2) All employees at an online education service provider who are employed in same or similar roles as defined in Section 63-7-310 shall be considered persons required to report and must complete the training programs required pursuant to Section 63-7-310(A) and hold all the same rights, responsibilities, and potential penalties as defined in Sections 63-7-315, 63-7-320, 63-7-350, 63-7-360, 63-7-370, 63-7-380, 63-7-390, 63-7-400, 63-7-430, 63-7-440, and receive information pursuant to Section 63-7-450.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

Rep. BRADLEY moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 74; Nays 29

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	

Total--74

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Hosey	Howard
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore

Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--29

So, the amendment was tabled.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Reps. Pace and A.M. Morgan proposed the following Amendment No. 13 to H. 5164 (LC-5164.AHB0025H), which was tabled:

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

SECTION X. Chapter 6, Title 12 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 26

Academic Choice in Education (ACE)

Section 12-6-3850. For purposes of this article:

(1) "Academic Choice in Education fund" or "ACE" means education funding provided on behalf of eligible students by nonprofit scholarship funding organizations for qualifying expenses as outlined in this article.

(2) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

(3) "Disadvantaged child" means a child or his family who meets the qualifications for federal Medicaid benefits, or whose family has an annual adjusted gross income of two hundred percent or less of the federal poverty guidelines as promulgated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

(4) "Eligible school" means an independent school, including those religious in nature, other than a public school, at which the compulsory attendance requirements of Section 59-65-10 may be met, that:

(a) offers a general education to primary or secondary school students;

(b) does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin;

(c) is located in this State;

(d) has an educational curriculum that includes courses set forth in the state's diploma requirements;

(e) has school facilities that are subject to applicable federal, state, and local laws; and

(f) is a member in good standing of the South Carolina Association of Christian Schools, the South Carolina Independent Schools Association, the Palmetto Association of Independent Schools, the American Montessori Society, the International Montessori Council, or the National Association of Private Schools, or alternatively accredited by Cognia or the National Council for Private School Accreditation.

(5) "Eligible student" means a student who:

(a) meets the definition of "general child";

(b) meets the definition of "disadvantaged child";

(c) meets the definition of "exceptional needs child"; or

(d) meets the definition of "home school child"; and

(e) is not a recipient of an Education Scholarship Trust Fund.

(6) "Exceptional needs child" means a child:

(a)(i) who has been evaluated in accordance with this state's evaluation criteria, as set forth in S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43 243.1, and determined eligible as a child with a disability who needs special education and related services, in accordance with the requirements of Section 300.8 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; or

(ii) who has been diagnosed as either permanently or within the last three years by a licensed speech-language pathologist, psychiatrist, or medical, mental health, psychoeducational, or other comparable licensed health care provider as having a neurodevelopmental disorder, a substantial sensory or physical impairment such as deaf, blind, or orthopedic disability, or some other disability or acute or chronic condition that significantly impedes the student's ability to learn and succeed in school without specialized instructional and associated supports and services tailored to the child's unique needs; and

(b) the child's parents or legal guardian believes that the services provided by the school district of legal residence do not sufficiently meet the needs of the child.

(7) "General child" means a child whose family has an adjusted gross income of four hundred percent or less of the federal poverty guidelines and who is a South Carolina resident who, immediately before receiving a scholarship under this article and enrolling in an eligible school or program, was enrolled in a South Carolina secondary or primary public school or who is eligible to enroll in a qualified first grade, kindergarten, or a three or four year old prekindergarten program

or received a scholarship pursuant to this article for the previous school year; provided, however, that if a student is considered to be an eligible student pursuant to this item, he shall continue to qualify as such until he graduates, reaches the age of twenty, or returns to a public school, whichever occurs first.

(8) "Home school" means a home, residence, or location where a parent or legal guardian teaches one or more children as authorized pursuant to Section 59-65-40, Section 59- 65-45, or Section 59-65-47.

(9) "Home school child" means any child attending an eligible home school.

(10) "Nonprofit scholarship funding organization" or "scholarship funding organization" means a charitable organization that:

(a) is registered and in good standing with the South Carolina Secretary of State;

(b) is exempt from federal tax pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code by being listed as an exempt organization in Section 501(c)(3) of the tax code; and

(c) is approved annually by the Treasurer and listed on the Treasurer's approved list, which must be published on the Treasurer's website.

(11) "Parent" means a resident of this State who is the natural or adoptive parent, legal guardian, custodian, or other person with legal authority to act on behalf of an eligible student.

(12) "Person" means an individual, partnership, corporation, or other similar entity.

(13) "Program" means the ACE scholarship program created by this article.

(14) "Public School" means a school operated by publicly elected or appointed school officials in which the program and activities are under the control of these officials and which is supported by public funds.

(15) "Qualifying expense" means:

(a) the total amount of money charged for the cost of an eligible student to attend an eligible school including, but not limited to, fees for attending the school, textbook fees, tutoring, parental engagement programs involving a three or four year old prekindergarten student, and/or transportation to and from school that is provided by the school. These costs may not be in excess of what is currently provided; and

(b) in the case of an eligible home school student, the total amount of money charged for instruction-related expenditures to attend

an eligible home school provider including, but not limited to, curriculum packages, textbooks, digital education, tutoring, and testing materials.

(16) "Resident school district" means the public school district in which the student is domiciled.

(17) "Scholarship" means education funding allocated from an account established on a student's behalf pursuant to this article.

(18) "Treasurer" means the Office of the State Treasurer.

Section 12-6-3855. (A) A person is entitled to a tax credit against income taxes imposed pursuant to this chapter, or bank taxes imposed pursuant to Chapter 11 of this title, for the amount of cash and the monetary value of any publicly traded securities the person contributes to a nonprofit scholarship funding organization up to the limits of this section if:

(1) the contribution is used to provide scholarships for qualifying expenses to an eligible student enrolled in an eligible school; and

(2) the taxpayer does not designate a specific child or school as the beneficiary of the contribution.

(B)(1) Scholarships may be awarded by a scholarship funding organization to an eligible student qualifying and defined under Section 12-6-3850(5)(a) [General child] for a school year in an amount not exceeding the actual state-allocated revenue for each pupil as calculated by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office and required to be published by the annual appropriations act or the total amount of qualifying expenses, whichever is less.

(2) Scholarships may be awarded by a scholarship funding organization to an eligible student qualifying and defined under Section 12-6-3850(5)(b) and (c) [Disadvantaged Child & Exceptional Needs Child] for a school year in an amount not exceeding one hundred forty percent of the amount of subsection (B)(1) above or the total amount of qualifying expenses, whichever is less.

(3) Scholarships may be awarded by a scholarship funding organization to an eligible student qualifying and defined under Section 12-6-3850(5)(d) [Home School Child] for a school year in an amount not exceeding twenty percent of the amount of subsection (B)(1) above or the total cost of qualifying expenses, whichever is less. A scholarship funding organization may reimburse a parent directly for expenditures actually paid for qualifying expenses or pay vendors directly for qualifying expenses at the direction of the parent and on behalf of the home school child.

(4) Once an eligible student receives a scholarship, he must

receive priority status for future scholarships; provided, however, that the eligible student is in good standing with the school.

(C) Except as otherwise provided, the Department of Education, the Department of Revenue, the Treasurer, or any other state agency may not regulate the educational programs of a school that accepts eligible students receiving scholarships pursuant to this article.

Section 12-6-3860. (A) The Treasurer shall create a standard application process and establish the timeline for parents to establish the eligibility of their student for the ACE scholarship. The application window established shall last at least forty-five days, opening no earlier than January fifteenth, and closing no later than March fifteenth of each calendar year.

(B) Pursuant to the timeline established pursuant to this section, the Treasurer shall:

(1) process applications in the order in which they are received; and

(2) enroll and issue eligibility certificates within thirty days of the deadline for receipt of completed applications and all required documentation. The eligibility certificate must list the names and contact information of the eligible scholarship-granting organizations.

(C) Before awarding an eligibility certificate, the Treasurer shall obtain evidence of the student's eligibility criteria set forth in this article.

(D) The Treasurer shall approve an application for scholarship if:

(1) the parent submits an annual application for a scholarship in accordance with the application and procedures established by the Treasurer;

(2) the student on whose behalf the parent is applying is an eligible student;

(3) the parent signs an annual agreement with the Treasurer:

(a) to provide, at a minimum, a program of academic instruction for the eligible student in at least the subjects of English and language arts to include writing, mathematics, social studies, and science;

(b) to acknowledge and agree to comply with the eligible schools prescribed curriculum, dress code and other requirements of enrolled students; and

(c) to use program funds for qualifying expenses only for an eligible school to educate the scholarship student, subject to penalty.

(E) Receipt of an eligibility certificate does not guarantee a scholarship award from a scholarship granting organization.

Section 12-6-3865. (A) The Treasurer shall prescribe the form

and manner to be an approved nonprofit scholarship funding organization, the annual application must at a minimum include:

(1) the number and total amount of scholarships issued to schools that accept eligible students in the preceding school year;

(2) the identity of the school and the amount of the scholarship issued to each eligible student in the preceding school year;

(3) an itemization and detailed explanation of any fees or other revenues obtained from or on behalf of any schools that accepted eligible students;

(4) a copy of the organization's Form 990 or other comparable federal submission that indicates the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code under which the organization has been granted exempt status for purposes of federal taxation;

(5) a copy of a compilation, review, or audit of the organization's financial statements, conducted by a certified public accounting firm;

(6) the criteria and eligibility requirements for scholarship awards; and

(7) a certification by the organization of the following:

(a) it meets the definition of a nonprofit scholarship funding organization and that the report is true, accurate, and complete under penalty of perjury in accordance with Section 16-9-10;

(b) it allocates at least ninety-five percent of its annual contributions received during a particular year to provide scholarships to schools on behalf of eligible enrolled children and incurs administrative expenses annually of no more than five percent of its annual contributions for a particular year to cover operational costs;

(c) it allocates all of its funds used for scholarships on an annual basis to eligible students;

(d) it does not provide scholarships on behalf of eligible students only for the benefit of one school, and if the Treasurer determines that the nonprofit scholarship funding organization is providing scholarships to one particular school, the tax credit allowed by this section may be disallowed;

(e) it does not have as a volunteer, contractor, consultant, fundraiser, or member of its governing board, any parent, legal guardian, or member of his immediate family who has a child or ward who is currently receiving or has received a scholarship authorized by this article from the organization within one year of the date the parent, legal guardian, or member of his immediate family became a board member. A person serving on the governing board of a nonprofit scholarship funding organization shall have a fiduciary duty to the donors and

eligible students at schools served by the organization and shall resign if any conflicts of interest develop with the organization and those it serves;

(f) it does not have as a member of its governing board or an employee, volunteer, contractor, consultant, or fundraiser who has been convicted of a felony or other financial crime, been disciplined by a professional, self-regulatory body, had a professional license or designation suspended, revoked, or otherwise restricted in use, or is otherwise prevented from engaging in a profession as part of a court order, court settlement, or arbitration ruling. This item also must apply to immediate family members residing in the same household;

(g) does not release personally identifiable information pertaining to students or donors or use information collected about donors, students, or schools for financial gain; and

(h) does not place conditions on schools enrolling eligible students receiving scholarship to limit the ability of the schools to enroll eligible students accepting scholarships from other nonprofit scholarship funding organizations.

(B) The application deadline under this section is August first of each year.

Section 12-6-3870. (A) The parent shall provide the eligibility certificate to the scholarship funding organization. Upon awarding of a scholarship by the scholarship funding organization and at the direction of the parent, the scholarship funding organization shall issue a check payable to the eligible school on behalf of the student and deliver it to the school within thirty days upon approval of the application or thirty days of the start of the school's semester. If the eligible student leaves or withdraws from the school for any reason before the end of the semester or school year and does not re-enroll within thirty days, then the school shall return a prorated amount of the scholarship to the scholarship funding organization based on the number of days the eligible student was enrolled in the school during the semester or school year within sixty days of the student's departure.

(B) Before the issuance of a check, a parent shall certify that the eligible student has not received a scholarship from any other scholarship-granting organizations in the current academic year.

(C) Before the issuance of a check to an eligible school, the school must provide documentation to the scholarship funding organization that it meets the criteria established in Section 12-6-3850(4).

(D)(1) The tax credits authorized for an eligible student qualified and defined under Section 12-6-3850(5)(a) [General Child], (b)

[Disadvantaged Child], and (c) [Exceptional Needs Child] may not exceed cumulatively a total of fifteen million dollars in each qualifying category, each calendar year.

(2) The tax credits authorized for an eligible student qualified and defined under Section 12-6-3850 (5)(d) [Home School Child] may not exceed cumulatively a total of ten million dollars each calendar year.

(3) If the South Carolina Department of Revenue determines that the total of the credits claimed in this section by all taxpayers exceeds the limit amount, it shall allow credits only up to those amounts on a first-come, first-served basis. Within the first forty-five days that the credits are available, persons as defined in 12-6-3850(12) are only allowed to claim a total amount of ten thousand dollars in tax credits per person. After the forty fifth day, any remaining tax credits are available to all persons.

(4) The tax credits authorized pursuant to this section remain the same unless an increased or decreased limit is authorized in the annual general appropriations act.

(E) The department shall establish an application process to determine the amount of credit available to be claimed. The receipt of the application by the department shall determine priority for the credit.

(1) The tax credit must be claimed on the return for the tax year that the contribution is made.

(2) A taxpayer may not claim more than one hundred percent of his total tax liability for the tax year in contributions toward the tax credits authorized by this section. This credit is not refundable. If the credit exceeds the taxpayer's tax liability for the taxable year, the excess amount may be carried forward for credit against the next ten succeeding taxable years.

(3) If a taxpayer deducts the amount of the contribution on the taxpayer's federal return and claims the credit allowed by this section, then the taxpayer shall add back the amount of the deduction for purposes of South Carolina income or bank taxes.

(F) The department shall prescribe the form and manner of proof required to obtain the credits authorized by this article. Also the department shall develop a method of informing taxpayers and scholarship-funding organizations if the credit limit is met at any time during the year.

(1) A corporation or entity entitled to a credit under this section may not convey, assign, or transfer the credit authorized by this section to another entity unless all assets of the entity are conveyed, assigned, or transferred in the same transaction.

(2) Notwithstanding the maximum credit limits set forth in this article, if one of the eligible student-qualifying categories listed in subsection (D) reaches its limits but another eligible student-qualifying category has not reached its limit by October first of each tax year, then the department may transfer the unused credits to the eligible student qualifying category that has reached its limit. However, the credit only may be transferred and may not cumulatively allow more than the authorized annual cumulative total provided in this section. In considering a credit transfer under this item, those eligible student qualifying categories listed in subsection 12-6-3850(5)(b) [Disadvantaged Child], (c) [Exceptional Needs Child], (d) [Home School Child], and (a) [General Child] must have priority order when transferring credits.

Section 12-6-3875. (A) By September first of each year, the Treasurer shall publish on its website a list of all qualifying nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations for the succeeding calendar year, to include their names, addresses, telephone numbers, and, if available, website addresses and applicable audits.

(B) By January fifteenth of each year, the Treasurer shall report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Governor:

(1) the number and total amount of scholarships issued by the scholarship-funding organizations to schools on behalf of eligible students that attended in the prior school year;

(2) the identity of the school that accepts eligible students and the amount of each scholarship issued to the school in the prior school year by each scholarship funding organization;

(3) an itemization and detailed explanation of fees or other revenues obtained from or on behalf of eligible students to a school by any scholarship-funding organization;

(4) a copy of each scholarship-funding organization's Form 990 or other comparable federal submission that indicates the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code under which the organization has been granted exempt status for purposes of federal taxation;

(5) a copy of a compilation, review, or audit of each scholarship-funding organization conducted by a certified public accounting firm as provided to the Treasurer by each scholarship-funding organization in their application to participate in the program;

(6) the criteria and eligibility requirements for scholarship awards of each scholarship-funding organization as provided to the Treasurer by each scholarship-funding organization in their application

to participate in the program; and

(7) any report required by this section may not specifically include the name, amount, or any other personally identifiable information of scholarship recipients.

Section 12-6-3880. (A)(1) The Treasurer and the department have authority to examine and audit the nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations, including determining whether the nonprofit scholarship-funding organization is being operated in a manner consistent with the requirements for an IRC Section 501(c)(3) organization or is in compliance with any other provision of this section.

(2)(a) If an audit by the Treasurer or department produces evidence that a nonprofit scholarship-funding organization is not being operated in a manner consistent with the requirements for operating an IRC Section 501(c)(3) organization or is not in compliance with any other substantial provision of this section, the Treasurer or the department immediately may revoke the organization's participation in the program and shall notify the organization in writing of the revocation.

(b) Actual notice of revocation may be provided to the organization by personal delivery to the organization, by certified return receipt mail to the last known address of the organization, or by other means reasonably designed to provide actual notice to the organization.

(c) Any donations made following the date the actual notice of revocation are received by the organization do not qualify for the credit and the donated funds must be returned to the donor by the organization.

(d)(i) Within thirty days after the day on which the organization is provided actual notice of the revocation, the organization may request a contested hearing before the Administrative Law Court. Within seven days after a request for a contested case hearing is received by the Administrative Law Court, an administrative law judge shall hold the contested case hearing and determine whether the revocation was reasonable under the circumstances. The Treasurer or the department has the burden of proof of showing that the revocation was reasonable under the circumstances. The revocation is reasonable if the Treasurer or the department has substantial credible evidence that the organization is not being operated in a manner consistent with the requirements for operating an IRC Section 501(c)(3) organization or is not in compliance with other substantial provisions of this article. If the organization does not request a contested case hearing within thirty days of the immediate revocation, the revocation is permanent.

(ii) If the administrative law judge determines that the

immediate revocation was reasonable, the administrative law judge shall remand the case to the Treasurer or the department to issue a Treasurer or department determination for permanent revocation within the time period determined by the judge. The organization may appeal this Treasurer or department determination in accordance with Section 12-60-460. At the contested case hearing on the Treasurer or department determination, the parties may raise new issues and arguments in addition to those issues and arguments previously presented at the immediate revocation hearing.

(iii) If the administrative law judge determines that immediate revocation is not reasonable, the revocation must be lifted, and the organization may resume accepting donations and award scholarships. The Treasurer or department may still issue a Treasurer or department determination in accordance with Section 12-60-450(E)(2).

(e) If at any time during the process, the Treasurer and department believes the organization is in compliance, the Treasurer may reinstate the organization.

(f) Following the permanent revocation of a nonprofit scholarship-funding organization, the Treasurer has the authority to oversee the transfer of donated funds of the revoked organization to other nonprofit scholarship-funding organizations.

(g) A scholarship-funding organization may transfer funds to another scholarship-funding organization if the organization ceases to exist. The funds that are transferred by one scholarship funding organization to another only may be considered by one organization when calculating its administrative expenses. The scholarship-funding organizations transferring and receiving the funds shall notify the Treasurer in writing within three days of the transfer. The notification may be made via electronic methodology.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X.A. Section 12-6-3790 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

B. This SECTION takes effect upon the full implementation of this act.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. Erickson proposed the following Amendment No. 14 to H. 5164 (LC-5164.AHB0027H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-8-110(4)(iii), by striking the second undesignated paragraph and inserting:

Notwithstanding the provisions of item (b), "Eligible student" also includes the child of active-duty military personnel who were killed while on active-duty status and the child of an active-duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has received permanent change of station orders to a military base and who, as a result, will reside in South Carolina for the current or upcoming school year; provided, however, the child must have attained the age of five on or before September first of the school year in which scholarship funds are awarded.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. McDaniel proposed the following Amendment No. 15 to H. 5164 (LC-5164.AHB0029H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-8-110(3) and inserting:

(3) "Eligible school" means a South Carolina public school or an independent school that chooses to participate in the program. ~~"Eligible school" does not include a charter school.~~"Eligible school" does not include a school in which a member of the General Assembly or an immediate family member of a member of the General Assembly has any ownership. For purposes of this section, "immediate family member" means as defined in Section 8-13-100(18).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MCDANIEL explained the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON spoke upon the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Thigpen proposed the following Amendment No. 16 to H. 5164 (LC-5164.WAB0030H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-8-110(3) and inserting:

(3) “Eligible school” means a South Carolina public school or an independent school that chooses to participate in the program. “Eligible school” does not include a school that operates on a for-profit basis, and such for-profit schools may not receive scholarship funds awarded under this chapter.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. THIGPEN explained the amendment.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 75; Nays 27

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith

M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten

Total--75

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	J. Moore
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams

Total--27

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. GARVIN spoke against the Bill.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. GARVIN continued speaking.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. GARVIN continued speaking.
Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke against the Bill.
Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the Bill.

RULE 3.9 INVOKED

Rep. MCDANIEL invoked Rule 3.9. The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered a quorum call.

QUORUM CALL

A quorum was present.

RULE 3.9 RESCINDED

Rep. HIOTT moved to rescind Rule 3.9, which was agreed to.

Rep. ERICKSON spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 69; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
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Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	May
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten

Total--69

Those who voted in the negative are:

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Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard

Garvin	Gibson	Gilliard
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
Howard	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Moss	Ott
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Wetmore
Wheeler	Williams	

Total--32

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

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 20, 2024
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Clerk of the South Carolina House of Representatives
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Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Clerk Reid,

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I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest, as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal for March 20, 2024.

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Sincerely,
Rep. Alan Morgan

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:29 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. ROBBINS, adjourned in memory of Libby Murdaugh, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, March 21, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* as follows:

Our thought for today is from Proverbs 22:17: “The words of the wise: Incline your ear and hear my words, and apply your mind to my teaching.”

Let us pray. Almighty God, we give You thanks for granting us another day to serve You and the people we serve. May we all hear Your words of blessings and comfort as these Representatives and Staff continue another week of work. Give them the wisdom and the courage to do what is pleasing in Your sight. Bestow Your blessings upon our Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute their time and effort for the good of this State. Bless and protect our defenders of freedom and first responders as they protect us. Heal the wounds, those seen and those hidden, of our brave warriors who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. PEDALINO moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Donald Ryan "Donnie" McCabe, father of Representative McCabe, which was agreed to.

STATEMENT BY REP. BERNSTEIN

Rep. BERNSTEIN made a statement relative to the contributions made by all women to the state of South Carolina and the United States.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Dr. Bertha Maxwell Roddey.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Donald Ryan "Donnie" McCabe, father of Representative McCabe.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Chaplain Seastrunk.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Ronnie Henegan, husband of Representative Henegan.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Sam Holland.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 4002:

H. 4002 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Hiott, Davis, B. Newton, Erickson, Bannister, Haddon, Sandifer, Thayer, Hixon, Carter, Robbins, Blackwell, Forrest and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-980 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN INMATE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO POSSESS TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE DIRECTOR, TO DEFINE THE TERM "TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE", AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President

Received as information.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. BAMBERG, from the Bamberg Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5231 -- Rep. Bamberg: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 104 OF 2021, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONSOLIDATED BAMBERG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ITS NINE MEMBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE TO BE ELECTED FROM SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS WHICH CORRESPOND WITH THE BAMBERG COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS, AND TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS ARE TO BE ELECTED FROM THE COUNTY AT-LARGE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 5023 -- Reps. Brewer, Gilliam, Lawson, Sessions, Schuessler, Hager, Hartnett, Gatch, Mitchell, Hewitt, Robbins, J. Moore, Wooten, Guffey, O'Neal, J. L. Johnson, Pedalino and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-219 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE WORK ZONE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-15, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-130, RELATING TO LICENSE EXAMINATIONS AND BASIC AND CLASSIFIED LICENSES, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 5024 -- Rep. Elliott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-14990, RELATING TO SURVIVING SPOUSES APPLYING FOR

LICENSE PLATES OR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE SURVIVING SPOUSES OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD MAY APPLY TO OBTAIN NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE PLATES OR TRANSFER NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE PLATES ISSUED TO THEIR SPOUSES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4082 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN MEDICINE USED FOR OPHTHALMIC DISEASE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4594 -- Reps. Ballentine, Pope, Clyburn, West, Elliott and T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2023 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4294 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, Hager, Wheeler and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-320, RELATING TO THE LIMITATION ON MILLAGE INCREASES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE GOVERNING BODY OF A RURAL COUNTY TO SUSPEND THE LIMITATION

FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4912 -- Rep. Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT RATIOS FOR AD VALOREM TAXATION, SO AS TO ALLOW CERTAIN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO CONTINUE TO CLAIM THE SPECIAL FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO WHEN THE CIVILIAN RECEIVES CERTAIN ORDERS FOR A CHANGE OF STATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 5118 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West, Davis, Hager, Hewitt, Kirby, Long, M. M. Smith, B. Newton, Pendarvis, Sandifer, Hiott, Landing, Crawford, Brittain, Lawson, Williams, Whitmire, Jefferson, Bustos, Hartnett, Carter, Blackwell, Neese, W. Newton, Bradley, Ott, Erickson, Sessions, Murphy, Brewer, Yow, Mitchell, Connell, Jordan, Thayer, Elliott, Wooten, Pedalino, Bailey, T. Moore, McGinnis, Gatch, Ligon, Gagnon, Hardee, B. L. Cox, Guffey, Chapman, Leber, Anderson, Bannister, Calhoon, Felder, Gibson, Hixon, Lowe, Taylor, Thigpen, Willis and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TEN-YEAR ENERGY TRANSFORMATION ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN

TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-650, RELATING TO REASSIGNMENT OF ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS' SERVICE AREAS, SO AS TO PERMIT THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR ANY ELECTRIC SUPPLIER TO SERVE ANY TRANSFORMATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO AS ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE

COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR", SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO

ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-

OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND", AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5120 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West and Sandifer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO URGE FEDERAL LEGISLATORS TO WORK IN GOOD FAITH TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT REFORMS FEDERAL PERMITTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESSES, TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP BY EXPEDITING THE DEPLOYMENT OF MODERN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TO INCLUDE STEPS TO CONSIDER FOR THESE REFORMS, AS

WELL AS DETRIMENTS TO THE NATION AND ITS RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES FOR FAILURE TO ACT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5297 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. ROBERT R. "BOB" OLIVERIO, VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER FOR AMBULATORY CARE AND POPULATION HEALTH AT ROPER ST. FRANCIS HEALTHCARE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE 2023 ROPER ST. FRANCIS FOUNDATION PHYSICIAN CHAMPION AWARD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5298 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter,

Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE OUTSTANDING CAREER AND SERVICE OF CHRISTY A. HALL, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES TO HER ON HER WELL-EARNED RETIREMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5299 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham,

Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ERNESTINE REED ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5300 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CHESNEE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF TEAM ON WINNING THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AA-A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5301 -- Reps. Ballentine, Bauer, Bernstein, Garvin, Hart, Howard, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, Rose, Rutherford, Thigpen, Calhoon, Caskey, Forrest, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White, Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. RONALD L. RHAMES, PRESIDENT OF MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE, UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5302 -- Reps. Bustos, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones,

W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM FRANCIS "BUDDY" BENDT, NATIVE OF CHARLESTON, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1163 -- Senators Campsen, Grooms and Adams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 703 AND THE INTERSECTION OF CHUCK DAWLEY BOULEVARD (I-526B) IN CHARLESTON COUNTY "DETECTIVE PAT MESSER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5303 -- Reps. T. Moore and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-35 SO AS TO IMPROVE VOTER ACCESS TO CERTAIN RECORDS IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL ELECTIONS SHALL BE FOLLOWED BY A HAND-COUNT AUDIT IN AT LEAST TEN PERCENT OF PRECINCTS FOR A STATEWIDE PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1455 SO AS TO PROVIDE

CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS WHEN A HAND-COUNT AUDIT REVEALS A DISCREPANCY WITH THE TABULATED VOTE COUNTS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN A CERTAIN AMOUNT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-1330, RELATING TO VOTE RECORDERS AND OPTICAL-SCAN VOTING SYSTEMS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A VOTE RECORDER MAY NOT BE APPROVED FOR USE IN THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5304 -- Reps. Pope and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PROVISION OF A GOVERNING DOCUMENT WHICH RESTRICTS A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF A LOT OWNER OR A PERSON RESIDING IN A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED COMMUNITY IS VOID.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5305 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Wooten and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-1-212, RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF STATE CRIMINAL LAWS BY FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO ADD SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO THE DEFINITION OF "FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER".

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5306 -- Reps. McDaniel and Henderson-Myers: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL EXEMPT INDIVIDUALS FROM THE ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS OF 21 U.S.C. 862A TO ENSURE ELIGIBILITY FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BENEFITS AND FEDERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES MAY SEEK, APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, OR RENEW A WAIVER OF THE MANDATORY WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5307 -- Reps. W. Jones, Williams, Rivers, Gilliard, Henderson-Myers, Dillard and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR A GROCER THAT OPENS A NEW LOCATION IN A FOOD DESERT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PURCHASES MADE BY A GROCER THAT OPERATES A NEW STORE LOCATED IN A FOOD DESERT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5308 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Lawson, B. L. Cox and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 83 TO TITLE 15 SO AS TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTIONS FOR CERTAIN VOLUNTEERS WHO TRANSPORT VULNERABLE ADULTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5309 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF ESTHETICIANS BY A BOARD OF ESTHETICS SERVICES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO PROHIBIT THE PROVISION OF ESTHETICS SERVICES OR EDUCATION WITHOUT LICENSURE BY THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, AND TO PROVIDE MISCELLANEOUS POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 40-13-5, 40-13-10, 40-13-20, 40-13-110, 40-13-230, 40-13-240, AND 40-13-270, ALL RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONS BY THE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES BY REMOVING PROVISIONS CONCERNING ESTHETICIANS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5310 -- Reps. Murphy, G. M. Smith, Bannister, Brewer, Caskey, Gatch, Guest, J. E. Johnson, Mitchell, W. Newton, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Stavrinakis, West and Whitmire: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS SO AS TO EXEMPT A PORTION OF THE VALUE OF AIRCRAFT OF AN AIRLINE COMPANY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-2440, RELATING TO THE VALUATION OF AIRCRAFT, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH TIME ON THE GROUND IS CALCULATED.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5311 -- Reps. Kirby, Dillard, Garvin, Thigpen, Ott, J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Bauer, Weeks, Rose and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 159 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE ADAPTIVE KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM IN THE STATE; TO CREATE RELEVANT DEFINITIONS FOR THE ADAPTIVE KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM; TO ESTABLISH GOALS FOR THE PROGRAM AND ESTABLISH SELECTION STANDARDS FOR SELECTION OF A PROVIDER; TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PROGRAM; TO ESTABLISH ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR RECRUITMENT PLANS FOR THE PROGRAM; AND TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROGRAM AND REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION BE INCLUDED.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5312 -- Reps. Brewer, Murphy, Mitchell, Yow, Sessions, Guffey, Leber, Bustos, Brittain, Guest, Bradley, Haddon, Herbkersman and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 57-5-1710 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROJECT TO AWARD CONTRACTS USING THE "PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD" PROJECT DELIVERY METHOD.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 434 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-78-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO CLAUSE OF A SERVICE CONTRACT WHICH STATES THAT THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED RENEWED FOR A SPECIFIED ADDITIONAL PERIOD, UNLESS THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER GIVES NOTICE TO THE PROVIDER OF HIS INTENTION TO

TERMINATE THE CONTRACT AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM, SHALL BE ENFORCEABLE AGAINST THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 538 -- Senators Kimbrell, M. Johnson, Adams, Reichenbach, Rice, Verdin, Grooms, Climer and Loftis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-15 SO AS TO LIMIT TENURE AND TO PROVIDE THAT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING MUST CREATE A TENURE REVIEW PROCESS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 859 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "STATE EMPLOYMENT SKILLS-BASED HIRING ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 8-11-188 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO CONDUCT PERIODIC REVIEWS OF THE EDUCATIONAL, EXPERIENTIAL, AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL EXECUTIVE BRANCH JOBS WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON WHETHER A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREE IS NECESSARY, TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL REDUCE THE REQUIREMENTS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES SHALL REPORT ITS ACTIONS PURSUANT TO THIS ACT; AND SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE FIRST PERIODIC REVIEW SHALL COMMENCE WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 969 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Setzler, K. Johnson, Young, Malloy, Senn, Stephens and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTEER EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN UNPAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 1021 -- Senators Davis, Matthews and Campsen: A BILL TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT TO 2035; AND TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO THE ABANDONED BUILDINGS TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE MAXIMUM TAX CREDIT THAT MAY BE EARNED.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 1047 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-610, RELATING TO DENMARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MANNER BY WHICH COMMISSIONERS ARE APPOINTED SHALL BE BY APPOINTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTING ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, AND BARNWELL COUNTIES.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott

Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--112

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. FELDER a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. COLLINS a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. SESSIONS a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HENEGAN a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Claire Birdsong of Lexington County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BALLENTINE presented to the House the Chapin High School "Eagles" 5-A Championship Varsity Cheer Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. WHEELER presented to the House the Thomas Sumter Academy "Generals" 1-A/2-A 2021 SCISA Championship Varsity Cheer Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. WHEELER presented to the House the Thomas Sumter Academy "Generals" 2-A/3-A 2022 SCISA Championship Varsity Cheer Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. WHEELER presented to the House the Thomas Sumter Academy "Generals" 3-A/4-A 2023 SCISA Championship Competitive Cheer Non-Tumbling Team.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member

presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4609
Date:	ADD:
03/21/24	O'NEAL

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4702
Date:	ADD:
03/21/24	ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4703
Date:	ADD:
03/21/24	ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4935
Date:	ADD:
03/21/24	MAGNUSON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5042
Date:	ADD:
03/21/24	ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5245
Date:	ADD:
03/21/24	ERICKSON and BRADLEY

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BRITTAIN a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

H. 5267--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5267 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 307 OF 2012, RELATING TO THE ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE SALUDA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST BE ELECTED, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THESE DISTRICTS, TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THESE DISTRICTS, AND TO UPDATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

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Yeas 91; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson

McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Sandifer	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 5267--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. FORREST, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 5267 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 1192--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following was introduced:

S. 1192 -- Senators Alexander, Malloy, Massey, Hutto, Martin and Peeler: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 9, ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, 1895, WHEN THE RESPECTIVE HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURN ON THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024, NOT LATER THAN 5:00 P.M., EACH HOUSE SHALL STAND IN RECESS SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE FOR THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT TIMES THEY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE BODIES TO MEET FOR

THE CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN SPECIFIED MATTERS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN THE RESPECTIVE HOUSES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADJOURN NOT LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL STAND ADJOURNED SINE DIE.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

(A) Pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Article III of the South Carolina Constitution, 1895, and by the two-thirds vote required by that section in order to recede for more than thirty consecutive calendar days, each house agrees, by this resolution, to recede from the other body for a period of either less than thirty days, or more than thirty days, as the case may be. The General Assembly, by this resolution, agrees to bind itself subject to the provisions of this resolution. The Sine Die adjournment date for the General Assembly for the 2024 session is recognized and extended to permit the General Assembly to continue in session after Thursday, May 9, 2024, under the terms and conditions stipulated in this resolution.

(B) For this purpose, when each house recedes subject to subsection (A) and not later than 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, 2024, the General Assembly shall stand in recess subject to the call of the President of the Senate for the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the House of Representatives at times they consider appropriate for their respective bodies to meet. Each house agrees to limit itself to consideration of the following matters and subject to the following conditions, as applicable:

(1) receipt and consideration including, but not limited to receipt, consideration, and disposition of conference and free conference reports concerning the General Appropriations Bill, the Capital Reserve Fund Resolution, any Supplemental Appropriations Bill, any rescission bill, and any Continuing Resolution to fund the ordinary expenses of state government, if necessary, until the passage of the General Appropriations Bill;

(2) receipt and consideration of gubernatorial vetoes;

(3) introduction, receipt, and consideration of resolutions affecting Sine Die adjournment;

(4) introduction, receipt, and consideration of legislation necessary to address any shortfall in revenue meeting the conditions of Section 11-9-1140;

(5) receipt and consideration of appointments;

(6) introduction, receipt, and consideration of resolutions expressing sympathy or congratulations;

(7) receipt and consideration of local legislation that has the unanimous consent of the affected delegation; and

(8) receipt and consideration of any conference reports arising from conference committees appointed on or before Thursday, May 9, 2024.

(C) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may set a mutually agreed upon time or times prior to Sine Die adjournment for officers of the Senate and House of Representatives to ratify acts.

(D) The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives may set a mutually agreed upon time or times prior to Sine Die adjournment for the convening of a joint assembly to conduct elections for offices or vacancies in any office filled by election of the General Assembly.

(E) Unless the session is otherwise adjourned Sine Die at an earlier date, the 2024 session of the General Assembly shall stand adjourned Sine Die not later than Sunday, November 10, 2024.

Rep. G. M. SMITH explained the Concurrent Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer

Burns	Bustos	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
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Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
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Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HIXON a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 3988 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Pedalino, Forrest, Wheeler, Kirby and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACTS THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY, TO PERMIT THE DELEGATION OF CERTAIN ACTS TO TRAINED PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND PHARMACY INTERNS, AND TO DEFINE AN ADDITIONAL TERM; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-84, RELATING TO PHARMACY INTERNS AND EXTERNS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN DIRECT SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-190, RELATING TO PROTOCOL FOR PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES WITHOUT PRACTITIONER ORDERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DISPENSATION OF CERTAIN DRUGS AND DEVICES, TO LOWER THE VACCINATION RECIPIENT AGE TO TWELVE YEARS OF AGE, TO AUTHORIZE DIRECTLY SUPERVISED PHARMACY INTERNS TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN VACCINATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE WRITTEN PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-200, RELATING TO THE JOINT PHARMACIST-ADMINISTERED VACCINES COMMITTEE, SO AS TO RENAME THE COMMITTEE AS THE "JOINT PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE" AND MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO PROVIDE THE PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE MUST SUBMIT ITS INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY NO LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT, AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE.

H. 4655 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Oremus, Cobb-Hunter, J. L. Johnson, Collins, Henderson-Myers, Hart, King, Williams, Henegan, Ligon, McDaniel and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA

CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MANDATORY MINIMUM PERIODS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECESS IN FOUR-YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE EACH YEAR IN ADDITION TO OTHER CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RECESS PERIODS MUST BE HELD INDOORS DURING TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER; TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 AS "PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY"; TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL TAKE CERTAIN MEASURES TO CONFORM THEIR RESPECTIVE REGULATIONS AND RULES TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT PREVAIL TO THE EXTENT THEY CONFLICT WITH ANY SUCH REGULATIONS AND RULES.

H. 3776 -- Reps. Bannister, Bamberg, Caskey, Collins, Connell, Elliott, Garvin, Gatch, Guest, Hager, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, McCabe, McCravy, Mitchell, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Stavrinakis, T. Moore, Tedder, W. Newton, Weeks, Wetmore and Wheeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 14-5-130 RELATING TO JUDGES ABSENTING THEMSELVES FROM THE STATE.

H. 4563 -- Reps. Bernstein, J. L. Johnson and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-11-345 SO AS TO CLARIFY THE POWER OF SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS TO OWN, ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, USE, LEASE, CONVEY, SELL, TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF PROPERTY IN FURTHERANCE OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS, TO PROVIDE THESE POWERS ARE IN ADDITION TO POWERS AND AUTHORIZATIONS PREVIOUSLY VESTED IN SUCH DISTRICTS, AND DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.

H. 4234 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bernstein and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS,

SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "SUPPORTS AND ASSISTANCE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-103, RELATING TO FACILITY OF PAYMENT OR DELIVERY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE NATURE OF THE FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLAR THRESHOLD; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-106, RELATING TO DUTIES OF GUARDIANS AD LITEM, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LENGTH OF TIME THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM HAS TO SUBMIT HIS REPORT PRIOR TO THE HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-108, RELATING TO EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY ORDERS AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 62-5-303, 62-5-303A, 62-5-303B, 62-5-303C, AND 62-5-303D, ALL RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR COURT APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-307, RELATING TO INFORMAL REQUESTS FOR RELIEF, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE WARD'S ABILITY TO SUBMIT CERTAIN REQUESTS TO THE COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-401, RELATING TO VENUES, SO AS TO CLARIFY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT, IN THE CASE OF MINOR CONSERVATORSHIPS, PROPER VENUE IS THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MINOR RESIDES OR OWNS PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403A, RELATING TO SERVICE OF SUMMONS AND PETITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN OTHER AFFIDAVITS AND REPORTS AMONG THOSE THAT MUST BE FILED WITH THE PETITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403B, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL AND GUARDIANS, SO AS TO APPOINT NURSE PRACTITIONERS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, NURSES, AND PSYCHOLOGISTS TO SERVE AS EXAMINERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403C, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND WAIVERS, SO AS TO REVISE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CERTAIN PROCEDURES IF NO PARTY REQUESTS A HEARING OR IF THE ALLEGED INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL WAIVES HIS RIGHT TO A HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-405, RELATING TO PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN ACTS THAT MAY BE PERFORMED BY CONSERVATORS AND SPECIAL CONSERVATORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-422, RELATING TO POWERS OF CONSERVATORS IN ADMINISTRATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FEES; BY

AMENDING SECTION 62-5-426, RELATING TO CLAIMS AGAINST PROTECTED PERSONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE CLAIMANT ALSO MUST FILE A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE CLAIM WITH THE PROBATE COURT IN WHICH THE CONSERVATORSHIP IS UNDER ADMINISTRATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-428, RELATING TO ACTIONS FOR REQUESTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE APPOINTMENT, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REVISE CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT THE COURT MAY TAKE AFTER THE TIME FOR RESPONSE TO THE PETITION HAS ELAPSED TO ALL PARTIES SERVED; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-433, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS IN FAVOR OF OR AGAINST MINORS OR INCAPACITATED PERSONS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINE "GUARDIAN AD LITEM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-715, RELATING TO CONFIRMATIONS OF GUARDIANSHIPS OR CONSERVATORSHIPS TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER STATES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COURT MORE DISCRETION AS TO THE TYPE OF DOCUMENTS IT MAY REQUIRE IN THE TRANSFER OF A GUARDIANSHIP OR CONSERVATORSHIP FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-716, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF ORDERS FROM ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN CERTAIN OTHER JURISDICTIONS, A GUARDIAN MAY ALSO HOLD THE SAME POWERS AS A CONSERVATOR.

H. 4813 -- Reps. Wooten, W. Newton and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-23-60, RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE ISSUED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL, SO AS TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING CERTIFICATION MUST UNDERGO CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, TO PROVIDE SLED AND THE FBI MAY RETAIN THE INDIVIDUALS' FINGERPRINTS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES, AND TO PROVIDE THE INDIVIDUALS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COSTS OF THE RECORDS CHECKS.

H. 4642--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4642 -- Reps. Mitchell, Gilliam, Pope, Sessions, Caskey and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-20, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF ACT OF CONGRESS, SO AS TO DISALLOW CONFLICTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-40, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2420, RELATING TO THE MILITARY CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "MILITARY FORCES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2430, RELATING TO PERSONS SUBJECT TO CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR WHAT JURISDICTION DUTY STATUS INCLUDES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2520, RELATING TO NONJUDICIAL DISCIPLINARY PUNISHMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PERSONS MAY NOT DECLINE NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2530, RELATING TO TYPES OF COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR WHOM A SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL CONSISTS OF; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2550, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF GENERAL COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO REMOVE FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2560, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF SPECIAL COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO REMOVE FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2570, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PUNISHMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2620, RELATING TO DETAIL AND DESIGNATION OF MILITARY JUDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY CONVENING A SUMMARY COURT-MARTIAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2765, RELATING TO VOTING AND RULINGS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN REFERENCES TO THE PRESIDENT OF A COURT MARTIAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2780, RELATING TO RECORD OF TRIAL, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2795, RELATING TO FORFEITURE OF PAY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE SENTENCE OF FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2805, RELATING TO THE REDUCTION IN PAY GRADE AND THE

RESTORATION OF BENEFITS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2865, RELATING TO THE REMISSION OR SUSPENSION OF A SENTENCE, SO AS TO REPLACE FORFEITURES WITH FINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2985, RELATING TO THE IMPROPER USE OR DISCLOSURE OF PAROLE OR COUNTERSIGN, SO AS TO INCLUDE WHEN THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3140, RELATING TO WRIT WHEN FINE HAS NOT BEEN PAID, SO AS TO UPDATE DATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3145, RELATING TO WRIT OF SENTENCE OF CONFINEMENT, SO AS TO UPDATE DATES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3160, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OF CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE IS NOT BINDING ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.

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

Yeas 96; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hosey	Hyde	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe

Magnuson	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 5203--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5203 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET PROVISO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2024", SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE S.C. CODE OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO CODIFY OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-17-170, 59-1-471, 59-17-180, 59-17-190, 59-67-310, 59-67-800, 59-67-330, 59-67-340, 59-17-200, 59-17-210, 59-1-472, AND 59-1-407 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-150 AND 59-6-130 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-51-60, 59-51-70,

AND 59-51-80 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-130, 59-47-140, AND 59-47-150 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND; BY ADDING SECTION 59-49-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-7-70, 59-7-80, 59-7-90, AND 59-101-220 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-50-80, 59-50-90, AND 59-50-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-48-80, 59-48-90, 59-48-100, AND 59-1-497 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-123-330 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-53-110 AND 59-53-170 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 60-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-15-100, 60-15-110, AND 60-15-120 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-13-60, 60-13-70, 60-13-80, AND 60-13-90 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-31-180 AND 43-31-190 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-6-116, 44-6-117, 44-6-118, 44-6-119, 44-6-120, 44-6-121, 44-6-122, AND 44-6-123 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-1-320, 44-1-330, 44-1-340, 44-1-350, 44-1-360, 44-1-370, 48-6-90, 44-1-380, 48-6-100, 48-6-110, 44-1-400, 44-1-410, AND 44-1-420 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-170 AND 44-9-180 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY

ADDING SECTIONS 44-20-40, 44-20-50, 44-20-60, 44-20-70, AND 44-20-80 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-49-90 AND 44-49-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-1-270, 43-1-280, 43-1-290, 43-1-300, 43-1-310, 43-1-320, 43-1-330, 43-1-340, 43-1-350, 43-1-360, AND 43-1-370 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-210 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-2300 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY; BY ADDING SECTION 31-13-100 AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-430, RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CODIFY PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 48-23-310, 48-23-320, AND 48-23-330 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PSA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-3-200, 50-3-210, 50-3-220, 50-3-230, AND 50-3-240 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-45-90 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 51-1-100, 51-1-110, AND 51-1-120 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 13-1-70, 13-1-80, 13-1-90, 13-1-100, 13-1-110, 13-1-120, 13-1-130, AND 13-1-140 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-50-190 AND 11-40-280 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-9-270, 14-1-250, 14-3-460, 14-1-260, 14-1-270, 14-1-280, 14-1-290, AND 14-1-300 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-23-690 AND 14-1-290 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200

SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-3-87, 23-3-90, 23-3-92, 23-3-95, 23-3-97, AND 23-3-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY ADDING SECTION 23-6-197 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-23-170 AND 23-23-180 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 24-1-330, 24-1-340, 24-1-350, 24-1-360, 24-1-370, 24-1-380, 24-1-390, 24-1-400, 24-1-410, 24-1-420, 24-1-430, 24-1-440, 24-1-450, AND 24-1-460 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-120 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON; BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-19-500, 63-19-510, 63-19-520, 63-19-530, 63-19-540, 63-19-550, 63-19-560, AND 63-19-570 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-13-120, 1-13-130, AND 1-13-140 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 1-31-70, 1-31-80, 1-31-90, 1-31-100, AND 1-31-110 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-4-140, 58-4-150, AND 58-4-160 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 42-7-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 38-3-250 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; BY ADDING SECTION 34-1-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-304 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 41-3-150, 41-3-160, 23-9-199, AND 41-3-170 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION; BY

ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240, 57-3-250, AND 57-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 55-1-110, 55-1-120 AND 55-1-130 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS; BY ADDING SECTION 10-3-70 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATED TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR; BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-498 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-300 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER; BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 7-3-80, 7-3-90, AND 7-3-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1720, 59-101-440, 59-53-110, 59-101-450, 1-11-492, 1-1-1730, 11-11-85, 1-1-1740, 11-49-180, BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-1310, RELATING TO THE USE TAX, BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-610, 11-55-60, 59-1-498, 1-1-1750, 1-11-499, 1-1-1760; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1770 AND 1-3-70 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-220 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO STATEWIDE REVENUE.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5203 (LC-5203.DG0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by deleting SECTION 6.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 8, by deleting Section 59-67-340.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 9, by deleting Section 59-17-210.

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 10.

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 51.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 54, by deleting Section 14-1-300.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 61, by deleting Section 24-1-370.

Amend the bill further, by deleting Part 45 which contains SECTION 69.

Amend the bill further, by deleting Part 46 which contains SECTION 70.

Amend the bill further, by deleting Part 52 which contains SECTION 78.

Amend the bill further, by deleting references to proviso numbers in the lead-in to SECTIONS 8, 9, 54, and 61 to reflect the deletions made in this amendment.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Bannister proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 5203 (LC-5203.DG0006H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 48, by deleting Section 13-1-90.

Amend the bill further, by deleting references to proviso number 50.5 in the lead-in to SECTION 48.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer

Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Harris	Hartnett	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 5203--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BANNISTER, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 5203 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4561--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4561 -- Reps. Wetmore, Dillard, Collins, Erickson, B. Newton, Schuessler, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Pendarvis, Caskey, Bauer, Rivers, Gilliard, Henderson-Myers, Williams and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1348, RELATING TO USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO USE CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR DEPENDENT CARE OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO DEFINE "DEPENDENT CARE".

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

H. 4871--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4871 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47-9-420 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTERFERENCE OR INTERACTION WITH FARM ANIMALS BEING TRANSPORTED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION.

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

H. 4874--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4874 -- Reps. Hixon, Chapman and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 17 TO TITLE 50 SO AS TO REGULATE CAPTIVE WILDLIFE BY DEFINING TERMS, OUTLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS, LISTING EXCEPTIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-16-40, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR WILDLIFE IMPORTED FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES, SO AS TO LIMIT THE EXCEPTIONS;

AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-11-1180 RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PERMITS TO COLLECT PROTECTED WILDLIFE FOR SCIENTIFIC OR PROPAGATING PURPOSES.

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

H. 4820--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4820 -- Reps. Forrest, Hixon, Hayes, Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Magnuson, Chapman, McDaniel and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.

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

H. 4289--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4289 -- Reps. McGinnis, Erickson, Ballentine, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Mitchell, Yow, Cromer, Beach, Pace, Taylor, Guffey and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-680 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MAY NOT CONDITION OR PROMISE ADMISSIONS OR BENEFITS TO CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR CERTAIN SUPPORT OR DISAGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN STATEMENTS REGARDING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, OR ASSOCIATED ISSUES.

Reps. B. NEWTON, FORREST, HIOTT, HARRIS, MAGNUSON, CARTER, NUTT, MCCRAVY, PACE, OREMUS, TAYLOR, BEACH, HOSEY, KIRBY, KING, GILLIAM, WHITE, LEBER, BALLENTINE, MITCHELL and ERICKSON requested debate on the Bill.

H. 4601--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4601 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4100, RELATING TO PREVENTING ESCAPE OF MATERIALS LOADED ON VEHICLES AND CLEANING THE HIGHWAYS OF ESCAPED SUBSTANCES OR CARGO, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 56-5-4110 TO CLARIFY THE EXCEPTIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN FARM PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 56-5-4110 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT LOADS AND COVERS MUST BE FIRMLY ATTACHED.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 5244--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5244 -- Reps. Ligon, B. Newton, Sessions, Neese and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-16000 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE "CATAWBA NATION" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4274--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4274 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT", REGARDING A CAUSE OF ACTION ASSERTED IN A CIVIL ACTION BASED UPON A PERSON'S COMMUNICATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 3748--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3748 -- Reps. Caskey, Wooten, Wetmore, Hartnett, Erickson, W. Newton, Pope, Robbins, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-680, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL ALTERATION OR REMOVAL OF BOUNDARY LANDMARKS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE SECTION PROHIBITS MOVING, ALTERING, DESTROYING, OR REMOVING GEODETIC CONTROL MONUMENTS OR CERTAIN LAND SURVEYING MONUMENTS, TO UPDATE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4248--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4248 -- Reps. Rose and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-50, RELATING TO THE SALE OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, OR WINE TO UNDERAGED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4080, RELATING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO AN UNDERAGED PERSON, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4187--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4187 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Haddon, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4559--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4559 -- Reps. Bernstein, Rose, Clyburn, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-108, RELATING TO PROBATE, TESTACY, AND APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS AND THE ULTIMATE TIME LIMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS REGARDING AN INDIVIDUAL'S ESTATE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A CLAIM TO BE MADE PURSUANT TO THE "HONORING OUR PACT ACT OF 2022" REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S DEATH.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 5113--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5113 -- Reps. Elliott, T. Moore, Guest, Brittain and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-3-30 AND 63-15-230, BOTH RELATING TO JOINT CUSTODY ORDERS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES TO AWARD JOINT CUSTODY IN A CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4609--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4609 -- Reps. Hixon, B. L. Cox and O'Neal: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-2-105, RELATING TO GOLF CART PERMITS AND THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ENACT ORDINANCES TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS TO OPERATE IN DESIGNATED AREAS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS AT NIGHT.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 5042--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5042 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, J. L. Johnson, Murphy, Sessions, Cobb-Hunter, Kirby, Brewer, Garvin, Henegan, M. M. Smith, Jefferson, Rivers, McDaniel, Davis, Haddon, King, Gilliard, Stavrinakis, Bauer, West, Wetmore, T. Moore, Thigpen, Chapman, Schuessler, Pope, Guffey, Dillard, W. Jones, Pendarvis, G. M. Smith, Weeks, Wheeler, Williams, S. Jones, J. Moore, O'Neal, B. Newton, Neese, Lawson, Atkinson, Hayes, W. Newton, Bannister, Caskey, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, Hiott, Brittain, Hartnett, Mitchell, Yow, Gagnon, Carter, Guest, Gatch, Crawford, Ott, Rutherford, Leber, Hixon, Herbkersman, Anderson, Bailey, Elliott, Gilliam, Calhoon, Wooten, Forrest, Pedalino, Jordan, Bustos, Bamberg, Bernstein, Clyburn, Hosey, Henderson-Myers, Howard, Vaughan, Beach, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 10-1-185 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ON THE GROUNDS OF THE STATE HOUSE A ROBERT SMALLS MONUMENT, CREATE A COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE DESIGN AND LOCATION OF THE MONUMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, AND SUNSET THE COMMISSION AT A DATE CERTAIN.

Rep. B. L. COX explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 99; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore

Wheeler	White	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 5042. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Kambrell Garvin

H. 5042--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. B. L. COX, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 5042 be read the third time tomorrow.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GUEST a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

H. 4548--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

On motion of Rep. OREMUS, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Ways and Means:

H. 4548 -- Reps. Oremus, Hayes, McCravy, Trantham, Atkinson, Clyburn, Henegan, Taylor, West, Erickson, Wooten, Forrest, S. Jones, Long, Herbkersman, Cobb-Hunter, Haddon, Bailey and Whitmire: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-1-1790, RELATING TO THE EARNINGS LIMITATION FOR A RETIRED MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM UPON THE RETURN TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS LIMITATION DOES NOT APPLY TO MEMBERS WHO RETURN TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT AS A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER.

H. 4349--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Rep. BANNISTER, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Education and Public Works:

H. 4349 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-1500, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE REFERENCES, TO REVISE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN COMMISSION SEATS, AND TO REVISE THE ABSENCE POLICY FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

S. 557--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 557 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Kimbrell, Adams, Rice, Rankin, Reichenbach, Young, Loftis, Climer, Garrett, Alexander, Campsen and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Tuesday, April 9, which was agreed to.

H. 5164--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5164 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Herbkersman, Hartnett, McGinnis, Pope, Schuessler, Bradley, Hager, Long, Vaughan, Bannister, Elliott, Willis, Yow, Hiott, Gilliam, Mitchell, Hardee, Whitmire, W. Newton, B. Newton, Davis, Gagnon, Hixon, Lowe, Thayer, West, Taylor, Crawford and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE

EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE SEVERAL DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-115, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPLICATION PROCESSES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-120, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN RELATED INFORMATION, TO REVISE THE FUNDING FORMULA, AND TO REVISE RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-125, RELATING TO FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, AND TO REMOVE PROVISIONS ALLOWING THE USE OF QUALIFIED THIRD PARTIES TO MANAGE ACCOUNTS AND ADMINISTER RELATED FUNCTIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-130, RELATING TO REVERSION OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS UPON TERMINATION OF A SCHOLARSHIP, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETURN OF REVERTED FUNDS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-135, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIMITATIONS, REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST BASED ON CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP DEMAND AND USE INFORMATION, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-140, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER APPLICATION REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESSES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-145, RELATING TO THE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MAY DECLARE A STUDENT INSTEAD OF A PARENT INELIGIBLE, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-150, RELATING TO EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE PROVIDERS GIVE PARENTS SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION FOR QUALIFIED GOODS AND SERVICES ACQUIRED, TO PROVIDE SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS, AND TO REVISE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURE REQUIREMENTS.

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

Yeas 69; Nays 27

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gilliam	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hyde	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	May	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--69

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Carter	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Gibson	Gilliard
Hosey	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Moss	Ott
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose

Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams

Total--27

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

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. CHUMLEY.

H. 4158--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4158 -- Reps. Pendarvis, M. M. Smith, Bauer, King, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Rivers and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS.

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

H. 5066--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5066 -- Reps. Elliott, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Bailey, Wheeler, T. Moore, Taylor, Hixon, Oremus, Blackwell, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Bradley, Erickson, Hyde, Ballentine and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 ENTITLED THE "FAIR ACCESS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS" SO AS TO PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE OPTION TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE TO ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SUCH A POLICY, TO CREATE THE AFFORDABLE LIQUOR LIABILITY FUND TO AID IN THE FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXCISE TAX ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK MUST BE CREDITED TO THE FUND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND

SECTION 12-33-245, RELATING TO THE EXCISE TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIQUOR LIABILITY RISK MITIGATION PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE INSURANCE RESERVE FUND IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE A START-UP LOAN TO THE FUND.

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

H. 4649--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4649 -- Reps. Bannister, Carter, Leber, Vaughan, West, Elliott, Williams, Henegan and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE CERTAIN SECURITY PERSONNEL TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND SECURITY ON SCHOOL PREMISES IF LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS, AND TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS REMAIN OBLIGATED TO USE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS LICENSURE, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO SECURITY OFFICER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION AGENCY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS.

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

H. 4289--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4289 -- Reps. McGinnis, Erickson, Ballentine, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Mitchell, Yow, Cromer, Beach, Pace, Taylor, Guffey and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-680 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MAY NOT CONDITION OR PROMISE ADMISSIONS OR BENEFITS TO CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR CERTAIN SUPPORT OR DISAGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN STATEMENTS REGARDING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, OR ASSOCIATED ISSUES.

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5313 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A

HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHESNEE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE EAGLES ON WINNING THE 2024 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5314 -- Reps. Haddon and Burns: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 25 (WHITE HORSE ROAD) AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 183 (SALUDA DAM ROAD) IN THE GREENVILLE COUNTY TOWN OF BEREA "HAROLD M. BATSON, JR. MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5315 -- Rep. West: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-880, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ENTITY UNDERTAKING A FEDERAL HIGHWAY PROJECT SHALL BEAR THE COSTS RELATED TO RELOCATING BROADBAND SERVICE LINES AND TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROADBAND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RELOCATION PAYMENTS; AND REPEAL SECTION 2 OF ACT 36 OF 2019, RELATED TO A SUNSET PROVISION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5316 -- Reps. W. Newton and Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-20, RELATING TO NONVESTED PROPERTY

INTEREST OR POWER OF APPOINTMENT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME AN INTEREST CAN VEST FROM NINETY YEARS TO THREE HUNDRED SIXTY YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-40, RELATING TO REFORMATION OF PROPERTY DISPOSITIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME LIMIT FROM NINETY YEARS TO THREE HUNDRED SIXTY YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-60, RELATING TO THE EFFECT OF TIMING OF CREATION OF PROPERTY INTEREST, SO AS TO UPDATE CERTAIN DATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-7-504, RELATING TO DISCRETIONARY TRUSTS SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SITUATIONS IN WHICH A BENEFICIARY OF A TRUST MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED A SETTLOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-7-505, RELATING TO CREDITORS' CLAIMS AGAINST A SETTLOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID TO TAXING AUTHORITIES MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED AN AMOUNT THAT MAY BE DISTRIBUTED FOR THE SETTLOR'S BENEFIT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 62-7-508 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN GRANTOR TRUST REIMBURSEMENTS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:35 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. PEDALINO, adjourned in memory of Donald Ryan "Donnie" McCabe, father of Representative McCabe, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Jeremiah 1:19: "'They shall fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you,' says the Lord, 'to deliver you.'"

Let us pray. Faithful God, help us to know that You are always beside us, no matter what trials we face. Guard us from all dangers that may harm us and grant us Your peace in our work and in our rest. Blessings and grace be upon our Nation, State, and all those who lead us. Protect our defenders of freedom at home and abroad as they protect us. In the name of our Lord. Amen.

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

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 5267 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 307 OF 2012, RELATING TO THE ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE SALUDA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST BE ELECTED, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THESE DISTRICTS, TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THESE DISTRICTS, AND TO UPDATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED.

H. 5203 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET PROVISO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2024", SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE S.C. CODE OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO CODIFY OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-17-170, 59-1-471, 59-17-180, 59-17-190, 59-67-310,

59-67-800, 59-67-330, 59-67-340, 59-17-200, 59-17-210, 59-1-472, AND 59-1-407 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-150 AND 59-6-130 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-51-60, 59-51-70, AND 59-51-80 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-130, 59-47-140, AND 59-47-150 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND; BY ADDING SECTION 59-49-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-7-70, 59-7-80, 59-7-90, AND 59-101-220 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-50-80, 59-50-90, AND 59-50-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-48-80, 59-48-90, 59-48-100, AND 59-1-497 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-123-330 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-53-110 AND 59-53-170 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 60-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-15-100, 60-15-110, AND 60-15-120 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-13-60, 60-13-70, 60-13-80, AND 60-13-90 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-31-180 AND 43-31-190 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-6-116, 44-6-117, 44-6-118, 44-6-119, 44-6-120, 44-6-121, 44-6-122, AND 44-6-123 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-1-320, 44-1-330, 44-1-340, 44-1-350, 44-1-

360, 44-1-370, 48-6-90, 44-1-380, 48-6-100, 48-6-110, 44-1-400, 44-1-410, AND 44-1-420 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-170 AND 44-9-180 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-20-40, 44-20-50, 44-20-60, 44-20-70, AND 44-20-80 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-49-90 AND 44-49-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-1-270, 43-1-280, 43-1-290, 43-1-300, 43-1-310, 43-1-320, 43-1-330, 43-1-340, 43-1-350, 43-1-360, AND 43-1-370 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-210 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-2300 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY; BY ADDING SECTION 31-13-100 AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-430, RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CODIFY PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 48-23-310, 48-23-320, AND 48-23-330 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PSA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-3-200, 50-3-210, 50-3-220, 50-3-230, AND 50-3-240 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-45-90 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 51-1-100, 51-1-110, AND 51-1-120 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 13-1-70, 13-1-80, 13-1-90, 13-1-100, 13-1-110, 13-1-120, 13-1-130, AND 13-1-140 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-50-190 AND 11-40-280 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY;

BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-9-270, 14-1-250, 14-3-460, 14-1-260, 14-1-270, 14-1-280, 14-1-290, AND 14-1-300 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-23-690 AND 14-1-290 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-3-87, 23-3-90, 23-3-92, 23-3-95, 23-3-97, AND 23-3-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY ADDING SECTION 23-6-197 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-23-170 AND 23-23-180 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 24-1-330, 24-1-340, 24-1-350, 24-1-360, 24-1-370, 24-1-380, 24-1-390, 24-1-400, 24-1-410, 24-1-420, 24-1-430, 24-1-440, 24-1-450, AND 24-1-460 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-120 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON; BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-19-500, 63-19-510, 63-19-520, 63-19-530, 63-19-540, 63-19-550, 63-19-560, AND 63-19-570 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-13-120, 1-13-130, AND 1-13-140 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 1-31-70, 1-31-80, 1-31-90, 1-31-100, AND 1-31-110 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-4-140, 58-4-150, AND 58-4-160 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 42-7-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 38-3-250 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; BY ADDING SECTION 34-1-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE

BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-304 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 41-3-150, 41-3-160, 23-9-199, AND 41-3-170 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240, 57-3-250, AND 57-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 55-1-110, 55-1-120 AND 55-1-130 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS; BY ADDING SECTION 10-3-70 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATED TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR; BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-498 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-300 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER; BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 7-3-80, 7-3-90, AND 7-3-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1720, 59-101-440, 59-53-110, 59-101-450, 1-11-492, 1-1-1730, 11-11-85, 1-1-1740, 11-49-180, BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-1310, RELATING TO THE USE TAX, BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-610, 11-55-60, 59-1-498, 1-1-1750, 1-11-499, 1-1-1760; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1770 AND 1-3-70 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-220 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO STATEWIDE REVENUE.

H. 5042 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, J. L. Johnson, Murphy, Sessions, Cobb-Hunter, Kirby, Brewer, Garvin, Henegan, M. M. Smith, Jefferson, Rivers, McDaniel, Davis, Haddon, King, Gilliard, Stavrinakis, Bauer, West, Wetmore, T. Moore, Thigpen, Chapman, Schuessler, Pope,

Guffey, Dillard, W. Jones, Pendarvis, G. M. Smith, Weeks, Wheeler, Williams, S. Jones, J. Moore, O'Neal, B. Newton, Neese, Lawson, Atkinson, Hayes, W. Newton, Bannister, Caskey, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, Hiott, Brittain, Hartnett, Mitchell, Yow, Gagnon, Carter, Guest, Gatch, Crawford, Ott, Rutherford, Leber, Hixon, Herbkersman, Anderson, Bailey, Elliott, Gilliam, Calhoon, Wooten, Forrest, Pedalino, Jordan, Bustos, Bamberg, Bernstein, Clyburn, Hosey, Henderson-Myers, Howard, Vaughan, Beach, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 10-1-185 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ON THE GROUNDS OF THE STATE HOUSE A ROBERT SMALLS MONUMENT, CREATE A COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE DESIGN AND LOCATION OF THE MONUMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, AND SUNSET THE COMMISSION AT A DATE CERTAIN.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, March 26.

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Tuesday, March 26, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

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

Our thought for today is from Romans 8:18: "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."

Let us pray. Come into our hearts, Merciful Lord, and provide all the good and necessary things to move forth the blessings set before us each day. Grant these blessings on our defenders of freedom and first responders as they keep us safe. Be with these Representatives and Staff as they go about the work assigned to them. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort for the good things of this State. Keep them in Your loving care. Heal the wounds of our brave men and women who give of themselves for the good of this State and Nation. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. HOSEY moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Elbert Timothy Moore, Jr., which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for those affected by the collapse of the Baltimore Francis Scott Key Bridge.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the Hughes and Agard families.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 5121 -- Rep. Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-1-50, RELATING TO GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES FOR LAKE MARION, SO AS TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-675, RELATING TO NONGAME FISHING DEVICES OR GEAR PERMITTED IN CERTAIN BODIES OF FRESHWATER, SO AS TO PERMIT HOOP NETS IN THE CONGAREE RIVER.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5317 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5318 -- Reps. Hartnett, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ROBERT HOLMES "BOBBY" HOOD, SR., OF CHARLESTON, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5319 -- Rep. Hartnett: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHARLES F. "CHUCK" DAWLEY, PLS, OWNER OF DAWLEY SURVEYING COMPANY, LLC, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING NAMED 2023-2024 SURVEYOR OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5320 -- Rep. Hartnett: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS DAY" THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THIS GROUP OF PROFESSIONALS TO THE PALMETTO STATE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5321 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ELEANOR T. SHEKITKA ON THE SPECIAL OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5322 -- Reps. Atkinson, Alexander, Anderson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PEE DEE ACADEMY VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR GARNERING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5323 -- Reps. Yow, Henegan and Mitchell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9/UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 601 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-13-40 (HIGH POINT CHURCH ROAD) TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-13-555 (ARANT STREET) IN CHESTERFIELD COUNTY "SSGT. JASON C. HICKS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT

APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1123 -- Senator Fanning: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 BYPASS IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 213 TO 392 UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 BYPASS "DR. J.R. GREEN HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard

Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--122

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BRITTAIN a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. ELLIOTT a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Coleman Floyd of Florence County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its

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

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3906
Date:	ADD:
03/26/24	PEDALINO

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4187
Date:	ADD:
03/26/24	CHAPMAN, GAGNON, LIGON, O'NEAL, B. NEWTON, SESSIONS and FELDER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4274
Date:	ADD:
03/26/24	HAGER

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4289
Date:	ADD:
03/26/24	BURNS and KILMARTIN

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4559
Date:	ADD:
03/26/24	POPE

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4649
Date:	ADD:
03/26/24	ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4834
Date:	ADD:
03/26/24	PEDALINO

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4835
Date:	ADD:
03/26/24	PEDALINO

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5022
Date:	ADD:
03/26/24	BAUER, OTT and G. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5024
Date:	ADD:
03/26/24	ERICKSON and BRADLEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5244
Date:	ADD:
03/26/24	GUFFEY, O'NEAL, FELDER and KING

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5291
Date:	ADD:
03/26/24	TRANTHAM and OREMUS

CO-SPONSORS REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 5118
Date:	REMOVE:
03/26/24	GUFFEY, SESSIONS and GIBSON

H. 5231--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5231 -- Rep. Bamberg: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 104 OF 2021, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONSOLIDATED BAMBERG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ITS NINE MEMBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE TO BE ELECTED FROM SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS WHICH CORRESPOND WITH THE BAMBERG COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS, AND TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS ARE TO BE ELECTED FROM THE COUNTY AT-LARGE.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	Mitchell	A. M. Morgan

Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to my involvement in a car accident on my way to Columbia for Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, I was not present during the vote on H. 5231. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jason Elliott

H. 4561--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4561 -- Reps. Wetmore, Dillard, Collins, Erickson, B. Newton, Schuessler, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Pendarvis, Caskey, Bauer, Rivers, Gilliard, Henderson-Myers, Williams and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1348, RELATING TO USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO USE CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR DEPENDENT CARE OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO DEFINE "DEPENDENT CARE".

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, April 9, which was agreed to.

H. 4871--AMENDED AND DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4871 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47-9-420 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTERFERENCE OR INTERACTION WITH FARM ANIMALS BEING TRANSPORTED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4871 (LC-4871.PH0005H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 47-9-420, by adding a subsection to read:

(F) Any person convicted under the provisions of this section is subject to a penalty of one hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or both, in the discretion of the court. In case such offender repeats the same or commits a like offense, upon conviction is subject to a penalty of two hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or both, in the discretion of the court.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CHUMLEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. CHUMLEY explained the Bill.

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

H. 4874--AMENDED AND DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4874 -- Reps. Hixon, Chapman and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 17 TO TITLE 50 SO AS TO REGULATE CAPTIVE WILDLIFE BY

DEFINING TERMS, OUTLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS, LISTING EXCEPTIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-16-40, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR WILDLIFE IMPORTED FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES, SO AS TO LIMIT THE EXCEPTIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-11-1180 RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PERMITS TO COLLECT PROTECTED WILDLIFE FOR SCIENTIFIC OR PROPAGATING PURPOSES.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4874 (LC-4874.PH0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 50-17-30(A) and (B) and inserting:

(A) The department may charge twenty-five dollars for wildlife rehabilitation, apprentice wildlife rehabilitation, and wildlife education and exhibition permits issued used under this chapter. Wildlife rehabilitation, apprentice wildlife rehabilitation and wildlife education and exhibition permits issued under this chapter are valid for three years after issuance.

(B) The department may charge twenty-five dollars for wildlife research permits under this chapter. Wildlife research permits issued under this chapter are valid for one year after issuance.

(C) No one convicted of a major wildlife violation or a crime that carries a penalty of more than one year in prison within the last five years is eligible to be permitted under this chapter. The department may make this prohibition permanent based on the severity of the violation.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. FORREST explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Forrest proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4874 (LC-4874.PH0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 50-17-10(2) and inserting:

(2) “Captive wildlife” means any wildlife, game animal, furbearing animal, part, product, egg, offspring, nest, dead body, derivative, or part

thereof which is managed, protected, or the taking of which is specifically regulated by the department. This definition does not apply to the animal species of Chapter 2, Title 47.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. FORREST explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

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

H. 4820--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4820 -- Reps. Forrest, Hixon, Hayes, Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Magnuson, Chapman, McDaniel and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4820 (LC-4820.PH0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION X. Section 50-11-580(A) and (B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 50-11-580. (A) The season for hunting and taking a male wild turkey is ~~April 10 through May 10.~~:

(1) in Game Zones 1 and 2, April 1 through May 10; and

(2) in Game Zones 3 and 4, March 22 through April 30.

(B) The season bag limit for male wild turkeys is ~~two~~three statewide for residents and two statewide for nonresidents. The daily bag limit is one, provided that:

(1) only one male wild turkey may be taken from April 1 through

April 10 from within Game Zones 1 and 2; and

(2) only one male wild turkey may be taken from March 22 through March 31 from within Game Zones 3 and 4.

SECTION X. The amendments in this act of Sections 1 and 2 of Section 50-11-580 of the S.C. Code do not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under Sections 1 and 2 of Section 50-11-580. After the effective dates included in this act, the provisions of law referred to as amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the applicable effective dates of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the amended laws.

SECTION X. Section 1 of this act takes effect January 1, 2025. Section 2 of this act takes effect January 1, 2030.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. FORREST explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 8

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard

Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bradley	Erickson	Gatch
Hager	Herbkersman	W. Newton
Ott	Yow	

Total--8

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to my involvement in a car accident on my way to Columbia for Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, I was not present during the vote on H. 4820. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jason Elliott

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

H. 4601--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4601 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4100, RELATING TO PREVENTING ESCAPE OF MATERIALS LOADED ON VEHICLES AND CLEANING THE HIGHWAYS OF ESCAPED SUBSTANCES OR CARGO, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 56-5-4110 TO CLARIFY THE EXCEPTIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN FARM PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 56-5-4110 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT LOADS AND COVERS MUST BE FIRMLY ATTACHED.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager

Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	West	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to my involvement in a car accident on my way to Columbia for Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, I was not present during the vote on H. 4601. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jason Elliott

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5324 -- Reps. Oremus, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MARY PAT YAUN OF GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE CELEBRATION OF HER THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND EXCELLENCE AS AN EDUCATOR AND TO COMMEND HER FOR HER STRONG SUPPORT OF BOTH HER SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5325 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder,

Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE EACH INDIVIDUAL IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO BECOME BETTER INFORMED ABOUT AND AWARE OF KIDNEY DISEASE AND APOL1-MEDIATED KIDNEY DISEASE, TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM OR WITH ANCESTRY FROM WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA TO CONSIDER GENETIC TESTING FOR APOL1 GENE MUTATIONS, AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024, AS "APOL1-MEDIATED KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5326 -- Reps. Henegan, Yow, Hayes, Mitchell, Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope,

Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR DOUGLAS JENNINGS, JR., OF BENNETTSVILLE, FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHED CAREER AS AN ATTORNEY AND AS A LEGISLATOR IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5327 -- Reps. Pace, Gatch, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GINNELL CURTIS OF NORTHWOOD ACADEMY ON BEING NAMED 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 4A REGION III COACH OF THE YEAR FOR GIRLS BASKETBALL.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5332 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JOSHUA NEBLO OF THE RIVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY WRESTLING TEAM ON A TREMENDOUS SEASON AND TO HONOR HIM FOR WINNING THE 2023-2024 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAAAA INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN HIS WEIGHT CLASS.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5328 -- Reps. King, O'Neal, Guffey and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-45-440 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COUNTY TREASURER TO ACCEPT PARTIAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS FROM A TAXPAYER AFFECTED BY AN ERROR BY THE COUNTY.

Rep. KING asked unanimous consent to have the Bill placed on the Calendar without reference.

Rep. FELDER objected.
Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5329 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS AND TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES.
Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5330 -- Rep. Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-500, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A PERSON CONVICTED OF A VIOLENT OFFENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE VIOLATIONS SUBSEQUENT TO THE FIRST VIOLATION MUST OCCUR WITHIN TWENTY YEARS OF THE FIRST OFFENSE TO QUALIFY FOR GRADUATED PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-420, RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF A FIREARM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EXPRESS AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY THE FIREARM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY MAY NOT BE PROVIDED TO A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-430, RELATING TO CARRYING A WEAPON ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY NOT POSSESS WEAPONS EVEN IF THEY ARE SECURED WITHIN A VEHICLE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-245, RELATING TO REASONABLE SUSPICION OR PROBABLE CAUSE TO SEARCH, DETAIN, OR ARREST, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROVISIONS IN THE SECTION APPLY TO A PERSON CARRYING A WEAPON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARTICLE WHETHER OR NOT THE WEAPON IS CONCEALED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-20, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A HANDGUN, SO AS TO CLARIFY WHEN CARRYING A HANDGUN IS IMPERMISSIBLE IN A PUBLICLY OWNED BUILDING OTHER THAN A COURTHOUSE WHERE COURT IS HELD.
Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5331 -- Rep. Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-23-540 SO

AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF NEGLIGENT CARRYING OF A FIREARM IN A MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN A MOTOR VEHICLE IS UNATTENDED AND UNLOCKED AND CONTAINS A FIREARM SUBSEQUENTLY STOLEN AND USED IN THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME, AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 107 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2110, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM SALES TAX, SO AS TO INCLUDE LIVESTOCK TRAILERS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 746 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 34-21-10, RELATING TO THE REQUIRED WRITTEN APPROVAL TO CONDUCT TRUST BUSINESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WRITTEN APPLICATION MUST BE MADE TO THE STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND TO DEFINE "TRUST BUSINESS".

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 954 -- Senators Hembree, Senn and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 1017 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Climer, Setzler and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY THAT EQUALS THE CORPORATION'S OWNERSHIP

INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY ASSESSED AS AGRICULTURAL OR RELATED THERETO MAY NOT BE ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 1176 -- Senator K. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4(A) OF ACT 355 OF 2004, RELATING TO THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY RELIEF ACT, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE REIMPOSITION OF THE TAX.

Referred to Clarendon Delegation

H. 4871--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4871 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47-9-420 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTERFERENCE OR INTERACTION WITH FARM ANIMALS BEING TRANSPORTED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION.

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

H. 4874--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4874 -- Reps. Hixon, Chapman and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 17 TO TITLE 50 SO AS TO REGULATE CAPTIVE WILDLIFE BY DEFINING TERMS, OUTLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS, LISTING EXCEPTIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-16-40, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR WILDLIFE IMPORTED FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES, SO AS TO LIMIT THE EXCEPTIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-11-1180 RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PERMITS TO

COLLECT PROTECTED WILDLIFE FOR SCIENTIFIC OR PROPAGATING PURPOSES.

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

H. 5244--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5244 -- Reps. Ligon, B. Newton, Sessions, Neese, Pope, Guffey, O'Neal, Felder and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-16000 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE "CATAWBA NATION" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

Rep. LIGON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing

Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 5244. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Tom Hartnett

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to my involvement in a car accident on my way to Columbia for Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, I was not present during the vote on H. 5244. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jason Elliott

H. 4274--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4274 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Erickson, Bradley and Hager: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT", REGARDING A CAUSE OF ACTION ASSERTED IN A CIVIL ACTION BASED UPON A PERSON'S COMMUNICATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4274 (LC-4274.HA0001H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION 3. This act takes effect on June 1, 2024, and applies to civil actions filed or to a cause of action asserted in a civil action on or after June 1, 2024. This act does not affect a cause of action asserted in a civil action before June 1, 2024.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 118; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford

Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--118

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to my involvement in a car accident on my way to Columbia for Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, I was not present during the vote on H. 4274. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jason Elliott

H. 3748--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3748 -- Reps. Caskey, Wooten, Wetmore, Hartnett, Erickson, W. Newton, Pope, Robbins, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-680, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL ALTERATION OR REMOVAL OF BOUNDARY LANDMARKS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE SECTION PROHIBITS MOVING, ALTERING, DESTROYING, OR REMOVING GEODETIC CONTROL MONUMENTS OR CERTAIN LAND SURVEYING MONUMENTS, TO UPDATE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3748 (LC-3748.HDB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-11-680(B) and inserting:

(B)(1) ~~If any~~It is unlawful for a person ~~shall~~ to knowingly, wilfully, maliciously or fraudulently move~~ cut, fell~~, alter, destroy, or remove any certain ~~boundary tree or other allowed landmark~~geodetic control monuments or land surveying monuments including, but not limited to, property corner monuments~~,~~. Proof of notification to the property owner that a geodetic control device or property corner monument was unintentionally removed, altered, destroyed, or otherwise tampered with is prima facie evidence of non-criminal intent of the acting party. A ~~such~~ person~~ so offending shall be~~ who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be fined not ~~exceeding~~less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not ~~exceeding~~more than thirty days.

(2) The provisions of this subsection do not apply to the authorized removal, alteration, destruction, or movement of geodetic control devices or property corner monuments.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CALHOON a temporary leave of absence.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON continued speaking.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore

A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to my involvement in a car accident on my way to Columbia for Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, I was not present during the vote on H. 3748. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jason Elliott

H. 4248--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4248 -- Reps. Rose and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-50, RELATING TO THE SALE OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, OR WINE TO UNDERAGED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4080, RELATING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO AN UNDERAGED PERSON, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, April 9, which was agreed to.

H. 4187--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4187 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Haddon, Mitchell, Yow, Chapman, Gagnon, Ligon, O'Neal, B. Newton, Sessions and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4187 (LC-4187.AHB0001H):

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

SECTION 1. Section 16-13-135 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-13-135. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Organized retail crime" means two or more people conspiring to commit theft of retail property from a retail establishment with the intent to sell, barter, exchange, or reenter such retail property into commerce for monetary or other gain.

(2) "Retail property" means ~~a new~~ an article, merchandise, property, money or negotiable documents, including gift cards or other forms of credit, ~~product~~products, ~~commodity~~commodities, ~~item~~items, or ~~component~~components intended to be sold in retail commerce.

~~(2)~~ (3) "Retail property fence" means a person or business that buys retail property knowing or believing that the retail property is stolen.

~~(3)~~ (4) "Theft" means to take possession of, carry away, transfer, or cause to be carried away the retail property of another with the intent to ~~steal~~deprive the merchant of possession, use, benefit, and value of the retail property.

~~(4)~~ (5) "Value" means the retail value of an item as offered for sale to the public by the affected retail establishment and includes all

applicable taxes.

(B) It is unlawful for a person to:

(1) commit~~ theft of retail property from a retail establishment~~organized retail crime, with a value exceeding two thousand dollars aggregated over a ninety-day period, with the intent to ~~sell the retail property for monetary or other gain, and sell, barter, take, or~~ cause the retail property to be placed in the control of a retail property fence or other person in exchange for consideration; or

~~conspire with another person to commit theft of retail property from a retail establishment, with a value exceeding two thousand dollars aggregated over a ninety-day period, with the intent to:~~

~~sell, barter, or exchange the retail property for monetary or other gain; or~~

~~(b) place the retail property in the control of a retail property fence or other person in exchange for consideration; or~~

~~(3)~~(2) receive, possess, or sell retail property that has been taken or stolen in violation of item (1)~~ or (2)~~ while knowing or having reasonable grounds to believe the property is stolen. A person is guilty of this offense whether or not anyone is convicted of the property theft.

(C) Acts committed in different counties that have been aggregated in one count may be indicted and prosecuted in any one of the counties in which the acts occurred. In a prosecution for a violation of this section, the State is not required to establish and it is not a defense that some of the acts constituting the crime did not occur within one city, county, or local jurisdiction.

(D) Property, funds, and interest a person has acquired or maintained in violation of this section are subject to forfeiture pursuant to the procedures for forfeiture as provided in Section 44-53-530.

(E) A person who violates this section commits the felony offense of organized retail crime and, upon conviction:

(1) for a first offense:

(a) ~~for a first offense, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction,~~ must be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than three years, or both~~;~~, if the value of the retail property is more than two thousand dollars but less than ten thousand dollars~~ and~~;

(b) must be fined not more than ten thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both, if the value of the retail property is more than ten thousand dollars but less than twenty thousand dollars;

(c) must be fined not more than twenty thousand dollars or

imprisoned for not more than ten years, or both, if the value of the retail property is more than twenty thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars;

(d) must be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than twenty years, or both, if the value of the retail property is more than fifty thousand dollars;

(2) for a second or subsequent offense, ~~is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction,~~ regardless of the value of the retail property in any offense, must be fined not more than ~~ten~~fifty thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than twenty years, or both.

(3) For purposes of this section, multiple offenses occurring within a ninety-day period may be aggregated into a single count with the aggregated value used to determine the total value of the property.

(4) Organized retail crime is a lesser-included offense of organized retail crime of an aggravated nature as provided in subsection (F).

(F)(1) A person commits the offense of organized retail crime of an aggravated nature if, while committing the offense of organized retail crime, the person wilfully and maliciously:

(a) damages, destroys, or defaces real or personal property in excess of two thousand dollars; or

(b) causes unlawful bodily injury to another person. "Bodily injury" has the same meaning as defined in Section 16-3-600.

(2) A person convicted of organized retail crime of an aggravated nature is guilty of a felony and must be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than fifteen years, or both.

SECTION 2. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Reps. RUTHERFORD, PENDARVIS, HART, WILLIAMS, MCDANIEL, RIVERS, JEFFERSON, STAVRINAKIS, JORDAN, J. E. JOHNSON, WEEKS, BRITTAIN, MAGNUSON, HARRIS, T. MOORE, HENEGAN, B. L. COX, HOSEY, GILLIARD, KING, BAUER and FORREST requested debate on the Bill.

H. 4559--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4559 -- Reps. Bernstein, Rose, Clyburn, Mitchell, Yow and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-108, RELATING TO PROBATE, TESTACY, AND APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS AND THE ULTIMATE TIME LIMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS REGARDING AN INDIVIDUAL'S ESTATE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A CLAIM TO BE MADE PURSUANT TO THE "HONORING OUR PACT ACT OF 2022" REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S DEATH.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard

Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to my involvement in a car accident on my way to Columbia for Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, I was not present during the vote on H. 4559. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jason Elliott

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 26, 2024
The Honorable Charles Reid
Clerk of the South Carolina House of Representatives
213 Blatt Bldg.
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Clerk Reid,

I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on H. 4559, relating to probate, testacy, and appointment proceedings. I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest, as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Rep. Leon Stavrinakis

H. 5113--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5113 -- Reps. Elliott, T. Moore, Guest, Brittain and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-3-30 AND 63-15-230, BOTH RELATING TO JOINT CUSTODY ORDERS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES TO AWARD JOINT CUSTODY IN A CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5113 (LC-5113.VR0001H):

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

SECTION 1. Section 63-3-530(A)(42) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(42) to order sole or joint ~~or divided~~ custody where the court finds it is in the best ~~interests~~ interest of the child;

SECTION 2. Section 63-15-210 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 63-15-210. As used in this article:

(1) “Joint custody” means both parents have equal rights and

responsibilities for major decisions concerning the child, including the child's education, medical and dental care, extracurricular activities, and religious training~~; however, a judge may designate one parent to have sole authority to make specific, identified decisions while both parents retain equal rights and responsibilities for all other decisions.~~ Regardless, a judge may designate one parent to have sole authority to make specific, identified decisions concerning the child.

(2) "Sole custody" means a person, including, but not limited to, a parent who has temporary or permanent custody of a child and, unless otherwise provided for by court order, the rights and responsibilities for major decisions concerning the child, including the child's education, medical and dental care, extracurricular activities, and religious training.

(3) "Parenting time" means the time during which the child is in the care of a parent.

SECTION 3. Section 63-15-220 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 63-15-220.~~(A) At all temporary hearings where custody is contested, each parent must prepare, file, and submit to the court a parenting plan, which reflects parental preferences, the allocation of parenting time to be spent with each parent, and major decisions, including, but not limited to, the child's education, medical and dental care, extracurricular activities and religious training. However, the parties may elect to prepare, file, and submit a joint parenting plan. The court shall issue temporary and final custody orders only after considering these parenting plans; however, the failure by a party to submit a parenting plan to the court does not preclude the court from issuing a temporary or final custody order.~~

~~(B) At the final hearing, either party may file and submit an updated parenting plan for the court's consideration.~~

~~(C) The South Carolina Supreme Court shall develop rules and forms for the implementation of the parenting plan.~~

(A) A parenting plan is a document submitted by a party to the family court which identifies the type of custody, the parenting time for each parent with the child, and the manner and terms by which major decisions, including, but not limited to, the child's education, medical and dental care, extracurricular activities, and religious training, shall be made.

(B) At any hearing where custody, parenting time, or decision making is contested, a party may submit a proposed parenting plan. The court shall consider any submitted parenting plan prior to issuing temporary and final custody orders.

SECTION 4. Section 63-15-230 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 63-15-230. (A) The court shall make ~~the final~~ every custody determination in the best interest of the child based upon the evidence presented.

(B) ~~The court may award joint custody to both parents or sole custody to either parent.~~ The only type of custody which may be ordered by the family court is either sole custody or joint custody. There is no presumption for or against either type of custody. There is no requirement on the court to find exceptional circumstances to award either type of custody.

(C) ~~If custody is contested or if either parent seeks an award of joint custody, the court shall consider all custody options, including, but not limited to, joint custody, and, in its final order, the court shall state its determination as to custody and shall state its reasoning for that decision.~~ Every custody order shall:

(1) determine and specify the schedule of parenting time for each parent with the child; and

(2) in the event of joint custody, provide for how major decisions including, but not limited to, the child's education, medical and dental care, extracurricular activities, and religious training regarding the child shall be made.

~~(D) Notwithstanding the custody determination, the court may allocate parenting time in the best interest of the child.~~

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

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the amendment.

Rep. GATCH moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, April 9, which was agreed to.

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

H. 4871--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4871 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47-9-420 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTERFERENCE OR INTERACTION WITH FARM ANIMALS BEING TRANSPORTED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION.

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

H. 4874--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4874 -- Reps. Hixon, Chapman and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 17 TO TITLE 50 SO AS TO REGULATE CAPTIVE WILDLIFE BY DEFINING TERMS, OUTLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS, LISTING EXCEPTIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-16-40, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR WILDLIFE IMPORTED FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES, SO AS TO LIMIT THE EXCEPTIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-11-1180 RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PERMITS TO COLLECT PROTECTED WILDLIFE FOR SCIENTIFIC OR PROPAGATING PURPOSES.

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

H. 4609--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4609 -- Reps. Hixon, B. L. Cox and O'Neal: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-2-105, RELATING TO GOLF CART PERMITS AND THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ENACT ORDINANCES TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS TO OPERATE IN

DESIGNATED AREAS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS AT NIGHT.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4609 (LC-4609.CM0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 56-2-105(F)(3) and inserting:

(3) In ~~a county with a population of no less than one hundred fifty thousand and no more than two hundred fifty thousand persons~~all counties:

(a) ~~if a municipality has jurisdiction over a barrier island, the~~a municipality may enact an ordinance allowing for the operation of a golf cart at night ~~on~~ in designated ~~portions~~ areas ~~of the barrier island~~ within the municipality, provided the golf cart is equipped with working headlights and rear lights; or

(b) if a barrier island or county area is not within the jurisdiction of a municipality, the county in which the barrier island or county area is located may enact an ordinance allowing for the operation of a golf cart at night ~~on~~ in designated portions of the county, provided the golf cart is equipped with working headlights and rear lights.

If a municipality or county enacts an ordinance allowing golf carts to operate at night,the ordinance shall contain a description of the boundary of the designated area ~~on a barrier island~~, the requirements of subsection (C), other than operation in daylight hours only, shall still apply to all permitted golf carts.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BUSTOS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 116; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein

Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--116

Those who voted in the negative are:
Felder

Total--1

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to my involvement in a car accident on my way to Columbia for Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, I was not present during the vote on H. 4609. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.
Rep. Jason Elliott

H. 5023--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5023 -- Reps. Brewer, Gilliam, Lawson, Sessions, Schuessler, Hager, Hartnett, Gatch, Mitchell, Hewitt, Robbins, J. Moore, Wooten, Guffey, O'Neal, J. L. Johnson, Pedalino and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-219 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE WORK ZONE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-15, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-130, RELATING TO LICENSE EXAMINATIONS AND BASIC AND CLASSIFIED LICENSES, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4609 (LC-5023.CM0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 56-1-219 and inserting:

Section 56-1-219. The Department of Motor Vehicles shall establish a work zone safety program. The work zone safety program shall be designed to educate the motoring public on the dangers of committing moving violations while traveling in highway construction

work zones. The department shall develop and house on its website an online work zone awareness presentation for all persons obtaining an initial license that includes, but is not limited to, facts and figures representing the dangers of motorists committing work zone moving violations, testimonials from highway construction workers and their families, information on the importance of awareness and slowing down in work zones, and a question-and-answer section to ensure participants understand and retain the information presented. The Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to contract for the production, development, and maintenance of the webpage through a vendor. The department shall maintain in its database a record of those completing the program.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 56-1-15(B) and inserting:

(B) ~~The department must randomly test driver's license applicants who successfully complete the driver's license examinations pursuant to subsection (A) to ensure that the driver's license instructors are properly certifying that their students have successfully completed a driver's license examination.~~The department must require all persons obtaining an initial driver's license, and who are required to complete a driver's education course as defined in Section 56-1-175 or 56-1-180, to take the work zone safety program course as established in Section 56-1-219.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 56-1-130(B) and inserting:

(B)~~ No persons, except those exempted under Section 56-1-30 and Section 56-1-60, or those holding beginner's permits under Section 56-1-50, shall operate any classification of motor vehicle without first being examined and duly licensed by the driver examiner as a qualified driver of that classification of motor vehicle.~~ The department must require all persons obtaining an initial driver's license, and who are required to complete a driver's education course as defined in Section 56-1-175 or 56-1-180, to take the work zone safety program course as established in Section 56-1-219.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 120; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks

West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--120

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to my involvement in a car accident on my way to Columbia for Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, I was not present during the vote on H. 5023. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jason Elliott

H. 5024--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5024 -- Reps. Elliott, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-14990, RELATING TO SURVIVING SPOUSES APPLYING FOR LICENSE PLATES OR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE SURVIVING SPOUSES OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD MAY APPLY TO OBTAIN NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE PLATES OR TRANSFER NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE PLATES ISSUED TO THEIR SPOUSES.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5024 (LC-5024.CM0006H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION X. Chapter 3, Title 56 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 60

"Autistic and Neurodivergent Special License Plates"

Section 56-3-7100. The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue "Autistic and Neurodivergent" special motor vehicle license plates to owners of private passenger-carrying motor vehicles registered in their names who are autistic or neurodivergent or who are parents of children who are autistic or neurodivergent. The application for this special motor vehicle license plate must include an original certificate from a licensed physician that certifies the applicant, or his child is autistic or neurodivergent. The fee for each special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5. Each special license plate must be of the same size and general design of regular motor vehicle license plates and contain the "Just Bee" icon as identification for autistic or neurodivergent individuals. Each special license plate must be issued or revalidated for a biennial period which expires twenty-four months from the month the special license plate is issued.

SECTION X. Chapter 3, Title 56 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 150

South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation Special License Plates

Section 56-3-16000. (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue "South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation" special license plates. Each special license plate must be issued or revalidated for a biennial period that expires twenty-four months from the month the special license plate is issued.

(B) The South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation shall submit to the department for approval the design, emblem, seal, logo, or other symbols it desires to be used for this special license plate. The department may issue this special license plate six months following approval of its design.

(C) The requirements for production, collection, and distribution of fees for a special license plate under this section must meet the requirements in Section 56-3-8100.

(D) The biennial fee for each special license plate is twenty-five dollars plus the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5, Chapter 3, Title 56. The twenty-five-dollar fee must be distributed to the South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 119; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith

M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--119

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to my involvement in a car accident on my way to Columbia for Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, I was not present during the vote on H. 5024. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jason Elliott

H. 4082--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4082 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN MEDICINE USED FOR OPHTHALMIC DISEASE.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4082 (LC-4082.DG0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 12-36-2120(g) and inserting:

(g) insertable medicine used in the prevention, treatment, or cure of an ophthalmic disease or condition so long as the medicine is administered by or pursuant to the supervision of a physician, and in an office which is under the supervision of a physician, in an independent surgery center, or in a hospital-based outpatient department. For

purposes of this subitem, physician has the same meaning as provided in Section 40-47-20;

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION 2. This act takes effect on July 1, 2024.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan

Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to my involvement in a car accident on my way to Columbia for Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, I was not present during the vote on H. 4082. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jason Elliott

H. 4594--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4594 -- Reps. Ballentine, Pope, Clyburn, West, Elliott and T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2023 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE

SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer

Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to my involvement in a car accident on my way to Columbia for Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, I was not present during the vote on H. 4594. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Jason Elliott

H. 4294--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4294 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, Hager, Wheeler and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-320, RELATING TO THE LIMITATION ON MILLAGE INCREASES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE GOVERNING BODY OF A RURAL COUNTY TO SUSPEND THE LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4294 (LC-4294.DG0001H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 6-1-320(8) and inserting:

(8) for a county council to support a fire protection district in a rural county that was created pursuant to Chapter 19, Title 4, or Chapter 11, Title 6. However, the two-thirds vote of the membership must occur no later than one year of the effective date of this item. A county council

only may utilize the provisions of this item once and use of this provision may not result in a greater than a two percent increase in the county's overall fire budget for the previous tax year. Any increased revenue resulting from the suspension of the millage limitation first must be used on a dollar-for-dollar basis to reduce fees or other similar charges that support fire protection. Once all such fees are eliminated, additional revenue must be used to support the fire protection district. For purposes of this subsection, a "rural county" is any county with a population of seventy thousand or less as of the 2020 decennial census that does not have a full-time fire department that is fully supported by the local applicable fire millage.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HEWITT explained the amendment.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. HEWITT continued speaking.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

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

H. 4912--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4912 -- Rep. Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT RATIOS FOR AD VALOREM TAXATION, SO AS TO ALLOW CERTAIN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO CONTINUE TO CLAIM THE SPECIAL FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO WHEN THE CIVILIAN RECEIVES CERTAIN ORDERS FOR A CHANGE OF STATION.

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

H. 5118--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5118 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West, Davis, Hager, Hewitt, Kirby, Long, M. M. Smith, B. Newton, Pendarvis, Sandifer, Hiott, Landing, Crawford, Brittain, Lawson, Williams, Whitmire, Jefferson, Bustos, Hartnett, Carter, Blackwell, Neese, W. Newton, Bradley, Ott, Erickson, Murphy, Brewer, Yow, Mitchell, Connell, Jordan, Thayer, Elliott, Wooten, Pedalino, Bailey, T. Moore, McGinnis, Gatch, Ligon, Gagnon, Hardee, B. L. Cox, Chapman, Leber, Anderson, Bannister, Calhoon, Felder, Hixon, Lowe, Taylor, Thigpen, Willis and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TEN-YEAR ENERGY TRANSFORMATION ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY INSTITUTE; BY ADDING

SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-650, RELATING TO REASSIGNMENT OF ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS' SERVICE AREAS, SO AS TO PERMIT THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR ANY ELECTRIC SUPPLIER TO SERVE ANY TRANSFORMATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO AS ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR", SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION

OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC

DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN

CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND", AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES.

Reps. B. NEWTON, HEWITT, CARTER, FELDER, LIGON, O'NEAL, T. MOORE, NUTT, CRAWFORD, GUEST, BRITTAIN, J. E. JOHNSON, HARDEE, B. L. COX, PACE, HARRIS, BLACKWELL, OREMUS, WILLIAMS, HENEGAN, CROMER, CHAPMAN, HENDERSON-MYERS, WEST, ANDERSON, CLYBURN, KIRBY, GILLIARD, RIVERS, KING, COBB-HUNTER, OTT, PENDARVIS, GARVIN, BAUER, ROBBINS, WHITMIRE, SANDIFER, VAUGHAN, TRANTHAM, BALLENTINE, S. JONES, MITCHELL, GILLIAM, ERICKSON, WOOTEN, CASKEY, WEEKS, W. JONES, DILLARD and MCDANIEL requested debate on the Bill.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:17 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. HOSEY, adjourned in memory of Elbert Timothy Moore, Jr., to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Wednesday, March 27, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Jeremiah 31:33B: "'Know the Lord, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,' says the Lord; 'for I will forgive iniquity, and remember their sin no more.'"

Let us pray. Blessings and honor and glory be unto you from God our Father who brings to you the fullness of life that He has provided for all our people. Bless and keep these Representatives and Staff in Your loving care and provide for them every needful thing. Bestow Your blessings on our defenders and first responders as they protect and care for us. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Protect our men and women in the Armed Forces and keep them safe. Heal the wounds of our men and women who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. CALHOON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of George Hearn "Smokey" Davis, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Representative Gilliard.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5154 -- Reps. West and Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-5-1030, RELATING TO CIVIL PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A GAS UTILITY WHICH VIOLATES SECTION 58-5-1020 OR A REGULATION UNDER ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 5, TITLE 58 IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT MORE THAN THE CIVIL PENALTY PROVIDED BY 49 U.S.C. SECTION 60122 AND 49 C.F.R. 190.233.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3180 -- Reps. Rutherford, Kilmartin and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-41-30, RELATING TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM ATTACHMENT, LEVY, AND SALE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DEBTOR'S INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY USED AS A PRIMARY RESIDENCE MAY NOT BE SOLD IF THE ACTION WAS INSTITUTED BY A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT UNPAID DUES, FEES, OR FINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-130, RELATING TO THE ENFORCEABILITY OF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE ENFORCEABILITY OF A PROVISION GRANTING A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION THE AUTHORITY TO FORECLOSE ON PROPERTY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 29-3-810 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A FORECLOSURE ACTION NOT AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4189 -- Rep. Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES

TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO LICENSING AND FEES, SO AS TO AMEND MEETING REQUIREMENTS, REMOVE A CERTIFICATION FEE AND OUTLINE HOW TO MAKE PROPER PAYMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-40, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO GIVE DISCRETION TO THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-60, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-70, RELATING TO REPORTS, SO AS TO CHANGE A DEADLINE AND INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-75, RELATING TO DISCOUNTING OF LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES, SO AS TO ALLOW A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO FILE ONE ACTUARIAL OPINION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-80, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE EXAMINATION OF SOME CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES OPTIONAL AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-140, RELATING TO TAX PAYMENTS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIRED TAX PAYMENTS FOR A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-165, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF INACTIVITY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-175, RELATING TO THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND, SO AS TO CHANGE THE ALLOWED TRANSFER OF COLLECTED TAXES FROM TWENTY PERCENT TO FORTY PERCENT; AND BY AMENDING 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4843 -- Reps. Bailey, Brittain, Guest, J. E. Johnson, Sandifer and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-39-148 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE BUSINESSES WITH A DECK, DOCK, OR OTHER STRUCTURE

LOCATED IN A CRITICAL AREA TO USE THE STRUCTURE FOR PURPOSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS WITH LOCAL ZONING APPROVAL.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 5245 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CHARTER SCHOOLS MAY GIVE ENROLLMENT PREFERENCE TO CHILDREN OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVICEMEMBERS IN THIS STATE IF THEIR ENROLLMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT OF THE OVERALL ENROLLMENT, AND TO REVISE EXISTING ENROLLMENT PREFERENCE PROVISIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4702 -- Reps. Davis, Pope, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGH THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION PLAN AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERS AT LEAST ONE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE THAT MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4703 -- Reps. Davis, Pope, West, Schuessler, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STEM OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) COALITION, THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION FUND WITHIN THE STATE TREASURY, AND THE SC STEM COALITION ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND TO PROVIDE THEIR RESPECTIVE PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 4673 -- Reps. Erickson and Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-50, RELATING TO BEGINNERS' PERMITS, HOURS AND CONDITIONS OF VEHICLE OPERATION, RENEWAL AND FEES, DRIVERS' TRAINING COURSES, AND ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL LICENSURE, SO AS TO EXEMPT ADDITIONAL PERSONS FROM OBTAINING BEGINNERS' PERMITS BEFORE OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD MAY TAKE THE DRIVING TEST AFTER MAINTAINING A BEGINNERS' PERMIT FOR AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

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

H. 5144 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Elliott and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-5-105 SO AS TO CREATE THE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING EFFICIENT

EMERGENCY RESPONSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5016 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 3227 -- Reps. Rutherford, Crawford, Gagnon and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-1-40 AND 63-19-20, BOTH RELATING TO STATUS OFFENSES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE PLAYING A PINBALL MACHINE AS A STATUS OFFENSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 63-19-2430 RELATING TO THE PLAYING OF PINBALL MACHINES BY A MINOR.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4304 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, Yow, Murphy, Elliott, Robbins, Collins, Pope and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-75-30 SO

AS TO PERMIT PARENTAL AND FILIAL CONSORTIUM CLAIMS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 3980 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, M. M. Smith, Moss, Lawson, Guffey, West, Brittain, Hardee, McGinnis, Bailey, B. L. Cox, Pace, Mitchell, Chapman, Davis, B. Newton, Burns, Cromer, Hixon, A. M. Morgan and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 14-1-250 SO AS TO REQUIRE JUDGES AND OTHER JUDICIAL OFFICIALS OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO REPORT ALL CASES OF SUSPECTED FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS TO THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-55-570, RELATING TO NOTIFICATION OF INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION OF KNOWLEDGE OR BELIEF OF FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO THE OBLIGATION OF JUDGES AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO REPORT SUSPECTED FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS TO THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 5225 -- Rep. Cobb-Hunter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1180 SO AS TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR EACH CLINICAL ROTATION SERVED BY A PHYSICIAN, ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE, OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AS A PRECEPTOR FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5236 -- Reps. Bannister and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-6-50, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OR A SUCCESSOR AGENCY, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES CONCERNING MEDICAID CLAIMS PROCESSING CONTRACTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5235 -- Reps. Bannister and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-7-465, RELATING TO INSURERS PROVIDING COVERAGE TO PERSONS RECEIVING MEDICAID, SO AS TO COMPORT WITH THE FEDERAL CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2022.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 5230 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THIS STATE IN THE DEFINITION OF "SOLICITOR" AND TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PROVISIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SYSTEM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-40, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE SYSTEM, SO AS TO ALLOW THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SERVING ON JULY 1, 2024, TO ELECT TO BECOME A MEMBER.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5310 -- Reps. Murphy, G. M. Smith, Bannister, Brewer, Caskey, Gatch, Guest, J. E. Johnson, Mitchell, W. Newton, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Stavrinakis, West and Whitmire: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS SO AS TO EXEMPT A PORTION OF THE VALUE OF AIRCRAFT OF AN AIRLINE COMPANY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-2440, RELATING TO THE VALUATION OF AIRCRAFT, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH TIME ON THE GROUND IS CALCULATED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1161 -- Senator Corbin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF US 276 (LAURENS ROAD) BETWEEN MILLENNIUM BOULEVARD (N) AND FORRESTER DRIVE IN GREENVILLE COUNTY "SCHP PATROLMAN EDWIN D. MILAM MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

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

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1162 -- Senator Corbin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SC-183 FROM S-87 (SULPHUR SPRINGS ROAD) TO S-430 (RIDGE ROAD) IN GREENVILLE COUNTY "SCHP PATROLMAN ALBERT T. SEALY JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

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

ROLL CALL

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

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis

Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--120

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. SESSIONS a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GILLIARD a leave of absence for the day due to a car accident.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. FELDER a temporary leave of absence to attend a funeral.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CRAWFORD a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Marilyn Malia of Orangeburg County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BERNSTEIN presented to the House the Cardinal Newman "Cardinals" 2023 SCISA 4A Boys Basketball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. T. MOORE presented to the House the students and school officials of the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3227
Date:	ADD:
03/27/24	MITCHELL

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3618
Date:	ADD:
03/27/24	STAVRINAKIS, J. E. JOHNSON, PACE, NEESE, ROBBINS, LAWSON, GUFFEY, BREWER, HEWITT and HERBKERSMAN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4187
Date:	ADD:
03/27/24	BLACKWELL and OREMUS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4289
Date:	ADD:
03/27/24	CHAPMAN, GAGNON, FORREST, OREMUS and HIXON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4548
Date:	ADD:
03/27/24	HART and HENDERSON-MYERS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4973
Date:	ADD:
03/27/24	MITCHELL and YOW

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5016
Date:	ADD:
03/27/24	MITCHELL and YOW

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5022
Date:	ADD:
03/27/24	CARTER and ROSE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5120
Date:	ADD:
03/27/24	DAVIS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5303
Date:	ADD:
03/27/24	MAGNUSON, KILMARTIN, MAY, WHITE, A. M. MORGAN and T. A. MORGAN

CO-SPONSOR REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 5118
Date:	REMOVE:
03/27/24	OTT

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 5231 -- Rep. Bamberg: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 104 OF 2021, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONSOLIDATED BAMBERG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ITS NINE MEMBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE TO BE ELECTED FROM SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS WHICH CORRESPOND WITH THE BAMBERG COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS, AND TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS ARE TO BE ELECTED FROM THE COUNTY AT-LARGE.

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 4820 -- Reps. Forrest, Hixon, Hayes, Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Magnuson, Chapman, McDaniel and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.

H. 4601 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4100, RELATING TO PREVENTING ESCAPE OF MATERIALS LOADED ON VEHICLES AND CLEANING THE HIGHWAYS OF ESCAPED SUBSTANCES OR CARGO, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 56-5-4110 TO CLARIFY THE EXCEPTIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN FARM PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 56-5-4110 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT LOADS AND COVERS MUST BE FIRMLY ATTACHED.

H. 5244 -- Reps. Ligon, B. Newton, Sessions, Neese, Pope, Guffey, O'Neal, Felder and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-16000

SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE "CATAWBA NATION" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.

H. 4274 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Erickson, Bradley and Hager: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT", REGARDING A CAUSE OF ACTION ASSERTED IN A CIVIL ACTION BASED UPON A PERSON'S COMMUNICATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS.

H. 3748 -- Reps. Caskey, Wooten, Wetmore, Hartnett, Erickson, W. Newton, Pope, Robbins, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-680, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL ALTERATION OR REMOVAL OF BOUNDARY LANDMARKS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE SECTION PROHIBITS MOVING, ALTERING, DESTROYING, OR REMOVING GEODETIC CONTROL MONUMENTS OR CERTAIN LAND SURVEYING MONUMENTS, TO UPDATE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

H. 4559 -- Reps. Bernstein, Rose, Clyburn, Mitchell, Yow and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-108, RELATING TO PROBATE, TESTACY, AND APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS AND THE ULTIMATE TIME LIMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS REGARDING AN INDIVIDUAL'S ESTATE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A CLAIM TO BE MADE PURSUANT TO THE "HONORING OUR PACT ACT OF 2022" REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S DEATH.

H. 4609 -- Reps. Hixon, B. L. Cox and O'Neal: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-2-105, RELATING TO GOLF CART PERMITS AND THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ENACT ORDINANCES TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS TO OPERATE IN

DESIGNATED AREAS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS AT NIGHT.

H. 5023 -- Reps. Brewer, Gilliam, Lawson, Sessions, Schuessler, Hager, Hartnett, Gatch, Mitchell, Hewitt, Robbins, J. Moore, Wooten, Guffey, O'Neal, J. L. Johnson, Pedalino and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-219 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE WORK ZONE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-15, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-130, RELATING TO LICENSE EXAMINATIONS AND BASIC AND CLASSIFIED LICENSES, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE.

H. 5024 -- Reps. Elliott, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-14990, RELATING TO SURVIVING SPOUSES APPLYING FOR LICENSE PLATES OR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE SURVIVING SPOUSES OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD MAY APPLY TO OBTAIN NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE PLATES OR TRANSFER NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE PLATES ISSUED TO THEIR SPOUSES.

H. 4082 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN MEDICINE USED FOR OPHTHALMIC DISEASE.

H. 4594 -- Reps. Ballentine, Pope, Clyburn, West, Elliott and T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2023 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS

ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

H. 4871--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4871 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47-9-420 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTERFERENCE OR INTERACTION WITH FARM ANIMALS BEING TRANSPORTED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION.

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

H. 4874--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4874 -- Reps. Hixon, Chapman and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 17 TO TITLE 50 SO AS TO REGULATE CAPTIVE WILDLIFE BY DEFINING TERMS, OUTLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS, LISTING EXCEPTIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-16-40, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR WILDLIFE IMPORTED FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES, SO AS TO LIMIT THE EXCEPTIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-11-1180 RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PERMITS TO COLLECT PROTECTED WILDLIFE FOR SCIENTIFIC OR PROPAGATING PURPOSES.

Rep. FORREST spoke in favor of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 94; Nays 7

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein

Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Whitmire	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:

Cromer	Guffey	Harris
Hartnett	Magnuson	Pace
White		

Total--7

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

H. 4294--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4294 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, Hager, Wheeler and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-320, RELATING TO THE LIMITATION ON MILLAGE INCREASES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE GOVERNING BODY OF A RURAL COUNTY TO SUSPEND THE LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4294 (LC-4294.DG0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 6-1-320(8) and inserting:

(8) for a county council to support a fire protection district in a rural county that was created pursuant to Chapter 19, Title 4, or Chapter 11, Title 6. However, the two-thirds vote of the membership must occur no later than one year of the effective date of this item. A county council only may utilize the provisions of this item once and use of this provision may not result in a greater than a two percent increase in the county's overall fire budget for the previous tax year. Any increased revenue resulting from the suspension of the millage limitation first must be used on a dollar-for-dollar basis to reduce fees or other similar charges that support fire protection. Once all such fees are eliminated, additional revenue must be used to support the fire protection district. For purposes of this subsection, a "rural county" is any county with a population of seventy thousand or less as of the 2020 decennial census that does not have a full-time fire department that is fully supported by the local applicable fire millage.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CONNELL spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. CONNELL spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 92; Nays 10

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams	Wooten	

Total--92

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Chumley	Cromer
Harris	S. Jones	May
McCabe	T. A. Morgan	Pace
Whitmire		

Total--10

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4294. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

H. 4912--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4912 -- Rep. Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT RATIOS FOR AD VALOREM TAXATION, SO AS TO ALLOW CERTAIN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO CONTINUE TO CLAIM THE SPECIAL FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO WHEN THE CIVILIAN RECEIVES CERTAIN ORDERS FOR A CHANGE OF STATION.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4912 (LC-4912.DG0003H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION X. Section 12-37-220(B) of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(54) 36.8421 percent of the fair market value of all aircraft of each airline company. For purposes of this exemption, aircraft and airline company have the same meaning as provided in Article 19.

SECTION X. Section 12-37-2440(a) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(a) The ratio which the total time scheduled on the ground within this State of such aircraft during the preceding calendar or fiscal year bears to the total time scheduled on the ground within and without this State of such aircraft during the preceding calendar or fiscal year. For purposes of determining time on the ground in this State, each landing in this State equals thirty minutes and each overnight stay or maintenance day in this State equals two hours.

SECTION X. Section 12-43-220(c)(2)(iv) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(iv) In addition to the certification, the burden of proof for eligibility for the four percent assessment ratio is on the owner-occupant and the applicant must provide proof the assessor requires including, but not limited to:

~~(A) a copy of the owner-occupant's most recently filed South Carolina individual income tax return;~~

~~(B)~~(A) copies of South Carolina motor vehicle registrations for all motor vehicles registered in the name of the owner-occupant and registered at the same address of the four percent domicile;

~~(C)~~(B) other proof required by the assessor necessary to determine eligibility for the assessment ratio allowed by this item, except that the assessor may not require the production of confidential tax records.

If the owner or the owner's agent has made a proper certificate as required pursuant to this subitem and the owner is otherwise eligible, the owner is deemed to have met the burden of proof and is allowed the four percent assessment ratio allowed by this item, if the residence that is the subject of the application is not rented for more than seventy-two days in a calendar year. ~~For purposes of determining eligibility, rental income, and residency, the assessor annually may require a copy of applicable portions of the owner's federal and state tax returns, as well as the Schedule E from the applicant's federal return for the applicable tax year.~~

If the assessor determines the owner-occupant ineligible, the six percent property tax assessment ratio applies and the owner-occupant may appeal the classification as provided in Chapter 60 of this title.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and applies to tax years beginning after 2023, and the provisions contained in SECTION 1 apply to any open period less than three years.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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

Rep. King proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4912 (LC-4912.HA0004H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION X. Chapter 45, Title 12 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 12-45-440. Notwithstanding another provision of law, in the case of an error by the county in levying real or personal property tax, the county treasurer must accept partial property tax payments from a taxpayer affected by the error. No penalties or interest may be assessed against the taxpayer for six months after the taxpayer is made aware of the error. The Department of Motor Vehicles may not revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the driving privilege of a person for failure to pay taxes during the same six-month period. The taxpayer shall notify the treasurer of the payment schedule, except that the taxpayer must at least pay one-sixth of the original amount due each month.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

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

Rep. HEWITT explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4912. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Brandon Guffey

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4622 -- Reps. Sessions, J. L. Johnson, Pope and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-327 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO ITEMIZED PATIENT BILLING FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND SUPPLIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 5183 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, West, Hewitt, Chapman, B. Newton, Hiott, Sessions, Pope, Davis, Gagnon, Thayer and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-196, RELATING TO THE DELEGATION OF NURSING TASKS TO UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL BY CERTAIN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL TASKS THAT MAY BE DELEGATED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4867 -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, G. M. Smith, Moss, Hiott, Blackwell, B. L. Cox, Caskey, M. M. Smith, Hart, Sandifer, J. E. Johnson, Brittain and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-45 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL 911 TELECOMMUNICATORS THAT PROVIDE DISPATCH FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITIONS TO BE TRAINED IN HIGH-QUALITY TELECOMMUNICATOR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (T-CPR).

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4953 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Davis, M. M. Smith and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-80, RELATING TO STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES, SO AS TO REMOVE A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 4934 -- Reps. Mitchell, Gilliam, Pace, Yow, Murphy, Guffey, Pope and Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-7-90, RELATING TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVE MILITARY FORCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF PAID MILITARY LEAVE EACH YEAR.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4681 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Henegan, Chapman and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTION 23-1-230, RELATING TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM NINE TO TEN BY ADDING A PERSON WHO REPRESENTS THE SOUTH CAROLINA CORONERS' ASSOCIATION AS A MEMBER.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5333 -- Rep. McCravy: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GREENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLERS KENNEDI WASHINGTON AND CASON HOWLE FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES.

The Resolution was adopted.

H. 4871--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4871 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47-9-420 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTERFERENCE OR INTERACTION WITH FARM ANIMALS BEING TRANSPORTED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION.

Rep. Pendarvis proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4871 (LC-4871.CM0008H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 47-9-420(A) and (B) and inserting:

(A) No person may interfere with a motor vehicle transporting farm animals. For purposes of this subsection, “interfere” shall be defined as intentional, knowing, or reckless acts that disrupt or otherwise impede the transportation of farm animals without prior consent of the driver of the motor vehicle.

(B) No person may harass a farm animal while being transported by a motor vehicle without the prior consent of the driver of the motor vehicle. For purposes of this subsection, “harass” shall be defined as

intentional, knowing, or reckless acts having the effect of causing apparent emotional distress or fear.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PENDARVIS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt

O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4548--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4548 -- Reps. Oremus, Hayes, McCravy, Trantham, Atkinson, Clyburn, Henegan, Taylor, West, Erickson, Wooten, Forrest, S. Jones, Long, Herbkersman, Cobb-Hunter, Haddon, Bailey, Whitmire, Hart and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-1-1790, RELATING TO THE EARNINGS LIMITATION FOR A RETIRED MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM UPON THE RETURN TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS LIMITATION DOES NOT APPLY TO MEMBERS WHO RETURN TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT AS A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER.

Rep. Oremus proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4548 (LC-4548.CM0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 9-1-1790(2)(d) and inserting:

(d) compensation received for employment as a school bus driver for a public school district by a member who retired from the

system before January 1, 2024.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. OREMUS explained the amendment.

Rep. MCDANIEL moved to adjourn debate on the Bill.

Rep. OREMUS moved to table the motion.

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

Yeas 89; Nays 14

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith

Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Wooten	Yow	

Total--89

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bauer	Bernstein	Dillard
Henegan	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
Ott	Rose	Rutherford
Thigpen	Williams	

Total--14

So, the motion to adjourn debate was tabled.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee

Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4349--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4349 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-1500, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE

REFERENCES, TO REVISE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN COMMISSION SEATS, AND TO REVISE THE ABSENCE POLICY FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. ELLIOTT explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers

Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 5121--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5121 -- Rep. Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-1-50, RELATING TO GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES FOR LAKE MARION, SO AS TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-675, RELATING TO NONGAME FISHING DEVICES OR GEAR PERMITTED IN CERTAIN BODIES OF FRESHWATER, SO AS TO PERMIT HOOP NETS IN THE CONGAREE RIVER.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5121 (LC-5121.PH0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by deleting SECTION 1.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 50-13-675(9)(d)(i) and inserting:

(i) recreational license-residents sixty-five years of age or older – one;

(ii) the provisions contained in Section 50-13-675(9)(d) expire on January 1, 2030;

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 50-13-675(23) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(23) Lakes Marion and Moultrie, and the upper reach of the Santee River:

(a) traps:

(i) recreational license-two;

(ii) commercial license-twenty-five;

(b) trotlines: Hooks must have a gap or clearance between point and shank no greater than seven-sixteenths inch:

(i) recreational license-one line with fifty hooks maximum;

(ii) commercial license-three lines with not more than four hundred hooks on each line;

(c) set hooks: Recreational license – Upper Reach of the Santee Rive – fifty hooks. The use of set hooks in the Upper Reach of the Santee River as described in this item expire on January 1, 2030.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. FORREST explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott

Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total—108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3121--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3121 -- Reps. Hyde, Carter, B. Newton, Neese, T. Moore, Pope, Bauer, Davis, M. M. Smith, Willis, Brewer, Robbins, Felder, Stavrinakis, Wetmore and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO A

PROPERTY OWNER WHO ENCUMBERS HIS PROPERTY WITH A PERPETUAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL EASEMENT.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor

Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 5120--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 5120 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West, Sandifer and Davis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO URGE FEDERAL LEGISLATORS TO WORK IN GOOD FAITH TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT REFORMS FEDERAL PERMITTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESSES, TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP BY EXPEDITING THE DEPLOYMENT OF MODERN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TO INCLUDE STEPS TO CONSIDER FOR THESE REFORMS, AS WELL AS DETRIMENTS TO THE NATION AND ITS RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES FOR FAILURE TO ACT.

Rep. WEST explained the Concurrent Resolution.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. OREMUS.

H. 4158--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4158 -- Reps. Pendarvis, M. M. Smith, Bauer, King, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Rivers and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE

SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS.

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

H. 5066--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5066 -- Reps. Elliott, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Bailey, Wheeler, T. Moore, Taylor, Hixon, Oremus, Blackwell, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Bradley, Erickson, Hyde, Ballentine and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 ENTITLED THE "FAIR ACCESS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS" SO AS TO PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE OPTION TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE TO ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SUCH A POLICY, TO CREATE THE AFFORDABLE LIQUOR LIABILITY FUND TO AID IN THE FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXCISE TAX ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK MUST BE CREDITED TO THE FUND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-33-245, RELATING TO THE EXCISE TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIQUOR LIABILITY RISK MITIGATION PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE INSURANCE RESERVE FUND IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE A START-UP LOAN TO THE FUND.

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

H. 4649--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4649 -- Reps. Bannister, Carter, Leber, Vaughan, West, Elliott, Williams, Henegan, Caskey, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO

AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE CERTAIN SECURITY PERSONNEL TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND SECURITY ON SCHOOL PREMISES IF LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS, AND TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS REMAIN OBLIGATED TO USE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS LICENSURE, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO SECURITY OFFICER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION AGENCY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS.

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

H. 4289--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4289 -- Reps. McGinnis, Erickson, Ballentine, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Mitchell, Yow, Cromer, Beach, Pace, Taylor, Guffey, Magnuson, Burns, Kilmartin, Chapman, Gagnon, Forrest, Oremus and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-680 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MAY NOT CONDITION OR PROMISE ADMISSIONS OR BENEFITS TO CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR CERTAIN SUPPORT OR DISAGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN STATEMENTS REGARDING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, OR ASSOCIATED ISSUES.

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

H. 4187--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4187 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Haddon, Mitchell, Yow, Chapman, Gagnon, Ligon, O'Neal, B. Newton, Sessions, Felder, Blackwell and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

H. 5118--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5118 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West, Davis, Hager, Hewitt, Kirby, Long, M. M. Smith, B. Newton, Pendarvis, Sandifer, Hiott, Landing, Crawford, Brittain, Lawson, Williams, Whitmire, Jefferson, Bustos, Hartnett, Carter, Blackwell, Neese, W. Newton, Bradley, Erickson, Murphy, Brewer, Yow, Mitchell, Connell, Jordan, Thayer, Elliott, Wooten, Pedalino, Bailey, T. Moore, McGinnis, Gatch, Ligon, Gagnon, Hardee, B. L. Cox, Chapman, Leber, Anderson, Bannister, Calhoon, Felder, Hixon, Lowe, Taylor, Thigpen, Willis and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TEN-YEAR ENERGY TRANSFORMATION ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO

AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-650, RELATING TO REASSIGNMENT OF ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS' SERVICE AREAS, SO AS TO PERMIT THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR ANY ELECTRIC SUPPLIER TO SERVE ANY TRANSFORMATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO AS ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING

SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR", SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND

TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION

CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND", AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.HA0005H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, after the title but before the enacting words, by striking the eighteenth paragraph and inserting:

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented by the shared needs of DESC and SCPSA for replacement generation in the Charleston and Georgetown areas, the unique benefits of a partnership between them for this purpose, and the unique benefits of the Canadys site as the location for a joint resource, the General Assembly finds that these

circumstances support amending the enabling act of the SCPSA to authorize it in a joint venture to develop and share in the output of one or more combined cycle natural gas units to be located at the Canadys site and encourages the utility to seek, as soon as practicable, a certificate as defined under the terms of the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act for DESC to construct and operate combined cycle natural gas units to be located at the Canadys site; and

Amend the bill further, after the title but before the enacting words, by striking the twenty second paragraph and inserting:

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented by the potential expansion of Duke Energy Carolinas' energy storage capacity by expanding the Bad Creek facility without construction of a new reservoir, and considering the unique benefits for customers served by Duke Energy Carolinas' electrical system such an expansion represents, the General Assembly encourages the utility to complete evaluations related to expanding the Bad Creek facility to double its output; and

Amend the bill further, after the title but before the enacting words, by striking the twenty third paragraph and inserting:

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented in the plans of Duke Energy Carolinas LLC and Duke Energy Progress LLC to secure approximately 7,000 MW of natural gas generation facilities for the benefit of their customers in South Carolina, the General Assembly encourages the utilities to undertake such activities as may be necessary to pursue and facilitate additional natural gas generation to serve its customers in this state; and

Amend the bill further, after the title but before the enacting words, by striking the twenty seventh paragraph and inserting:

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly acknowledges the transformative potential of advanced nuclear generation, such as small modular reactors (SMRs), understanding that their compact size addresses significant challenges associated with traditional nuclear power, offering the promise of expedited and cost-effective plant construction, coupled with enhanced safety in operational practices, along with offering reliable carbon-free energy generation that can operate nearly 24/7; and

Amend the bill further, after the title but before the enacting words, by striking the twenty eight paragraph and inserting:

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes the strategic importance of investigating in and pursuing advanced nuclear technologies such as small modular reactors and molten salt reactors at this time, understanding that proactive engagement in research and

development positions the state to capitalize on future opportunities when SMRs become economically and technologically viable; and

Amend the bill further, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the "South Carolina Energy Security Act".

SECTION 2. Section 58-3-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-20. (A) The commission is composed of ~~seven~~three members to be elected by the General Assembly in the manner prescribed by this chapter. Each member must have:

(1) a baccalaureate or more advanced degree from:

(a) a recognized institution of higher learning requiring face-to-face contact between its students and instructors prior to completion of the academic program;

(b) an institution of higher learning that has been accredited by a regional or national accrediting body; or

(c) an institution of higher learning chartered before 1962; and

(2) a background of substantial duration and an expertise in at least one of the following:

(a) energy issues;

(b) telecommunications issues;

(c) consumer protection and advocacy issues;

(d) water and wastewater issues;

(e) finance, economics, and statistics;

(f) accounting;

(g) engineering; or

(h) law.

~~(B)(1) Beginning in 2004, the members of the Public Service Commission must be elected to staggered terms. In 2004, the members representing the Second, Fourth, and Sixth Congressional Districts must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2006, and until their successors are elected and qualify. Thereafter, members representing the Second, Fourth, and Sixth Congressional Districts must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify. In 2004, the members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts and the State at large must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2008, and until their successors are elected and qualify. Thereafter, members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts and the State at large must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, members representing the First, Third, and Fifth~~

~~Congressional Districts shall serve until the expiration of their terms, and in 2013, members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2016, and until their successors are elected and qualified.~~

~~(2) In the event there are Seven Congressional Districts, the member elected from the State at large shall serve until the expiration of his term, and in 2013, a member representing the Seventh Congressional District must be elected for a term ending on June 30, 2016, and until his successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the member representing the Seventh Congressional District must be elected to terms of four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. Upon the election and qualification of the member representing the Seventh Congressional District, the at-large member elected to satisfy the requirements of subsection (C) immediately shall cease to be a member of the commission.~~

~~(C)~~ (B)(1)The General Assembly must provide for the election of the ~~seven~~three-member commission ~~and elect its members based upon the congressional districts established by the General Assembly pursuant to the latest official United States Decennial Census. If the number of congressional districts is less than seven, additional members must be elected at large to provide for a seven-member commission. In the event the congressional districts established by the General Assembly are under review by a court for compliance with statutory or constitutional requirements, an election scheduled pursuant to this section shall not be held until a final determination is made by the courts regarding the congressional districts. The inability to hold an election due to judicial review of the congressional districts does not constitute a vacancy on the commission and the commissioners serve until their successors are elected and qualify~~. The commission members must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify.

(2) The commission members must be elected from the state at large; however, membership on the commission should reflect all segments of the population of the State, to the greatest extent possible.

~~(D)~~(C) The Governor may fill vacancies in the office of commissioner until the successor in the office for a full term or an unexpired term, as applicable, has been elected by the General Assembly. In cases where a vacancy occurs on the commission when the General Assembly is not in session, the Governor may fill the vacancy by an interim appointment. The Governor must report the interim appointment to the General Assembly and must forward a formal appointment at its next ensuing regular session.

SECTION 3. Section 58-3-140 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-140. (A) Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 9 of this title, the commission is vested with power and jurisdiction to supervise and regulate the rates and service of every public utility in this State and to fix just and reasonable standards, classifications, regulations, practices, and measurements of service to be furnished, imposed, or observed, and followed by every public utility in this State.

(B)(1) The commission, in conducting its analysis and making a decision in matters involving electrical utilities, must consider the economic impact to the State when fixing just and reasonable standards, classifications, regulations, practices, and measurements of service to be furnished, imposed, or observed, and followed by every electrical utility in this State.

(2) The General Assembly declares the rates, services, and operations of electrical utilities are a matter of public interest and the availability of an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of electric power and natural gas to the people and economy of South Carolina is a matter of public policy. When exercising its powers under this section, the commission must balance the public interest in determining the rates, services, and operations of electrical utilities. It is the policy of this State for the commission, in matters involving electrical utilities, to:

(a) ensure South Carolina customers have access to an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources;

(b) sustain growth in industrial and economic development by ensuring an electric generation, transmission, and distribution system that can grow and modernize to meet the demands that a prosperous and developing economy places on it;

(c) provide fair regulation of electrical utilities in the interest of the public in a manner that maintains the financial integrity of the electrical utility by assuring a sufficient and fair rate of return, supports economic development and industry retention, and provides just and reasonable rates to be established for entities providing electrical utility services to customers in this State while promoting adequate, reliable, and economical utility service to all of the citizens and residents of this State;

(d) provide the State and the public with a well-regulated electrical utility environment;

(e) assure that resources necessary to meet future growth through the provision of adequate, reliable electrical utility service include use of the entire spectrum of demand-side options, including but not limited to, conservation, load management, and energy efficiency

programs as additional sources of energy supply and energy demand reduction;

(f) provide just and reasonable rates and charges for electrical utility services without undue preferences or advantages, or unfair or destructive competitive practices and consistent with long-term management and conservation of energy resources by avoiding wasteful, uneconomic generation and uses of energy;

(g) assure that facilities necessary to meet future growth can be financed by the utilities operating in this State on terms which are reasonable and fair to both the customers and existing investors of such utilities, and to that end, to authorize fixing of rates in such a manner as to result in lower costs of new facilities and lower rates over the operating lives of such new facilities;

(h) recognize the important role of utilities in economic development and industry retention and the necessity for utilities to maintain the ability to finance continued investment in, and operation and maintenance of, the electric system, rapid restoration of power after major storms and outages, rate designs, and infrastructure necessary to attract and retain businesses and jobs to South Carolina, the ability to obtain financing at attractive rates, and to ensure a viable workforce for providing electricity and to attract such utility workers at market-competitive wages;

(i) seek to encourage and promote harmony between public utilities, their users, and the environment;

(j) foster the continued service of electrical utilities on a well-planned and coordinated basis that is consistent with the level of energy needed for the protection of public health and safety and for the promotion of the general welfare, economic development, and industry retention;

(k) seek to adjust the rate of growth of regulated energy supply facilities serving the State to the policy requirements of statewide economic development and industry retention;

(l) encourage the continued study and research on new and innovative rate designs which will protect the State, the public, the ratepayers and the utilities;

(m) facilitate the construction of facilities in and the extension of natural gas service to unserved and underserved areas in order to promote the public welfare throughout the State;

(n) further the development of cleaner energy technologies on a cost-effective basis to protect the natural resources of this State, promote the health and well-being of the people of this State, and attract

investments, create employment opportunities, drive economic growth, and foster innovation in this State; and

(o) accomplish regulatory processes and issue orders in a timely manner.

~~(B)~~(C) The commission must develop and publish a policy manual which must set forth guidelines for the administration of the commission. All procedures must incorporate state requirements and good management practices to ensure the efficient and economical utilization of resources.

~~(C)~~(D) The commission must facilitate access to its general rate request orders in contested matters involving more than one hundred thousand dollars by publishing an order guide which indexes and cross-references orders by subject matter and case name. The order guide must be made available for public inspection.

~~(D)~~(E) The commission must promulgate regulations to require the direct testimony of witnesses appearing on behalf of utilities and of witnesses appearing on behalf of persons having formal intervenor status, such testimony to be reduced to writing and prefiled with the commission in advance of any hearing. In contested case proceedings, the applicant seeking relief from the commission shall have the right to prefile rebuttal testimony responsive to the direct prefiled testimony of other parties. The commission may allow supplemental testimony in cases where new matters arise after the filing of direct testimony, provided that parties shall have the right to respond to such supplemental testimony. The procedural schedule for each contested case proceeding shall include dates for completion of each phase of discovery, including discovery related to the application or other initial pleading as filed, direct testimony of the applicant, direct testimony of the Office of Regulatory Staff and other parties and intervenors, rebuttal testimony of the applicant, and surrebuttal testimony but only if allowed by the commission upon motion that there is material new information for which surrebuttal testimony is required. The commission must act on a motion to allow surrebuttal testimony within three business days. Except upon showing of exceptional circumstances or surprise, all discovery must be completed not less than ten days prior to the hearing.

(F) The commission may convene public hearings to allow electrical utility customers to address the commission as public witnesses without intervening in the proceedings and without subjecting themselves to discovery or prefiling testimony. Public witnesses may address the commission on issues related to customer service, utility operations, reliability, economic hardship, affordability, environmental

concerns, or other matters that affect them. The electrical utility and the Office of Regulatory Staff shall work to investigate and resolve individual service issues raised by public witnesses.

(G) Any other provision of law notwithstanding, to the extent the commission is authorized by the General Assembly to employ an independent third-party consultant to assist the commission in its duties with respect to a matter before the commission, such consultant may only rely upon evidence introduced by a party to that proceeding into the record subject to the requirements of the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act. Further, the commission may not give any consultant employed by the commission party status in a proceeding before the commission.

~~(E)~~(H) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to repeal or modify specific exclusions from the commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Title 58 or any other title.

~~(F)~~(I) When required to be filed, tariffs must be filed with the office of the chief clerk of the commission and, on that same day, provided to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 4. Section 58-3-250(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) A copy of every final order or decision under the seal of the commission must be served by electronic service, or registered or certified mail, upon all parties to the proceeding or their attorneys. Service of every final order or decision upon a party or upon the attorney must be made by emailing a copy of the order to the party's email address provided to the commission or by mailing a copy to the party's last known address. If no email or other address is known, however, service shall be made by leaving a copy with the chief clerk of the commission. The order takes effect and becomes operative when served unless otherwise designated and continues in force either for a period designated by the commission or until changed or revoked by the commission. If, in the judgment of the commission, an order cannot be complied with within the time designated, the commission may grant and prescribe additional time as is reasonably necessary to comply with the order and, on application and for good cause shown, may extend the time for compliance fixed in its order.

SECTION 5. Section 58-4-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-4-10. (A) There is hereby created the Office of Regulatory Staff as a separate agency of the State with the duties and organizations as hereinafter provided.

(B) Unless and until it chooses not to participate, the Office of

Regulatory Staff must be considered a party of record in all filings, applications, or proceedings before the commission. The regulatory staff must represent the public interest of South Carolina before the commission. For purposes of this chapter only, "public interest" means a balancing of:

(1) the concerns of the using and consuming public with respect to public utility services, regardless of the class of customer~~.~~;

(2) economic development and job attraction and retention in South Carolina; and

(3) preservation of the financial integrity of the State's public utilities to the extent necessary to provide for the ~~of~~ continued investment in and maintenance of utility facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality utility services.

(C) The Office of Regulatory Staff is subject to the provision of Section 58-3-260 prohibiting ex parte communications with the commission, and any advice given to the commission by the regulatory staff must be given in a form, forum, and manner as may lawfully be given by any other party or person.

SECTION 6.Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-150. (A) To further advance and expand upon Executive Order 2023-18 which established the PowerSC Energy Resources and Economic Development Interagency Working Group, the Office of Regulatory Staff, in consultation with a stakeholder group that includes representatives of consumer, environmental, manufacturing, forestry, and agricultural organizations, natural gas and electrical utilities, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, and other affected state agencies, shall prepare a comprehensive South Carolina energy assessment and action plan, hereinafter referred to as "the plan". This plan must identify recommended actions over a ten-year period to ensure the availability of adequate, reliable, and economical supply of electric power and natural gas to the people and economy of South Carolina. For purposes of this section, natural gas and electrical utilities also includes any investor-owned electrical utility, a public utility as defined in Section 58-5-10, the Public Service Authority, electric cooperatives, and any consolidated political subdivision that owns or operates in this State equipment or facilities for generating, transmitting, delivering, or furnishing electricity, but does not include an entity that furnishes electricity only to itself, its residents, or tenants when such current is not resold or used by others.

(B) The Office of Regulatory Staff, in collaboration with the

electrical utilities and the South Carolina Public Service Authority, shall aggregate data and analyses from their most recent integrated resource plans approved by the commission, and include any updates or associated filings and other available data in order to create a statewide comprehensive view of the availability of an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources to the people and economy of South Carolina.

(C) The plan must detail factors, and make recommendations, essential to adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources for the people and economy of South Carolina, including but not limited to:

(1) projections of energy consumption in South Carolina, including the use of fuel resources and costs of electricity and generation resources across the electrical utilities' and the South Carolina Public Service Authority's balancing authority areas used to serve the State;

(2) the adequacy of electricity generation, transmission, and distribution resources in this State to meet projections of energy consumption;

(3) the adequacy of infrastructure utilized by natural gas industries in providing fuel supply to electric generation plants or otherwise for end-use customers;

(4) the overall needs of the South Carolina electric grid and transmission system and details from the plans of each electrical utility and the South Carolina Public Service Authority to meet current and future energy needs in a cost-effective, reliable, economic, and environmental manner;

(5) an assessment of state and local impediments to expanded use of generation or distributed resources and recommendations to reduce or eliminate such impediments;

(6) how energy efficiency, demand-side management programs, and conservation initiatives across the electrical utilities' and the South Carolina Public Service Authority's balancing authority areas may be expanded to lower bills and reduce electric consumption;

(7) details regarding potential siting of energy resource and transmission facilities in order to identify any disproportionate adverse impact of such activities on the environment, agricultural community, land use, and economically disadvantaged or minority communities;

(8) details regarding commercial and industrial consumer clean energy goals and options available to such customers to achieve these goals, including:

(a) an analysis of the barriers commercial and industrial

consumers face in making such investments in this State;

(b) an analysis of any electric and natural gas regulatory barriers to the recruitment and retention of commercial and industrial customers in this State; and

(c) recommendations to address any barriers identified in items (a) and (b) in a manner that is consistent with the public interest and which is not duly impactful to nonparticipating customers as it pertains to rate and system impacts, and which is not unduly impactful to entities providing public utility services.

(C) In preparing the plan the Office of Regulatory Staff may retain an outside expert to assist with compiling this report.

(D) In addition to the information required by this section, the plan must include recommendations for legislative, regulatory, or other public and private actions to best ensure a reliable and reasonably priced energy supply in South Carolina that supports the continued growth and success of this State. In forming these recommendations, the Office of Regulatory Staff must confer with the stakeholder group to ensure the recommendations would likely achieve the intended result for the electric grid, electric generation, and natural gas resources serving South Carolina customers.

(E) The plan must be submitted to the Public Utilities Review Committee for approval.

(F) The provisions of this section are subject to funding.

SECTION 7. Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 38

South Carolina Energy Policy Institute

Section 58-38-10. This chapter is known as and may be cited as the "South Carolina Energy Policy Research and Economic Development Institute" or "EPI".

Section 58-38-20. The General Assembly finds that:

(1) It is in the public interest of South Carolina to establish an Energy Policy Research and Economic Development Institute, also referred to as EPI, to support the efforts of the Advanced Resilient Energy Nexus, also referred to as SC Nexus, and research and propose solutions to address major challenges in the complex and evolving area of energy generation and storage.

(2) Research and documenting reliable data is essential for thoughtful consideration of the complex issues and concerns impacting energy generation and storage and the need for timely, substantive, and thorough advice from the EPI to the South Carolina General Assembly is critical to continue to position this State as a global leader.

(3) Advancement through the EPI of the broad collaboration through the SC Nexus will assist the State as a global leader in advanced energy by developing, testing, and deploying exportable electricity technologies. It will also allow the State to leverage the region's dynamic and growing manufacturing base, superior research capabilities, and demonstrated record of public-private collaboration to innovate and commercialize emerging energy storage materials and manufacturing techniques, including a demonstrative microgrid implementation that integrates renewable energy and storage into the state's electricity systems.

(4) The topography of South Carolina, with its coastal plains and low country, confronts further complications. While the State possesses renewable energy resources like hydropower potential from its rivers and lakes and biomass from wood waste and landfill gas, the lack of sustainable energy production exacerbates the energy deficit. It is critical that South Carolina provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy.

(5) The industrial sector in South Carolina accounts for approximately one-third of the state's total energy use and heavily depends on energy consumption. Continued economic development and industry retention depends upon safe, reliable, and affordable energy generation.

(6) South Carolina will need to continue moving toward reliable power from emerging energy sources to ensure continued economic growth and secure energy for residential usage.

(7) The EPI shall collaborate across South Carolina in coordination with SC Nexus, Savannah River National Laboratory, energy utility providers, private industry, and workforce development to deliver advice on policy creation aligned with the state's distinctive needs and opportunities. EPI shall support and collaborate with SC Nexus, a consortium of public and private entities, formed within the South Carolina Department of Commerce concerning power generation, transmission, and storage.

Section 58-38-30. (A) The EPI shall be established by the University of South Carolina to serve as an expert and reliable advisory resource for state policymakers, government, and industry. This institute shall bring together a coalition of experts from various domains within the energy ecosystem, individuals and organizations specializing in innovating public policy approaches, as well as specialists from across higher education, including but not limited to, the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, and South Carolina State University. The EPI shall aid South Carolina in developing a strategic long-term

approach to address energy-related challenges and economic development opportunities for the State of South Carolina.

(B) The EPI shall be governed by a board of six members which shall provide oversight and guidance to the EPI. This board shall be composed of:

(1) Speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee;

(2) President of the Senate or his designee;

(3) Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, or his designee;

(4) Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate or his designee;

(5) Chairman of the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee of the House of Representatives or his designee; and

(6) Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate or his designee.

Section 58-38-40. (A) Annual deliverables for the EPI shall align with the goals and priorities of critical state objectives and legislative needs of South Carolina as determined by the board.

(B) The EPI shall prepare concise and informative documents that outline the key energy policy issues in South Carolina for members of the South Carolina General Assembly. These briefs shall offer evidence-based recommendations and their potential impacts to assist the legislature in decision making.

(C) The EPI shall provide in-depth research on various aspects of energy policy relevant to South Carolina, at the direction of the board.

(D) The EPI shall provide stakeholder engagement reports, including identification and engagement with relevant stakeholders in the energy sector, including industry representatives, environmental groups, consumer advocates, and community organizations. The EPI shall compile reports on stakeholder perspectives, concerns, and suggestions to aid the legislature in understanding different viewpoints.

(E) The EPI shall evaluate the economic implications of different energy policy options, including the potential costs and benefits to the state's economy, job market, industry competitiveness, and underdeveloped communities. The EPI must use modeling techniques to estimate direct and indirect impacts on various sectors.

(F) The EPI shall develop practical framework recommendations for implementing energy policies in South Carolina, considering regulatory mechanisms, enforcement mechanisms, and coordination between different government agencies. These frameworks must address potential challenges and propose strategies for successful

implementation.

(G) The EPI may host fellowships by which entities could offer the time and services of employees by which the EPI could leverage the knowledge, experience, and participation of such entities.

SECTION 8.Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-33-195. (A)(1) The General Assembly finds:

(a) The Public Service Commission, hereinafter referred to as "the commission", issued Order No. 2023-860 approving Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s integrated resource plan, and Order No. 2024-171 approving the South Carolina Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan. The commission determined these integrated resource plans represented the most reasonable and prudent means to meet each utility's energy and capacity needs as of the time each integrated resource plan was reviewed.

(b) Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s integrated resource plan identified a natural gas combined cycle unit as the optimum replacement unit for the Williams Station, which Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. intends to retire in 2030, assuming replacement capacity is available at that time. Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. proposed to locate this natural gas combined cycle unit facility at the site of its now retired Canadys coal plant, and Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. is pursuing a plan to build it jointly with the Public Service Authority under a Memorandum of Understanding, also referred to as the "Joint Resource".

(c) The commission found that Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s Reference Build Plan replacing the Williams Station with the Joint Resource best meets the criterion of "consumer affordability and least cost" pursuant to Section 58-37-40(C)(2)(b).

(d) The commission found that the Public Service Authority's Preferred Portfolio, referred to as "Supplemental", as the preferred plan to guide the Public Service Authority's generation and transmission planning over the next three years, with updates as necessary, represented the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting the Public Service Authority's energy and capacity needs.

(e) The commission found the Supplemental is the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements, while maintaining safe and reliable electric service.

(f) The commission determined the Public Service Authority sufficiently considered alternatives to the natural gas combined cycle

unit.

(g) The commission found that the Supplemental allows the Public Service Authority to meet the electric power needs of its retail and wholesale customers reliably and affordably, reduces its carbon footprint, and adds flexibility and innovation to support a growing state economy.

(2) The General Assembly encourages Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. and the Public Service Authority to jointly complete evaluations related to the Joint Resource and to use such information as may be necessary from such evaluations to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certificate pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or authorize construction and operation of the facilities subject to this section in preference to all other pending nonemergency applications or requests. The General Assembly finds adding natural gas generation capacity at the retired Canadys coal site would advance the economy and general welfare of the State based on current conditions and information as of the effective date of this Act. However, this subsection does not exempt the entities from complying with the requirements of the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act, including the requirement to seek commission approval for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity nor does this subsection limit the commission's independent decision-making authority. The entities are further encouraged to use existing rights of way to the greatest extent practicable.

(B) The General Assembly hereby encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to complete evaluations for constructing a second powerhouse using the existing reservoir at Bad Creek Pumped Hydro Station in Oconee County, South Carolina, which will approximately double the size and peak hourly capacity of the facility, and to use such information as may be necessary from such evaluations to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certificate pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter. The General Assembly further encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to complete evaluations as to what may be necessary to interconnect such an expansion of Bad Creek Pumped Hydro Station to the electric grid or otherwise deliver electric power from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to its customers, and to include such information as may be necessary from such evaluations in a filing to the commission pursuant to Section 58-33-110 or as otherwise

required by law. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or otherwise authorize construction and operation of the facilities subject to this subsection in preference of all other pending nonemergency applications or requests.

(C) The General Assembly hereby encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to complete evaluations for constructing hydrogen capable natural gas generation or otherwise to place into service such natural gas generation within the utilities' balancing areas serving South Carolina, and to use such information from the evaluations as may be necessary to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certification pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly further encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to determine what facilities may be necessary to interconnect such natural gas generation to the electric grid or otherwise deliver electric power from the utilities to its customers, and to include such information in any filing to the commission pursuant to Section 58-33-110 or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or otherwise authorize construction or operation of the facilities subject to this subsection in preference of all other pending nonemergency applications or requests.

SECTION 9.Article 1, Chapter 31, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-31-205. (A) The Public Service Authority shall have the power to jointly own, as tenants-in-common or through a limited liability company, with investor-owned electric utilities of electrical generation and transmission facilities, the power to plan, finance, acquire, own, operate, and maintain an interest in such plants and facilities necessary or incidental to the generation and transmission of electric power and the power to make plans and enter into such contracts as are necessary or convenient for the planning, financing, acquisition, construction, ownership, operation, and maintenance of such plants and facilities. However, the Public Service Authority shall own a percentage of such plants and facilities equal to the percentage of the money furnished or the value of property supplied by the Public Service Authority for the acquisition and construction of the plants and facilities. The Public Service Authority shall also own and control a like percentage of the electrical output thereof.

(B) The Public Service Authority shall be severally liable in

proportion to its ownership share of such plants and facilities acquired pursuant to this section for the acts, omissions, or obligations performed, omitted, or incurred by the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities while acting as the designated agent of the Public Service Authority for the purposes of constructing, operating, or maintaining the plants and facilities, or any of them. However, the Public Service Authority shall not be otherwise liable, jointly or severally, for the acts, omissions, or obligations of other owners of the plants and facilities, nor shall any money or property of the Public Service Authority be credited or otherwise applied to the account of the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities, or be charged with any debt, lien, or mortgage as a result of any debt or obligation of the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities.

SECTION 10. Article 9, Chapter 7, Title 13 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Article 9

Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council

Section 13-7-810. There is hereby established a Nuclear Advisory Council in the ~~Department of Administration,~~ Office of Regulatory Staff, which shall be responsible to the Executive Director of the ~~Department of Administration~~ Office of Regulatory Staff and report to the Governor.

Section 13-7-820. The duties of the council, in addition to such other duties as may be requested by the Governor, shall be:

(1) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor on issues involving the use, handling, and management of the transportation, storage, or disposal of nuclear materials within South Carolina, or such use, handling, transportation, storage, or disposal of nuclear materials outside of the State which may affect the public health, welfare, safety, and environment of the citizens of South Carolina;

(2) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor regarding matters pertaining to the Atlantic Compact Commission;

(3) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor regarding the various programs of the United States Department of Energy pertaining to nuclear waste;

(4) to meet at the call of the chair or at a minimum twice a year; and

(5) to engage stakeholders and develop a strategic plan to advance the development of advanced nuclear generation including small modular reactors, molten salt reactors, and spent nuclear fuel recycling facilities to serve customers in this State in the most economical manner at the earliest reasonable time possible.

Section 13-7-830. The recommendations described in Section ~~13-~~

~~7-620~~ 13-7-820 shall be made available to the General Assembly and the Governor.

Section 13-7-840. The council shall consist of ~~nine~~ten members. One at-large member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one at-large member shall be appointed by the President of the Senate. ~~Seven~~Eight members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows: two shall be actively involved in the area of environmental protection; one shall have experience in the generation of power by nuclear means; one shall have experience in the field of nuclear activities other than power generation; two shall be scientists or engineers from the faculties of institutions of higher learning in the State; and ~~one~~two shall be from the public at large; of which one shall be appointed to serve as the chairman and director of the Nuclear Advisory Council. The terms of the members of the council appointed by the Governor shall be coterminous with that of the appointing Governor, but they shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Vacancies of the council shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

Section 13-7-850. The Governor shall designate the chairman from the membership. When on business of the council, members shall be entitled to receive such compensation as provided by law for boards and commissions.

Section 13-7-860. Staff support for the council shall be provided by the ~~Department of Administration~~Office of Regulatory Staff. The Director of the Nuclear Advisory Council must be a full-time employee of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 11. Section 37-6-604(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The~~As of July 1, 2025, the Consumer ~~Advocate shall be provided notice of any matter filed at the Public Service Commission that~~ Advocate's duties regarding intervention in matters that could impact consumers' utility rates~~, and may intervene as a party~~ and ability to advocate for the interest of consumers before the Public Service Commission and appellate courts ~~in such matters as the Consumer Advocate deems necessary and appropriate~~ are transferred to the Office of Regulatory Staff in order to promote efficiency and avoid duplication of duties.

SECTION 12.Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-33-196. Electrical utilities and the Public Service Authority are encouraged to explore the potential for deploying

advanced nuclear facilities including, but not limited to, small modular nuclear facilities at suitable sites. Suitable sites may include sites of current nuclear facilities, sites where nuclear facilities have been proposed but not constructed, and other brownfield sites, such as coal-generation sites. Any utility pursuing deployment of such nuclear facilities must provide annual progress reports to the commission and the Public Utilities Review Committee; this report may be in writing or in the form of testimony in an appropriate proceeding. The utility must provide estimates of the cost of the studies including, but not limited to, planning, licensing, and project development to the commission. If the commission finds such estimated costs are reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest, such costs may be recoverable through rates as they are incurred. Nothing in this section relieves an electrical utility of the burden of filing for a certificate under this article and obtaining appropriate approvals from the commission before commencing construction.

SECTION 13.Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-37-70. (A) It is the policy of this State to promote the development and operation of advanced nuclear facilities, including small modular nuclear reactors, in the most economical manner and at the earliest reasonable time possible. These facilities are intended to provide electricity that is reliable, resilient, secure, and free of carbon dioxide emissions, as well as promote this state's economic development and industry retention.

(B) As used in this section:

(1) "Electrical utility" has the same meaning as provided in Section 58-27-10(7) and includes the South Carolina Public Service Authority.

(2) "Site" means the geographic location of one or more small modular nuclear reactors.

(3) "Small modular nuclear reactor" means an advanced nuclear reactor that produces nuclear power and has a power capacity of up to 500 megawatts per reactor.

(C) The commission may establish a small modular nuclear reactor pilot program, if such a program is endorsed by the Nuclear Advisory Council. A pilot program must include the following requirements:

(1) any entity that holds a current license from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to construct or operate at least one existing nuclear electrical generating facility at the time of the application may apply to the commission for a certificate of public convenience and

necessity pursuant to the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act;

(2) a certificate may be granted if obtaining a certification of public convenience and necessity would permit the applicant to apply for, use, or leverage at least thirty percent of the construction costs of the small modular nuclear reactor by utilizing any benefits or incentives available to lower the capital or operating costs including, but not limited to, governmental funds, tax credits, grants, and loan guarantees;

(3) the costs and benefits of a small modular nuclear reactor are reasonable and prudent compared to the levelized costs of electricity generation from other resources, applying any governmental tax credits and incentives. Factors that must be considered in levelized costs include fuel factors, economic and environmental benefits, and costs associated with any relative externalities;

(4) no more than three small modular nuclear reactors may receive a permit pursuant to this pilot program.

(D) An application for this pilot program must include:

(1) if the project's location:

(a) is on or adjacent to an existing or former coal electrical generation site;

(b) is on or adjacent to an existing nuclear facility;

(c) enables coal plant retirement or emissions reduction in the electrical utility's or the South Carolina Public Service Authority's balancing area; or

(d) supports diversity in energy production, reliability, and energy security;

(2) if the project is subject to competitive procurement or solicitation for services and equipment;

(3) a demonstration that the program's costs and benefits are reasonable and prudent and in the interest of South Carolina customers; and

(4) any other information the commission may wish to include in the application.

Nothing in this subsection limits any factors that the commission may consider in its determination of an application.

(E)(1) Reasonable and prudent costs incurred for a small modular nuclear reactor approved pursuant to this section shall be recoverable. In the event an electrical utility abandons a small modular nuclear reactor approved by the commission before its commercial operation, the electrical utility must provide a fulsome accounting to the commission of the circumstances of abandonment. Capital costs may only be

recovered if the commission determines that the decision to abandon was reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest; however, these costs shall not include a rate of return. The commission may impose conditions it determines to be necessary to protect customers against unreasonable construction, development, or operational risk including, but not limited to, reporting, inspection, and the potential of requiring the utility to hire an independent third-party construction monitor to evaluate the prudency of the utility's actions and associated expense during the development of the project and construction of the reactor.

(2) The commission must not allow any cost recovery related to a small modular nuclear reactor outside of a rate case.

(F)(1) In addition to the small modular nuclear facility pilot program, electrical utilities and the South Carolina Public Service Authority are encouraged to evaluate the potential for deploying nuclear facilities at suitable sites within this State. A "suitable site" may include sites of current nuclear facilities, sites where nuclear facilities have been proposed but not constructed, and brownfield sites, such as coal generation sites.

(2) When evaluating the potential of a nuclear facility, the applicant must provide notice and annual progress reports to the Public Utilities Review Committee, the Nuclear Advisory Council, and the commission. When available, the applicant must also provide cost estimates of the studies related to a potential nuclear facility to serve customers in South Carolina. This includes, but is not limited to, planning, licensing, and project development, the anticipated timeline of an early site permit, and current possibilities or barriers to co-ownership of such facilities, and available federal benefits which may defray costs of these facilities.

(3) In the event the commission finds cost estimates pursuant to item (2) are reasonable and prudent, the costs may be recoverable through rates, even if an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity have not been filed. However, these costs shall not include a rate of return.

(G) Nothing in this section relieves an electrical utility or the South Carolina Public Service Authority of the burden of filing for a certificate pursuant to this article and obtaining appropriate approvals from the commission before commencing construction.

SECTION 14. Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 3
Energy Infrastructure Projects

Section 58-37-100. As used in this article:

(1) "Agency" means any agency, department, board, commission, or political subdivision of this State. However, it does not include the Public Service Commission, except for Sections 58-37-110 and 58-37-120.

(2) "Application" means a written request made to an agency for grant of a permit or approval of an action of matter within the agency's jurisdiction pertaining to an energy infrastructure project.

(3) "Brownfield energy site" means an existing or former electrical generating site or other existing or former industrial site.

(4) "Energy corridor" means a corridor in which a utility or the South Carolina Public Service Authority has:

(a) transmission lines with a rated voltage of at least 110 kilovolts, including the substations, switchyards, and other appurtenant facilities associated with such lines; or

(b) high pressure natural gas transmission pipelines and the metering, compression stations, valve station, and other appurtenant facilities associated with such lines.

(5) "Energy corridor project" means an energy infrastructure project that involves the expansion of electric or natural gas delivery capacity in whole or in principal part within an existing energy corridor.

(6) "Energy infrastructure project" means the construction, placement, authorization, or removal of energy infrastructure including, but not limited to, electric transmission and generation assets, natural gas transmission assets, and all associated or appurtenant infrastructure and activities, including communications and distribution infrastructure.

(7) "Permit" means a permit, certificate, approval, registration, encroachment permit, right of way, or other form of authorization.

(8) "Person" means an individual, corporation, association, partnership, trust, agency, or the State of South Carolina.

Section 58-37-110. (A) Given the importance of sufficient, reliable, safe, and economical energy to the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of South Carolina and to the state's economic development and prosperity, the General Assembly finds that the prompt siting, permitting, and completion of energy infrastructure projects, energy corridor projects, and brownfield electrical generation projects are crucial to the welfare of the State.

(B) All state agencies are instructed to give expedited review of applications for energy infrastructure projects, to provide reasonable and constructive assistance to applicants to allow the applicants to comply with state law and regulatory requirements as expeditiously as possible,

and to be guided by the policy goals established in subsection (A).

(C) All state agencies are instructed to give due weight to the reduction in the environmental, aesthetic, and socioeconomic impacts that are incurred to support the safe, reliable, and economic provision of energy to the people of South Carolina when energy infrastructure projects can be located in existing energy corridors or on brownfield energy sites, and shall consider the relative reductions in such impacts compared to greenfield projects in evaluating projects in existing energy corridors or on brownfield energy sites.

Section 58-37-120. (A) Any agency presented with an application for a permit for an energy infrastructure project shall issue a decision on the application no later than six months after the date the application is received by the agency. If the agency fails to take final action within six months of receipt of the application, the application shall be deemed approved, and the agency shall promptly issue documentation that the applicant may reasonably request establishing that the agency has granted the relief requested.

(B) Upon receipt of an application, the agency shall promptly review it for sufficiency and shall provide the applicant with a list of all deficiencies within thirty days of receipt. The identification of by the agency of deficiencies in the application shall not toll the six-month period for agency determination.

Section 58-37-130. The applicant or any person whose private rights are affected by an agency decision or action on an application for a permit for any energy infrastructure project may appeal that decision or action to the South Carolina Supreme Court. The Supreme Court shall hear these appeals as a direct appeal in accordance with the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. The Court shall provide for an expedited briefing and hearing of the appeal, in preference to all other nonemergency matters on its docket, and decide such appeals on an expedited basis.

Section 58-37-140. The provisions of this article shall expire ten years after its effective date.

SECTION 15. Section 58-40-10(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) "Customer-generator" means the owner, operator, lessee, or customer-generator lessee of an electric energy generation unit which:

(1) generates or discharges electricity from a renewable energy resource, including an energy storage device configured to receive electrical charge solely from an onsite renewable energy resource;

(2) has an electrical generating system with a capacity of:

(a)(i) not more than the lesser of one thousand kilowatts (1,000 kW AC) or one hundred percent of contract demand if a nonresidential customer; or

(ii) after June 1, 2024, not more than the lesser of five thousand kilowatts (5,000kW AC) or one hundred percent of contract demand for a nonresidential customer, provided the customer-generator is on a time-of-use rate schedule and any excess energy produced by the customer-generator is credited and reset at the end of each monthly period; or

(iii) more than five thousand kilowatts (5,000kW AC) if agreed to by the customer-generator and the electrical utility, provided that the electrical utility submits the agreement to the commission for consideration and approval if the commission finds the agreement to contain appropriate ratemaking provisions and is in the public interest; or

(b) not more than twenty kilowatts (20 kW AC) if a residential customer;

(3) is located on a single premises owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by the customer;

(4) is interconnected and operates in parallel phase and synchronization with an electrical utility and complies with the applicable interconnection standards;

(5) is intended primarily to offset part or all of the customer-generator's own electrical energy requirements; and

(6) meets all applicable safety, performance, interconnection, and reliability standards established by the commission, the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Underwriters Laboratories, the federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and any local governing authorities.

SECTION 16. Section 58-41-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-41-30. (A) The ability to utilize clean energy resources for electric power generation is important to attract prospective commercial or industrial entities to invest in South Carolina and to encourage and incent robust economic growth in the State.

(B) The commission shall be responsive to the clean energy needs of customers and the economic development and industry retention implications for the State when reviewing and approving voluntary clean energy programs. The commission shall consider updates to these voluntary renewable energy programs on an ongoing basis.

(C) Within one hundred and twenty days of the effective date of this

chapter, ~~subject to subsection (F),~~ each electrical utility shall file a proposed voluntary renewable energy program for review and approval by the commission, unless as of July 1, 2024, the electrical utility already has a voluntary renewable energy program that conforms with the requirements of this section on file with the commission. The commission shall conduct a proceeding to review the program and establish reasonable terms and conditions for the program. Interested parties shall have the right to participate in the proceeding. The commission ~~may~~must periodically hold additional proceedings to ~~update the program~~ evaluate whether updates to the programs are necessary. At a minimum, each electrical utility must submit to the commission a program for which ~~the program shall provide that~~:

(1) the participating customer shall have the right to select the renewable energy facility and negotiate with the renewable energy supplier on the price to be paid by the participating customer for the energy, capacity, and clean energy environmental attributes of the renewable energy facility and the term of such agreement so long as such terms are consistent with the voluntary renewable program service agreement as approved by the commission;

(2) the renewable energy contract and the participating customer agreement must be of equal duration;

(3) in addition to paying a retail bill calculated pursuant to the rates and tariffs that otherwise would apply to the participating customer, reduced by the amount of the generation credit, a participating customer shall reimburse the electrical utility on a monthly basis for the amount paid by the electrical utility to the renewable energy supplier pursuant to the participating customer agreement and renewable energy contract, plus an administrative fee approved by the commission; and

(4) eligible customers must be allowed to bundle their demand under a single participating customer agreement and renewable energy contract and must be eligible annually to procure an amount of capacity as approved by the commission.

(D) The commission must approve voluntary renewable energy programs, in addition to those provided for in subsection (C), where the participating customer purchases clean energy environmental attributes of new or existing renewable energy facilities owned and operated and recovered on a cost-of-service basis by the electrical utility or otherwise supplies through the execution of agreements with third parties within the utility's balancing authority area. Voluntary renewable energy programs shall also facilitate behind-the-meter options for customers and access to renewable energy resource generation.

~~(B)~~(E) The commission may approve a program that provides for options that include, but are not limited to, both variable and fixed generation credit options.

~~(C)~~(F) The commission ~~may~~ shall limit the total portion of each electrical utility's voluntary renewable energy program that is eligible for the program at a level consistent with the public interest and shall provide standard terms and conditions for the participating customer agreement and the renewable energy contract, subject to commission review and approval.

~~(D)~~(G) A participating customer shall bear the burden of any reasonable costs associated with participating in a voluntary renewable energy program. ~~An electrical utility may not charge any nonparticipating customers for any costs incurred pursuant to the provisions of this section.~~ Purchased power costs incurred by an electrical utility as a result of subsection (C) shall be recovered in the electrical utility's fuel clause pursuant to Section 58-27-865.

~~(E)~~(H) A renewable energy facility may be located anywhere in the electrical utility's service territory within the utility's balancing authority.

~~(F) If the commission determines that an electrical utility has a voluntary renewable energy program on file with the commission as of the effective date of this chapter, that conforms with the requirements of this section, the utility is not required to make a new filing to meet the requirements of subsection (A).~~

SECTION 17.Section 58-41-10 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(17) "Energy storage facilities" means any commercially available technology that is capable of absorbing energy and storing it for a period of time for use at a later time including, but not limited to, electrochemical, thermal, and electromechanical technologies.

SECTION 18. Section 58-41-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-41-20. (A) As soon as is practicable after the effective date of this chapter, the commission shall open a docket for the purpose of establishing each electrical utility's standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary to implement this section. Within six months after the effective date of this chapter, and at least once every twenty-four months thereafter, the commission shall approve each electrical utility's standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary to implement this section. Within such proceeding the commission shall approve one

or more standard form power purchase agreements for use for qualifying small power production facilities not eligible for the standard offer. Such power purchase agreements shall contain provisions, including, but not limited to, provisions for force majeure, indemnification, choice of venue, and confidentiality provisions and other such terms, but shall not be determinative of price or length of the power purchase agreement. The commission may approve multiple form power purchase agreements to accommodate various generation technologies and other project-specific characteristics. This provision shall not restrict the right of parties to enter into power purchase agreements with terms that differ from the commission-approved form(s). Any decisions by the commission shall be just and reasonable to the ratepayers of the electrical utility, in the public interest, consistent with PURPA and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's implementing regulations and orders, and nondiscriminatory to small power producers; and shall strive to reduce the risk placed on the using and consuming public.

(1) Proceedings conducted pursuant to this section shall be separate from the electrical utilities' annual fuel cost proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 58-27-865.

(2) Proceedings shall include an opportunity for intervention, discovery, filed comments or testimony, and an evidentiary hearing.

(B) In implementing this chapter, the commission shall treat small power producers on a fair and equal footing with electrical utility-owned resources by ensuring that:

(1) rates for the purchase of energy and capacity fully and accurately reflect the electrical utility's avoided costs;

(2) power purchase agreements, including terms and conditions, are commercially reasonable and consistent with regulations and orders promulgated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission implementing PURPA; and

(3) each electrical utility's avoided cost methodology fairly accounts for costs avoided by the electrical utility or incurred by the electrical utility, including, but not limited to, energy, capacity, and ancillary services provided by or consumed by small power producers including those utilizing energy storage equipment. Avoided cost methodologies approved by the commission may account for differences in costs avoided based on the geographic location and resource type of a small power producer's qualifying small power production facility.

(C) The avoided cost rates offered by an electrical utility to a small power producer not eligible for the standard offer must be calculated based on the avoided cost methodology most recently approved by the

commission. In the event that a small power producer and an electrical utility are unable to mutually agree on an avoided cost rate, the small power producer shall have the right to have any disputed issues resolved by the commission in a formal complaint proceeding. The commission may require mediation prior to a formal complaint proceeding.

(D) A small power producer shall have the right to sell the output of its facility to the electrical utility at the avoided cost rates and pursuant to the power purchase agreement then in effect by delivering an executed notice of commitment to sell form to the electrical utility. The commission shall approve a standard notice of commitment to sell form to be used for this purpose that provides the small power producer a reasonable period of time from its submittal of the form to execute a power purchase agreement. In no event, however, shall the small power producer, as a condition of preserving the pricing and terms and conditions established by its submittal of an executed commitment to sell form to the electrical utility, be required to execute a power purchase agreement prior to receipt of a final interconnection agreement from the electrical utility.

(E)(1) Electrical utilities shall file with the commission power purchase agreements entered into pursuant to PURPA, resulting from voluntary negotiation of contracts between an electrical utility and a small power producer not eligible for the standard offer.

(2) The commission is authorized to ~~open a generic docket for the purposes of creating programs~~ approve programs proposed by electrical utilities for the competitive procurement of energy and capacity from renewable energy facilities and, at the electrical utility's option, associated co-located energy storage ~~by an electrical utility~~ within the utility's balancing authority area if the commission determines such action to be in the public interest.

(3) In establishing standard offer and form contract power purchase agreements, the commission shall consider whether such power purchase agreements should prohibit any of the following:

(a) termination of the power purchase agreement, collection of damages from small power producers, or commencement of the term of a power purchase agreement prior to commercial operation, if delays in achieving commercial operation of the small power producer's facility are due to the electrical utility's interconnection delays; or

(b) the electrical utility reducing the price paid to the small power producer based on costs incurred by the electrical utility to respond to the intermittent nature of electrical generation by the small power producer.

(F)(1) Electrical utilities, subject to approval of the commission, shall offer to enter into fixed price power purchase agreements with small power producers for the purchase of energy and capacity at avoided cost, with commercially reasonable terms and a duration of ten years. The commission may also approve commercially reasonable fixed price power purchase agreements with a duration longer than ten years, which must contain additional terms, conditions, and/or rate structures as proposed by intervening parties and approved by the commission, including, but not limited to, a reduction in the contract price relative to the ten year avoided cost. Notwithstanding any other language to the contrary, the commission will make such a determination in proceedings conducted pursuant to subsection (A). The avoided cost rates applicable to fixed price power purchase agreements entered into pursuant to this item shall be based on the avoided cost rates and methodologies as determined by the commission pursuant to this section. The terms of this subsection apply only to those small power producers whose qualifying small power production facilities have active interconnection requests on file with the electrical utility prior to the effective date of this act. The commission may determine any other necessary terms and conditions deemed to be in the best interest of the ratepayers. This item is not intended, and shall not be construed, to abrogate small power producers' rights under PURPA that existed prior to the effective date of the act.

(2) Once an electrical utility has executed interconnection agreements and power purchase agreements with qualifying small power production facilities located in South Carolina with an aggregate nameplate capacity equal to twenty percent of the previous five-year average of the electrical utility's South Carolina retail peak load, that electrical utility shall offer to enter into fixed price power purchase agreements with small power producers for the purchase of energy and capacity at avoided cost, with the terms, conditions, rates, and terms of length for contracts as determined by the commission in a separate docket or in a proceeding conducted pursuant to subsection (A). The commission is expressly directed to consider the potential benefits of terms with a longer duration to promote the state's policy of encouraging renewable energy.

(3) Any electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and associated co-located energy storage facilities that have been approved by the commission pursuant to Section 58-41-25 that is open to qualifying small power production facilities within the electrical utility’s balancing authority area in South Carolina may competitively procure new

renewable energy capacity pursuant to that competitive solicitation process as a means of complying with the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. Further, the commission must establish a five-year term for energy purchased at administratively established avoided cost rates outside of competitive procurement of renewable energy resources, with the exception of voluntarily negotiated agreements to serve the public interest, for any electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and associated co-located energy storage facilities that has been approved by the commission if the commission determines that doing so will incentivize participation in the competitive procurement process.

(G) Nothing in this section prohibits the commission from adopting various avoided cost methodologies or amending those methodologies in the public interest.

(H) Unless otherwise agreed to between the electrical utility and the small power producer, a power purchase agreement entered into pursuant to PURPA may not allow curtailment of qualifying facilities in any manner that is inconsistent with PURPA or implementing regulations and orders promulgated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

~~(I) The commission is authorized to employ, through contract or otherwise, third-party consultants and experts in carrying out its duties under this section, including, but not limited to, evaluating avoided cost rates, methodologies, terms, calculations, and conditions under this section. The commission is exempt from complying with the State Procurement Code in the selection and hiring of a third-party consultant or expert authorized by this subsection. The commission shall engage, for each utility, a qualified independent third party to submit a report that includes the third party's independently derived conclusions as to that third party's opinion of each utility's calculation of avoided costs for purposes of proceedings conducted pursuant to this section. The qualified independent third party is subject to the same ex parte prohibitions contained in Chapter 3, Title 58 as all other parties. The qualified independent third party shall submit all requests for documents and information necessary to their analysis under the authority of the commission and the commission shall have full authority to compel response to the requests. The qualified independent third party's duty will be to the commission. Any conclusions based on the evidence in the record and included in the report are intended to be used by the commission along with all other evidence submitted during the proceeding to inform its ultimate decision setting the avoided costs for~~

~~each electrical utility. The utilities may require confidentiality agreements with the independent third party that do not impede the third-party analysis. The utilities shall be responsive in providing all documents, information, and items necessary for the completion of the report. The independent third party shall also include in the report a statement assessing the level of cooperation received from the utility during the development of the report and whether there were any material information requests that were not adequately fulfilled by the electrical utility. Any party to this proceeding shall be able to review the report including the confidential portions of the report upon entering into an appropriate confidentiality agreement. The commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff may not hire the same third-party consultant or expert in the same proceeding or to address the same or similar issues in different proceedings.~~

~~(J)~~ (I) Each electrical utility's avoided cost filing must be reasonably transparent so that underlying assumptions, data, and results can be independently reviewed and verified by the parties and the commission. The commission may approve any confidentiality protections necessary to allow for independent review and verification of the avoided cost filing.

SECTION 19.Chapter 41, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-41-25. (A) Unless an electrical utility makes an application pursuant to subsection (F) or (G), electrical utilities may file for commission approval of a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy facilities which may also include, at the utility's option, associated co-located energy storage facilities, also referred to as "eligible facilities", or purchase one-hundred percent of the output from such eligible facilities, including all energy, capacity, ancillary services, and environmental and renewable attributes. Eligible facilities may be located anywhere in the electrical utility's balancing authority area to meet needs for new generation and energy storage resources identified by the electrical utility's integrated resource plan and associated filings. The commission may not grant approval unless the commission finds and determines that the electrical utility satisfied the requirements of this section and the proposed program is just and reasonable and in the best interests of the electrical utility's customers.

(B) An electrical utility's competitive procurement program filed pursuant to this section must describe the solicitation process, eligibility criteria, timelines, bid evaluation methodology, and identify whether resources procured are intended to also service customer-directed

renewable energy procurement programs. The program must be designed to procure renewable energy facilities and at the utility's election, associated co-located energy storage resources, or the output of those facilities, subject to the following requirements:

(1) renewable energy facilities, and if applicable, energy storage resources, or their output, must be procured via a competitive solicitation process open to all market participants that meet minimum stated eligibility requirements;

(2) the electrical utility shall issue public notification of its intention to issue a competitive solicitation to procure renewable energy facilities and associated co-located energy storage facilities, if applicable, at least ninety days prior to the release of the solicitation, including identifying the proposed target procurement volume, procurement process, and timeline for administering the solicitation;

(3) renewable energy facilities eligible to participate in competitive procurement are those that use renewable generation resources identified in Section 58-39-120(F), which must also satisfy that electrical utility's capacity, energy, or operational needs, as identified by the electrical utility, and take into account the required operating characteristics of the needed capacity;

(4) energy storage facilities, if included by the electrical utility in the solicitation, must be associated equipment located at the same site as the renewable energy facility;

(5) electrical utilities may seek to ensure that their procurement of eligible facilities results in a reasonable balance of ownership of eligible facilities between such utility, including its affiliates and unrelated market participants, and may offer self-developed proposals. However, if an electrical utility or its affiliate seek to participate in the procurement, the electrical utility's program must include an independent evaluator to evaluate all bids offered and to ensure they are fairly and competitively evaluated. For purposes of this section, "independent evaluator" means an independent third party retained by the electrical utility that has no ownership in the electrical utility or a market participant and has the skills and experience necessary to oversee the solicitation process and provide the utility with an independent evaluation of all proposals for ultimate selection. At the conclusion of the solicitation, the independent evaluator shall report to the commission on the openness and fairness of the bid evaluation process and certify that the selection of proposals adhered to the evaluation methodology and requirement of the program.

(C) An electrical utility must make the following publicly available

at least forty-five days prior to each competitive solicitation:

(1) pro-forma contract to inform prospective market participants of the procurement terms and conditions for the output purchased by the electrical utility from eligible resources. The pro-forma contract must:

(a) provide for the purchase of renewable energy, capacity, and environmental and renewable attributes from renewable energy facilities owned and operated by third parties that commit to allow the procuring electrical utility rights to dispatch, operate, and control the solicited renewable energy facilities in the same manner as the electrical utility's own generating resources;

(b) include standardized and commercially reasonable requirements for contract performance security; and

(c) define limits and compensation for resource dispatch and curtailments.

In the event an electrical utility chooses to procure output from co-located storage, the pro-forma contract must also cover similar terms and conditions as specified herein for those eligible facilities.

(2) pro-forma agreements to govern the procurement of eligible facilities by the electrical utility from market participants;

(3) bid evaluation methodology that ensures all bids are treated equitably, including price and non-price evaluation criteria; and

(4) interconnection requirements, including specification of how bids without existing interconnection agreements will be treated for purposes of evaluation.

(D) After bids are submitted and evaluated, the electrical utility will elect the winning bids based upon the public evaluation methodology.

(E) An electrical utility shall file with the commission a public report summarizing the results of each competitive solicitation within thirty days of finalizing the contract with the winning bidder. The report must include, at a minimum, a summary of the bids received and an anonymized list of the project awards, including size, location, and average award price and tenor.

(F) Nothwithstanding the requirements in subsections (B) and (C), the results of all other competitive procurement programs undertaken by an electrical utility within its balancing authority area outside of South Carolina that will serve customers in the electrical utility's balancing authority area within South Carolina and are open to equal participation by eligible facilities located within South Carolina may be approved by the commission if the commission determines such programs enable economic, reliable, and safe operation of the electricity grid in a manner consistent with the public interest. For purposes of this section, "public

interest" shall also include the ability of customers to subscribe to customer programs which leverage the competitively procured solar and potential storage contemplated within this section. Any electrical utility that requests acceptance of a system-wide procurement pursuant to this section must demonstrate to the commission that the utility has adhered to subsection (D) as defined in that specific competitive procurement program and submit the post solicitation report to the commission, as required by subsection (E).

(G) The commission may determine that a competitive procurement program within an electrical utility's balancing authority area outside of South Carolina that serves customers in the utility's area within South Carolina and is open to equal participation by eligible facilities located within South Carolina satisfies the requirements of this section.

(H) Electrical utilities are permitted to recover costs incurred pursuant to this section, including reasonable and prudent administrative costs to develop and propose procurements under this section, and if approved by the commission, the costs resulting from such procurements through rates established pursuant to Section 58-27-865 or otherwise through rates established pursuant to Section 58-27-870. If the commission denies an application made pursuant to subsection (F) or (G) of this section, and the utility continues with the procurement, then the utility must allocate all costs and benefits associated with the resources being procured away from South Carolina customers.

(I) An electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and storage facilities that has been approved by the commission pursuant to Section 58-41-25 that is open to qualifying small power production facilities located in South Carolina may utilize such programs as means to satisfy its purchase obligations for avoidable capacity from qualifying small power production facilities under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, consistent with Section 58-41-20(F)(3).

SECTION 20.A.Section 58-33-20 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(10) The term "like facility" with reference to generation facilities and without limitation, includes a facility or facilities that are proposed to provide capacity on a site currently or previously used for siting electric generation that replaces the capacity of a facility or facilities that are being retired, downrated, mothballed, or dedicated to standby or emergency service at the same site, limited to facilities no more than 300 megawatts, so long as those new facilities will provide an amount of effective load-carrying capacity that in whole or in part will serve to

replace the capacity to be lost as a result of retirement, and includes associated transmission facilities needed to deliver power from that facility to customers. A "like facility" with reference to transmission facilities, and without limitation, includes any facility that represents the rebuilding, reconductoring, paralleling, increasing voltage, adding circuits or otherwise reconfiguring of an existing transmission line or other transmission facilities including, without limitation, projects to increase the capacity of such facilities, provided such facilities are: (a) located materially within a utility right of way or corridor; (b) located materially within a new right of way or corridor; or (c) substantially located on the property of a customer, prospective customer, or the State.

B. Section 58-33-20(2)(a) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) The term "major utility facility" means:

(a) electric generating plant and associated facilities designed for, or capable of, operation at a capacity of more than seventy-five megawatts or that requires a footprint of more than one hundred twenty-five acres of land.

SECTION 21. Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Article 3

Certification of Major Utility Facilities

Section 58-33-110. (1) No person shall commence to construct a major utility facility without first having obtained a certificate issued with respect to such facility by the Commission. The replacement of an existing facility with a like facility, as determined by the Commission, shall not constitute construction of a major utility facility. Upon application for a determination by the Commission that a proposed utility facility constitutes a like facility replacement, the Commission must issue a written order approving or denying the application within sixty days of filing. If the Commission fails to issue a written order within sixty days of the application's filing, the application shall be deemed as approved. Any facility, with respect to which a certificate is required, shall be constructed, operated and maintained in conformity with the certificate and any terms, conditions and modifications contained therein. A certificate may only be issued pursuant to this chapter; provided, however, any authorization relating to a major utility facility granted under other laws administered by the Commission shall constitute a certificate if the requirements of this chapter have been complied with in the proceeding leading to the granting of such authorization.

(2) A certificate may be transferred, subject to the approval of the

Commission, to a person who agrees to comply with the terms, conditions and modifications contained therein.

(3) A certificate may be amended.

(4) This chapter shall not apply to any major utility facility:

(a) the construction of which is commenced within one year after January 1, 1972; or

(b) for which, prior to January 1, 1972, an application for the approval has been made to any federal, state, regional, or local governmental agency which possesses the jurisdiction to consider the matters prescribed for finding and determination in subsection (1) of Section 58-33-160.

(c) for which, prior to January 1, 1972, a governmental agency has approved the construction of the facility and indebtedness has been incurred to finance all or part of the cost of such construction;

(d) which is a hydroelectric generating facility over which the ~~Federal Power Commission~~Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has licensing jurisdiction; or

(e) which is a transmission line or associated electrical transmission facilities constructed by the South Carolina Public Service Authority~~,~~: (i) for which construction either is commenced within one year after January 1, 2022~~,~~; ~~or~~ (ii) which is necessary to maintain system reliability in connection with the closure of the Winyah Generating Station, provided that such transmission is not for generation subject to this chapter; or (iii) which is necessary to serve an identified commercial or industrial customer to promote economic development or industry retention as determined by the South Carolina Public Service Authority and agreed to by the Office of Regulatory Staff where such agreement is documented in a letter by the Office of Regulatory Staff to the Public Utilities Review Committee and the commission.

(5) Any person intending to construct a major utility facility excluded from this chapter pursuant to subsection (4) of this section or Section 58-33-20(10) may elect to waive the exclusion by delivering notice of the waiver to the Commission. This chapter shall thereafter apply to each major utility facility identified in the notice from the date of its receipt by the Commission.

(6) The Commission shall have authority to waive the normal notice and hearing requirements of this chapter and to issue a certificate on an emergency basis if it finds that immediate construction of a major utility facility is justified by public convenience and necessity; provided, that the Public Service Commission shall notify all parties concerned under Section 58-33-140 prior to the issuance of such certificate; provided,

further, that the Commission may subsequently require a modification of the facility if, after giving due consideration to the major utility facility, available technology and the economics involved, it finds such modification necessary in order to minimize the environmental impact.

(7) The Commission shall have authority, where justified by public convenience and necessity, to grant permission to a person who has made application for a certificate under Section 58-33-120 to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging and construction.~~,~~ ~~provided,~~ ~~,~~ No permission from the Commission shall be required to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging, and initial construction of any facility which constitutes a component of the preferred generation plan in an integrated resource plan or update approved by the Commission pursuant to Chapter 37 of this title, or any like facility; provided that in engaging in such clearing, excavation, dredging or construction, the person shall proceed at his own risk, and such permission shall not in any way indicate approval by the Commission of the proposed site or facility.

(8)~~(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of item (7), and not limiting the provisions above, a person may not commence construction of a major utility facility for generation in the State of South Carolina without first having made a demonstration~~ In seeking a certificate, the applicant must provide credible information demonstrating that the facility to be built has been compared to other generation options in terms of cost, reliability, schedule constraints, fuel cost and availability, transmission constraints and costs, ancillary services capabilities, current and reasonably expected future environmental costs and restrictions, that the facility supports system efficiency and reliability in light of those considerations, and any other regulatory implications deemed legally or reasonably necessary for consideration by the commission. The commission is authorized to adopt rules for such evaluation of other generation options.

(b) The~~ commission may, upon a showing of a need, require a commission-approved process that includes~~ Office of Regulatory Staff may provide to the commission a report that includes any or all of the following:

(i) ~~the~~ an assessment of an unbiased independent evaluator retained by the Office of Regulatory Staff as to reasonableness of any certificate sought under this section for new generation;

(ii) a report from the independent evaluator to the commission regarding the transparency, completeness, and integrity of bidding processes, if any;

(iii) an assessment of whether there was a reasonable period for interested parties to review and comment on proposed requests for proposals, bid instructions, and bid evaluation criteria, if any, prior to finalization and issuance, subject to any trade secrets that could hamper future negotiations; however, the independent evaluator may access all such information;

~~(iv) independent evaluator access and review of final bid evaluation criteria and pricing information for any and all projects to be evaluated in comparison to the request for proposal bids received;~~

~~(v) access through discovery, subject to appropriate confidentiality, attorney-client privilege or trade secret restrictions, for parties to this proceeding to documents developed in preparing the certificate of public convenience and necessity application;~~

~~(vi)~~ (iv) ~~a demonstration that~~ an assessment of whether the facility is consistent with an integrated resource plan or update ~~approved by~~ previously filed with the commission or is otherwise justified by generation planning modeling comparable to that filed as part of the utility's integrated resource plan but updated with current data concerning system loads, fuel prices, environmental regulations, location-specific transmission costs, updated construction costs and updated construction timelines, updated costs of gas supply facilities, if any, and other relevant costs, schedules or inputs establishing that the facility in question supports system economy and reliability; and

~~(vii)~~ (v) an assessment detailing the treatment of utility affiliates ~~in the same manner~~ as compared to nonaffiliates participating in the request for proposal process, if any.

(9) The applicant may, but must not be required to, issue requests for proposals or otherwise conduct market procurement activities in support of the showings required pursuant to this chapter.

(10) Not withstanding any other provision in this section, an electrical utility serving customers in this state may seek a certificate of public convenience and necessity when building a major utility facility, as defined in Section 58-33-20(2), in another state but within the electrical utility's balancing area serving customers in South Carolina. In such a case, the provisions of Sections 58-33-120, 58-33-140, and 58-33-160(1)(b), (c), and (e) shall not apply, but all other requirements of this section affecting customers in this state shall apply. In addition:

(a) an applicant for a certificate shall file an application with the commission in such form as the commission may prescribe. The application must contain the following information:

(i) a description of the location and of the major utility facility

to be built;

(ii) a summary of any studies which have been made by or for the applicant of the environmental impact of the major utility facility;

(iii) a statement explaining the need for the major utility facility;

(iv) any other information the applicant may consider relevant or as the commission may by regulation require. A copy of the report referred to in item (8)(b) must be filed with the commission, if ordered by the commission, and shall be available for public information.

(b) The parties to a proceeding for a certificate pursuant to this section shall include:

(i) the applicant;

(ii) the Office of Regulatory Staff; and

(iii) intervenors with standing as approved by the commission.

(c) If the commission denies an application made pursuant to this section and the utility continues to build such major utility facility, the utility must allocate all costs and benefits associated with the major utility facility away from the utility's South Carolina customers.

Section 58-33-120. (1) An applicant for a certificate shall file an application with the commission, in such form as the commission may prescribe. The application must contain the following information:

(a) a description of the location and of the major utility facility to be built;

(b) a summary of any studies which have been made by or for applicant of the environmental impact of the facility;

(c) a statement explaining the need for the facility; and

(d) any other information as the applicant may consider relevant or as the commission may by regulation ~~or order~~ require. A copy of the study referred to in item (b) above shall be filed with the commission, if ordered, and shall be available for public information.

(2) Each application shall be accompanied by proof of service of a copy of the application on the Office of Regulatory Staff, the chief executive officer of each municipality, and the head of each state and local government agency, charged with the duty of protecting the environment or of planning land use, in the area in the county in which any portion of the facility is to be located. The copy of the application shall be accompanied by a notice specifying the date on or about which the application is to be filed.

(3) Each application also must be accompanied by proof that public notice was given to persons residing in the municipalities entitled to receive notice under subsection (2) of this section, by the publication of

a summary of the application, and the date on or about which it is to be filed, in newspapers of general circulation as will serve substantially to inform such persons of the application.

(4) Inadvertent failure of service on, or notice to, any of the municipalities, government agencies, or persons identified in subsections (2) and (3) of this section may be cured pursuant to orders of the commission designed to afford them adequate notice to enable their effective participation in the proceeding. In addition, the commission may, after filing, require the applicant to serve notice of the application or copies thereof, or both, upon such other persons, and file proof thereof, as the commission may deem appropriate.

(5) An application for an amendment of a certificate shall be in such form and contain such information as the commission shall prescribe. Notice of the application shall be given as set forth in subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

Section 58-33-130. (1) Upon the receipt of an application complying with Section 58-33-120, the Commission shall promptly fix a date for the commencement of a public hearing, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after the receipt, and ~~shall conclude the proceedings as expeditiously as practicable~~ complete the hearing and issue an order on the merits within one hundred eighty days of receipt of the application.

(2) The testimony presented at the hearing may be presented in writing or orally,– provided that the Commission may make rules designed to exclude repetitive, redundant or irrelevant testimony; however, all expert testimony must be prefiled with the Commission, with responsive expert testimony of non-applicants being received with enough time for the applicant to meaningfully respond, and in no case would expert testimony be filed less than twenty days before the hearing.

~~(2)~~(3) On an application for an amendment of a certificate, the Commission shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held on an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any significant increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of the facility; provided, that the Public Service Commission shall forward a copy of the application to all parties upon the filing of an application.

Section 58-33-140. (1) The parties to a certification proceeding shall include:

(a) the applicant;

(b) the Office of Regulatory Staff, the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Department of Natural Resources, and the

Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism;

(c) each municipality and government agency entitled to receive service of a copy of the application under subsection (2) of Section 58-33-120 if it has filed with the commission a notice of intervention as a party within thirty days after the date it was served with a copy of the application; and

(d) any person residing in a municipality entitled to receive service of a copy of the application under subsection (2) of Section 58-33-120, any domestic nonprofit organization, formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health, or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interest, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the facility is to be located; or any other person, if such a person or organization has petitioned the commission for leave to intervene as a party, within thirty days after the date given in the published notice as the date for filing the application, and if the petition has been granted by the commission for good cause shown.

(2) Any person may make a limited appearance in the sixty days after the date given in the published notice as the date for filing the application. No person making a limited appearance shall be a party or shall have the right to present oral testimony or argument or cross-examine witnesses.

(3) The commission may, in extraordinary circumstances for good cause shown, and giving consideration to the need for timely start of construction of the facility, grant a petition for leave to intervene as a party to participate in subsequent phases of the proceeding, filed by a municipality, government agency, person, or organization which is identified in paragraphs (b) or (c) of subsection (1) of this section, but which failed to file a timely notice of intervention or petition for leave to intervene, as the case may be.

Section 58-33-150. A record shall be made of ~~the~~any hearing and of all testimony taken and the cross-examination thereon. ~~Upon request of a party, either before or after the decision, a State agency which proposes to or does require a condition to be included in the certificate as provided for in Section 58-33-160 shall furnish for the record all factual findings, documents, studies, rules, regulations, standards, or other documentation, supporting the condition.~~ The Commission may provide for the consolidation of the representation of parties having similar interests.

Section 58-33-160. (1) The Commission shall render a decision

upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions or modifications of the construction, operation or maintenance of the major utility facility as the Commission may deem appropriate; such conditions shall be as determined by the applicable State agency having jurisdiction or authority under statutes, rules, regulations or standards promulgated thereunder, and the conditions shall become a part of the certificate. The Commission ~~may not~~must grant a certificate for the construction, operation and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the Commission, ~~unless it shall find and determine~~if it finds and determines that the applicant has shown:

(a) The basis of the need for the facility.

(b) The nature of the probable environmental impact.

(c) That the impact of the facility upon the environment is justified, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives and other pertinent considerations.

(d) That the facilities will serve the interests of system economy and reliability, and in the case of generating facilities, will do so considering reasonably available alternatives and their associated costs, risks, and operating attributes.

(e) That there is reasonable assurance that the proposed facility will conform to applicable State and local laws and regulations issued thereunder, including any allowable variance provisions therein, except that the Commission may refuse to apply any local law or local regulation if it finds that, as applied to the proposed facility, such law or regulation is unreasonably restrictive in view of the existing technology, or of factors of cost or economics or of the needs of consumers whether located inside or outside of the directly affected government subdivisions.

(f) That public convenience and necessity require the construction of the facility.

(2) If the Commission determines that the location of all or a part of the proposed facility should be modified, it may condition its certificate upon such modification, provided that the municipalities and persons residing therein affected by the modification shall have been given reasonable notice.

(3) A copy of the decision and any ~~opinion~~ order shall be served by the Commission upon each party.

Section 58-33-170. In rendering a decision on an application for a certificate, the Commission shall issue an ~~opinion~~order stating its reasons for the action taken. If the Commission has found that any

regional or local law or regulation, which would be otherwise applicable, is unreasonably restrictive pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of Section 58-33-160, it shall state in its ~~opinion~~ order the reasons therefor.

Section 58-33-180. (A)~~(1)~~ In addition to the requirements of Articles 1, 3, 5, and 7 of Chapter 33, Title 58, a certificate for the construction of a major utility facility shall be granted only if the Public Service Authority demonstrates and proves by a preponderance of the evidence and the commission finds:

~~(a)~~(1) the construction of a major utility facility constitutes a more cost-effective means for serving direct serve and wholesale customers than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives and provides less ratepayer risk while maintaining safe and reliable electric service than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives; and

~~(b)~~(2) energy efficiency measures; demand-side management; renewable energy resource generation; available long-term power supply alternatives, or any combination thereof, would not establish or maintain a more cost-effective and reliable generation system and that the construction and operation of the facility is in the public interest.

~~(2)~~(B) Available long-term power supply alternatives may include, but are not limited to, power purchase agreements, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof.

~~(3)~~(C) The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's resource and fuel diversity, reasonably anticipated future operating costs, arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

~~(B)~~(D)The Public Service Authority shall file an estimate of construction costs in such detail as the commission may require. ~~No certificate shall be granted unless the commission has approved the estimated construction costs and made a finding that construction will be consistent with the Authority's commission-approved plan for expansion of electric generating capacity.~~

Section 58-33-185. (A) The Public Service Authority may not ~~enter~~

~~into a contract for the acquisition of~~ acquire a major utility facility without approval of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, provided that the approval is required only to the extent the transaction is not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any other federal agency.

(B)(1) In acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section, the Public Service Authority must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the proposed transaction constitutes a more cost-effective means for serving direct serve and wholesale customers than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives and provides less ratepayer risk while maintaining safe and reliable electric service than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives. The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

(2) Available long-term power supply alternatives may include, but not be limited to, power purchase agreements of a different duration than proposed, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof.

(C) Application for the approval of the commission shall be made by the Public Service Authority and shall contain a concise statement of the proposed action, the reasons therefor, and such other information as may be required by the commission.

(D) Upon the receipt of an application, the commission shall promptly fix a date for the commencement of a public hearing, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after the receipt, and shall conclude the proceedings as expeditiously as practicable. The commission shall establish notice requirements and proceedings shall include an opportunity for intervention, discovery, filed comments or testimony, and an evidentiary hearing.

(E) The commission shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions or modifications as the commission may deem

appropriate.

(F)(1) The commission may not grant approval unless it shall find and determine that the Public Service Authority satisfied all requirements of this section and the proposed transaction is in the best interests of the retail and wholesale customers of the Public Service Authority.

(2) The commission also may require compliance with any provision of Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 that the commission determines necessary to grant approval.

Section 58-33-190. (1) The Public Service Authority may not enter into a contract for the purchase of power with a duration longer than ten years without approval of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, provided that the approval is required only to the extent the transaction is not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any other federal agency. This section does not apply to purchases of renewable power through a commission approved competitive procurement process.

(2) The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's resource and fuel diversity, reasonably anticipated future operating costs, arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power, and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

(3) The commission may not grant approval unless it shall find and determine that the proposed transaction is in the best interests of the retail and wholesale customers of the Public Service Authority.

SECTION 22. Section 58-37-40 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-40. (A) Electrical utilities, electric cooperatives, municipally owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority must each prepare an integrated resource plan. An integrated resource plan must be prepared and submitted at least every three years. Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring interstate natural gas companies whose rates and services are regulated only by the federal government or gas utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the commission to prepare and submit an integrated resource plan.

(1) Each electrical utility with one hundred thousand or more customer accounts and the Public Service Authority must submit its integrated resource plan to the commission. The integrated resource plan must be posted on the electrical utility's website and on the commission's

website.

(2) Electric cooperatives, electric utilities with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts, and municipally owned electric utilities shall each submit an integrated resource plan to the State Energy Office. Each integrated resource plan must be posted on the State Energy Office's website. If an electric cooperative, electric utility with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts, or municipally owned utility has a website, its integrated resource plan must also be posted on its website. For distribution~~,~~ electric cooperatives that are members of a cooperative that provides wholesale service, the integrated resource plan may be coordinated and consolidated into a single plan provided that nonshared resources or programs of individual distribution cooperatives are highlighted. Where plan components listed in subsection (B)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to a distribution or wholesale cooperative or a municipally owned electric utility as a result of the cooperative or the municipally owned electric utility not owning or operating generation resources, the plan may state that fact or refer to the plan of the wholesale power generator. Where plan components listed in subsection (B)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to an electrical utility with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts as a result of its own generation resources being comprised of more than seventy-five percent renewable energy or because it purchases wholesale load balancing generation services, then the plan may state that fact or refer to the plan of the wholesale power generator. For purposes of this section, a wholesale power generator does not include a municipally created joint agency if that joint agency receives at least seventy-five percent of its electricity from a generating facility owned in partnership with an electrical utility and that electrical utility:

(a) generally serves the area in which the joint agency's members are located; and

(b) is responsible for dispatching the capacity and output of the generated electricity.

(3) The South Carolina Public Service Authority shall submit its integrated resource plan to the commission. The Public Service Authority shall develop a public process allowing for input from all stakeholders prior to submitting the integrated resource plan. The integrated resource plan must be developed in consultation with the electric cooperatives and municipally owned electric utilities purchasing power and energy from the Public Service Authority and consider any feedback provided by retail customers and shall include the effect of demand-side management activities of the electric cooperatives and

municipally owned electric utilities that directly purchase power and energy from the Public Service Authority or sell power and energy generated by the Public Service Authority. The integrated resource plan must be posted on the commission's website and on the Public Service Authority's website.

(4)(a) In addition to the requirements of Section 58-37-40(B), the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan shall include an analysis of long-term power supply alternatives and enumerate the cost of various resource portfolios over various study periods including a twenty-year study period and, by comparison on a net present value basis, identify the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements while maintaining safe and reliable electric service.

(b) In addition to the requirements of Section 58-37-40(B), the commission shall review and evaluate the Public Service Authority's analysis of long-term power supply alternatives and various resource portfolios over various study periods including a twenty-year study period and, by comparison on a net present value basis, identify the most cost-effective and lowest ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements while maintaining safe and reliable electric service. The commission's evaluation shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) evaluating the cost-effectiveness and ratepayer-risk of self-build generation and transmission options compared with various long-term power supply alternatives, including power purchase agreements, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof. In evaluating and identifying the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio, the commission shall strive to reduce the risk to ratepayers associated with any generation and transmission options while maintaining safe and reliable electric service; and

(ii) an analysis of any potential cost savings that might accrue to ratepayers from the retirement of remaining coal generation assets.

(c) The Authority's integrated resource plan must provide the information required in Section 58-37-40(B) and must be developed in consultation with the electric cooperatives, including Central Electric Power Cooperative, and municipally owned electric utilities purchasing

power and energy from the Public Service Authority, and consider any feedback provided by retail customers and shall include the effect of demand-side management activities of the electric cooperatives, including Central Electric Power Cooperative, and municipally owned electric utilities that directly purchase power and energy from the Public Service Authority or sell power and energy generated by the Public Service Authority. The Integrated Resource Plan of the South Carolina Public Service Authority shall include and evaluate at least one resource portfolio, which will reflect the closure of the Winyah Generating Station by 2028, designed to provide safe and reliable electric service while meeting a net zero carbon emission goal by the year 2050.

(B)(1) An integrated resource plan shall include all of the following:

(a) a long-term forecast of the utility's sales and peak demand under various reasonable scenarios;

(b) the type of generation technology proposed for a generation facility contained in the plan and the proposed capacity of the generation facility, including fuel cost sensitivities under various reasonable scenarios;

(c) projected energy purchased or produced by the utility from a renewable energy resource;

(d) a summary of the electrical transmission investments planned by the utility;

(e) several resource portfolios developed with the purpose of fairly evaluating the range of demand-side, supply-side, storage, and other technologies and services available to meet the utility's service obligations. Such portfolios and evaluations must include an evaluation of low, medium, and high cases for the adoption of renewable energy and cogeneration, energy efficiency, and demand response measures, including consideration of the following:

(i) customer energy efficiency and demand response programs;

(ii) facility retirement assumptions; and

(iii) sensitivity analyses related to fuel costs, environmental regulations, and other uncertainties or risks;

(f) data regarding the utility's current generation portfolio, including the age, licensing status, and remaining estimated life of operation for each facility in the portfolio;

(g) plans for meeting current and future capacity needs with the cost estimates for all proposed resource portfolios in the plan;

(h) an analysis of the cost and reliability impacts of all reasonable options available to meet projected energy and capacity

needs~~; and~~

(i) a forecast of the utility's peak demand, details regarding the amount of peak demand reduction the utility expects to achieve, and the actions the utility proposes to take in order to achieve that peak demand reduction; and

(j) a report addressing updates to the utility's transmission plan under the utility's open-access transmission tariff pursuant to the federal jurisdiction planning process. In this report, the utility shall describe if applicable planned transmission improvements may enable specific siting of new resources or provide expected and planned impacts to other resource interconnection constraints or operations of the systems. The utility shall also describe how it evaluated alternate transmission technologies when developing solutions for identified transmission needs for interconnecting resources.

(2) An integrated resource plan may include distribution resource plans or integrated system operation plans.

(C)(1) The commission shall have a proceeding to review each electrical utility subject to subsection (A)(1) and the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan. As part of the integrated resource plan filing, the commission shall allow intervention by interested parties. The procedural schedule shall include dates for completion of each phase of discovery, including discovery related to the integrated resource plan as filed, direct testimony of the applicant, direct testimony of the Office of Regulatory Staff and other parties and intervenors, and rebuttal testimony of the applicant. Except upon showing exceptional circumstances, all discovery shall be served in time to allow its completion, but not less than ten days prior to the hearing. The commission shall establish a procedural schedule to permit reasonable discovery after an integrated resource plan is filed in order to assist parties in obtaining evidence concerning the integrated resource plan, including the reasonableness and prudence of the plan and alternatives to the plan raised by intervening parties. No later than three hundred days after an electrical utility files an integrated resource plan, the commission shall issue a final order approving, modifying, or denying the plan filed by the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority.

(2) The commission shall approve an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan if the commission determines that the proposed integrated resource plan represents the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's energy and capacity needs as of the time the plan is reviewed. ~~To determine whether the integrated resource plan~~

~~is the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting energy and capacity needs, the commission, in its discretion, shall consider whether the plan appropriately balances the following factors.~~ In reviewing an integrated resource plan, the commission shall give due consideration as to the resources and actions necessary for the utility to fulfill compliance and reliability obligations pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, the Southeastern Electric Reliability Council, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, as well as environmental requirements applicable to resources serving customers in this state. Matters related to the scope and sufficiency of an electrical utility's demand-side plans and activities shall be considered exclusively in proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 58-37-20. In reviewing an integrated resource plan, the commission shall focus its review on the decisions which the applicant must make in the near term based on the triennial integrated resource plan under consideration at the time and shall approve a plan if it finds that the plan appropriately balances the following factors:

(a) resource adequacy and capacity to serve anticipated peak electrical load, including the need for electric capacity and energy required to support economic development and industry retention in the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's service territory and to meet applicable planning reserve margins;

(b) consumer affordability and least reasonable cost, considering the resources needed to support economic development and industry retention, and other risks and benefits;

(c) compliance with applicable state and federal environmental regulations;

(d) power supply reliability;

(e) commodity price risks;

(f) diversity of generation supply; ~~and~~

(g) the efficiencies and optimum plans for any electrical utility system spanning state lines located within the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's balancing authority area; and

(h) other foreseeable conditions that the commission determines to be for the public's interest.

(3) In modifying or rejecting an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan, the commission shall only require revisions that are reasonably anticipated to materially change resource procurement decisions to be made on the basis of the integrated resource plan under review. If the commission modifies or rejects an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource

plan, the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority, within sixty days after the date of the final order, shall submit a revised plan addressing concerns identified by the commission and incorporating commission-mandated revisions to the integrated resource plan to the commission for approval. Within sixty days of the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's revised filing, the Office of Regulatory Staff shall review the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's revised plan and submit a report to the commission assessing the sufficiency of the revised filing. Other parties to the integrated resource plan proceeding also may submit comments. No later than sixty days after the Office of Regulatory Staff report is filed with the commission, the commission at its discretion may determine whether to accept the revised integrated resource plan or to mandate further remedies that the commission deems appropriate.

(4) The submission, review, and acceptance of an integrated resource plan by the commission, or the inclusion of any specific resource ~~or experience~~ in an accepted integrated resource plan, shall not be determinative of the reasonableness or prudence of the acquisition or construction of any resource or the making of any expenditure. An electrical utility shall retain the burden of proof to show that all of its investments and expenditures are reasonable and prudent when seeking cost recovery in rates.

(D)(1) An electrical utility and the Public Service Authority shall each submit annual updates to its integrated resource plan to the commission. An annual update must include an update to the electric utility's or the Public Service Authority's base planning assumptions relative to its most recently accepted integrated resource plan, including, but not limited to: energy and demand forecast, commodity fuel price inputs, renewable energy forecast, energy efficiency and demand-side management forecasts, changes to projected retirement dates of existing units, along with other inputs the commission deems to be for the public interest. The electrical utility's or Public Service Authority's annual update must describe the impact of the updated base planning assumptions on the selected resource plan.

(2) The Office of Regulatory Staff shall review each electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's annual update and submit a report within ninety days to the commission providing a recommendation concerning the reasonableness of the annual update. After reviewing the annual update and the Office of Regulatory Staff report, the commission may accept the annual update or direct the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority to make changes to the

annual update that the commission determines to be in the public interest within sixty days from the submittal of the Office of Regulatory Staff's report.

(E) Intervenors shall bear their own costs of participating in proceedings before the commission.

~~(E)~~(F) The commission is authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 23. Section 58-3-260 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-260. (A) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Proceeding" means a contested case, generic proceeding, or other matter to be adjudicated, decided, or arbitrated by the commission.

(2) "Person" means a party to a proceeding pending before the commission, a member of the Office of Regulatory Staff, a representative of a party to a proceeding pending before the commission, individuals, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, elected officials of state government, and other public and elected officials.

(3) "Communication" means the transmitting of information by any mode including, but not limited to, oral, written, or electronic.

(4) "Allowable ex parte communication briefing" means any communication that is conducted pursuant to the procedure outlined in subsection (C)(6) of this section.

(5) "Communication of supplemental legal citation" means the submission, subsequent to the submission of post-hearing briefs or proposed orders in a proceeding, of statutes, regulations, judicial or administrative decisions that are enacted, promulgated, or determined after the submission of post-hearing briefs or proposed orders.

(6) "Issue" means a specific request for relief or for other action from the commission in a pending or anticipated matter, legal or regulatory arguments, and policy considerations. "Issue" does not include:

(a) general information concerning the operations, administration, planning, projects, customer service, storms or storm response, accidents, outages, or investments of an entity regulated by the commission that is not confidential and proprietary and is available to the public; or

(b) any confidential information that affects energy security, such as physical or cybersecurity matters, provided that such information is also provided to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

Any communication pursuant to subitems (a) or (b) that does not

contain a specific request for relief or for other action from the commission in a pending matter or anticipated matter and is provided to the commission must be in writing and must be posted on the commission's website with any confidential information redacted.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided herein or unless required for the disposition of ex parte matters specifically authorized by law, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee shall not communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any issue that is an issue in any proceeding or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in any proceeding with any person without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate in the communication, nor shall any person communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any issue that is an issue in any proceeding or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in any proceeding with any commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate in the communication.

(2) Commissioners must limit their consideration of matters before them to the record presented by the parties and may not rely on material not presented in the record by the parties.

(C) The following communications are exempt from the prohibitions of subsection (B) of this section:

(1) a communication concerning compliance with procedural requirements if the procedural matter is not an area of controversy in a proceeding;

(2) statements made by a commission employee who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in formulating a decision, rule, or order in a proceeding, where the statements are limited to providing publicly available information about pending proceedings;

(3) inquiries relating solely to the status of a proceeding, unless the inquiry: (a) states or implies a view as to the merits or outcome of the proceeding; (b) states or implies a preference for a particular party or which states why timing is important to a particular party; (c) indicates a view as to the date by which a proceeding should be resolved; or (d) is otherwise intended to address the merits or outcome or to influence the timing of a proceeding;

(4) a communication made by or to commission employees that concerns judicial review of a matter that has been decided by the commission and is no longer within the commission's jurisdiction; however, if the matter is remanded to the commission for further action, the provisions of this section shall apply during the period of the remand;

(5) where circumstances require, ex parte communications for

scheduling, administrative purposes, or emergencies that do not deal with substantive matters or issues on the merits are authorized provided:

(a) the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee reasonably believes that no party will gain a procedural or tactical advantage as a result of the ex parte communication; and

(b) the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee makes provision promptly to notify all other parties of the substance of the ex parte communication and, where possible, allows an opportunity to respond;

(6)(a) subject to the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 30, communications, directly or indirectly, regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding for the purposes of an allowable ex parte communication briefing if:

~~(i) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee attends the briefing and files a written certification, within seventy-two hours of the briefing, attaching copies of all statements and all other matters filed by all persons pursuant to subsubitems (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this subsection, with the chief clerk of the commission that such briefing was conducted in compliance with the provisions of this section and that each party, person, commissioner, or commission employee present has complied with the reporting and certification requirements of subsubitems (ii), (iii), and (iv); and within twenty-four hours of the submission by the executive director, the commission posts on its web site the written certification, statements, and other matters filed by the executive director;~~

~~(ii) each party, person, commissioner, and commission employee present files a written, certified statement with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff within forty-eight hours of the briefing accurately summarizing the discussions in full and attaching copies of any written materials utilized, referenced, or distributed;~~

~~(iii) each party, person, commissioner, and commission employee present, within forty-eight hours of the briefing, files a certification with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff that~~

(i) in the course of such briefing, no commissioner or commission employee shall make any~~no~~ commitment, predetermination, or prediction of any commissioner's action as to any ultimate or penultimate issue or any commission employee's opinion or recommendation as to any ultimate or penultimate issue in any proceeding, ~~was requested by any person or party~~ nor shall any person

request any commitment, predetermination, or prediction ~~was~~to be given by any commissioner or commission employee as to any commission action or commission employee opinion or recommendation on any ultimate or penultimate issue;

(ii) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee must attend the briefing and certify that the commissioners and commission employees complied with the provisions in subitem (i);

~~(iv)~~(iii) each commissioner or commission employee present at the allowable ex parte communication briefing grants to every other party or person requesting an allowable ex parte communication briefing on the same or similar matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding, similar access and a reasonable opportunity to communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding under the provisions of subsection (C)(6) of this section and files a written, certified statement with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff within forty-eight hours of the briefing stating that the commissioner or commission employee will comply with this provision;

~~(v)~~(iv) the commission ~~posts~~ must post on its web site, at least five business days prior to the proposed briefing, a notice of each request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing that includes the date and time of the proposed briefing, the name of the person or party who requested the briefing, the name of each commissioner and commission employee whom the person or party has requested to brief, and the subject matter to be discussed at the briefing;

(v) the commission must post on its web site within three business days after the briefing, all nonconfidential materials and documents provided to the commission as part of the ex parte briefing and a statement signed by the chief clerk of the commission that the provisions of this subsection have been followed, including the justification for actions taken to preserve the confidentiality of any confidential information provided to the commission;

(vi) the person or party initially seeking the briefing ~~requests~~must request the briefing with sufficient notice, as required in subsubitem ~~(v)~~(iv), to allow the initial briefing to be held at least twenty business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding at which the matter that is the subject of the briefing is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, and the initial briefing must be held at least twenty business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding; and

(vii) any person or party desiring to have a briefing on the same or similar matter as provided for in subsubitem (vi) shall be entitled to request ~~requests~~ a briefing so long as the request is made with sufficient time for notice, as required in subsubitem ~~(v)~~(iv), to allow the briefing to be held at least ten business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding at which the matter that is the subject of the briefing is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, and any such briefing must be held at least ten business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding;

~~(b) any person or party may object to the attendance of the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff at an allowable ex parte communication briefing on the grounds of bias or a conflict of interest on the part of the executive director. Any such objection must be made in writing and must be filed with the executive director no later than twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled briefing. If the objecting person or party and the executive director agree upon a neutral person, that person shall serve in the executive director's stead and shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the executive director contained in subsubitem (i) and the executive director shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii). The costs of such person's services shall be charged to the party requesting the briefing and may be an allowable cost of the proceedings. If the objecting person or party and the executive director cannot agree upon a neutral person, the objecting person or party shall petition the Administrative Law Court for the appointment of a neutral person to serve in the executive director's stead, and the petition shall be given priority over all other matters within the jurisdiction of the Administrative Law Court. In the petition, the objecting party shall set forth the specific grounds supporting the objecting person's or party's allegation of bias or conflict on the part of the executive director and shall generally describe the matters to be discussed at the briefing. It shall not be sufficient grounds that the executive director is or is likely to be a party to a proceeding. The executive director shall be given an opportunity to respond. Part of the executive director's response shall include recommendations as to the experience required of the person to act in his stead. Upon a showing of actual bias or conflict of interest, the administrative law judge shall designate a person to act in the executive director's stead and that person shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the executive director contained in subsubitem (i) and the executive director shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii). Such person must have the expertise to act in the executive director's stead. The decision~~

~~of the administrative law judge shall be considered interlocutory and not immediately appealable and may be appealed with the final order of the commission. The costs of such person's services shall be charged to the party requesting the briefing and may be an allowable cost of the proceedings;~~

~~(c) should the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff desire to conduct an allowable ex parte communication briefing, the chief clerk of the commission shall appoint a neutral person who shall serve in the executive director's stead and that person shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff contained in subsubitem (i). The Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii);~~

~~(d)~~(b) nothing in subsection (C)(6) of this section requires any commissioner or commission employee to grant a request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing, except as provided in subsection (C)(6)(a)~~(iv)~~(iii) of this section;

(7) a communication of supplemental legal citation if the party files copies of such documents, without comment or argument, with the chief clerk of the commission and simultaneously provides copies to all parties of record;

(8) subject to the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 30, communications between and among commissioners regarding matters pending before the commission; provided, further, that any commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee may receive aid from commission employees if the commission employees providing aid do not:

(a) receive ex parte communications of a type that the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee would be prohibited from receiving; or

(b) furnish, augment, diminish, or modify the evidence in the record.

(D) If before serving in a proceeding, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee receives an ex parte communication of a type that may not properly be received while serving, the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee must disclose the communication in the following manner: a commissioner, hearing officer, or a commission employee who receives an ex parte communication in violation of this section must promptly after receipt of the communication or, in the case of a communication prior to a filing, as soon as it is known to relate to a filing, place on the record of the

matter all written and electronic communications received, all written and electronic responses to the communications, and a memorandum stating the substance of all oral communications received, all responses made, and the identity of each person from whom the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee, as appropriate, received an ex parte communication and must advise all parties that these matters have been placed on the record. Within ten days after receipt of notice of the ex parte communication, any party who desires to rebut the contents of the communication must request and shall be granted the opportunity to rebut the contents. Parties affected by a violation may agree to a resolution of any claim regarding such violation, including the waiver of a hearing and the waiver of the obligation to report violations under subsection (I) of this section.

(E) Any person who makes an inadvertent ex parte communication must, as soon as it is known to relate to an issue in a proceeding, disclose the communication by placing on the record of the matter the communication made, if written or electronic, or a memorandum stating the substance of an inadvertent oral communication, and the identity of each person to whom the inadvertent ex parte communication was made or given. Within ten days after receipt of notice of the ex parte communication, any party who desires to rebut the contents of the communication must request and shall be granted the opportunity to rebut the contents. If no party rebuts the inadvertence of the ex parte communication within ten days after notice of the ex parte communication, the ex parte communication shall be presumed inadvertent. Parties affected by a violation may agree to a resolution of any claim regarding such violation, and the provisions of subsection (J) of this section shall not apply.

(F) If necessary to eliminate the effect of an ex parte communication received in violation of this section, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee who receives the communication may be disqualified by the commission, and the portions of the record pertaining to the communication may be sealed by protective order.

(G) Nothing in this section alters or amends Section 1-23-320(i).

(H) Nothing in this section prevents a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee from:

(1) attending educational seminars sponsored by state, regional, or national organizations and seminars not affiliated with any utility regulated by the commission; however, the provisions of this section shall apply to any communications that take place outside any formal

sessions of any seminars or group presentations; or

(2) conducting a site visit of a utility facility under construction or attending educational tours of utility plants or other facilities provided:

(a) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee also attends the site visit or educational tour;

(b) a summary of the discussion is produced and posted on the commission's website, along with copies of any written materials utilized, referenced, or distributed; and

(c) each party, person, commission, and commission employee who participated in the site visit or educational tour, within forty-eight hours of the site visit or educational tour, files a certification with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff that no commitment, predetermination, or prediction of any commissioner's action as to any ultimate or penultimate issue or any commission employee's opinion or recommendation as to any ultimate or penultimate issue in any proceeding was requested by any person or party, nor any commitment, predetermination, or prediction was given by any commissioner or commission employee as to any commission action or commission employee opinion or recommendation on any ultimate or penultimate issue.

(I) Subject to any privilege under Rule 501 of the South Carolina Rules of Evidence, any commissioner, hearing officer, commission employee, party, or any other person must report any wilful violation of this section on the part of a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee to the review committee.

(J) Any commissioner, hearing officer, commission employee, or person who wilfully violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months. If a commissioner wilfully communicates with any party or person or if any person or party wilfully communicates with a commissioner regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding less than ten business days prior to the scheduled hearing on the merits, during the hearing or after the hearing but prior to the issuance of a final order, including an order on rehearing, in a proceeding where such facts, law, or other matter is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, the commissioner shall be removed from office. If a hearing officer or commission employee wilfully communicates with any party or person or any party or person wilfully communicates with a hearing officer or commission employee

regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding less than ten days prior to the scheduled hearing on the merits, during the hearing or after the hearing but prior to the issuance of a final order, including an order on rehearing, in a proceeding where such facts, law, or other matter is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, the hearing officer or commission employee shall be terminated from employment by the commission. For purposes of this section: (1) "wilful" means an act done voluntarily and intentionally with the specific intent to do something the law forbids, or with specific intent to fail to do something the law requires to be done, that is to say with bad purpose either to disobey or disregard the law, and (2) a violation of the provisions of this section must be proved by clear and convincing evidence before a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee can be removed from office or terminated from employment.

SECTION 24. Section 58-3-270(E) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(E) The administrative law judge assigned to the ex parte communication complaint proceeding by the Administrative Law Court may issue an order tolling any deadlines imposed by any state statute for a decision by the commission on the proceeding that is the subject of the ex parte communication complaint but only to the extent that the allegations of the complaint are verified and if found to be true would indicate that the proceeding was prejudiced to the extent that the commission is unable to consider the matter in the proceeding impartially. The administrative law judge assigned to the ex parte communication complaint proceeding by the Administrative Law Court must conduct a hearing and must issue a decision within sixty days after the complaint is filed.

SECTION 25. The General Assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(1) the economic and financial well-being of South Carolina and its citizens depends upon continued economic development and industry retention and opportunities for job attraction and retention; and

(2) the cost of electricity and the availability of clean energy sources for electricity are important factors in the decision for a commercial and industrial entity to locate, expand, or maintain their existing establishments in South Carolina; and

(3) competitive electric rates, terms, and conditions, and the ability to utilize clean energy sources for electric power generation are necessary to attract prospective commercial or industrial entities to invest in South Carolina and to encourage and incent robust economic

development growth and industry retention in this State; and

(4) electrical utilities are critical economic development and industry retention partners for South Carolina by offering affordable power that has helped to attract jobs and associated development.

Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 43

Economic Development Rates

Section 58-43-10. Unless otherwise specified, for purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Public Service Commission.

(2) "Contract" has the same meaning as the term is used in Section 58-27-980.

(3) "Electrical utility" has the same meaning as provided in Section 58-27-10(7).

(4) "Marginal cost" means the electrical utility's marginal cost for producing energy.

(5) "Qualifying customer" means either:

(a) an existing commercial or industrial customer with a combined firm and interruptible contract demand greater than 20 megawatts that agrees to a new or extended electric service contract with a term of five years of more; or

(b) a commercial or industrial customer that agrees to locate its operations in South Carolina or expands its existing establishment, and such location or expansion results in the minimum of:

(i) 500 kilowatts at one point of delivery;

(ii) fifty new employees; and

(iii) capital investment for $400,000 following the electrical utility's approval for service.

(6) "Rate proposal" means a written document that identifies the rates, terms, and conditions for electric service offered by an electrical utility to a prospective customer.

(7) "Renewable energy facility" means a solar array or other facility constructed by or on behalf of a qualifying customer for the exclusive purpose of supplementing electrical power generation from a renewable energy source for its economic development location, expansion, or retention.

(8) "Transformational customer" means a commercial or industrial customer that agrees to locate its operations in South Carolina or expand its existing establishment, and such location or expansion results in the addition of a minimum of:

(a) 50 megawatts at one point of delivery;

(b) 500 new employees;

(c) capital investment of $100,000,000 following the electrical utility's approval for service; and

(d) who is designated by the South Carolina Department of Commerce as a business which will bring substantial benefit to the economy of South Carolina and its citizens, such that it is in the public interest to have such transformational customer located in this State.

Section 58-43-20. (A) When considering whether the rates, terms, and conditions negotiated with economic development prospects are just and reasonable, the commission shall give full weight and consideration to the economic development benefits to the electrical utility's customers that result from prospective commercial or industrial entities locating or expanding their activities in South Carolina.

(B) Nothwithstanding any other provision of law, an electrical utility may provide the South Carolina Department of Commerce or a prospective qualifying customer or transformational customer with a rate proposal containing terms and conditions to incentivize the prospective customer to make capital investments and employ additional workforce in the electrical utility's service territory. The rate proposal initially provided by an electrical utility may differ from the final contract, rate, terms, and conditions with the qualifying customer or transformational customer.

(C) An electrical utility may offer special rates, terms, and conditions to a qualifying customer or transformational customer, including rates that are lower than the rates that the customer otherwise would be charged. The agreement with the customer must be for a term not exceeding ten years and the electrical utility may offer the customer interruptible and real-time pricing options and riders for other clean energy attributes which may support the qualifying customer's or transformational customer's needs. However, rates for qualifying customers may not be lower than the electrical utility's marginal cost of providing service to the customer and rates for transformational customers may not be lower than twenty-five percent less than the electrical utility's marginal cost of providing service to the customer.

(D) Rates, terms, and conditions negotiated with qualifying and transformational customers shall be deemed just and reasonable if:

(1) for qualifying customers, the terms of this section are met;

(2) for transformational customers, the commission determines that:

(a) the economic development rate offered significantly impacts the customer's decision to locate or expand in South Carolina;

(b) the financial value realized by the electrical utility's system from the transformational customer being on the electrical utility's system for ten years is greater than or equal to the financial value of the rate incentive given to the transformational customer;

(c) measures have been taken to avoid or reduce cross-customer class subsidization; and

(d) the consequences of offering the economic development rate are beneficial to the system as a whole considering all customer classes.

The commission must either approve or deny an application pursuant to this section within sixty days.

(E) Nothing in this chapter shall otherwise restrict the commission's authority to regulate rates and charges or review contracts entered into pursuant to this section or to otherwise supervise the operations of electrical utilities.

(F) The construction of a proposed renewable energy facility by or on behalf of a qualifying customer to support electric power generation at its location must comply with federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.

(G) Consistent with federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, the electrical utility may expedite interconnection of a proposed renewable energy facility to be constructed by a qualifying or transformational customer to support electrical power generation at its location where high-quality and reliable electric service are not adversely impacted.

(H) In the event a qualifying customer or transformational customer leaves this State or terminates its operations in this State during the ten-year contract period, such customer must reimburse the electrical utility and its customers the difference between standard rates and the rates paid during the term of the agreement between the electrical utility and its customers.

(I) For facilities designated as high priority sites by the South Carolina Department of Commerce, an electrical utility may enter into agreements to provide energy infrastructure to such sites if the South Carolina Department of Commerce determines it will increase the probability of attracting transformational customers to this State. Costs of such infrastructure shall be accounted for and recorded as an element of rate base for inclusion in general rates by the electrical utility provided the commission finds such costs are reasonable and prudent and shall not include a rate of return until the facilities are placed into service for a customer.

(J) An electrical utility shall not be required to adjust its cost of service in a rate proceeding as a result of a rate, agreement, or infrastructure provided pursuant to this section in any matter that would impute revenue at a level higher than received by the electrical utility from a qualifying customer or transformational customer or would otherwise reduce the electrical utility's revenue as a result of entering into contracts with qualifying customers or transformational customers pursuant to this section.

(K) If an electrical utility offers special rates, terms, and conditions to a qualifying customer or a transformational customer, any electrical utility in South Carolina may also offer all directly competing existing customers in its service territory in this state with similar special rates, terms, and conditions at the time the agreement is entered into with the qualifying customer or transformational customer to the extent the directly competing existing customer is able to substantiate its status as a directly competing existing customer. For purposes of this section, customers are "directly competing" if they make the same end-product, or offer the same service, for the same general group of customers. Customers that only produce component parts of the same end-product are not directly competing customers.

SECTION 26. Sections 58-33-310 and 58-33-320 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 58-33-310. Any party may appeal, in accordance with Section 1-23-380, from all or any portion of any final order or decision of the commission, including conditions of the certificate required by a state agency under Section 58-33-160 as provided by Section 58-27-2310. ~~Any appeals may be called up for trial out of their order by either party.~~ Any final order on the merits issued pursuant to this chapter shall be immediately appealable to the Supreme Court of South Carolina, without petition for rehearing or reconsideration. The Supreme Court shall provide for expedited briefing and hearing of the appeal in preference to all other nonemergency matters. The commission must not be a party to an appeal.

Section 58-33-320. Except as expressly set forth in Section 58-33-310, no court of this State shall have jurisdiction to hear or determine any issue, case, or controversy concerning any matter which was or could have been determined in a proceeding before the commission under this chapter or to stop or delay the construction, operation, or maintenance of a major utility facility, except to enforce compliance with this chapter or the provisions of a certificate issued hereunder, and any such action shall be brought only by the Office of Regulatory Staff.

Provided, however, that subject to Section 58-33-175, nothing herein contained shall be construed to abrogate or suspend the right of any individual or corporation not a party to maintain any action which he might otherwise have been entitled.

SECTION 27. Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-160. (A)(1) The Office of Regulatory Staff must conduct a study to evaluate the potential costs and benefits of the various administrator models for energy efficiency programs and other demand-side management programs funded by, or potentially funded by, electrical utilities in this State. This study must be conducted on each electrical utility in this State. For purposes of this section, administrator models for energy efficiency programs shall include the following models: utility administrator, state or government agency administrator, an independent third-party administrator, and a hybrid administrator.

(2) For purposes of this section only, "electrical utility" means an investor-owned electrical utility that serves more than 100,000 customers in this State.

(B) This study must consider which administrator model would most meaningfully improve programs offered by the electrical utility.

(C) The study must also evaluate which administrator model offers the best opportunities to increase cost and energy savings, improve the quality of services rendered, reduce ratepayer costs, or more effectively serve low-income customers, within a program portfolio that is cost effective overall, as compared to similar program administration by individual electrical utilities, or to increase the cost effectiveness of energy efficiency program portfolios. This study must consider, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) whether third-party administration subject to a pay for performance contract and independent third-party evaluation, measurement, and verification could reduce administrative costs, as compared to separate administration of energy efficiency programs by individual electrical utilities;

(2) whether a system benefit charge or other funding or financing mechanism would more efficiently, effectively, and fairly fund energy efficiency and other demand side management programs through an administrator;

(3) which administrator model provides the best mechanism to increase ratepayer energy savings in the case of electrical utilities that have experienced lower historical performance in terms of annual and cumulative energy savings as a percentage of retail sales;

(4) which administrator model provides the best mechanism to increase ratepayer energy savings in the case of electrical utilities that have experienced high historical performance in terms of annual and cumulative energy savings as a percentage of retail sales;

(5) the legal and practical implications of implementing the various administrator models for an electrical utility with a multistate balancing authority area;

(6) which administrator model could most enhance an electrical utility's delivery of nonenergy benefits, such as resiliency, reliability, health, economic development, industry retention, energy security, and pollution reduction; and

(7) which administrator model could most effectively pursue nonratepayer funding including, but not limited to, federal, state, or local governmental support, as a means of either reducing reliance of ratepayer funds or increasing the scope, reach, or effectiveness of energy efficiency and demand side management programs.

(D) This study must be conducted with public input from stakeholders through written comments and at least one public forum.

(E) The Office of Regulatory Staff is authorized to retain the services of an expert or consultant with expertise and experience in the successful implementation of energy efficiency administrator programs. The Office of Regulatory Staff is exempt from the procurement code for the purposes of retaining services for this study.

(F) The provisions of this section are subject to funding. However, the Office of Regulatory Staff must initiate the study within one year from receipt of necessary funding and complete its report within six months. Upon completion of this study, the Office of Regulatory Staff must provide its report to the General Assembly and the commission. This report may include a recommendation as to which administrator model should be established for each electrical utility, draft legislation, and requirements that should be established.

SECTION 28. Section 58-37-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-10. As used in this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1) "Demand-side activity" or "demand-side management program" means a program conducted or proposed by a producer, supplier, or distributor of energy for the reduction or more efficient use of energy requirements of the producer's, supplier's, or distributor's customers, through measures, including, but not limited to, conservation and energy efficiency, load management, cogeneration, and renewable energy technologies.

(2) “Integrated resource plan” means a plan which contains the demand and energy forecast for at least a fifteen-year period, contains the supplier's or producer's program for meeting the requirements shown in its forecast in an economic and reliable manner, including both demand-side and supply-side options, with a brief description and summary cost-benefit analysis, if available, of each option which was considered, including those not selected, sets forth the supplier's or producer's assumptions and conclusions with respect to the effect of the plan on the cost and reliability of energy service, and describes the external environmental and economic consequences of the plan to the extent practicable. For electrical utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, this definition must be interpreted in a manner consistent with the integrated resource planning requirements pursuant to Section 58-37-40 and any process adopted by the commission. For electric cooperatives subject to the regulations of the Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~Utilities Service, this definition must be interpreted in a manner consistent with any integrated resource planning process prescribed by Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~ Utilities Service regulations.

(3) “Cost-effective” means that the net present value of benefits of a program or portfolio exceeds the net present value of the costs of the program or portfolio. A cost-effective program or portfolio must pass any two of the following tests:

(a) utility cost test;

(b) total resource cost test;

(c) participant cost test; or

(d) ratepayer impact measure test.

In evaluating the cost-effectiveness of a program or portfolio, a utility or program administrator must present the results of all four tests. In calculating cost-effectiveness, a utility must use a standard utility practice for determining the percentage of energy savings that would or would not have been achieved through customer adoption of an efficiency behavior or technology without any incentive allowed pursuant to this chapter to install and utilize the technology as part of the associated demand-side management program. The utility must designate the expected useful life of the measure and evaluate the costs and benefits of the measures over their useful lives in the program application based on industry-accepted standards. Further, in calculating the cost-effectiveness, the commission must consider the efficiencies and scale of programs that are or may be available across a utility’s balancing area, even if that balancing area extends outside of the state.

(4) "Demand-side management pilot program" means a demand-side management program that is of limited scope, cost, and duration and that is intended to determine whether a new or substantially revised program or technology would be cost-effective.

SECTION 29. Section 58-37-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-20. (A) The General Assembly declares that expanding utility investment in and customer access to cost-effective demand-side management programs will result in more efficient use of existing resources, promote lower energy costs, mitigate the increasing need for new generation and associated resources, and assist customers in managing their electricity usage to better control their electric bill, and is therefore in the public interest.

(B) The commission may approve any program filed by a public utility if the program is found to be cost-effective. Furthermore, the commission may, in its discretion, approve any program filed by a public utility that is not cost-effective, so long as the proposed demand-side management program is targeted to low-income customers, provided that the public utility's portfolio of demand-side management programs is cost-effective as a whole.

(C) The South Carolina Public Service Commission ~~may~~ must adopt procedures that ~~encourage~~ require electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the commission to plan for and invest in all reasonable, prudent, and available energy efficiency and demand-side resources that are cost-effective energy efficient technologies and energy conservation programs in an amount to be determined by the commission. If an electrical utility fails to meet the requirements of this section as determined by the commission, the commission is authorized to appoint a third-party administrator to carry out the residential low-income energy efficiency duties pursuant to this section on behalf of the electrical utility if the commission determines that having such a third-party administrator is in the public interest and consistent with law. Upon notice and hearings that the commission may require, the commission may issue rules, regulations, or orders pursuant to this chapter to implement applicable programs and measures under this section. If adopted, these procedures must: provide incentives and cost recovery for energy suppliers and distributors who invest in energy supply and end-use technologies that are cost-effective, environmentally acceptable, and reduce energy consumption or system or local coincident peak demand; allow energy suppliers and distributors to recover costs and obtain a reasonable rate of return on their investment in qualified

demand-side management programs sufficient to make these programs at least as financially attractive as construction of new generating facilities; require the Public Service Commission to establish rates and charges that ensure that the net income of an electrical or gas utility regulated by the commission after implementation of specific cost-effective energy conservation measures is at least as high as the net income would have been if the energy conservation measures had not been implemented. ~~For purposes of this section only, the term "demand-side activity" means a program conducted by an electrical utility or public utility providing gas services for the reduction or more efficient use of energy requirements of the utility or its customers including, but not limited to, utility transmission and distribution system efficiency, customer conservation and efficiency, load management, cogeneration, and renewable energy technologies.~~

(D) Each investor-owned electrical utility must submit an annual report to the commission describing the demand-side management programs implemented by the electrical utility in the previous year, provided the program has been operational for a reasonable period of time, as well as the results of such programs. The commission may require certain information including, but not limited to:

(1) achieved savings levels from the utility's portfolio of programs in the prior year, reported as a percentage of the utility's annual sales;

(2) program expenditures, including incentive payments;

(3) peak demand and energy savings impacts and the techniques used to estimate those impacts;

(4) avoided costs and the techniques used to estimate those costs;

(5) estimated cost-effectiveness of the demand-side management programs;

(6) a description of economic benefits of the demand-side management programs;

(7) the number of customers eligible to opt-out of the electrical utility's demand-side management programs, the percentage of those customers that opted-out in the previous year, and the annual sales associated with those opt-out customers; and

(8) any other information required by the commission.

(E) To ensure prudent investments by an electrical utility in energy efficiency and demand response, as compared to potential investments in generation, transmission, distribution, and other supply related utility equipment and resources, the commission must review each investor-owned electrical utility's portfolio of demand-side management

programs on at least a triennial basis to align the review of that utility's integrated resource plan pursuant to Section 58-37-40. The commission is authorized to order modifications to an electrical utility's demand-side management portfolio, including program budgets, if the commission determines that doing so in the public interest.

(F) The provisions of subsections (C), (D), and (E) do not apply to an electrical utility that serves less than 100,000 customers in this State.

SECTION 30. Section 58-37-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-30. (A) The South Carolina Public Service Commission must report annually to the General Assembly on available data regarding the past, on-going, and projected status of demand-side ~~activities~~management programs and purchase of power from qualifying facilities, as defined in the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, by electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

(B) Electric cooperatives providing resale or retail services, municipally-owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority shall report annually to the State Energy Office on available data regarding the past, on-going, and projected status of demand-side ~~activities~~management programs and purchase of power from qualifying facilities. For electric cooperatives, submission to the State Energy Office of a report on demand-side ~~activities~~management programs in a format complying with then current Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~ Utilities Service regulations constitutes compliance with this subsection. An electric cooperative providing resale services may submit a report in conjunction with and on behalf of any electric cooperative which purchases electric power and energy from it. The State Energy Office must compile and submit this information annually to the General Assembly.

(C) The State Energy Office may provide forms for the reports required by this section to the Public Service Commission and to electric cooperatives, municipally-owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority. The office shall strive to minimize differing formats for reports, taking into account the reporting requirements of other state and federal agencies. For electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the commission, the reporting form must be in a format acceptable to the commission.

SECTION 31.Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-37-35. (A) An electrical utility may propose programs

and customer incentives to encourage or promote demand-side management programs whereby a customer uses a customer-sited distributed energy resource, as defined in Section 58-39-120(C), or combination of such resources, to: (1) reduce the customer's electric consumption or demand from the electric grid, or (2) beneficially shape the customer's electric consumption or demand in a manner that reduces the customer's contribution to the electrical utility's system or local coincidental peak demand, subject to the associated load to utility management for reliability or economic purposes, or reduce future electrical utility system costs to serve its customers. Programs authorized pursuant to this section may also include distributed energy resources that draw additional power from the electric grid including, but not limited to, electric heat pumps with programmable or utility controlled thermostats, electric heat pump water heaters controlled through utility programs, smart home panels, advanced inverters, and energy storage devices located on the customer's side of the meter, provided that any programs or customer incentives otherwise meet the requirements of this section. These programs may also include a combination of resources, including renewable energy microgrids, to provide economic benefits to the utility system or to help address specific transmission or distribution issues that would otherwise require significant capital investment.

(B) In evaluating a program or customer incentive proposed pursuant to this section to assure reasonableness, promotion of the public interest, and consistency with the objectives of Sections 58-27-845 and 58-37-20, the commission must apply the procedure approved pursuant to Section 58-37-20. An electrical utility must use standard utility practices for determining the percentage of customers that would or would not have adopted a distributed energy resource without any incentive allowed under this section to install and utilize the distributed energy resource as part of the associated demand-side management program. The electrical utility must designate the expected useful life of the distributed energy resource and evaluate the costs and benefits of demand-side measures over their useful lives in the program application based on industry-accepted standards. All initial program costs, benefits, and participation assumptions used in the electrical utility's cost-effectiveness evaluations must be reviewed by the commission to assure the electrical utility has presented a reasonable basis for its calculation. Electrical utilities must update the cost-effectiveness analysis based on the actual program costs, benefits, and participation as soon as practicably possible based on standard evaluation, measurement, and verification protocols, and the electrical utility's cost recovery must

be reconciled accordingly.

(C) For demand-side programs or customer incentives proposed in this section, the electrical utility may recover costs through the procedures in Section 58-37-20. The prohibition in Section 58-40-20(I) against recovery of lost revenues associated with distributed energy resources pursuant to Chapter 39, Title 58 is inapplicable to recovery of net lost revenues associated with a distributed energy resource that is installed as a result of a demand-side program incentive pursuant to this section or Section 58-37-20.

(D) The commission may approve any program filed pursuant to this section if the commission finds the program to be cost effective pursuant to Section 58-37-10(3). For any demand-side programs or customer incentives submitted under this section with projected annual customer incentive amounts less than five million dollars per year for each of the first two program years, the commission must issue an order as expeditiously as practicable on the written submissions of the electrical utility but may require an evidentiary hearing where novel or complex issues of fact require special review by the commission. Nothing in this section prevents the commission from ordering an electrical utility to modify or terminate a program approved pursuant to this section based on the results of standard evaluation, measurement, and verification protocols.

(E) The Energy Office must develop and publish materials intended to inform and educate the public regarding programs available to a customer pursuant to this section. The Energy Office must maintain a list of approved vendors who are qualified and in good standing to provide services associated with these programs.

SECTION 32. Section 58-37-50 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-50. (A) As used in this section:

(1) “Electricity provider” means an electric cooperative, an investor-owned electric utility, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, or a municipality or municipal board or commission of public works that owns and operates an electric utility system.

(2) “Natural gas provider” means an investor-owned natural gas utility or publicly owned natural gas provider.

(3) “Meter conservation charge” means the charge placed on a customer's account by which electricity providers and natural gas providers recover the costs, including financing costs, of energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(4) “Notice of meter conservation charge” means the written notice by which subsequent purchasers or tenants will be given notice

that they will be required to pay a meter conservation charge.

(5) "Customer" means a homeowner or tenant receiving electricity or natural gas as a retail customer.

(6) "Community action agency" means a nonprofit eleemosynary corporation created pursuant to Chapter 45, Title 43 providing, among other things, weatherization services to a homeowner or tenant.

(B) Electricity providers and natural gas providers may enter into written agreements with customers and landlords of customers for the financing of the purchase price and installation costs of energy efficiency and conservation measures. These agreements may provide that the costs must be recovered by a meter conservation charge on the customer's electricity or natural gas account, provided that the electricity providers and natural gas providers comply with the provisions of this section. A failure to pay the meter conservation charge may be treated by the electricity provider or natural gas provider as a failure to pay the electricity or natural gas account, and the electricity provider or natural gas provider may disconnect electricity or natural gas service for nonpayment of the meter conservation charge, provided the electricity provider or natural gas provider complies with the provisions of Article 25, Chapter 31, Title 5; Article 17, Chapter 11, Title 6; Article 17, Chapter 49, Title 33; Article 11, Chapter 5, Title 58; Article 21, Chapter 27, Title 58; Article 5, Chapter 31, Title 58; and any applicable rules, regulations, or ordinances relating to disconnections.

(C) Any agreement permitted by subsection (B) must state plainly the interest rate to be charged to finance the costs of the energy efficiency and conservation measures. The interest rate must be a fixed rate over the term of the agreement and must not exceed four percent above the stated yield for one-year treasury bills as published by the Federal Reserve ~~at the time the agreement is entered~~on the first business day of the calendar year in which the agreement is entered. An electrical utility entering into such an agreement whose rates are regulated by the commission must fix the interest rate over the term of the agreement to not exceed such utility's weighted average cost of equity and long-term debt as most recently approved by the commission at the time the agreement is entered. Any indebtedness created under the provisions of this section may be paid in full at any time before it is due without penalty.

(D) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may recover the costs, including financing costs, of these measures from its members or customers directly benefiting from the installation of the energy efficiency and conservation measures. Recovery may be through a meter

conservation charge to the account of the member or customer and any such charge must be shown by a separate line item on the account. A utility entering into such agreement whose rates are regulated by the commission shall recover all reasonable and prudent incremental costs incurred to implement agreements for financing and installing energy-efficiency and conservation measures in base rates. Incremental costs may include, but are not limited to, billing system upgrades, overhead, incremental labor, and all other expenses properly considered to be associated with ensuring the ongoing premise bill savings are realized from offering during the terms of such agreements.

(E) An electricity provider or natural gas provider shall assume no liability for the installation, operation, or maintenance of energy efficiency and conservation measures when the measures are performed by a third party, and shall not provide any warranty as to the merchantability of the measures or the fitness for a particular purpose of the measures, and no action may be maintained against the electricity provider or natural gas provider relating to the failure of the measures. An electricity provider or natural gas provider shall assume no liability for energy audits performed by third parties and shall provide no warranty relating to any energy audit done by any third party. Nothing in this section may be construed to limit any rights or remedies of utility customers and landlords of utility customers against other parties to a transaction involving the purchase and installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(F) Before entering into an agreement contemplated by this section, the electricity provider or natural gas provider shall cause to be performed an energy audit on the residence considered for the energy efficiency measures. The energy audit must be conducted by an energy auditor certified by the Building Performance Institute or similar organization. The audit must provide an estimate of the costs of the proposed energy efficiency and conservation measures and the expected savings associated with the measures, and it must recommend measures appropriately sized for the specific use contemplated. An agreement entered following completion of an energy audit shall specify the measures to be completed and the contractor responsible for completion of the measures. The choice of a contractor to perform the work must be made by the owner of the residence. Upon request, the electricity provider or natural gas provider must provide the owner of the residence with a list of contractors qualified to do the work. Upon completion of the work, it must be inspected by an energy auditor certified by the Building Performance Institute or similar organization. Any work that is

determined to have been done improperly or to be inappropriately sized for the intended use must be remedied by the responsible contractor. Until the work has been remedied, funds due to the contractor must be held in escrow by the electricity provider or natural gas provider.

(G) An electricity provider or natural gas provider that enters into an agreement as provided in this section may recover the costs, including financing costs, of energy efficiency and conservation measures from subsequent purchasers of the residence in which the measures are installed, provided the electricity provider or natural gas provider gives record notice that the residence is subject to the agreement. Notice must be given, at the expense of the filer, by filing a notice of meter conservation charge with the appropriate office for the county in which the residence is located, pursuant to Section 30-5-10. The notice of meter conservation charge does not constitute a lien on the property but is intended to give a purchaser of the residence notice that the residence is subject to a meter conservation charge. Notice is deemed to have been given if a search of the property records of the county discloses the existence of the charge and informs a prospective purchaser: (1) how to ascertain the amount of the charge and the length of time it is expected to remain in effect, and (2) of his obligation to notify a tenant if the purchaser leases the property as provided in subsection (H)(3).

(H) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may enter into agreements for the installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures and the recovery of the costs, including financing costs, of the measures with respect to rental properties by filing a notice of meter conservation charge as provided in subsection (G) and by complying with the provisions of this subsection:

(1) The energy audit required by subsection (F) must be conducted and the results provided to both the landlord and the tenant living in the rental property at the time the agreement is entered.

(2) If both the landlord and tenant agree, the electricity provider or natural gas provider may recover the costs of the energy efficiency and conservation measures, including financing costs, through a meter conservation charge on the account associated with the rental property occupied by the tenant. The agreement must provide notice to the landlord of the provisions contained in item (3).

(3) With respect to a subsequent tenant occupying a rental unit benefiting from the installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures, the electricity provider or natural gas provider may continue to recover the costs, including financing costs, of the measures through a meter conservation charge on the account associated with the rental

property occupied by the tenant. With respect to a subsequent tenant, the landlord must give a written notice of meter conservation charge in the same manner as required by Section 27-40-240. If the landlord fails to give the subsequent tenant the required notice of meter conservation charge, the tenant may deduct from his rent, for no more than one-half of the term of the rental agreement, the amount of the meter conservation charge paid to the electricity provider or natural gas provider.

(I) Agreements entered pursuant to the provisions of this section are exempt from the provisions of the South Carolina Consumer Protection Code, Title 37 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

(J) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may contract with third parties to perform functions permitted under this section, including the financing of the costs of energy efficiency and conservation measures. A third party must comply with all applicable provisions of this section. When an electricity or natural gas provider contracts with a third party to perform administrative or financing functions under this subsection, the liability of the third party is limited in the same manner as an electricity provider or natural gas provider is under subsection (E).

(K) The provisions of this section apply only to energy efficiency and conservation measures for a residence already occupied ~~at~~before the time the measures are taken. ~~The procedures allowed by this section may not be used with respect to a new residence or a residence under construction.~~ The provisions of this section may not be used to implement energy efficiency or conservation measures that result in the replacement of natural gas appliances or equipment with electric appliances or equipment, or that result in the replacement of electric appliances or equipment with natural gas appliances or equipment, unless (1) the customer who seeks to install the energy efficiency or conservation measure is being provided electric and natural gas service by the same provider, or (2) an electric appliance used for home heating is being replaced by an appliance that operates primarily on electricity but which has the capability of also operating on a secondary fuel source.

(L) Electricity providers or natural gas providers may offer their customers other types of financing agreements available by law, instead of the option established in this section, for the types of energy efficiency or conservation measures described in this section.

(M)(1) An electricity provider or natural gas provider must not obtain funding from the following federal programs to provide loans provided by this section:

(a) the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), created by Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget

Reconciliation Act of 1981 and codified as Chapter 94, Title 42 of the United States Code, as amended by the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1984, the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1986, the Augustus F. Hawkins Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1990, the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993, the Low Income Home Energy Amendments of 1994, the Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998, and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which is administered and funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services on the federal level and administered locally by community action agencies;

(b) the Weatherization Assistance Program, created by Title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act of 1976 and codified as Part A, Subchapter III, Chapter 81, Title 42 of the United States Code, amended by the National Energy Conservation Policy Act, the Energy Security Act, the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1984, and the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 and administered and funded by the United States Department of Energy on the federal level and administered locally by community action agencies.

(2) Nothing in this section changes the exclusive administration of these programs by local community action agencies through the South Carolina Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity pursuant to its authority pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 45, Title 43, the Community Economic Opportunity Act of 1983.

(3) Nothing in this subsection prevents a customer or member of an electricity provider or natural gas provider from obtaining services under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program or the Weatherization Assistance Program.

SECTION 33. Article 1, Chapter 31, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-31-215. (A) The Public Service Authority, in consultation with the South Carolina Department of Commerce, shall have the authority to serve as an anchor subscriber of incremental natural gas and pipeline capacity needed in the future by the State to recruit new transformational projects or to assist in the expansion of transformational projects as identified by the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

(B) The Public Service Authority is authorized to act on behalf of the State, to aid natural gas pipeline construction companies and natural gas shippers in obtaining approval for incremental capacity and delivery to this State to support economic growth. The Public Service Authority is authorized to demonstrate market support in required filings including, but not limited to, binding precedent agreements, and to make other

attestations in furtherance of satisfaction of the application requirements of federal law and regulations. This subsection is subject to available funding.

(C) There is hereby established the "Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund" to be held in an operating account by the Public Service Authority to further the provisions of this section and other energy investment needs. Subject to the approval of the Joint Bond Review Committee, the Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund may be funded by the amount required to be paid to the State pursuant to Section 58-31-110 less the annual costs billed by the Office of Regulatory Staff and the South Carolina Public Service Commission. The South Carolina Department of Commerce shall report, at least once annually and no later than September first, to the Joint Bond Review Committee as to the level and need for funding to advance the provisions of this section. Unless sufficient funding is allocated to the Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund and such action is approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee, the Public Service Authority shall not execute a binding precedent agreement on behalf of the State pursuant to this section. In no event shall the costs associated with serving as an anchor affect the rates and charges for electric or water service for the Public Service Authority's customers.

(D) The South Carolina Department of Commerce, with input from the Public Service Authority, may allocate or resell natural gas capacity procured for future economic development needs upon approval of the Coordinating Council for Economic Development. The proceeds of any sales of natural gas capacity must be deposited in the general fund of the State.

(E) When the Public Service Authority enters into a binding agreement on behalf of the State, the Office of Regulatory Staff, in representing the public interest and in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, is directed to make such filings supporting required federal regulatory approvals.

(F) The provisions of this section do not alter, amend, expand, or reduce, any other authority granted to the Public Service Authority in this chapter to enter into any agreements necessary for the provision of electric service.

SECTION 34.A. Section 58-3-70 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-70. ~~The chairman and members of the commission shall receive annual salaries payable in the same manner as the salaries of other state officers are paid.~~ The commission members shall receive a salary in an amount equal to ninety-seven and one-half percent of the

salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court. Each commissioner must devote full time to his duties as a commissioner and must not engage in any other employment, business, profession, or vocation during the normal business hours of the commission.

B. This section is effective beginning with the fiscal year immediately following the Public Service Commission election for the reconstituted three-member commission.

SECTION 35. Chapter 41, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-41-50. (A) The General Assembly encourages electrical utilities to explore cost effective, efficient bulk power solutions, particularly during periods of constrained capacity, for non-residential customers with electric loads in excess of 25 megawatts.

(B)(1) An electrical utility may file a proposed agreement regarding co-located resources between the utility and a customer with an electric load in excess of 25 megawatts for the commission's consideration. The proposed agreement must contain at least one of the following requirements:

(a) co-location of electric generation or storage on the customer's property provides bulk system benefits for all customers and benefits for the host customer;

(b) co-location of renewable electric generation resources on the customer's property provides bulk system benefits for all customers and the renewable attributes associated with such generation can be allocated to the host customer;

(c) co-location of electric generation on the customer's property would result in permitting and siting efficiencies to enable electric generation to come online earlier than otherwise could occur; or

(d) co-location of electric generation resources on the customer's property could be utilized as resiliency resources to serve the electric grid in times of need.

(2) In the filing with the commission, the electrical utility must include a description of:

(a) how the resource helps to serve resource needs identified in the electrical utility's most recent integrated resource plan filing;

(b) credit and ratepayer protections included in the agreement;

(c) the contractual terms that preserves the electrical utility's operation of resources; and

(d) how costs and benefits associated with the agreement would be allocated among the customer who is a party to the agreement and other customers in the electrical utility's balancing area.

(C) The commission must give a proposed agreement filed pursuant to this section expedited consideration. The commission may approve the proposed agreement if the commission finds:

(1) the proposed program was voluntarily agreed upon by the electrical utility and the customer,

(2) the filing meets the requirements of this section; and

(3) the proposed agreement is in the public interest.

(D) For purposes of this section, "co-located" or "co-location" includes electric generation and associated facilities on a customer's site as well as any location where the connection to the electrical utility is in such proximity to the customer's site that enables resilient power supply to support the development of power supply to meet the customer's needs. An agreement regarding co-location may also include potential co-ownership of the electric generation and associate facilities by the electrical utility and the customer.

(E) Notwithstanding opportunities for co-located resources, the General Assembly also encourages electrical utilities to continue to facilitate service to new electric loads in excess of 50 megawatts and to require operational and financial performance requirements for such customers to receive service pursuant to tariffed electrical utility rates or contracts approved by the commission, and to ensure appropriate protections and risk mitigation for the protection of the electrical utility's existing customers. The electrical utility may meet these objectives by: (1) filing form contracts with the commission; (2) tariff offerings or services regulations filed with the commission; or (3) performance and credit policies reviewed by the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 36. Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-15. (A) As of July 1, 2025, there is hereby created within the Office of Regulatory Staff a division that must be separate and apart from all other divisions within the Office of Regulatory Staff and titled the Division of Consumer Advocacy.

(B) The duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Department of Consumer Affairs related to appearances before the commission are hereby transferred to the Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Office of Regulatory Staff on July 1, 2025. All appropriations and full-time equivalent positions of the Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Department of Consumer Affairs that are devoted solely to advocating on behalf of consumers before the commission shall be transferred to the Office of Regulatory Staff on July 1, 2025.

(C) The Division of Consumer Advocacy shall have the ability to represent residential utility consumers in matters before the commission and appellate courts.

(D) The Division of Consumer Advocacy shall consist of a Residential Utility Consumer Advocate and other personnel as may be necessary in order for the division to represent residential utility consumers in matters before the commission and appellate courts. The Residential Utility Consumer Advocate must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years practice experience and must be appointed in the same manner as the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff pursuant to the procedure set forth in Section 58-4-30.

(E) To the extent necessary to carry out its responsibilities, the Division of Consumer Advocacy may hire third-party consultants as the Residential Utility Consumer Advocate may consider necessary to assist the Division of Consumer Advocacy in its participation in proceedings before the commission and appellate courts.

(F) The Division of Consumer Advocacy is exempt from the State Procurement Code in the hiring of third-party consultants. However, the Division of Consumer Advocacy must not hire the same third-party consultant hired by the Office of Regulatory Staff or the commission.

(G) The Office of Regulatory Staff shall provide such administrative support to the Division of Consumer Advocacy as the division may require in the performance of its duties including financial management, human resources management, information technology, procurement services, and logistical support. The Office of Regulatory Staff shall not provide to the Division of Consumer Advocacy, and the Division of Consumer Advocacy shall not require of the Office Regulatory Staff, legal representation, technical, economic, or auditing assistance regarding any matter pending before the Public Service Commission when providing such assistance would create a conflict of interest.

SECTION 37. (A) To foster economic development and future jobs in this State resulting from the supply-chains associated with the same while supporting the significant and growing energy and capacity needs of the State, enhance grid resiliency, and maintain reliability, the General Assembly finds that the State of South Carolina should take steps necessary to encourage the development of a diverse mix of long-lead, clean generation resources that may include advanced small modular reactors, biomass, hydrogen-capable resources, and the Carolina Long Bay Project, and should preserve the option of efficiency development

of such long-lead resources with timely actions to establish or maintain eligibility for or capture available tax or other financial incentives or address operational needs.

(B) For an electrical utility to capture available tax or other financial or operational incentives for South Carolina ratepayers in a timely manner, the commission may find that actions by an electrical utility in pursuit of the directives in Section 58-37-35(A) are in the public interest, provided that the commission determines that such proposed actions are in the public interest and reasonably balance economic development and industry retention benefits, capacity expansion benefits, resource adequacy and diversification, emissions reduction levels, and potential risks, costs, and benefits to ratepayers and otherwise comply with all other legal requirements applicable to the electrical utility's proposed action. For the South Carolina Public Service Authority, the Office of Regulatory Staff and the Public Service Authority's board of directors shall apply the same principles described in this subsection in evaluating and approving actions proposed by the management of the Public Service Authority to achieve the objectives of this section.

SECTION 38. All reasonable and prudent costs incurred by an electrical utility necessary to effectuate this act, that are not precluded from recovery by other provisions of this act and that do not have a recovery mechanism otherwise specified in this act or established by state law, shall be deferred for commission consideration of recovery in any proceeding initiated pursuant to Section 58-27-870, and allowed for recovery if the commission determines the costs are reasonable and prudent.

SECTION 39. The General Assembly finds that the sections presented in this act constitute one subject as required by Section 17, Article III of the South Carolina Constitution, in particular finding that each change and each topic relates directly to or in conjunction with other sections to the subject of the regulation of electrical utilities, the provision of electricity, and economic development as clearly enumerated in the title. The General Assembly further finds that a common purpose or relationship exists among the sections, representing a potential plurality but not disunity of topics, notwithstanding that reasonable minds might differ in identifying more than one topic contained in the act.

SECTION 40. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act,

and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 41. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WEST explained the amendment.

Rep. WEST spoke in favor of the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 93; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan

T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--93

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Cobb-Hunter	Garvin
Hart	Henderson-Myers	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	McDaniel
Rivers	Rose	Thigpen
Wetmore		

Total--16

The amendment was then adopted.

Reps. West, Pace and Oremus proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.HA0011H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 33, by striking Section 58-31-215(D) and inserting:

(D) The South Carolina Department of Commerce, with input from the Public Service Authority, is authorized to resell natural gas pipeline capacity rights procured pursuant to this section subject to a plan approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee. The proceeds of any sales of natural gas pipeline capacity rights must be deposited in the general fund of the State.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WEST explained the amendment.

Rep. WEST spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Caskey proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.HA0015H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 8, Section 58-33-195, by adding a subsection to read:

(D)(1) In the event any of the projects described in subsections (A), (B), or (C) are approved, the Office of Regulatory Staff, using its authority provided in Title 58, must continuously monitor the project or projects. This includes, but is not limited to, a review of the construction in progress, such as meeting projected timelines and financial projections are met. The Office of Regulatory Staff must provide monthly updates, in writing, to the commission and to the members of the General Assembly. Each electrical utility and the Public Service Authority must cooperate to the fullest extent with the Office of Regulatory Staff.

(2) The commission may, on its own motion, schedule a hearing to address concerns raised by the Office of Regulatory Staff in its written monthly review to the commission.

(3) The commission shall consider the Office of Regulatory Staff's written monthly reviews in any future matters concerning any facility described in this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Caskey proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.HA0020H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION X. An electrical utility, including the Public Service Authority, may not offer a tariff, rider, or rate proposal for a reduced electric rate, nor any other form of incentive that would result in a reduced electric rate to a data center until July 1, 2034. For purposes of this section, "data center" means any facility that primarily contains electronic equipment used to process, store, and transmit digital information which may be (a) a free-standing structure; or (b) a facility within a larger structure, that uses environmental control equipment to maintain the proper conditions for the operation of electronic equipment.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

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

Rep. Ott proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.AHB0017H), which was tabled:
Amend the bill, as and if amended, by deleting SECTION 11.
Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 36.
Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

Rep. WEST moved to table the amendment.

The amendment was tabled by a division vote of 56-26.

Rep. Rose proposed the following Amendment No. 6 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.AHB0042H), which was tabled:
Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 8, by striking Section 58-33-195(A)(2) and inserting:

(2) Prior to making a filing with the commission to obtain a certificate pursuant to Article 3, Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. and the Public Service Authority must first disclose the location, nature, size, capacity, direct and indirect environmental impact, impact to cultural and historical communities, and cost of any natural gas pipeline infrastructure necessary, incident to or associated with, the construction and operation of any proposed major utility generating facilities, including disclosure of the proportion of the pipeline capacity and cost to be allocated to power generation serving the customers of each participating utility, and of any infrastructure that may require eminent domain; notwithstanding any other provisions of law, such disclosure shall allow the public not less than one hundred days to review the completed pipeline information disclosure prior to the commencement of any schedule for the review of the application for a certificate to construct a major utility facility.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROSE explained the amendment.

Rep. WEST moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 76; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	Jefferson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	West
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

B. J. Cox	Dillard	Garvin
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Kirby	J. Moore
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Williams		

Total--28

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. Bauer proposed the following Amendment No. 7 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.DG0044H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 8, by striking Section 58-33-195(A)(2) and inserting:

(2) The General Assembly encourages Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. and the Public Service Authority to jointly complete evaluations related to the Joint Resource and to use such information as may be necessary from such evaluations to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certificate pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or authorize construction and operation of the facilities subject to this section in preference to all other pending nonemergency applications or requests. The General Assembly finds adding natural gas generation capacity at the retired Canadys coal site would advance the economy and general welfare of the State based on current conditions and information as of the effective date of this Act. However, this subsection does not exempt the entities from complying with the requirements of the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act, including the requirement to seek commission approval for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity nor does this subsection limit the commission's independent decision-making authority. The entities shall use existing rights of wayfor pipelines and transmission lines to serve the project unless the commission finds that there is a need to alter or change such rights of way to protect the public interest.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BAUER explained the amendment.

Rep. WEST moved to table the amendment.

The amendment was tabled by a division vote of 53 to 30.

Rep. Bauer proposed the following Amendment No. 8 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.DG0031H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 9, Section 58-31-205, by adding a subsection to read:

(C) With the exception of the power to plan, the powers conferred in this section are subject to the satisfaction of the following affirmative disclosures and acts by the Public Service Authority and its public utility partner and the approval by the Commission of any related certificates:

(1) Disclosure of the construction costs and operational cost impacts of current and pending federal regulations, including but not limited to the Environmental Protection Agencies 111(B) Regulations for new natural gas-fired generation facilities.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BAUER explained the amendment.

Rep. WEST moved to table the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 76; Nays 30

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Harris

Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Howard	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	West
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Hosey
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McCabe
McDaniel	J. Moore	Ott
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams

Total--30

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. Ott proposed the following Amendment No. 9 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.DG0034H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 7, by striking Section 58-38-20(4) and inserting:

(4) The topography of South Carolina, with its coastal plains and low country, confronts further complications. While the State possesses

renewable energy resources like hydropower potential from its rivers and lakes and biomass from wood and landfill gas, the lack of sustainable energy production exacerbates the energy deficit. It is critical that South Carolina provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 37, by striking subsection (A) and inserting:

(A) To foster economic development and future jobs in this State resulting from the supply-chains associated with the same while supporting the significant and growing energy and capacity needs of the State, enhance grid resiliency, and maintain reliability, the General Assembly finds that the State of South Carolina should take steps necessary to encourage the development of a diverse mix of long-lead, clean generation resources that may include advanced small modular reactors, biomass as defined in Section 12-63-20(B)(2) of the S.C. Code, hydrogen-capable resources, and the Carolina Long Bay Project, and should preserve the option of efficiency development of such long-lead resources with timely actions to establish or maintain eligibility for or capture available tax or other financial incentives or address operational needs.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 58-40-10(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) "Renewable energy resource" means solar photovoltaic and solar thermal resources, wind resources, hydroelectric resources, geothermal resources, tidal and wave energy resources, recycling resources, hydrogen fuel derived from renewable resources, combined heat and power derived from renewable resources, and biomass resources as defined in Section 12-63-20(B)(2).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Ott proposed the following Amendment No. 10 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.AHB0038H), which was tabled:

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

SECTION X. Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-37-65. (A)(1) The Office of Regulatory Staff must conduct an Energy Imbalance Study Committee to study and evaluate the potential costs and benefits of developing an Energy Imbalance Market in South Carolina.

(2) For purposes of this section only, "energy imbalance market" means an organized wholesale market entity established for the purpose of coordinating and facilitating efficient dispatch of electricity among participating electrical utilities to balance intra-hour generation and load.

(3) This study must also evaluate the potential of expansion of the Energy Imbalance Market beyond the South Carolina footprint.

(4) This study must be conducted with public input from stakeholders through written comments and at least one public forum.

(5) The Office of Regulatory Staff is authorized to retain the services of an expert or consultant with expertise and experience in wholesale electricity market models. The Office of Regulatory Staff is exempt from the procurement code for the purposes of retaining services for this study.

(6) The provisions of this section are subject to funding. However, the Office of Regulatory Staff must complete this evaluation by January 1, 2025. Upon completion of this study, the Office of Regulatory Staff must provide its report to the General Assembly and the commission. This report may include a recommendation as to whether or not moving to an EIM model is beneficial to the State and how best to develop and administer an EIM in South Carolina if the findings of the study show this would be advantageous for the State including draft legislation and requirements that should be established.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

Rep. WEST moved to table the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 78; Nays 27

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon

Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pope	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--78

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Hayes	Henegan
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Kirby
J. Moore	Ott	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams

Total--27

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. Wetmore proposed the following Amendment No. 11 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.HA0026H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by deleting SECTION 8.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 9, Section 58-31-205, by adding a subsection to read:

(C) With the exception of the power to plan, the powers authorized in this section are subject to the satisfaction of the following affirmative disclosures and acts by the Public Service Authority and its public utility partner and the approval by the commission of any related certificates:

(1) Any application for a certificate pursuant to the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act of Chapter 33, Title 58, to construct and operate any major utility facility authorized by this section shall reasonably seek to minimize overall ratepayer costs, including but not limited to, the costs of electric transmission and natural gas delivery, through the inclusion of an evaluation of a reasonable range of peaking, baseload, storage, transmission, and grid enhancing technology resources at sites including various former generation sites and retiring generation sites on either utility system.

(2) The analysis described in this section must fully account for any available federal incentives and tax advantages.

(3) The commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff shall consider all alternatives in the record based upon technical merit, without favoritism to any party or any location.

(D) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, authorization for a major utility facility pursuant to this section shall not abrogate responsibilities of the Public Service Authority, electric utilities, or the commission to comply with Sections 58-33-110, 58-33-160, 58-33-180, or other applicable sections of law, relating to the approval of permits or authorizations for the major utility facility.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WETMORE explained the amendment.

Rep. WEST spoke against the amendment.

Rep. WEST moved to table the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 26

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	McDaniel	J. Moore
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford

Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Weeks
Wheeler	Williams	

Total--26

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. Wetmore proposed the following Amendment No. 12 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.HA0025H), which was tabled:

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

SECTION X. Section 58-27-865(G) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(G) ~~The commission is authorized to promulgate, in accordance with the provisions of this section, all regulations necessary to allow the recovery by electrical utilities of all their prudently incurred fuel costs as precisely and promptly as possible, in a manner that tends to assure public confidence and minimize abrupt changes in charges to consumers.~~The commission shall, within the fuel cost recovery proceedings conducted pursuant to subsection (B), establish a fuel cost recovery mechanism that allows each electrical utility to pass through to customers ninety-eight percent of its under-recovered or over-recovered fuel costs, in order to:

(1) fairly share the risk of fuel cost changes between the electrical utility and its customers;

(2) provide the electrical utility with sufficient incentive to reasonably manage or lower its fuel costs and encourage greater use of renewable energy; and

(3) provide the electrical utility with sufficient incentives to mitigate the risk of sudden or frequent fuel cost changes that cannot otherwise reasonably be mitigated through commercially available means, such as through fuel hedging contracts.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WETMORE explained the amendment.

Rep. WEST moved to table the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 83; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	

Total--83

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Howard	Jefferson

J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--28

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. Wetmore proposed the following Amendment No. 13 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.HA0040H), which was tabled:

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

SECTION X. Section 58-27-865 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(H) As a part of the fuel cost recovery proceedings conducted pursuant to subsection (B), the commission shall study the impacts of establishing a fuel cost recovery mechanism that allows each electrical utility to pass through to customers no more than ninety-eight percent of its under-recovered or over-recovered fuel costs, in order to:

(1) fairly share the risk of fuel cost changes between the electrical utility and its customers;

(2) provide the electrical utility with sufficient incentive to reasonably manage or lower its fuel costs and encourage greater use of renewable energy; and

(3) provide the electrical utility with sufficient incentives to mitigate the risk of sudden or frequent fuel cost changes that cannot otherwise reasonably be mitigated through commercially available means, such as through fuel hedging contracts.

Section 58-27-865 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(I) Should the commission's study referenced in subsection (H) determine that fuel cost sharing would significantly alter the operation of natural gas facilities and reduce costs for customers, the commission shall have the authority to limit fuel cost recovery to no more than ninety-eight percent, notwithstanding any other provision of law that requires the commission and other agencies to consider the financial integrity of electric utilities.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. WETMORE explained the amendment.

Rep. WEST moved to table the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 33

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Erickson
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams

Total--33

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 14 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.CM0018H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 15, by striking Section 58-40-10(C)(2)(a)(ii) and (iii) and inserting:

(ii) after June 1, 2024, not more than or one hundred percent of contract demand for a nonresidential customer, provided the customer-generator is on a time-of-use rate schedule and any excess energy produced by the customer-generator is credited and reset at the end of each monthly period; or

Amend the bill further, SECTION 25, Section 58-43-20, by adding a subsection to read:

(L)(1) A qualifying customer may contract with a third party to procure electrical generation that is generated from a renewable energy facility.

(1) The qualifying customer's assigned electrical utility, as assigned by the Territorial Assignment Act or modified by order of the commission, must allow the qualifying customer to wheel generation from a renewable energy facility to the qualifying customer's premise.

(2) If wheeling power, the qualifying customer must pay its utility a cost to wheel the power not to exceed the incremental cost the utility incurs to transport the generated electricity from the renewable energy facility to the qualifying customer's premise.

(3) If a qualifying customer purchases electricity generated from a renewable energy facility and does not utilize that electricity, it may

redeem its purchase for a renewable energy credit that may be sold.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-37-65. (A) In order to promote economic development and protect public health and the environment, it is the policy of this State to encourage development of low-carbon and carbon-free energy sources as part of an "all of the above" statewide transition to a carbon-neutral economy.

(B) In order to promote economic development and protect the continued long-term reliability of electric service, it is in the public interest of the State to assist electrical utilities in their planned transition to pursue a low-carbon and carbon-free energy portfolio that:

(1) significantly accelerates demand side management and energy efficiency activities to reduce energy usage;

(2) significantly increases solar energy generation;

(3) significantly increases battery storage facilities;

(4) accelerates the development of wind energy generation; and

(5) assists utilities in their planned transition away from coal-fired electricity generation.

(C) Each activity pursued under Section 58-37-65(B) must reasonably balance economic development benefits, resource adequacy needs, emissions reduction levels, potential risks and costs to ratepayers, and otherwise complies with all other legal requirements

(D) Activities pursued under Section 58-37-65 (B) must maximize the use of available clean energy.

(E) To further the efforts enumerated in this Section, the Office of Regulatory Staff shall establish a "Statewide Emissions Reduction Goal" for carbon dioxide or equivalent greenhouse gasses emitted in the State from electric generating facilities owned or operated by any electric utility or the South Carolina Public Service Authority. In developing the Statewide Emissions Reduction Goal, the staff shall consider:

(1) the emissions reductions goals of electric utilities and the South Carolina Public Service Authority;

(2) demands of commercial and industrial customers that would provide a goal sufficient to encourage investment in South Carolina due to the ability to meet business emissions reduction goals;

(3) scientific data regarding the needs of reducing emissions for public health and welfare;

(4) current and pending federal regulatory requirements for

emissions reductions; and

(5) limitations that may affect fuel sources, including, but not limited to, limitations on fuel supply, transportation limitations and costs, market pressures, heightened environmental standards, and associated volatility in fuel rates.

(F) In developing the emissions reductions plan, the department shall evaluate:

(1) an eighty percent (80%) reduction of CO2 from 2005 levels by the year 2035;

(2) carbon neutrality by the year 2050, where "carbon neutrality" means for every ton of CO2 or equivalent greenhouse gasses emitted in the State from electric generating facilities or gas transmission facilities owned or operated by or on behalf of electric public utilities, an equivalent amount of CO2 is reduced, removed, prevented, or offset, provided that the offsets are verifiable and do not exceed five percent (5%) of the total reduction to achieve carbon neutrality; and

(3) closing all coal-fired generation serving South Carolina customers by 2035.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. WEST moved to table the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 81; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris

Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	West	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total—81

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Weeks	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--28

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. Rutherford proposed the following Amendment No. 15 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.DG0041H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by deleting SECTION 2.

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTIONS 34.A and 34.B.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. RUTHERFORD explained the amendment.

Rep. WEST moved to table the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 56; Nays 54

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
West	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--56

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Burns	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Cromer	Dillard
Garvin	Haddon	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones

W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	J. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Nutt	O'Neal	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Williams

Total--54

So, the amendment was tabled.

Reps. Bamberg, Taylor, Oremus and Hixon proposed the following Amendment No. 16 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.HA0035H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, by striking Section 58-3-140(A) and inserting:

(A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 9 of this title, the commission is vested with power and jurisdiction to supervise and regulate the rates and service of every public utility in this State and to fix just and reasonable standards, classifications, regulations, practices, and measurements of service to be furnished, imposed, or observed, and followed by every public utility in this State.

(2) The commission must promulgate regulations to establish safety, maintenance, and inspection standards for the public utilities and may assess fines for public utilities that violate these standards.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BAMBERG explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. McDaniel proposed the following Amendment No. 17 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.HA0043H), which was tabled:

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

SECTION X. For any project referenced in Section 58-33-195, the electrical utility must provide a detailed explanation of costs related to

the project to the commission. These costs must be made available to the public, unless otherwise prohibited by law. The commission must not authorize any rate increase for the electrical utility for any of these projects except for the amounts which the electrical utility has identified and designated specific amounts and details as to how the money would be spent on the project.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MCDANIEL explained the amendment.

Rep. WEST spoke against the amendment.

Rep. WEST moved to table the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 69; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Ott	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Thayer

Trantham	Vaughan	West
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--69

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cromer
Dillard	Garvin	Harris
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McCabe	McDaniel	J. Moore
Oremus	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Thigpen	Weeks	Wheeler
White	Williams	

Total--32

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 18 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.CM0030H), which was tabled:

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

SECTION 1. Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 38

Energy Generation Study Committee

Section 58-38-10. (A) There is created the Energy Generation Study Committee. The Energy Generation Study Committee is comprised of the following members:

(1) four members of the House of Representatives, all serving ex officio, appointed by the Chairman of the House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee; one member shall be a customer of Dominion Energy, one member shall be a customer of Duke Energy, one member shall be a direct-serve customer of the Public Service Authority, and one member shall be a customer of an electric cooperative; and

(2) four members of the Senate, all serving ex officio, appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee; one member shall be a customer of Dominion Energy, one member shall be a customer of

Duke Energy, one member shall be a direct-serve customer of the Public Service Authority, and one member shall be a customer of an electric cooperative.

(B) The study committee shall meet as soon as practicable to organize and to elect one co-chairman from the Senate appointees and one co-chairman from the House appointees. The co-chairmen shall be elected by a majority vote of the study committee members.

(C) The study committee shall include a nonvoting advisory board. The advisory board is comprised of:

(1) a representative of the Office of Regulatory Staff;

(2) a representative of the Office of the Consumer Advocate;

(3) a representative of the Department of Natural Resources;

(4) a representative of the Department of Health and Environmental Control;

(5) a representative of Duke Energy Carolinas and/or Duke Energy Progress;

(6) a representative of Dominion Energy South Carolina;

(7) a representative of the Public Service Authority;

(8) a representative of South Carolina Electric Cooperatives;

(9) a representative of the Coastal Conservation League;

(10) a representative of Conservation Voters of South Carolina;

(11) a representative of the SC Chapter of the Sierra Club;

(12) a representative of the South Carolina Solar Business Alliance;

(13) a representative of a renewable power developer primarily engaged in the development of utility-scale solar projects;

(14) a representative of a renewable power developer primarily engaged in the development of residential-rooftop solar projects;

(15) a representative of a renewable power developer primarily engaged in the development of offshore wind projects;

(16) a representative of a power developer primarily engaged in the development of battery storage projects; and

(17) a representative of the farming or agricultural community.

(D) The nonvoting advisory board members shall be permitted to utilize for study committee-related matters technical support staff, including outside consultants and counsel, from the entity that the member represents.

Section 58-38-20. (A) The study committee shall:

(1) study the energy generation needs of South Carolina and how to address these needs in the most cost-effective and timely manner while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and maintaining reliability;

(2) study the energy transmission and distribution needs of South Carolina and how best to ensure transmission and distribution facilities that serve new or expanded generation facilities, including solar, battery, and fossil fuel based generation, are developed in the most cost-effective, timely, and environmentally sensitive manner while meeting the reliability and resiliency needs of South Carolina;

(3) consider, but is not limited to, considering:

(a) coal plant closures and replacement, including financing mechanisms such as securitization;

(b) natural gas generation, including combustion turbines and combined cycle plants;

(c) natural gas pipeline transmission and distribution needs to service generation facilities as well as residential, commercial, and industrial customers;

(d) utility-scale and rooftop solar generation;

(e) large-scale battery storage paired with solar generation;

(f) standalone battery storage as a form of capacity and method for improving grid services;

(g) offshore wind generation off South Carolina's coast or the coast of adjacent states that may still serve the needs of South Carolina energy users;

(h) the feasibility of emerging technologies like small modular nuclear reactors and hydrogen-based generation;

(i) improvements to South Carolina's electric transmission grid, including both physical infrastructure and improved planning capabilities;

(j) energy efficiency enhancement opportunities, including how to improve its efficiency rankings compared with other states;

(k) transmission permitting reforms enacted by other states in an effort to streamline development of transmission efforts to support the development of clean energy, including, but not limited to, reforms enacted in Michigan, Illinois, Washington, and New York; and

(l) other topics deemed by the study committee and advisory board necessary to address questions in items (1) and (2);

(4) evaluate the impacts of such generation capacity expansion, including, but not limited to: ratepayer bills, economic development, the environment, public health, energy system reliability, energy justice, and property rights.

(B) By January 1, 2026, the study committee shall issue a report on its work to the General Assembly that may include recommendations that the State take action or not take action on any of the measures

studied. A recommendation that the State take action shall be based on a finding by a majority of members that one or more reform measures is in the public interest, taking into consideration expected consumer costs and benefits, and is otherwise consistent with the provision of reliable, safe, and low-cost electric service to ratepayers in the State.

(C) If the study committee recommends that the State take action, the report issued by the study committee shall include draft legislation and identify requirements that should be established, as applicable.

Section 58-38-30. The study committee shall retain a third-party, independent, expert consultant or consultants to advise the study committee and issue its own opinion as to what reform measures studied, if any, benefit South Carolina consumers. The third-party, independent, expert consultant or consultants must be selected by the study committee. Engagements procured under this provision are exempt from the South Carolina Procurement Code.

Section 58-38-40. The Energy Generation Study Committee shall dissolve and terminate upon its submission to the General Assembly of the committee's final report.

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

Rep. WEST moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 82; Nays 26

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
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Long	Lowe	Magnuson
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McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
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Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Howard
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers

Rose	Rutherford	Thigpen
Weeks	Williams	

Total--26

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. W. Jones proposed the following Amendment No. 19 to H. 5118 (LC-5118.HA0045H), which was tabled:

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

SECTION X. Chapter 1, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-1-70. (A) Electrical utilities, including the Public Service Authority, must work to ensure tangible benefits are provided to the surrounding community and promotes community well-being through a community benefit agreement. For purposes of this section, a "community benefit agreement" means a legally binding agreement between the electrical utility and the community that outlines specific benefits and commitments to be provided to the community.

(B) Electrical utilities shall negotiate a community benefit agreement with representatives of the surrounding community, including but not limited to:

(1) community organizations;

(2) residential groups;

(3) small businesses; and

(4) local government.

(C) A community benefit agreement must include:

(1) job training and employment opportunities for local residents;

(2) community facilities and infrastructure improvements;

(3) environmental mitigation measures;

(4) community health initiatives;

(5) small business support and development; and

(6) other benefits as determined by the community.

(D) The community benefit agreement must be signed and executed prior to the commencement of construction of a facility for the electrical utility. The electrical utility must provide annual reporting regarding compliance with the community benefit agreement to the community and to the Public Service Commission.

(E) Failure to comply with the community benefit agreement shall result in penalties and sanctions as determined by the Public Service

Commission. In addition, the community shall have legal recourse to enforce terms of the community benefit agreement.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. W. JONES explained the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER spoke in favor of the amendment.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. WEST spoke against the amendment.

Rep. WEST moved to table the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 82; Nays 30

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus

Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	B. J. Cox	Dillard
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams

Total--30

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 88; Nays 21

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bamberg	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson

Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
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Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--88

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Henderson-Myers	W. Jones	King
McDaniel	J. Moore	Ott
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler

Total--21

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

STATEMENT FOR THE JOURNAL

After the billion-dollar nightmare the Midlands and our State experienced a few years ago, as a result of enabling legislation similar to

this one (H. 5118), I could not in good conscience support any amendments or the bill today. I'm reminded of the saying, "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me."

Rep. Nathan Ballentine

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 27, 2024
The Honorable Charles Reid
Clerk of the South Carolina House of Representatives
213 Blatt Bldg.
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Clerk Reid,

I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on H. 5118, relating to the "South Carolina Ten-Year Energy Transformation Act" out of an abundance of caution. I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest, as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Rep. Gil Gatch

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Sincerely,
Rep. Heath Sessions

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. WOOTEN, from the Lexington Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5014 -- Reps. Caskey, Ballentine, Calhoon, Forrest, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White and Wooten: A BILL TO EXTEND THE ONE PERCENT SALES TAX IMPOSED BY ACT 378 OF 2004, AS AMENDED, THE LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT, FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN YEARS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

H. 5169 -- Reps. Haddon, G. M. Smith, Hiott, Taylor, Hixon, Forrest, Wooten, Crawford, Gibson, Hartnett, Robbins, Sessions, Mitchell, T. Moore, Gilliam, Brewer, Ligon, Bradley, Brittain, Guest, B. L. Cox, Long, Chapman, J. E. Johnson, Burns, O'Neal, Vaughan, McCravy, Davis, Nutt, Trantham, Hyde, McGinnis, Hardee, Bailey, S. Jones, Guffey, West, Schuessler, Gatch, Gagnon, Herbkersman, Lawson, Moss, Murphy, Chumley and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 46 BY ENACTING THE "FARMERS PROTECTION ACT" TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5334 -- Reps. King, Clyburn, Hart, Hosey and Pendarvis: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO WELCOME TO COLUMBIA THE

MEMBERS OF THE SIXTH DISTRICT OF OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY, INC., AS THEY GATHER FOR THE DISTRICT'S 79TH ANNUAL MEETING, TO BE HELD FROM APRIL 25 TO APRIL 28, 2024.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5335 -- Reps. Henegan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HUGH LEON MCCOLL, JR., THE FORMER CHAIRMAN AND CEO OF BANK OF AMERICA, AND TO COMMEND HIS GENEROUS PHILANTHROPY TO SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5336 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox,

B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE FIRST NORTHEAST BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLUMBIA ON THE OCCASION OF ITS THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR MORE THAN THREE DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5337 -- Reps. Crawford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A

HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND PGA HOPE, A PGA OF AMERICA PROGRAM, ON ITS OUTSTANDING WORK IN INTRODUCING GOLF TO VETERANS AND ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY TO ENHANCE THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL, SOCIAL, AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING; TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO SUPPORT PGA HOPE IN ACCOMPLISHING ITS VITAL MISSION; AND TO DECLARE MAY 9, 2024, "PGA HOPE DAY" IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5338 -- Reps. Clyburn, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. BOBBY G. HANKERSON FOR HIS FORTY-TWO YEARS OF EXEMPLARY PASTORAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5339 -- Reps. Jefferson, Cobb-Hunter, Murphy, Pedalino, Brewer, Gatch and Robbins: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 178 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 15 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 78 IN DORCHESTER COUNTY "MAYOR CHARLES WILLIAM ACKERMAN HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

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

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. FORREST.

H. 4158--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4158 -- Reps. Pendarvis, M. M. Smith, Bauer, King, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Rivers and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS.

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

H. 5066--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5066 -- Reps. Elliott, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Bailey, Wheeler, T. Moore, Taylor, Hixon, Oremus, Blackwell, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Bradley, Erickson, Hyde, Ballentine and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 ENTITLED THE "FAIR

ACCESS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS" SO AS TO PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE OPTION TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE TO ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SUCH A POLICY, TO CREATE THE AFFORDABLE LIQUOR LIABILITY FUND TO AID IN THE FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXCISE TAX ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK MUST BE CREDITED TO THE FUND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-33-245, RELATING TO THE EXCISE TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIQUOR LIABILITY RISK MITIGATION PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE INSURANCE RESERVE FUND IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE A START-UP LOAN TO THE FUND.

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

H. 4649--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4649 -- Reps. Bannister, Carter, Leber, Vaughan, West, Elliott, Williams, Henegan, Caskey, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE CERTAIN SECURITY PERSONNEL TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND SECURITY ON SCHOOL PREMISES IF LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS, AND TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS REMAIN OBLIGATED TO USE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS LICENSURE, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO SECURITY OFFICER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM PRIVATE SECURITY AND

INVESTIGATION AGENCY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS.

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

H. 4289--INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4289 -- Reps. McGinnis, Erickson, Ballentine, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Mitchell, Yow, Cromer, Beach, Pace, Taylor, Guffey, Magnuson, Burns, Kilmartin, Chapman, Gagnon, Forrest, Oremus and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-680 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MAY NOT CONDITION OR PROMISE ADMISSIONS OR BENEFITS TO CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR CERTAIN SUPPORT OR DISAGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN STATEMENTS REGARDING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, OR ASSOCIATED ISSUES.

Rep. LONG moved cloture on the entire matter.

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

Yeas 83; Nays 31

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde

J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--83

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	J. Moore	Ott
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--31

So, cloture was ordered.

Further proceedings were interrupted by the House standing at ease.

HOUSE STANDS AT EASE

The House stood at ease, subject to the call of the Chair.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 2:53 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

H. 4289--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of the Bill, cloture having been ordered:

H. 4289 -- Reps. McGinnis, Erickson, Ballentine, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Mitchell, Yow, Cromer, Beach, Pace, Taylor, Guffey, Magnuson, Burns, Kilmartin, Chapman, Gagnon, Forrest, Oremus and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-680 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MAY NOT CONDITION OR PROMISE ADMISSIONS OR BENEFITS TO CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR CERTAIN SUPPORT OR DISAGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN STATEMENTS REGARDING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, OR ASSOCIATED ISSUES.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-101-680(A), (B), (C), and (D) and inserting:

(A) For the purposes of this section, “public institution of higher learning” means any state-supported, post-secondary educational institution and includes technical and comprehensive educational institutions.

(B) When determining admissions or employment decisions, a public institution of higher learning may not expend any funds appropriated or authorized to promise admission, benefits, or promote or engage in differential treatment to an applicant for admission, or hire or promote a faculty member or employee, on the applicant’s or faculty member’s or employee’s commitment to or making a declaration of personal support for or disagreement with any political ideology or movement, including a promise or statement regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, or other associated political issues. A public institution of higher learning may not ask for or demand any such political promise or declaration from an applicant, or a faculty member or employee.

(C) If a public institution of higher learning receives a promise or declaration describing a commitment to any political ideology or movement, including a political promise or declaration regarding

diversity, equity, inclusion, or other associated political issues, it may not promote or engage in differential treatment, grant or deny admission or benefits to a student, or hire or promote a faculty member or employee, based on the opinions expressed in the promise or declaration.

(D) A public institution of higher learning shall not infringe on a student, faculty member, or employee's first amendment right to free speech. A public institution of higher learning shall not discriminate on the basis of viewpoint discrimination.

(E) A public institution of higher learning shall not infringe on a student, faculty member, or employee's first amendment right to free speech. A public institution of higher learning shall not discriminate on the basis of viewpoint discrimination.

(F) A public institution of higher learning must report to the Commission on Higher Education by August first each year the total number of administrative positions and total operating costs, including a description of the programs that support diversity, equity, and inclusion. The report shall also contain the number and nature of the complaints made to the institution by a student, faculty member, or employee regarding a violation of this provision and the resolution, or status, of the complaint. The Commission on Higher Education must provide a report to the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee by October first each year summarizing this information, by institution.

(G) Nothing in this provision prohibits a public institution of higher learning from complying with federal law or applicable court order, or acting against a student, faculty member, or employee for violations of federal or state law or requiring a student, faculty member, or employee to comply with federal or state law, including antidiscrimination laws.

(H) Nothing in this provision may be construed to limit or prohibit an institution of higher learning or an employee or faculty member from applying for a grant or complying with the terms of accreditation by an accrediting agency, submitting to the grantor or accrediting agency a statement that highlights the institution's work in supporting student populations or certifying compliance with state and federal antidiscrimination laws.

(I) Each public institution of higher learning shall provide each student, employee, and faculty member with an electronic copy of the language contained in this section.

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. MCGINNIS spoke in favor of the amendment.

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

Yeas 82; Nays 25

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Dillard
Garvin	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--25

The amendment was then adopted.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. S. JONES a leave of absence for the remainder of the day due to medical reasons.

Rep. McDaniel proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.WAB0123H), which was tabled:

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

SECTION X. (A) There is created the "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Study Committee" to collect data on the expenditures spent and stakeholder feedback on the presence of DEI on the campuses of public institutions of higher learning for two academic years to begin at the start of the 2024 academic year.

(1) For the purposes of this committee, "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" or "DEI" encompasses the symbiotic relationship, philosophy, and culture of acknowledging, embracing, supporting, and accepting those of all racial, sexual, gender, religious and socioeconomic backgrounds, among other differentiators.

(2) For the purpose of this committee, a "public institution of higher learning" is any state-supported, four year, undergraduate program.

(3) For the purpose of this committee ,"stakeholder feedback" is gathered from a survey, to be created by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs office, that is randomly distributed to students, faculty, and administrators. The survey shall be designed to influence how the presence of DEI impacts culture on college campuses.

(B) The study committee is comprised of eleven members consisting of:

(1) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(2) one member appointed by Chairman of House Education and Public Works Committee;

(3) one member appointed by the House Minority Leader;

(4) one member appointed by the President of the Senate;

(5) one member appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee;

(6) one member appointed by the Senate Minority Leader;

(7) one member appointed by the Commission on Higher Education;

(8) two tenured professors at public institutions of higher learning appointed by the Governor; and

(9) two students at public institutions of higher learning appointed by the Governor.

(C) Members of the study committee shall serve without compensation, but are allowed the mileage, subsistence, and per diem allowed by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions, to be paid equally from approved accounts of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

(D) The study committee shall choose its officers and must be provided with clerical, administrative, and research services by the House of Representatives and the Senate.

(E) The study committee shall make a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 2027, at which time the study committee terminates.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MCDANIEL spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MAY moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 82; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Thigpen

Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total—28

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.WAB0002H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-101-680(A) and inserting:

(A) For the purposes of this section, "public institution of higher learning" means any state-supported, post-secondary educational institution and includes technical and comprehensive educational institutions, excluding historically black colleges and universities.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. LONG moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 27

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Landing	Lawson	Leber

Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams

Total--27

So, the amendment was tabled.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MCGINNIS raised the Rule 8.3 Point of Order that Amendments 4 thru 16 were dilatory in nature as they were substantially similar to Amendment No. 3 and only changed the reference to the type of school to be excluded from the applicable prohibition.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order and cited a similar precedent from April 5, 2022, as holding that such substantially similar amendments were dilatory. He ruled Amendments 4 through 16 as out of order.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 17 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.WAB0016H), which was rejected:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-101-680(B) and inserting:

(B) When determining admissions or employment decisions, a public institution of higher learning may not expend any funds appropriated or authorized to promise admission, benefits, or promote or engage in differential treatment to an applicant for admission, or hire or promote a faculty member or employee, on the applicant's or faculty member's or employee's commitment to or making a declaration of personal support for or disagreement with any political ideology or movement, including a promise or statement regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, or other associated political issues. A public institution of higher learning may not ask for or demand any such political promise or declaration from an applicant, or a faculty member or employee. Public institutions of higher learning may consider support for Nazi ideology in admissions and hiring decisions.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

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

Yeas 27; Nays 81

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	J. Moore	Ott
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Weeks	Wetmore	Williams

Total--27

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Beach	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--81

So, the amendment was rejected.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MCGINNIS raised the Point of Order under Rule 8.3 that Amendments 18 through 34 were dilatory in nature and out of order.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order, cited his earlier ruling, and stated that Amendments 18 through 34 were substantially the same amendments with only minor changes. He ruled Amendments 18 through 34 as out of order.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 35 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.WAB0078H), which was rejected:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-101-680(D) and inserting:

(D) A public institution of higher learning shall not infringe on a student, faculty member, or employee's first amendment right to free speech. A public institution of higher learning shall not discriminate on the basis of viewpoint discrimination, including against proponents of Black Lives Matter.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON continued speaking.

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

Yeas 21; Nays 80

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Dillard	Garvin
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Williams

Total--21

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Felder

Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

So, the amendment was rejected.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MCGINNIS raised the Point of Order under Rule 8.3 that Amendments 36 through 41 were dilatory in nature and out of order.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order, cited Speaker G. M. Smith's earlier rulings, and stated that Amendments 36 through 41 were substantially the same amendments with only minor changes. He ruled Amendments 36 through 41 out of order.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 42 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.WAB0085H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-101-680(A) and inserting:

(A) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Diversity, equity, and inclusion" means a conceptual framework that promotes the fair treatment and full participation of all people, especially populations that have historically been

underrepresented or subject to discrimination because of their background, identity, disability, and similar characteristics.

(2) "public institution of higher learning" means any state-supported, post-secondary educational institution and includes technical and comprehensive educational institutions.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 83; Nays 26

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith

M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--83

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Dillard
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--26

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 43 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.WAB0086H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by deleting Section 59-101-680(C).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 82; Nays 25

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman

Chumley	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Dillard	Garvin
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	J. Moore	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Stavrinakis	Weeks	Wetmore
Williams		

Total--25

So, the amendment was tabled.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. BAMBERG raised the Rule 5.13 Point of Order that the fiscal impact upon H. 4289 was insufficient and did not comply with Rule 5.13.

Reps. PENDARVIS and KING argued in favor of the Point of Order.

Reps. HIOTT and B. NEWTON argued against the Point of Order.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* stated that the fiscal impact was present in the Bill and that the fiscal impact was drafted in response to Amendment No. 1. The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* cited a precedent from February 8, 2023, and stated that the House had numerous other precedents stating that the rule required a fiscal impact statement in this situation but did not mandate specific information to be included. He stated that the adequacy of the fiscal impact statement was an issue for debate for the Body, and he overruled the Point of Order.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HYDE a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 44 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.WAB0091H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-101-680(B) and inserting:

(B) When determining admissions or employment decisions, a public institution of higher learning may not expend any funds appropriated or authorized to promise admission, benefits, or promote or engage in differential treatment to an applicant for admission, or hire or promote a faculty member or employee, on the applicant's or faculty member's or employee's commitment to or making a declaration of personal support for or disagreement with any political ideology or movement, including a promise or statement regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, or other associated political issues. A public institution of higher learning may not ask for or demand any such political promise or declaration from an applicant, or a faculty member or employee. Public institutions of higher learning may reject candidates who voluntarily declare adherence to Nazi ideology.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

The House tabled the amendment by a division vote of 72 to 27.

Rep. WILLIAMS moved that the House do now adjourn.

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

Yeas 22; Nays 79

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Thigpen
Williams		

Total--22

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	Moss

Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

So, the House refused to adjourn.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 45 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.WAB0093H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-101-680(B) and inserting:

(B) When determining admissions or employment decisions, a public institution of higher learning may not expend any funds appropriated or authorized to promise admission, benefits, or promote or engage in differential treatment to an applicant for admission, or hire or promote a faculty member or employee, on the applicant's or faculty member's or employee's commitment to or making a declaration of personal support for or disagreement with any political ideology or movement, including a promise or statement regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, or other associated political issues. A public institution of higher learning may not ask for or demand any such political promise or declaration from an applicant, or a faculty member or employee. Public institutions of higher learning may reject candidates who voluntarily declare adherence to fascist ideology.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 78; Nays 25

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--78

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	J. Moore	Ott
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose

Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Weeks
Williams		

Total—25

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. WILLIAMS moved to table the Bill.

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

Yeas 27; Nays 80

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
McDaniel	Ott	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams

Total--27

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson

Leber	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

So, the House refused to table the Bill.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON moved that the House recur to the morning hour.

Rep. HIOTT moved to table the motion.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 78; Nays 29

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	J. E. Johnson	Jordan

Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--78

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	Williams	

Total--29

So, the House refused to recur to the morning hour.

Rep. PENDARVIS moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Education and Public Works.

Rep. HIOTT moved to table the motion.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	J. Moore	Ott
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Thigpen

Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--28

So, the House refused to recommit the Bill.

Rep. WILLIAMS moved to continue the Bill.

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

Yeas 28; Nays 81

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--28

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon

J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--81

So, the House refused to continue the Bill.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 46 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.WAB0098H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-101-680, by adding a subsection to read:

(J) Nothing in this section may be construed to limit or prohibit a public institution of higher learning’s funding of an academic course instruction.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Calhoon	Carter

Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	J. Moore	Ott
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--28

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON moved that the House do now adjourn.

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

Yeas 28; Nays 78

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	J. Moore	Ott
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--28

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	J. E. Johnson	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	Moss

Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--78

So, the House refused to adjourn.

Rep. WILLIAMS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, April 16.

Rep. HIOTT moved to table the motion.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 81; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	Mitchell	T. Moore

A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--81

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--28

So, the motion to adjourn debate until Tuesday, April 16 was tabled.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MCGINNIS raised the Point of Order under Rule 8.3 that Amendments 47 through 50 were dilatory in nature and out of order.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* stated that the amendments were different enough that he would allow the Body to vote on the amendments on their merits. He overruled the Point of Order.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON moved that the House recede until 6:00 p.m.

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

Yeas 27; Nays 83

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Dillard	Garvin	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Wetmore	Williams

Total--27

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham

Vaughan	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--83

So, the House refused to recede.

Rep. BAMBERG moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, April 9.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the motion.

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

Yeas 77; Nays 22

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Beach	Bradley	Brewer
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Howard	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCravy
McGinnis	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer

Trantham	Vaughan	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	

Total--77

Those who voted in the negative are:

Atkinson	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Brittain	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Garvin	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Thigpen
Williams		

Total--22

So, the House tabled the motion to adjourn debate until Tuesday, April 9.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 47 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.WAB0101H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-101-680, by adding a subsection to read:

(J) Nothing in this section may be construed to limit or prohibit a public institution of higher learning's funding of research and creative works by the institution's students, faculty, or other research personnel, and the dissemination thereof.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 78; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
J. E. Johnson	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--78

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis

Thigpen	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--28

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 48 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.WAB0102H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-101-680, by adding a subsection to read:

(J) Nothing in this section may be construed to limit or prohibit a public institution of higher learning's funding of activities of registered student organizations.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 75; Nays 26

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Beach	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe

Magnuson	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten

Total--75

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Stavrinakis	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	Williams	

Total--26

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON moved that the House do now adjourn.

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

Yeas 27; Nays 78

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Pendarvis

Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams

Total--27

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--78

So, the House refused to adjourn.

Rep. WILLIAMS moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Education and Public Works.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT raised the Rule 8.3 Point of Order that Rep. Williams motion to recommit the Bill was dilatory in nature, along with the other repetitive amendments, and should be ruled out of order.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order and stated that the continued repetitive motions would be considered to dilatory in nature. He sustained the Point of Order and ruled the motion to be out of order.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 49 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.WAB0103H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-101-680, by adding a subsection to read:

(J) Nothing in this section may be construed to limit or prohibit a public institution of higher learning's funding of arrangements for guest speakers and performers with short-term engagements.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 79; Nays 22

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	J. E. Johnson	Jordan

Kilmartin	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	West
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Thigpen
Williams		

Total--22

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 50 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.WAB0104H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-101-680, by adding a subsection to read:

(J) Nothing in this section may be construed to limit or prohibit a public institution of higher learning’s funding of mental or physical health services provided by licensed professionals.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 81; Nays 26

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	West	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--81

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
McDaniel	J. Moore	Ott
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Thigpen	Weeks
Wheeler	Williams	

Total--26

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 51 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.WAB0105H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-101-680, by adding a subsection to read:

(J) Nothing in this section may be construed to limit or prohibit a public institution of higher learning from requiring candidates to disclose or discuss the content of their scholarly research or creative works.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 27

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott

Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
West	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Stavrinakis	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams

Total--27

So, the amendment was tabled.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MCGINNIS raised the Rule 8.3 Point of Order that Amendments 52 thru 55 were dilatory in nature as they were substantially similar to Amendment No. 51.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 56 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.SA0028H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-101-680, by adding a subsection to read:

(J) In making appointments to boards or other governing bodies of public institutions of higher learning, the appointing authorities shall select members who are representative of the racial, gender, and geographical diversity of the State.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. ATKINSON a temporary leave of absence.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON continued speaking.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 83; Nays 24

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson

Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--83

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Stavrinakis
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams

Total--24

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 57 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.SA0034H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-101-680, by adding a subsection to read:

(J) Nothing in this section may be construed to limit or prohibit a

public institution of higher learning from seeking to select faculty and staff who are representative of the racial, gender, and geographical diversity of the State.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 78; Nays 23

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer

Trantham	Vaughan	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--78

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Howard	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Rivers
Rose	Stavrinakis	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--23

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 58 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.SA0036H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-101-680, by adding a subsection to read:

(J) No provision of this chapter shall be construed as to limit an employer's authority to make employment, staffing, contracting, disciplinary, credentialing, privileging, or other related decisions for reasons that are not directly prohibited by this chapter.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 82; Nays 26

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain

Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	Williams	

Total--26

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 59 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.SA0039H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-101-680, by adding a subsection to read:

(J) No provision of this chapter shall be construed as to limit or prohibit a public institution of higher learning's compliance with the requirements of relevant academic accrediting bodies.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy

Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--28

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 60 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.SA0043H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-101-680, by adding a subsection to read:

(J) Nothing in this section may be construed to limit or prohibit any statement, program or training scripted by licensed attorneys and required to comply with the institution's obligations under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, the Americans with Disabilities Act, as amended, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, applicable court order, or other applicable state and federal law.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 79; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--28

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 61 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.SA0047H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-101-680, by adding a subsection to read:

(J) Nothing in this section may be construed to limit or prohibit or create any specific requirements concerning classroom instruction.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PENDARVIS spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 82; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott

Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	J. E. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bauer
Bernstein	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	McDaniel	J. Moore
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--28

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 62 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.SA0051H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-101-680, by adding a subsection to read:

(J) Nothing in this section may be construed to limit or prohibit public institutions of higher learning from requiring a student, faculty member or employee to comply with federal or state law, including antidiscrimination laws, or from taking action against a student, faculty member or employee for violations of federal or state law.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PENDARVIS spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

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

Yeas 80; Nays 27

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese

B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	J. Moore	Ott
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Stavrinakis	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams

Total--27

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 63 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.SA0067H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-101-680, by adding a subsection to read:

(J) Nothing in this section may be construed to limit or restrict the academic freedom of faculty or to prevent faculty members from teaching, researching or writing publications about diversity, equity, inclusion, patriotism or other topics.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. MCGINNIS moved to table the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 59; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Connell
B. J. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Felder	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	J. E. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Long	Lowe	McCabe
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	M. M. Smith
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	

Total--59

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Rose
Stavrinakis	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	Williams	

Total--20

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. J. L. Johnson proposed the following Amendment No. 116 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.PH0107H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 59-101-680, by adding a subsection to read:

(J) Every year before January fifteenth, a public institution of higher learning must prepare and publicly post on its website, as well as submit to the Commission on Higher Education, a report of the previous calendar year which details the course of action implemented to comply with the requirements of this section. The institution also must report any changes or updates to the course of action. The report must include each instance where a public institution of higher learning prohibited a program believed to be in conflict with this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. GARVIN spoke against the Bill.
Rep. KING spoke against the Bill.
Rep. MCDANIEL spoke against the Bill.
Rep. ROSE spoke against the Bill.
Rep. JEFFERSON spoke against the Bill.
Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke against the Bill.
Rep. MAGNUSON spoke in favor of the Bill.
Rep. A. M. MORGAN spoke in favor of the Bill.
Rep. HOWARD spoke against the Bill.
Rep. MCGINNIS spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 30

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Beach
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell

B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
J. Moore	Ott	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams

Total--30

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

STATEMENT BY REP. ERICKSON

Rep. ERICKSON gave notice of offering amendments on third reading, if necessary, pursuant to Rule 9.2.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:59 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. CALHOON, adjourned in memory of George Hearn "Smokey" Davis, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, March 28, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

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

Our thought for today is from Isaiah 63:15: “Look down from heaven and see, from your holy and glorious habitation, where are your zeal and your might?”

Let us pray. God of awesome power, give us hearts filled with hope and gladness as we prepare for the work to be accomplished this day. May the blessings of Almighty God refresh us with the hope given to these women and men of South Carolina. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders in our hearts. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government, and especially for our brave men and women who keep us safe. Remember our men and women who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. MCCRAVY moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Augustus "Gus" Burgdorf, which was agreed to.

H. 4116--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, March 27, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 4116:

H. 4116 -- Reps. Sandifer, M. M. Smith and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-19-295 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DIVIDING OF FEES OR OTHER COMPENSATION CHARGED OR RECEIVED BY LICENSEES OF THE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITH ANOTHER PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, OR LEGAL ENTITY FOR THE DELIVERY OR PERFORMANCE OF FUNERAL SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-100, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS REGULATING PRENEED FUNERAL CONTRACTS, SO AS TO INCREASE FINE RANGES AND PERMANENTLY BAR PERSONS CONVICTED OF A FELONY FROM CONDUCTING PRENEED CONTRACT SALES; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-110, RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST UNLICENSED PRENEED CONTRACT SALES PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE COMPLAINTS TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RESPOND MAY BE WRITTEN OR ORAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-360, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE SAFE CREMATION ACT, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES AND REQUIRE IMMEDIATE REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS TO THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-385, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS THAT CREMATORIES EMPLOY CERTAIN TRAINED STAFF TO PERFORM CREMATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL CREMATIONS BE PERFORMED BY THESE TRAINED STAFF MEMBERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-30, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LICENSURE TO PRACTICE FUNERAL SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONDUCT CONSTITUTING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES INCLUDES PARTIES WHO EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OR AUTHORITY OVER A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT OR ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO PROHIBIT CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, OR INDIVIDUALS IN WHOSE NAME APPEARS THE NAME OF A PERSON WITH A REVOKED OR LAPSED LICENSE FROM HAVING A LICENSE TO OPERATE A FUNERAL HOME; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-70, RELATING TO

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, OR EMPLOYEES MAY NOT BE LIABLE FOR ACTS PERFORMED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES IN THE ABSENCE OF MALICE SHOWN AND PROVEN IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-80, RELATING TO INSPECTORS EMPLOYED BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO INSTEAD REQUIRE THE BOARD TO EMPLOY AT LEAST TWO INVESTIGATORS WHO MAY BE LICENSED EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS WITH CERTAIN EXPERIENCE BUT WHO HAVE NOT BEEN DISCIPLINED; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-110, RELATING TO CONDUCT CONSTITUTING UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BY A LICENSEE OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO MAKE GRAMMATICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-115, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLICENSED PERSONS WITH THIS JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-200, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITHOUT A LICENSE OR USING FALSE INFORMATION TO OBTAIN SUCH LICENSURE, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES, AND TO SUBJECT PERSONS WHO AID AND ABET UNLICENSED PERSONS OR ENTITIES IN ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICE WITHOUT LICENSURE TO THESE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-250, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN COURSEWORK IN ETHICS, TO REQUIRE FOUR HOURS OF TOTAL ANNUAL COURSEWORK, TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK TO BE IN ETHICS, AND TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK BE COMPLETED IN PERSON; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-290, RELATING TO THE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PAYMENTS RECEIVED FOR FUNERAL MERCHANDISE BEING PURCHASED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE PAYMENTS MUST BE KEPT IN A TRUST ACCOUNT UNTIL THE MERCHANDISE IS DELIVERED FOR ITS INTENDED USE OR IS DELIVERED INTO THE PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE PURCHASER.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. FORREST, the House insisted upon its amendments.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. SANDIFER, M. M. SMITH and KING to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. OREMUS, from the Aiken Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1025 -- Senators Young, Massey, Setzler and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 588 OF 1986, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF AIKEN COUNTY, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE DISTRICTS BEGINNING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS IN 2024, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS MAY BE FOUND, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. WHITE, from the Newberry Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 916 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1(C) OF ACT 485 OF 1998, RELATED TO THE NEWBERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL PERSONS DESIRING TO QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY WITH THE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION INSTEAD OF FILING A PETITION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 479 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME CHALK STREET IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY TOWN OF

EASTOVER FROM POULTRY LANE TO MAIN STREET "FREDDIE E. CAMPBELL, SR. MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 988 -- Senator Shealy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PALMETTO GIRLS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1037 -- Senators Adams and Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF ROYLE ROAD IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17A/NORTH MAIN STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH TREELAND DRIVE "WADE ARNETTE ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF ROADWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1041 -- Senator Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF US HIGHWAY 17A IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH HARRISTOWN ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HOODTOWN ROAD "REV. LARRY A. BRADBERRY HIGHWAY" AND ERECT

APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1101 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT EXIT 38 ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 95 IN HAMPTON COUNTY "MAJOR GENERAL ARNOLD FIELDS INTERCHANGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1163 -- Senators Campsen, Grooms and Adams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 703 AND THE INTERSECTION OF CHUCK DAWLEY BOULEVARD (I-526B) IN CHARLESTON COUNTY "DETECTIVE PAT MESSER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5179 -- Reps. T. Moore and Hyde: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO NAME THE CONVERSE SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE SHOP IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY THE "DAVID T. BREWINGTON SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE CENTER", AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE CONTAINING THE WORDS "DAVID T. BREWINGTON SCHOOL

BUS MAINTENANCE CENTER" AS THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS ADVISABLE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5314 -- Reps. Haddon and Burns: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 25 (WHITE HORSE ROAD) AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 183 (SALUDA DAM ROAD) IN THE GREENVILLE COUNTY TOWN OF BEREA "HAROLD M. BATSON, JR. MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5323 -- Reps. Yow, Henegan and Mitchell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9/UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 601 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-13-40 (HIGH POINT CHURCH ROAD) TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-13-555 (ARANT STREET) IN CHESTERFIELD COUNTY "SSGT. JASON C. HICKS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5340 -- Reps. W. Jones, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder,

Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR RITA A. GOOD, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE WITH BMW IN SPARTANBURG, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5341 -- Rep. McCravy: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE NINETY SIX HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLERS FRANK TAYLOR AND PJ RUSHTON FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS A/AA INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5342 -- Reps. Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND RANDY HANAUER OF R. HANAUER IN FORT MILL FOR HIS COMPANY'S CHARMING SPRINGMAID BOW TIE, WHICH IS WOVEN, PRINTED, AND HANDSEWN IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5343 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE COACH PAULA KIRKLAND OF DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL ON HER SELECTION FOR INDUCTION INTO THE NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME BY THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5344 -- Reps. Weeks, G. M. Smith, Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan,

Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE HONORABLE FRED H. GORDON, JR., OF SUMTER FOR A LIFE WELL LIVED IN SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY AND HIS COUNTRY AND TO WISH HIM MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5345 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Connell, Henegan, Brewer, Caskey, Bamberg, Bailey, Wooten, B. J. Cox, Jordan, Atkinson, Neese, B. Newton, Hager, Moss, Murphy, Sandifer and Wheeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-52 SO AS TO SPECIFY THE INFORMATION AND FORM REQUIRED TO BE INCLUDED ON A COMPLAINT FILED WITH THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, AND TO SET FORTH PENALTIES FOR WILFULLY FILING A GROUNDLESS COMPLAINT.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5346 -- Reps. Haddon and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 16-3-5 RELATING TO PERSONS CAUSING INJURY WHICH RESULT IN THE DEATH OF ANOTHER PERSON AT LEAST THREE YEARS LATER WHO MUST NOT BE PROSECUTED FOR HOMICIDE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5347 -- Reps. Pendarvis and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 57-1-100 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY AND UNDERTAKE A PROJECT TO ESTABLISH COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE IN THE STATE.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5348 -- Reps. Gilliard and Williams: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO CREATE THE "SHIPPING TRANSPORTATION AND PORT BRIDGE SAFETY STUDY COMMITTEE" TO EXAMINE CURRENT STATE AND FEDERAL SAFETY STANDARDS AND MEASURES CONCERNING THE NAVIGATION OF LARGE VESSELS UNDER MAJOR WATERWAY BRIDGES WHILE ENTERING OR LEAVING HARBORS, PORTS, AND CANALS IN THIS STATE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO PREPARE A REPORT WITH FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP AND DURATION OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE.

Rep. WILLIAMS asked unanimous consent to have the Joint Resolution placed on the Calendar without reference.

Rep. MURPHY objected.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5349 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PALMETTO ACCESS TO HIGHERED (PATH) ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-149-17 SO AS TO ESTABLISH PATH SCHOLARSHIPS, TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS, TO PROVIDE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

H. 5350 -- Reps. Pace, A. M. Morgan, S. Jones, Magnuson, Beach, Harris, Kilmartin, Oremus and T. A. Morgan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 7, TITLE 16 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ARREST AND PROSECUTION OF PERSONS WHO ENTER THIS STATE ILLEGALLY, TO PROVIDE PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE

DEFINITIONS, AND TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES FOR CIVIL ACTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5351 -- Reps. Brewer, Mitchell, Caskey, Lawson, T. Moore, Bustos, Hartnett, Guffey, Rutherford and Hewitt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 23, TITLE 50, SECTION 50-23-345, AND SECTION 50-23-375, ALL RELATING TO THE TITLING OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT OUTBOARD MOTORS BE TITLED; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3210, RELATING TO TAX NOTICES FOR BOATS, BOAT MOTORS, AND WATERCRAFT, SO AS TO ALLOW THE AUDITOR TO CONSOLIDATE THE TAX NOTICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-890, RELATING TO A PLACE WHERE PROPERTY SHALL BE RETURNED FOR TAXATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BOATS, BOAT MOTORS, AND WATERCRAFT MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE BOAT, BOAT MOTOR, OR WATERCRAFT IS PRINCIPALLY LOCATED FOR TAXATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-3220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RETURNS FOR BOATS, BOAT MOTORS, AND WATERCRAFT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH PROPERTY TAX RETURNS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE BOAT, BOAT MOTOR, OR WATERCRAFT IS PRINCIPALLY LOCATED IF THAT IS DIFFERENT THAN THE OWNER'S COUNTY OF RESIDENCE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-340, RELATING TO APPLICATION FOR AND ISSUANCE OF NUMBER AND CERTIFICATE FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT APPLICATIONS FOR MOTORBOAT NUMBERS MUST INCLUDE A DECLARATION OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MOTORBOAT IS PRINCIPALLY LOCATED; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-370, RELATING TO EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTIFICATE RENEWAL NOTICES MUST BE SENT TO OWNERS OF WATERCRAFT PRINCIPALLY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR FIFTY PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF WATERCRAFT.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 95 -- Senators Campsen, Senn, Verdin, M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Gustafson, Young, Grooms, Fanning, Loftis, Garrett and Rice: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE VI OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1895, RELATING TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS OF THIS STATE, SO AS TO DELETE THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL FROM THE LIST OF STATE OFFICERS WHICH THE CONSTITUTION REQUIRES TO BE ELECTED AND PROVIDE THAT THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL MUST BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE FOR A TERM COTERMINOUS WITH THE GOVERNOR UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM OF THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL SERVING IN OFFICE ON THE DATE OF THE RATIFICATION OF THIS PROVISION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 728 -- Senator Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197(A)(3), RELATING TO THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION OF "FIREFIGHTER" SHALL INCLUDE NON-RESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHO WORK IN THE STATE.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 995 -- Senators Hutto, Shealy, Reichenbach, Devine, Senn, McLeod, Rankin, Garrett, Alexander and Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO SECTIONS 16-15-385 THROUGH 16-15-425, SO AS TO DEFINE IDENTIFIABLE MINOR AND MORPHED IMAGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS AN OFFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, SO AS TO INCLUDE MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN AS AN OFFENSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY, SO AS TO

INCLUDE THOSE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, OR THIRD DEGREE AS A TIER II OFFENDER.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 1031 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 35, RELATING TO ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM FINANCIAL CRIME, STANDARDIZE THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING, AND MODERNIZE SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE FUNDS ARE PROTECTED IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE AND COMPETITIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 1051 -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1330, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE H. TAYLOR BLALOCK, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HUNTING OF WATERFOWL FOR FIVE YEARS.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 1074 -- Senators Davis and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF A CMA, SO AS TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A QUALIFIED CMA; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-196, RELATING TO DELEGATION OF TASKS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, PURSUANT TO THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES, MAY DELEGATE NURSING TASKS TO UAP UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

S. 1099 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-360, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN

LAURENS COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

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

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen

Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--114

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. BANNISTER signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Wednesday, March 27.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BREWER a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. SESSIONS a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. DAVIS a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. COLLINS a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Helen Stockinger of Spartanburg was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. CONNELL presented to the House the Camden High School "Bulldogs" 3A Championship Boys Tennis Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. CONNELL presented to the House the Camden High Varsity "Lady Bulldogs" 3A Championship Basketball Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. MCCABE presented to the House the Providence Athletic Club (PAC) "Panthers" 2023 Southeastern Independent Junior Varsity Football Association Champions.

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CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

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

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3227
Date:	ADD:
03/28/24	TAYLOR, GUFFEY, O'NEAL, POPE, FELDER and LIGON

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4158
Date:	ADD:
03/28/24	HENEGAN and WILLIAMS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4622
Date:	ADD:
03/28/24	MITCHELL, KING and HART

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4649
Date:	ADD:
03/28/24	RIVERS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4673
Date:	ADD:
03/28/24	WILLIAMS and HENEGAN

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4934
Date:	ADD:
03/28/24	HART and RIVERS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4953
Date:	ADD:
03/28/24	HART, WILLIAMS, HENEGAN, CASKEY, JEFFERSON, J. MOORE and RIVERS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5066
Date:	ADD:
03/28/24	CRAWFORD, GUEST and M. M. SMITH

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5144
Date:	ADD:
03/28/24	CASKEY

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5169
Date:	ADD:
03/28/24	MAGNUSON, M. M. SMITH, CROMER, OREMUS, POPE and BEACH

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5225
Date:	ADD:
03/28/24	KING

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5245
Date:	ADD:
03/28/24	WEEKS

CO-SPONSOR REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 3180
Date:	REMOVE:
03/28/24	TAYLOR

H. 5014--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5014 -- Reps. Caskey, Ballentine, Calhoon, Forrest, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White and Wooten: A BILL TO EXTEND THE ONE PERCENT SALES TAX IMPOSED BY ACT 378 OF 2004, AS AMENDED, THE LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT, FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN YEARS.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Dillard
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 5014--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. WOOTEN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 5014 be read the third time tomorrow.

SENT TO THE SENATE

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

H. 4871 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47-9-420 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTERFERENCE OR INTERACTION WITH FARM ANIMALS BEING TRANSPORTED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION.

H. 4874 -- Reps. Hixon, Chapman and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 17 TO TITLE 50 SO AS TO REGULATE CAPTIVE WILDLIFE BY DEFINING TERMS, OUTLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS, LISTING EXCEPTIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-16-40, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR WILDLIFE IMPORTED FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES, SO AS TO LIMIT THE EXCEPTIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-11-1180 RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PERMITS TO COLLECT PROTECTED WILDLIFE FOR SCIENTIFIC OR PROPAGATING PURPOSES.

H. 4294 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, Hager, Wheeler and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-320, RELATING TO THE LIMITATION ON MILLAGE INCREASES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE GOVERNING BODY OF A RURAL COUNTY TO SUSPEND THE LIMITATION

FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING A FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

H. 4912 -- Rep. Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT RATIOS FOR AD VALOREM TAXATION, SO AS TO ALLOW CERTAIN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO CONTINUE TO CLAIM THE SPECIAL FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO WHEN THE CIVILIAN RECEIVES CERTAIN ORDERS FOR A CHANGE OF STATION.

H. 4548 -- Reps. Oremus, Hayes, McCravy, Trantham, Atkinson, Clyburn, Henegan, Taylor, West, Erickson, Wooten, Forrest, S. Jones, Long, Herbkersman, Cobb-Hunter, Haddon, Bailey, Whitmire, Hart and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-1-1790, RELATING TO THE EARNINGS LIMITATION FOR A RETIRED MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM UPON THE RETURN TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS LIMITATION DOES NOT APPLY TO MEMBERS WHO RETURN TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT AS A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER.

H. 4349 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-1500, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE REFERENCES, TO REVISE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN COMMISSION SEATS, AND TO REVISE THE ABSENCE POLICY FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

H. 5121 -- Rep. Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-1-50, RELATING TO GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES FOR LAKE MARION, SO AS TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-675, RELATING TO NONGAME FISHING DEVICES OR GEAR PERMITTED IN CERTAIN BODIES OF FRESHWATER, SO AS TO PERMIT HOOP NETS IN THE CONGAREE RIVER.

H. 5154--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5154 -- Reps. West and Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-5-1030, RELATING TO CIVIL PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A GAS UTILITY WHICH VIOLATES SECTION 58-5-1020 OR A REGULATION UNDER ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 5, TITLE 58 IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT MORE THAN THE CIVIL PENALTY PROVIDED BY 49 U.S.C. SECTION 60122 AND 49 C.F.R. 190.233.

Rep. SANDIFER explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 3

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore

A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:

Harris	McCabe	McCravy

Total--3

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

H. 5154--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. SANDIFER, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 5154 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3180--AMENDED AND POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3180 -- Reps. Rutherford and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-41-30, RELATING TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM ATTACHMENT, LEVY, AND SALE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DEBTOR'S INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY USED AS A PRIMARY RESIDENCE MAY NOT BE SOLD IF THE ACTION WAS INSTITUTED BY A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT UNPAID DUES, FEES, OR FINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-130, RELATING TO THE ENFORCEABILITY OF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE

ENFORCEABILITY OF A PROVISION GRANTING A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION THE AUTHORITY TO FORECLOSE ON PROPERTY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 29-3-810 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A FORECLOSURE ACTION NOT AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3180 (LC-3180.WAB0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by deleting SECTION 1.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 27-30-130(2)(B)(2) and inserting:

(2) In order to remain enforceable, a homeowners association's rules, regulations, and amendments to rules and regulations must be recorded in the clerk of court's, Register of Mesne Conveyance (RMC), or register of deeds office in the county in which the property is located by January tenth of ~~each~~the year following their adoption or amendment.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 27-30-130(2)(D) and inserting:

(D) Effective January 1, 2025, any provision in a homeowners association's governing documents granting the homeowners association the authority to foreclose on the property of a homeowners association member must adhere to the requirements of Section 29-3-810.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 29-3-810 and inserting:

Section 29-3-810. Effective January 1, 2025, any homeowners association with the authority granted in its governing documents to foreclose on the property of a homeowners association member must in the case of a default by a defendant property owner make application for a rule to show cause to be issued to the defendant property owner. No foreclosure sale may be noticed prior to the issuance of the rule to show cause.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JEFFERSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Pope proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3180 (LC-3180.CM0005H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately

numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Chapter 30, Title 27 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 27-30-180. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any provision of a governing document which restricts a constitutional right of a lot owner or a person residing in a residential planned community is void.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. POPE explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4189--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4189 -- Rep. Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO LICENSING AND FEES, SO AS TO AMEND MEETING REQUIREMENTS, REMOVE A CERTIFICATION FEE AND OUTLINE HOW TO MAKE PROPER PAYMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-40, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO GIVE DISCRETION TO THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-60, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-70, RELATING TO REPORTS, SO AS TO CHANGE A DEADLINE AND INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-75, RELATING TO DISCOUNTING OF LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES, SO AS TO ALLOW A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO FILE ONE ACTUARIAL OPINION;

BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-80, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE EXAMINATION OF SOME CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES OPTIONAL AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-140, RELATING TO TAX PAYMENTS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIRED TAX PAYMENTS FOR A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-165, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF INACTIVITY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-175, RELATING TO THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND, SO AS TO CHANGE THE ALLOWED TRANSFER OF COLLECTED TAXES FROM TWENTY PERCENT TO FORTY PERCENT; AND BY AMENDING 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4189 (LC-4189.PH0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, Section 38-90-20(G)(1), by adding a subitem to read:

(d) The non-U.S. currency may only be the currency of the country in which the owner or insured of the captive insurance company or protected cell is located.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 38-90-20(G)(2) and (3) and inserting:

(2) Notwithstanding the foregoing, all amounts paid to the department pursuant to this chapter shall be paid in United States currency, and all reports and other information required to be submitted to the department pursuant to this chapter must be converted to United States currency, based on such exchange rate as may be approved by the department.

(3) In determining the exchange rate between United States currency and the non-U.S. currency, the captive insurance company shall use the applicable exchange rate as published by the United States Department of the Treasury as of the applicable date of conversion.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 10, by striking Section 38-90-175(A) and inserting:

(A) There is created a fund to be known as the "Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund" for the purpose of providing the

financial means for the director to administer Chapter 87 and Chapter 90 of this title and for reasonable expenses incurred in promoting the captive insurance industry in the State. The transfer of ~~twenty~~forty percent of the taxes collected by the department pursuant to Chapter 90 of this title, and all fees and assessments received by the department pursuant to the administration of this chapter must be credited to this fund. All fees received by the department from reinsurers who assume risk only from captive insurance companies, must be deposited into the Captive Insurance Regulatory and Supervision Fund. All fines and administrative penalties must be deposited directly into the South Carolina general fund.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HARDEE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan

Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total—0

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

H. 4189--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. HARDEE, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4189 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4843--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4843 -- Reps. Bailey, Brittain, Guest, J. E. Johnson, Sandifer and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-39-148 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE BUSINESSES WITH A DECK, DOCK, OR OTHER STRUCTURE LOCATED IN A CRITICAL AREA TO USE THE STRUCTURE FOR

PURPOSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS WITH LOCAL ZONING APPROVAL.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 5245--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5245 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Erickson, Bradley and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CHARTER SCHOOLS MAY GIVE ENROLLMENT PREFERENCE TO CHILDREN OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVICEMEMBERS IN THIS STATE IF THEIR ENROLLMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT OF THE OVERALL ENROLLMENT, AND TO REVISE EXISTING ENROLLMENT PREFERENCE PROVISIONS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5245 (LC-5245.WAB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-40-50(8) and inserting:

(8) (a) not limit or deny admission or show preference in admission decisions to any individual or group of individuals, except in the case of an application to create a single gender charter school, in which case gender may be the only reason to show preference or deny admission to the school or as allowed by subitem (b)~~.~~;.

(b) A charter school may give enrollment ~~priority~~preference to any of the following by enrolling the student without requiring participation in a lottery when a lottery is otherwise required under this chapter:

(i) a sibling of a pupil currently enrolled and attending, or who, within the last six years, attended the school for at least one complete academic year~~.~~;

(ii) students enrolled in the public charter school the previous school year~~A public charter school shall give enrollment preference to students enrolled in the public charter school the previous school year. An enrollment preference for returning students excludes those students from entering into a lottery. A charter school also may give priority tochildren of a charter school employee and children of the charter committee, if priority enrollment for children of employees and of the charter committee does not constitute more than twenty percent of the enrollment of the charter school.~~;

(iii) a child or children of any employee of the charter school or member of the charter school committee, provided that the number of students eligible for this preference may not exceed twenty percent of the school's total enrollment;

(iv) dependents of active-duty members of the military residing or stationed in this state, limited to not more than twenty percent of the school's total enrollment except for schools meeting the provisions of Section 59-40-50(B)(8)(e). Dependents of active duty military members are subject to the enrollment provisions of Section 59-63-33.

(c) A student eligible for multiple enrollment preferences may be enrolled based on only one of the preferences, at the charter school's discretion. A student eligible for an enrollment preference that is denied the enrollment preference because the charter school has exceeded the number of enrollment preferences allowed must be permitted to participate in any enrollment lottery held by the school for the year the enrollment preference is denied.

(d) In the case of a charter school designated as an Alternative Education Campus, pursuant to Section 59-40-111, mission-aligned preference may be given to educationally disadvantaged students as specifically defined in their charter and charter contract approved by their sponsor and as allowed by ESSA.

(e) In addition, a charter school located on a federal military installation or base where the appropriate authorities have made buildings, facilities, and grounds on the installation or base available for use by the charter school as its principal location also may give enrollment ~~priority~~preference to otherwise eligible students who are dependents of military personnel living in military housing on the base or installation or who are currently stationed at the base or installation not to exceed fifty percent of the total enrollment of the charter school. This ~~priority~~preference is in addition to the other ~~priorities~~preferences provided by this item, but no child may be counted more than once for

purposes of determining the percentage makeup of each ~~priority~~preference;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss

Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 5245--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BRADLEY, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 5245 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4702--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4702 -- Reps. Davis, Pope, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGH THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION PLAN AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERS AT LEAST ONE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE THAT MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4702 (LC-4702.WAB0005H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-29-250(E)(3) and inserting:

(3) design career pathways that connect students to postsecondary programs, degrees, or postsecondary credentials in high demand career fields including, but not limited to, cybersecurity, information systems, informatics, graphic design, computer engineering, and software development as identified by the Department of Employment and Workforce;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-29-250(H)(2)(b) and inserting:

(b) are organized around the career pathways and aligned with state and regional workforce needs as determined by the Department of Employment and Workforce;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, Section 59-29-250, by adding a subsection to read:

(I) When updating and revising the K-8 South Carolina Computer Science and Digital Literacy Standards and the South Carolina Computer Science Standards for High School, the State Board of Education shall ensure that the concept of cybersecurity is addressed appropriately for each grade and subject covered by the standards.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 5

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman

Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Harris	Magnuson
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	

Total--5

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

H. 4702--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BRADLEY, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4702 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4703--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4703 -- Reps. Davis, Pope, West, Schuessler, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STEM OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) COALITION, THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION FUND WITHIN THE STATE TREASURY, AND THE SC STEM COALITION ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND TO PROVIDE THEIR RESPECTIVE PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4703 (LC-4703.WAB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 13-1-2230(B)(1)(a) and inserting:

(a) the Executive Director of the Department of Employment and Workforce or his designee, who shall serve as chair of the advisory council;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 13-1-2230(B)(1)(g), (h), and (i) and inserting:

(g) one member appointed by the President of the Technical College System to represent the public technical colleges in this State, who shall serve terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

(h) one member appointed by the President of the Commission on Higher Education to represent public higher education institutions in this State not otherwise represented pursuant to subitems (g),(i), or (j) of item (B)(1) of this section, who shall serve terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualified;

(i) one member appointed by the President of the University of

South Carolina to represent the eight public institutions of the USC system, who shall serve a term of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify; and

(j) one member appointed by President of Clemson University to represent the university as the host site of the coalition, who shall serve a term of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualified.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May

McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4703--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BRADLEY, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4703 be read the third time tomorrow.

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

H. 4673--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4673 -- Reps. Erickson, Gilliam, Williams and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTION 56-1-50, RELATING TO BEGINNERS PERMITS, HOURS AND CONDITIONS OF VEHICLE OPERATION, RENEWAL AND FEES, DRIVERS' TRAINING COURSES, AND ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL LICENSURE, SO AS TO EXEMPT ADDITIONAL PERSONS FROM OBTAINING BEGINNERS' PERMITS BEFORE OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD MAY TAKE THE DRIVING TEST AFTER MAINTAINING A BEGINNER’S PERMIT FOR AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS.

Rep. GILLIAM explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis

Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4673--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. GILLIAM, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4673 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 5144--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5144 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Elliott, Wooten and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-5-105 SO AS TO CREATE THE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING EFFICIENT EMERGENCY RESPONSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 5016--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5016 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers

Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 5016--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. JORDAN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 5016 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3227--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3227 -- Reps. Rutherford, Crawford, Gagnon, Mitchell, Taylor, Guffey, O'Neal, Pope, Felder and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE

SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-1-40 AND 63-19-20, BOTH RELATING TO STATUS OFFENSES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE PLAYING A PINBALL MACHINE AS A STATUS OFFENSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 63-19-2430 RELATING TO THE PLAYING OF PINBALL MACHINES BY A MINOR.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus

Ott	Pace	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3227--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. J. E. JOHNSON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3227 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4304--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4304 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, Yow, Murphy, Elliott, Robbins, Collins, Pope and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-75-30 SO AS TO PERMIT PARENTAL AND FILIAL CONSORTIUM CLAIMS.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bauer	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brittain	Burns

Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4304--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. CONNELL, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4304 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 3980--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3980 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, M. M. Smith, Moss, Lawson, Guffey, West, Brittain, Hardee, McGinnis, Bailey, B. L. Cox, Pace, Mitchell, Chapman, Davis, B. Newton, Burns, Cromer, Hixon, A. M. Morgan and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 14-1-250 SO AS TO REQUIRE JUDGES AND OTHER JUDICIAL OFFICIALS OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO REPORT ALL CASES OF SUSPECTED FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS TO THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-55-570, RELATING TO NOTIFICATION OF INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION OF KNOWLEDGE OR BELIEF OF FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO THE OBLIGATION OF JUDGES AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO REPORT SUSPECTED FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS TO THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3980 (LC-3980.PH0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 14-1-250 and inserting:

Section 14-1-250. Judges of the unified judicial system may report all cases where there is a reasonable belief of a false statement or misrepresentation, as defined in Section 38-55-530(D), to the Insurance Fraud Division of the Office of Attorney General for investigation and prosecution, if warranted, pursuant to the Omnibus Insurance Fraud and Reporting Immunity Act.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 38-55-570(C) and inserting:

(C) Any authorized agency provided with or obtaining information relating to a suspected false statement or misrepresentation as provided for above may release or provide the information to any other authorized

agency. The Department of Insurance, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Motor Vehicles shall report, but not adjudicate, all cases ~~of suspected~~where there is a reasonable belief of or reported false statement or misrepresentation to the Insurance Fraud Division of the Office of Attorney General of South Carolina for appropriate investigation or prosecution, or both. The Workers' Compensation Commission may refer such cases as provided in Section 42-9-440. Judges of the unified judicial system must refer such cases as provided in Section 14-1-250.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson

S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 3980--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. J. E. JOHNSON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3980 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 5225--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5225 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1180 SO AS TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR EACH CLINICAL ROTATION SERVED BY A PHYSICIAN,

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE, OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AS A PRECEPTOR FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5225 (LC-5225.DG0004H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION 1. Section 12-6-3800(A), (B), and (C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Independent institution of higher learning" has the same meaning as provided in Section 59-113-50.

(2) "Medical school-required clinical rotation", "physician assistant program-required clinical rotation", or "advanced practice nursing program-required clinical rotation" means a clinical rotation for a public teaching institution or independent institution of higher learning that:

(a) is established for a student who is enrolled in a South Carolina public teaching institution or an independent institution of higher learning, including:

(i) medical school;

(ii) a physician assistant program; and

(iii) an advanced practice nursing program; and

(b) includes a minimum of one hundred sixty hours of instruction in one of the following clinical settings:

(i) family medicine;

(ii) internal medicine;

(iii) pediatrics;

(iv) obstetrics and gynecology;

(v) emergency medicine;

(vi) psychiatry; ~~or~~

(vii) general surgery under the guidance of a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant; or

(viii) specialty care including, but not limited to, dermatology, hematology, neurology, and oncology.

(3) "Preceptor" means a physician, advanced practice nurse practitioner, or physician assistant who provides supervision and instruction during student clinical training experiences, is otherwise not compensated for doing so, and provides a minimum of two required clinical rotations within a calendar year.

(B)~~(1)~~ There is allowed an income tax credit for each clinical rotation a physician serves as the preceptor for a medical school-required clinical rotation, advanced practice nursing program-required clinical rotation, and physician assistant program-required clinical rotation. ~~-~~

~~(2) If at least fifty percent of~~ If the physician's practice ~~consists of a combined total of~~includes Medicaid insured ~~,~~or Medicare insured~~, and self-pay patients,~~ then the credit is equal to one thousand dollars for each rotation served, not to exceed four thousand dollars a year. The provider must be a Medicaid participating provider and have a minimum of at least one hundred Medicaid and Medicare patients combined or be a free clinic.

~~(3) If at least thirty percent of the physician's practice consists of a combined total of Medicaid insured, Medicare insured, and self-pay patients, then the credit is equal to seven hundred fifty dollars for each rotation served, not to exceed three thousand dollars a year.~~

~~(4) If less than thirty percent of the physician's practice consists of a combined total of Medicaid insured, Medicare insured, and self-pay patients, then the credit is disallowed.~~

~~(5) The credits allowed by this subsection are not cumulative and may not be combined.~~

(C)~~(1)~~ There is allowed an income tax credit for each clinical rotation an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant serves as the preceptor for an advanced practice nursing or physician assistant-required clinical rotation. The credit is equal to one thousand dollars for each rotation served, not to exceed four thousand dollars a year. The provider must be a Medicaid participating provider and have a minimum of at least one hundred Medicaid and Medicare patients combined or be a free clinic.

~~(2) If at least fifty percent of the advanced practice registered nurse's or physician assistant's practice consists of a combined total of Medicaid insured, Medicare insured, and self-pay patients, then the credit is equal to seven hundred fifty dollars for each rotation served, not to exceed three thousand dollars a year.~~

~~(3) If at least thirty percent of the advanced practice registered nurse's or physician assistant's practice consists of a combined total of Medicaid insured, Medicare insured, and self-pay patients, then the credit is equal to five hundred dollars for each rotation served, not to exceed two thousand dollars a year.~~

~~(4) If less than thirty percent of the advance practice registered nurse's or physician assistant's practice consists of a combined total of Medicaid insured, Medicare insured, and self-pay patients, then the~~

~~credit is disallowed.~~

~~(5) The credits allowed by this subsection are not cumulative and may not be combined.~~

SECTION 2. Section 4 of Act 45 of 2019 is amended to read:

Section 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and shall apply to tax years 2020 through ~~2025~~2029. Section 12-6-3800 and Section ~~12-6-1140()~~12-6-1140(14) are repealed January 1, ~~2026~~2030.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and applies to tax years beginning after 2024.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 94; Nays 12

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long

Lowe	Magnuson	McCravy
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Ott	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Harris
S. Jones	Kilmartin	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
O'Neal	Pace	White

Total--12

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

H. 5225--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. COBB-HUNTER, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 5225 be read the third time tomorrow.

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5352 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. RESHMA KHAN, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE OF THE ISLAMIC CIRCLE OF NORTH AMERICA (ICNA) RELIEF USA AND FOUNDER OF THE SHIFA FREE CLINIC IN CHARLESTON, FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5353 -- Reps. Wooten, Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones,

W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR MASTER DEPUTY JACOB SMITH OF THE LEXINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT UPON BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5354 -- Reps. Connell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE STOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TIGERS ON

WINNING THE 2024 MIDDLE SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

H. 5355 -- Rep. Pendarvis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-505 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A STIPEND AND PER DIEM FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND TO CREATE A COMMISSION TO REDISTRICT THE BOUNDARIES FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-11-720, RELATING TO ENTITIES WHOSE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5356 -- Rep. Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 171 OF 1976, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO FISCAL MATTERS AND THE IMPOSITION OF SCHOOL TAXES FOR LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FIFTY-FIVE AND FIFTY-SIX, SO AS TO ELIMINATE AN EQUALIZATION FORMULA AND PROVIDE EACH DISTRICT WITH FISCAL AUTONOMY; AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE EQUALIZATION FORMULA APPLIES TO PREVIOUS TAX YEARS.

On motion of Rep. GILLIAM, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 5236--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5236 -- Reps. Bannister and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-6-50, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OR A SUCCESSOR AGENCY, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES CONCERNING MEDICAID CLAIMS PROCESSING CONTRACTS.

Rep. Ott proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5236 (LC-5236.HA0001H):

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

SECTION X. Chapter 6, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 44-6-120. Beginning January 1, 2024, an adult sixty-five years of age and younger whose income is at or below one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level, with a five percent income disregard, is eligible for Medicaid as provided for in the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (P.L. No. 111-148), and amendments to that act.

Renumber sections to conform. Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 5235--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5235 -- Reps. Bannister and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-7-465, RELATING TO INSURERS PROVIDING COVERAGE TO PERSONS RECEIVING MEDICAID, SO AS TO COMPORT WITH THE FEDERAL CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2022.

Rep. Ott proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5235 (LC-5235.HA0001H):

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

SECTION X. Chapter 6, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 44-6-120. Beginning January 1, 2024, an adult sixty-five years of age and younger whose income is at or below one hundred

thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level, with a five percent income disregard, is eligible for Medicaid as provided for in the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (P.L. No. 111-148), and amendments to that act.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

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

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

Yeas 28; Nays 79

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	J. Moore
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams		

Total--28

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman

Chumley	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--79

So, the House refused to waive Rule 5.10, pursuant to Rule 5.15.

H. 5230--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5230 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THIS STATE IN THE DEFINITION OF "SOLICITOR" AND TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PROVISIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SYSTEM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-40, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE SYSTEM,

SO AS TO ALLOW THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SERVING ON JULY 1, 2024, TO ELECT TO BECOME A MEMBER.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 5310--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5310 -- Reps. Murphy, G. M. Smith, Bannister, Brewer, Caskey, Gatch, Guest, J. E. Johnson, Mitchell, W. Newton, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Stavrinakis, West and Whitmire: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS SO AS TO EXEMPT A PORTION OF THE VALUE OF AIRCRAFT OF AN AIRLINE COMPANY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-2440, RELATING TO THE VALUATION OF AIRCRAFT, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH TIME ON THE GROUND IS CALCULATED.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4622--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4622 -- Reps. Sessions, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Guffey, Mitchell, King and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-327 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO ITEMIZED PATIENT BILLING FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND SUPPLIES.

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 5183--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5183 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, West, Hewitt, Chapman, B. Newton, Hiott, Sessions, Pope, Davis, Gagnon, Thayer and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-196, RELATING TO THE DELEGATION OF NURSING TASKS TO UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL BY CERTAIN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL TASKS THAT MAY BE DELEGATED.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5183 (LC-5183.WAB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 40-47-20(57) and inserting:

(57) “Certified medical assistant” or “CMA” means a person who: ~~is a graduate of a post-secondary medical assisting education program accredited by the National Healthcare Association, or its successor; by the Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association, or its successor; by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools, or its successor; or by any accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. The accredited post-secondary medical assisting education program must include courses in anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, pharmacology, medical laboratory techniques, and clinical experience. A certified medical assistant must maintain current certification from the certifying board of the American Association of Medical Assistants, the National Center for Competency Testing, the National Certification Medical Association, American Medical~~

~~Technologists, or any other recognized certifying body approved by the Board of Medical Examiners~~

(1) has completed:

(a) a medical assisting education program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its successor, by the Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools or its successor, or by any accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, and which must include courses or components in anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, pharmacology, medical laboratory techniques, and clinical experience, provided the clinical experience component may be satisfied through an individual's work experience with a health care employer;

(b) a Career and Technical Education Health Sciences Program approved by the South Carolina Department of Education;

(c) a medical assisting program provided by a branch of the United States military;

(d) a medical assisting United States Department of Labor-approved Registered Apprenticeship program; or

(e) a training program that is delivered, in whole or in part, by a health care employer that aligns to a nationally accredited certification exam; and

(2) a person who has complied with the provisions of subitem (1) and maintains current certification from a certifying body offering a certification program that is:

(a) approved by the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing; and

(b) is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies or other accreditation body recognized by the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Nursing. The term "certified medical assistant" or "CMA" also includes medical assistants who have maintained certification from one of the certifying entities in item (2) of this section since January 1, 2020 and individuals employed as certified medical assistants as of the effective date of this act who do not meet the education or training requirements required in this item, but who meet those requirements no later than July 15, 2026.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by deleting Section 40-47-196(C)(1)(j).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West

Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 5183--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. M. M. SMITH, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 5183 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4867--POINT OF ORDER, RULE 5.10 WAIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 5.15, AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4867 -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, G. M. Smith, Moss, Hiott, Blackwell, B. L. Cox, Caskey, M. M. Smith, Hart, Sandifer, J. E. Johnson, Brittain and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-45 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL 911 TELECOMMUNICATORS WHO PROVIDE DISPATCH FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITIONS TO BE TRAINED IN HIGH-QUALITY TELECOMMUNICATOR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (T-CPR).

POINT OF ORDER

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

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. HAYES moved to waive Rule 5.10 pursuant to Rule 5.15, which was agreed to by a division vote of 72 to 26.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4867 (LC-4867.CM0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 23-23-45(A) and inserting:

(A) Beginning January 1, 2025, all 911 telecommunicators that provide dispatch for emergency medical conditions shall be required to be trained, utilizing the most current nationally recognized cardiovascular care guidelines, in high quality T-CPR. The instruction shall incorporate recognition protocols for out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA), compression-only CPR instruction for callers, and continuous education which must be completed on an annual basis.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 23-23-45(D) and inserting:

(D) Neither telecommunicators that provide dispatch for emergency medical conditions who have completed the training specified in subsection (A) nor the State or the agency, political subdivision, or governmental entity employing such telecommunicators shall be liable for any civil damages for any personal injury arising from the provision of CPR instructions to 911 callers except acts or omissions amounting to gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct. Any civil cause of action for damages arising from the provision of T-CPR instructions and brought against the State, an agency, a political subdivision, or a governmental entity and its employee acting within the scope of his official duty must be brought pursuant to the South Carolina Tort Claims Act, Chapter 78, Title 15.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 23-23-10(E) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(E) As contained in this chapter:

(1) “Law enforcement officer” means an appointed officer or employee hired by and regularly on the payroll of the State or any of its political subdivisions, who is granted statutory authority to enforce all or some of the criminal, traffic, and penal laws of the State and who possesses, with respect to those laws, the power to effect arrests for offenses committed or alleged to have been committed.

(2) “Council” means the South Carolina Law Enforcement

Training Council created by this chapter.

(3) "Academy" means the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy created by this chapter.

(4) "Director" means the Director of the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

(5) "T-CPR" means telecommunicator cardiopulmonary resuscitation, which is the dispatcher-assisted delivery of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) instruction by trained emergency call takers or public safety dispatchers to callers or bystanders for events requiring CPR, such as out-of-hospital cardiac arrest (OHCA)".

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan

Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4867--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. M. M. SMITH, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4867 be read the third time tomorrow.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

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

H. 4953--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4953 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Davis, M. M. Smith, Bustos, Hart, Williams, Henegan, Caskey, Jefferson, J. Moore and Rivers: A BILL TO

AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-80, RELATING TO STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES, SO AS TO REMOVE A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.

Rep. B. J. COX explained the Bill.

Rep. FELDER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill.

Rep. HART moved to table the motion, which was agreed to.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore

T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:
Felder

Total--1

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

H. 4953--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. B. J. COX, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4953 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4934--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4934 -- Reps. Mitchell, Gilliam, Pace, Yow, Murphy, Guffey, Pope, Sandifer, Hart and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-7-90, RELATING TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVE MILITARY FORCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF PAID MILITARY LEAVE EACH YEAR.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4934 (LC-

4934.DG0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, Section 8-7-90, by striking the first undesignated paragraph and inserting:

All officers and employees of this State or a political subdivision of this State, including school districts, who are either enlisted or commissioned members of the South Carolina National Guard, the United States Army Reserve, the United States Air Force Reserve, the United States Naval Reserve, the United States Marine Corps Reserve, or the United States Coast Guard Reserve are entitled to leaves of absence from their respective duties without loss of pay, time, or efficiency rating for one or more periods not exceeding an aggregate of ~~fifteen~~ thirty regularly scheduled work days in any one year during which they may engage in training or any other duties ordered by the Governor, the Department of Defense, the Department of the Army, the Department of the Air Force, the Department of the Navy, the Department of the Treasury, or any other department or agency of the government of the United States having authority to issue lawful orders requiring military service. Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays may not be included in the ~~fifteen~~thirty-day aggregate unless the particular Saturday, Sunday, or holiday to be included is a regularly scheduled work day for the officer or employee involved. In the event any such person is called upon to serve during an emergency he is entitled to such leave of absence for not exceeding thirty additional days.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. B. J. COX explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins

Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4934--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. B. J. COX, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4934 be read the third time tomorrow.

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

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

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

H. 4681--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4681 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Henegan, Chapman and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-1-230, RELATING TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM NINE TO TEN BY ADDING A PERSON WHO REPRESENTS THE SOUTH CAROLINA CORONERS' ASSOCIATION AS A MEMBER.

Rep. BUSTOS explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey

Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 4681--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BUSTOS, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4681 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 5169--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5169 -- Reps. Haddon, G. M. Smith, Hiott, Taylor, Hixon, Forrest, Wooten, Crawford, Gibson, Hartnett, Robbins, Sessions, Mitchell, T. Moore, Gilliam, Brewer, Ligon, Bradley, Brittain, Guest, B. L. Cox, Long, Chapman, J. E. Johnson, Burns, O'Neal, Vaughan, McCravy, Davis, Nutt, Trantham, Hyde, McGinnis, Hardee, Bailey, S. Jones, Guffey, West, Schuessler, Gatch, Gagnon, Herbkersman, Lawson, Moss, Murphy, Chumley, Carter, Magnuson, M. M. Smith, Pope, Cromer, Oremus and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 46 BY ENACTING THE "FARMERS PROTECTION ACT" TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5169 (LC-5169.PH0006H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, by deleting all after the title but before the enacting words.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 46-1-310(1) and inserting:

(1) “Agriculture producer” means a person or company authorized to do business in South Carolina and engaged in the production of goods derived from plants or animals including, but not limited to, the growing of crops, animal husbandry, or the production of livestock or dairy products.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 46-1-310(3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) and inserting:

(3) “Company” means a for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, sole proprietorship, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations authorized to do business in South Carolina.

(4) “Denies or restricts” means refusing to provide services, terminating existing services, or restricting or burdening the scope or nature of services offered or provided.

(5) “Discriminate in the provision of financial services” means to deny or restrict services and thereby decline to provide financial

services.

(6) "ESG commitment" means any purpose for a financial institution's customers, or a financial institution's decision to join any initiative or organization that has a purpose for its signatories' or members' customers to be aligned with any environmental, social, or political goals to deny agriculture producers financial services based on these institutions' policies on greenhouse gas emissions, use of fossil fuel-derived fertilizers, or fossil fuel-powered machinery by these agriculture producers. Evidence of an ESG commitment includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

(a) advertising, statements, explanations, reports, or statements of principles; and

(b) participation in, affiliation with, or status as a signatory to, any coalition, initiative, joint statement of principles, or agreement the purpose of which is to use business activity to further environmental, social, or political goals.

(7) "Financial institution" means a company authorized to do business in South Carolina that has total assets over one hundred billion dollars and offers financial services. A financial institution includes any affiliate or subsidiary company, even if that affiliate or subsidiary company is also a financial institution.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 46-1-320(B) and (C) and inserting:

(B) If a financial institution has made any ESG commitment related to agriculture, there is an inference that the institution's denial or restriction of a financial service to an agriculture producer violates subsection (A).

(C) A financial institution may overcome the inference in subsection (B) by demonstrating that its denial or restriction of a financial service was based solely on documented financial considerations, and not on any ESG commitment.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 46-1-330 and inserting:

Section 46-1-330. Section 43-1-320 may be enforced by the South Carolina Attorney General. Any violation of Section 46-1-320 constitutes an unfair trade practice in violation of Chapter 5, Title 39, and the Attorney General may investigate and seek remedies as provided in that law.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HADDON explained the amendment.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. HADDON continued speaking.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. HADDON continued speaking.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. HADDON spoke in favor of the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby

Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

H. 5169--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. HADDON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 5169 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4289--AMENDED AND SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4289 -- Reps. McGinnis, Erickson, Ballentine, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Mitchell, Yow, Cromer, Beach, Pace, Taylor, Guffey, Magnuson, Burns, Kilmartin, Chapman, Gagnon, Forrest, Oremus and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-680 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MAY

NOT CONDITION OR PROMISE ADMISSIONS OR BENEFITS TO CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR CERTAIN SUPPORT OR DISAGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN STATEMENTS REGARDING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, OR ASSOCIATED ISSUES.

Rep. Erickson proposed the following Amendment No. 119 to H. 4289 (LC-4289.WAB0127H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-101-680(D) and inserting:

(D) A public institution of higher learning shall not require a faculty member or employee of the institution to complete or participate in mandatory training or other educational program regarding diversity, equity, inclusion. A public institution of higher learning shall not take an adverse employment action against a faculty member or employee of the institution for the faculty member's or employee's failure or refusal to participate in such training or program.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 77; Nays 30

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Beach
Blackwell	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan

Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--77

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Hart	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	Ott	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams

Total--30

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the third time and ordered sent to the Senate.

H. 5118--SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5118 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West, Davis, Hager, Hewitt, Kirby, Long, M. M. Smith, B. Newton, Pendarvis, Sandifer, Hiott, Landing, Crawford, Brittain, Lawson, Williams, Whitmire, Jefferson, Bustos, Hartnett, Carter, Blackwell, Neese, W. Newton, Bradley, Erickson, Murphy, Brewer, Yow, Mitchell, Connell, Jordan, Thayer, Elliott,

Wooten, Pedalino, Bailey, T. Moore, McGinnis, Gatch, Ligon, Gagnon, Hardee, B. L. Cox, Chapman, Leber, Anderson, Bannister, Calhoon, Felder, Hixon, Lowe, Taylor, Thigpen, Willis and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TEN-YEAR ENERGY TRANSFORMATION ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES

WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-650, RELATING TO REASSIGNMENT OF ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS' SERVICE AREAS, SO AS TO PERMIT THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR ANY ELECTRIC SUPPLIER TO SERVE ANY TRANSFORMATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO AS ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR", SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE

PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT

INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND", AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-

SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES.

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

Yeas 83; Nays 21

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--83

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bauer	Bernstein	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Hart
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Hosey
W. Jones	King	McDaniel
Ott	Pendarvis	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Wetmore	Williams

Total--21

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

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted in favor of H. 5118. I intended to vote against the Bill.

Rep. William Clyburn

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 5118. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Thomas Beach

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

March 27, 2024
The Honorable Charles Reid
Clerk of the South Carolina House of Representatives
213 Blatt Bldg.
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Clerk Reid,

I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on H. 5118, relating to the "South Carolina Ten-Year Energy Transformation Act" out of an abundance of caution. I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest, as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Rep. Heath Sessions

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Sincerely,
Rep. Gil Gatch

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. FORREST.

H. 4158--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4158 -- Reps. Pendarvis, M. M. Smith, Bauer, King, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Rivers, Jefferson, Henegan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4158 (LC-4158.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 27-40-350 and inserting:

Section 27-40-350 (A) If a residential tenant is a protected tenant, the tenant may:

(1) terminate the protected tenant's obligations under a rental

agreement within sixty days of the date of the documented qualifying incident; and

(2) not be held liable for penalties or fees that might otherwise be imposed for the termination of the protected tenant's obligations under a rental agreement within sixty days of the documented qualifying incident.

(B) A protected tenant shall provide the landlord with written notice of the intent to terminate the protected tenant's obligations under a rental agreement within sixty days after the documented qualifying incident and is entitled to remain at the residence for at least thirty days following the submission of the notice to the landlord. The protected tenant is still responsible for paying rent and other amounts owed, other than any fees imposed for early termination of the rental agreement, during the thirty days before the termination of the protected tenant's obligations under a rental agreement.

(C) The protected tenant's obligations as a tenant must continue through the effective date of the termination. Any cotenants on the lease with the protected tenant shall remain responsible for the rent for the balance of the term of the rental agreement. If the perpetrator is the remaining sole tenant obligated on the rental agreement, the landlord may terminate the rental agreement with five days' written notice and collect actual damages for such termination against the perpetrator.

(D) A landlord:

(1) may not require or force the protected tenant to vacate the residence before the expiration of the thirty days authorized by this section, but may enter into an agreement with the protected tenant to terminate the protected tenant's obligations under a rental agreement earlier than what is required pursuant to this section; and

(2) is entitled to all remedies available arising from the destruction or damage of the rental unit caused by the protected tenant or permitted by the protected tenant while on the premises with the protected tenant's permission.

(E) A landlord may not take any retaliatory action against a protected tenant in response to the early termination of the protected tenant's obligations under a rental agreement pursuant to this section.

(F) A landlord may not terminate a tenancy, fail to renew a tenancy, refuse to enter into a rental agreement, or otherwise retaliate in the rental of a dwelling based substantially on:

(1) the tenant, applicant, or a household member's status as a protected tenant; or

(2) the tenant or applicant having terminated a rental agreement

under Section 27-40-350.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 27-40-210 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(19) "Protected tenant" means a tenant or household member who is a victim of a qualifying incident.

(20) "Qualifying Incident" means domestic abuse or violence as defined by Chapter 4 of Title 20 or Chapter 25 of Title 16 wherein both the victim and the perpetrator are leaseholders on the same property and the domestic abuse or violence is documented by law enforcement, court, or other federal or state agency records or files.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Robbins proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4158 (LC-4158.VR0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 27-40-210(20) and inserting:

(20) "Qualifying Incident" means domestic abuse or violence as defined by Chapter 4 of Title 20 or Chapter 25 of Title 16 wherein both the victim and the perpetrator are leaseholders on the same property, and the domestic abuse or violence is documented by a restraining order or an order of protection or the perpetrator has been convicted of the domestic violence or abuse.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROBBINS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Rose proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 4158 (LC-4158.SA0006H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 27-40-350(B) and inserting:

(B) A protected tenant shall provide the landlord with written notice of the intent to terminate the protected tenant's obligations under a rental agreement within sixty days after the documented qualifying incident

provided the protected tenant relinquishes all legal rights of possession to the premises. The protected tenant is still responsible for paying rent and other amounts owed, other than any fees imposed for early termination of the rental agreement.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROSE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 10

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Lowe	Magnuson	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pendarvis

Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Burns	Chumley	Harris
S. Jones	Long	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Rutherford		

Total--10

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

H. 4158--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BERNSTEIN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4158 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 5066--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5066 -- Reps. Elliott, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Bailey, Wheeler, T. Moore, Taylor, Hixon, Oremus, Blackwell, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Bradley, Erickson, Hyde, Ballentine, Calhoon, Crawford, Guest and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 ENTITLED THE "FAIR ACCESS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS" SO AS TO PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE OPTION TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE TO ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SUCH A POLICY, TO CREATE THE AFFORDABLE LIQUOR LIABILITY FUND TO AID IN THE FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, AND TO

PROVIDE THAT THE EXCISE TAX ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK MUST BE CREDITED TO THE FUND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-33-245, RELATING TO THE EXCISE TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIQUOR LIABILITY RISK MITIGATION PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE INSURANCE RESERVE FUND IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE A START-UP LOAN TO THE FUND.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5066 (LC-5066.PH0005H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION 1. Section 38-90-20(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) A captive insurance company, when permitted by its articles of incorporation, articles of organization, operating agreement, or charter, may apply to the director for a license to provide any and all insurance, except workers' compensation insurance written on a direct basis, authorized by this title; <u>including without limitation liquor liability insurance;</u> however:

(1) a pure captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of its parent, affiliated companies, controlled unaffiliated business, risks assumed from a risk pool for the purpose of risk sharing, or a combination of them;

(2) an association captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the member organizations of its association and their affiliated companies;

(3) an industrial insured captive insurance company may not insure any risks other than those of the industrial insureds that comprise the industrial insured group and their affiliated companies;

(4) a special purpose captive insurance company may provide insurance or reinsurance, or both, for risks as approved by the director;

(5) a captive insurance company may not provide personal motor vehicle or homeowner's insurance coverage written on a direct basis;

(6) a captive insurance company may not accept or cede reinsurance except as provided in Section 38-90-110.

SECTION 2. Section 61-2-60 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(9) regulations governing the development, implementation, education, and enforcement of responsible alcohol server training positions.

SECTION 3. Section 61-2-145 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-2-145. (A) In addition to all other requirements, a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, is required to maintain a liquor liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement ~~for a total coverage~~with an annual aggregate limit of at least one million dollars during the period of the biennial permit or license, unless the person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages qualifies unde the terms of a liquor liability risk mitigation program pursuant to subsection (E). Failure to maintain this coverage during the period of the biennial permit or license constitutes grounds for suspension or revocation of the permit or license and is sufficient grounds for the department to seek an emergency revocation order as provided in Sections 12-60-1340 and 1-23-370(c). An insurance policy issued pursuant to this section must provide for minimum coverage of at least fifty percent of the total aggregate limit, per occurrence, given rise to the claim.

(B) The department shall add this requirement to all applications and renewals for biennial permits or licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in which the permittees and licensees remain open and sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m. Each applicant or person renewing its license or permit, to whom this requirement applies, shall provide the department with documentation of a liquor liability insurance policy or a general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement in the required amounts.

(C) Each insurer writing liquor liability insurance policies or general liability insurance policies with a liquor liability endorsement to a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, in which the person so licensed or permitted remains open to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption after five o'clock p.m., must notify the department in a manner prescribed by department regulation of the lapse or termination of the liquor liability insurance policy or the general liability insurance policy with a liquor liability endorsement.

(D) For the purposes of this section, the term “alcoholic beverages” means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, and alcoholic liquor by the drink as

defined in Chapter 4, Title 61, and Chapter 6, Title 61.

(E) A person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, may qualify for liquor liability risk mitigation. A person qualifies if the person:

(1) stops serving alcohol by twelve o-clock a.m.. A person meeting the requirements of this item may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars, and an additional one hundred thousand dollars for each hour earlier until six o'clock p.m.;

(2) completes an alcohol server training course pursuant to Title 61, Chapter 3;

(3) has less than forty percent of its total sales deriving from alcohol sales; or

(4) is a nonprofit organization which is exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 501(c) of Title 26 of United States Code, as amended, or the entity is engaging in a single event for which a Beer and Wine Special Event License or Liquor Special Event Permit is obtained.

(5) A person meeting the requirements of items (2) or (3) may reduce the required annual aggregate limit by one hundred thousand dollars each. An entity meeting the requirements of item (4) may reduce the annual aggregate limit by five hundred thousand dollars. A person complying with any combination of items (1)-(4) must receive the permitted reduction in the required annual aggregate limit for each item the entity complies with provided a person licensed or permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, which remains open after five o'clock p.m. to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, must at all times maintain coverage with an annual aggregate limit of at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars during the period of the biennial permit or license.

(6) Insurers must establish liquor liability mitigation measures and offer premium discounts for compliance therewith that reduce the risk to the general public associated with the service of on-premises consumption of alcohol.

SECTION 4. Title 61 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 3

Alcohol Server Training

Section 61-3-100. For the purposes of this chapter, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Alcohol" means beer, wine, alcoholic liquors, or any other type of alcoholic beverage that contains any amount of alcohol and is used as a beverage for human consumption.

(2) "Alcohol server" means an individual who sells, serves, transfers, or dispenses alcohol for on-premises consumption at permitted or licensed premises and may include a permittee, licensee, manager, or other employee of a permittee or licensee. "Alcohol server" does not include an individual employed or volunteering on a temporary basis for a one-time special event, such as a banquet, or at an event that has a temporary permit to sell beer, wine, or alcoholic liquors by the drink and does not include an individual transferring alcohol from one location to another as a distributor, wholesaler, or as otherwise lawfully authorized to transfer alcohol from one location to another by this title; and does not include an individual who cannot lawfully serve or deliver alcohol pursuant to Sections 61-4-90(D) and 61-6-2200.

(3) "Alcohol server certificate" means an authorization issued by the department for an individual to be employed or engaged as an alcohol server for on-premises consumption.

(4) "DAODAS" means the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.

(5) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

(6) "Division" means the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.

(7) "Employee" means a person who is employed for at least ten hours a week by a permittee or a licensee.

(8) "Licensee" means a person issued a license by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense alcoholic liquors or alcoholic liquor by the drink for on-premises consumption.

(9) "Manager" means an individual employed by a permittee or licensee who manages, directs, or controls the sale, service, transfer, or dispensing of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption at the permitted or licensed premises.

(10) "Permittee" means a person issued a permit by the department pursuant to Title 61 to sell, serve, transfer, or dispense beer, wine, ale, porter, or other malted beverages for on-premises consumption.

(11) "Program" means an alcohol server training and education course and examination approved by the department with input from DAODAS and the division that is administered by authorized providers.

(12) "Provider" means an individual, partnership, corporation, or other legal entity authorized by the department that offers and administers a program.

Section 61-3-110. (A) An entity may not qualify for the liquor liability mitigation program pursuant to Section 61-2-145(E)(2) unless

all employees who are employed as an alcohol server or a manager on permitted or licensed premises obtain, within one hundred twenty calendar days of employment, an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. If a permittee or licensee functions or is employed as an alcohol server or manager on the permitted or licensed premises, then the permittee or licensee must also complete training on responsible alcohol server training and obtain an alcohol server certificate pursuant to the provisions of this chapter. An alcohol server shall not be mentally or physically impaired by alcohol, drugs, or controlled substances while serving alcohol.

(B) Each permittee or licensee shall maintain at all times on its permitted or licensed premises copies of the alcohol server certificates of the permittee or licensee, if applicable, and the alcohol server certificates of each manager and each alcohol server then employed by the permittee or licensee. Copies of the alcohol server certificate must be made available, upon request, to the department, the division, or the agents and employees of each. For the purposes of enforcement of the provisions of this chapter, a permittee or licensee must also make available to the department or the division, when requested, the hire date of an alcohol server.

(C) Failure to produce a copy of an alcohol server certificate when an alcohol server has been employed for one hundred twenty calendar days subjects the permittee or licensee to noncompliance with Section 61-2-145(E).

Section 61-3-120. (A)(1) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, is authorized to approve alcohol server training programs, based on best evidence practice standards, offered by providers. A program that has not received approval within sixty days from submission shall be considered denied. A provider may appeal denial pursuant to Section 61-2-260 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

(2) A provider must provide alcohol server training programs to all applicable individuals free of charge.

(B) The curricula of each program must include the following subjects:

(1) state laws and regulations pertaining to:

(a) the sale and service of alcoholic beverages;

(b) the permitting and licensing of sellers of alcoholic beverages;

(c) impaired driving or driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;

(d) liquor liability issues;

(e) the carrying of concealed weapons by authorized permit holders into businesses selling and serving alcoholic beverages; and

(f) life consequences, such as the loss of education scholarships, to minors relating to the unlawful use, transfer, or sale of alcoholic beverages;

(2) the effect that alcohol has on the body and human behavior including, but not limited to, its effect on an individual's ability to operate a motor vehicle when intoxicated;

(3) information on blood alcohol concentration and factors that change or alter blood alcohol concentration;

(4) the effect that alcohol has on an individual when taken in combination with commonly used prescription or nonprescription drugs or with illegal drugs;

(5) information on recognizing the signs of intoxication and methods for preventing intoxication;

(6) methods of recognizing problem drinkers and techniques for intervening with and refusing to serve problem drinkers;

(7) methods of identifying and refusing to serve or sell alcoholic beverages to individuals under twenty-one years of age and intoxicated individuals;

(8) methods for properly and effectively checking the identification of an individual, for identifying illegal identification, and for handling situations involving individuals who have provided illegal identification;

(9) South Carolina law enforcement information; and

(10) other topics related to alcohol server education and training designated by the department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, to be included.

(C) The department shall approve only online designed training programs that meet each of the following criteria:

(1) a program must cover the content specified in subsection (B);

(2) the content in a program must clearly identify and focus on the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to responsibly serve alcoholic beverages and must be developed using best practices in instructional design and exam development to ensure that the program is fair and legally defensible;

(3) a program shall be offered online;

(4) online training must be at least four hours, be available in English and Spanish, and include a test;

(5) online or computer-based training programs must use linear

navigation that requires the completion of a module before the course proceeds to the next module, with no content omitted; be interactive; have audio for content; and include a test;

(6) training and testing must be conducted online. All tests must be monitored by an online proctor. A passing grade for a test, as provided by the program, is required; and

(7) training certificates are issued by the provider only after training is complete and a test has been passed successfully.

(8) Within ten business days after a training is completed, each provider must give to the department a report of all individuals who have successfully completed the training and testing. The provider must also maintain these records for at least five years following the end of the training program for purposes of verifying certification validity by the department or the division.

(D) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, may suspend or revoke the authorization of a provider that the department determines has violated the provisions of this chapter. If a provider's authorization is suspended or revoked, then that provider must cease operations in this State immediately and refund any money paid to it by individuals enrolled in that provider's program at the time of the suspension or revocation.

Section 61-3-130. (A) The provider of a program that is authorized by the department must pay a fee, in an amount to be determined by the department, not to exceed five hundred dollars per year, renewable each year. State agency providers are exempt from payment. Each fee shall be deposited into the Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund to assist with the costs associated with implementation and enforcement of the provisions of this chapter.

(B) The Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund is a revolving fund, and no funds deposited therein shall revert to the general fund of the state treasury.

(C) On or before the second Tuesday of each year, the department, with the assistance of the division, must make a report of all income and expenditures made from the Responsible Alcohol Server Training Fund as of December thirty-first of the previous year. A copy of the report shall be given to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate; posted on the websites of the department and the division; and recorded in the journals of each body of the General Assembly at the beginning of each legislative year.

Section 61-3-140. (A)(1) The department must issue an alcohol server certificate to each applicant who completes an approved program

or a recertification program and who provides other information as may be required by the department in an application form that is available on the department's website. A person must apply for an alcohol server certificate within six months of completing a program. The department, if circumstances warrant the issuance of a temporary alcohol server certificate, may issue a temporary alcohol server certificate that is valid for a period of not more than thirty calendar days.

(2) The department, in collaboration with DAODAS and the division, may issue an alcohol server certificate to an individual from out of the State who applies for an alcohol server certificate if the individual has an alcohol server certificate from a nationally recognized or comparable, state-recognized alcohol server certification program that the department, DAODAS, and the division find meets or exceeds the programs offered in this State.

(B) Alcohol server certificates shall not be issued to graduates of programs that are not approved by the department.

(C) An alcohol server certificate is the property of the individual to whom it is issued and is transferrable among employers.

(D) Alcohol server certificates are valid for a period of five years from the date that the alcohol server certificate was issued. After the five-year period, a new or recertified alcohol server certificate must be obtained pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

(E) Upon expiration of an alcohol server certificate, the individual to whom the alcohol server certificate was issued may obtain recertification in accordance with regulations promulgated by the department and approved by the General Assembly.

(F) The department must issue and renew alcohol server certificates for all qualifying applicants free of charge.

(G) An applicant must be deemed to be a qualifying applicant for the purpose of alcohol server certificate issuance and renewal if they have successfully completed all training and testing requirements as found in Section 61-3-120.

Section 61-3-150. As a requirement for application or renewal of a permit or license for on-premises consumption under Chapter 4, Title 61 or Chapter 6, Title 61, a permittee or licensee for on-premises consumption seeking to utilize Section 61-2-145(E) must submit to the department proof that the permittee or licensee, if applicable, and each manager and alcohol server employed by the permittee or licensee during the upcoming or prior permit or license period have or have held valid alcohol server certificates at all times that alcoholic beverages were sold, served, or dispensed.

Section 61-3-160. The division and the department are responsible for enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. The department is responsible for bringing administrative actions for violations of the provisions of this chapter or related regulations, and those actions shall proceed according to the provisions of Section 61-2-260 and the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and the first insurance policy therefrom may be issued ninety days after the Governor's approval.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ELLIOTT explained the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WEST a temporary leave of absence.

Rep. ELLIOTT spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. OTT spoke against the amendment.

Rep. OTT spoke against the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. W. Newton proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 5066 (LC-5066.DG0006H), which was adopted:

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

SECTION X. Section 61-6-2220 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 61-6-2220. A person or establishment licensed to sell alcoholic liquors or liquor by the drink pursuant to this article may not knowingly sell these beverages to persons in an intoxicated condition; these sales are considered violations of the provisions thereof and subject to the penalties contained herein.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Elliott proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 5066 (LC-5066.DG0007H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 5 and inserting:

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

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ELLIOTT explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. McCabe proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 5066 (LC-5066.DG0008H), which was ruled out of order:

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

SECTION X. Section 15-38-15(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) This section does not apply to a defendant whose conduct is determined to be wilful, wanton, reckless, grossly negligent, or intentional ~~or conduct involving the use, sale, or possession of alcohol~~ or the illegal or illicit use, sale, or possession of drugs.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. STAVRINAKIS raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 4 to H. 5066 was not germane to the bill.

Rep. MCCABE argued against the Point of Order.

The SPEAKER stated that Rule 9.3 required him to look at the substantial effect of the amendment and the bill. He stated that the bill concerned access to insurance for businesses that serve alcoholic beverages, but the amendment created joint and several liability. He further stated that the amendment did not concern the provision of insurance or the conditions for the provision of insurance, and he ruled the amendment to be out of order. He sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. Caskey proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 5066 (LC-5066.HA0010H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 3, Section 61-2-145, by adding a subsection to read:

(F) For purposes of this section, the calculation of total sales shall

include sales of alcohol sold for on-premises consumption and all food and non-alcoholic beverages sold on the premises where the alcohol is sold, including food and non-alcoholic beverages sold by third-party vendors.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan

Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Felder	Guffey

Total--2

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 5066. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Chris Wooten

H. 5066--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. ELLIOTT, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 5066 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 4649--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4649 -- Reps. Bannister, Carter, Leber, Vaughan, West, Elliott, Williams, Henegan, Caskey, Erickson, Bradley and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND

STUDENTS MAY USE CERTAIN SECURITY PERSONNEL TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND SECURITY ON SCHOOL PREMISES IF LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS, AND TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS REMAIN OBLIGATED TO USE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS LICENSURE, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO SECURITY OFFICER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION AGENCY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS.

Reps. Bradley and Erickson proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4649 (LC-4649.WAB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-19-275 and inserting:

Section 59-19-275. Each public school district with more than fifteen thousand students may use the services of personnel who are armed or delegated arrest authority to work on the premises of the district to promote safety and security on the premises, provided the district shall obtain proprietary security business licensure as provided in Section 40-18-60 and Section 40-18-80 and otherwise complies with the applicable requirements of those sections. The provisions of this section do not affect any requirement that a school district use the services of a school resource officer as provided by law. A school district by obtaining a proprietary security business license may enhance school security and safety but shall not supplant the use of school resource officer in a school.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

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

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4649. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

H. 4649--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BRADLEY, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 4649 be read the third time tomorrow.

Rep. FORREST moved that when the House adjourn today, it stand adjourned to meet in Local Session on Friday, March 29, and to next meet in Statewide Session on Tuesday, April 9, at 12:00 noon, which was agreed to.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:57 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. MCCRAVY, adjourned in memory of Augustus "Gus" Burgdorf, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Friday, March 29, 2024
(Local Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 98:4: "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises."

Let us pray. For food that strengthens the body and Your word that strengthens our soul, we thank You. As we go into the weekend, keep us safe and secure in the presence of the Lord. Guide us in all we do. Provide for these Representatives and Staff strength and courage. Grant them a welcome home with their family and friends. Continue Your blessings on our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and talents. Heal the wounds of our women and men who suffer and sacrifice for our freedom. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 5014 -- Reps. Caskey, Ballentine, Calhoon, Forrest, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White and Wooten: A BILL TO EXTEND THE ONE PERCENT SALES TAX IMPOSED BY ACT 378 OF 2004, AS AMENDED, THE LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT, FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN YEARS.

H. 5154 -- Reps. West and Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-5-1030, RELATING TO CIVIL PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE

A GAS UTILITY WHICH VIOLATES SECTION 58-5-1020 OR A REGULATION UNDER ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 5, TITLE 58 IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT MORE THAN THE CIVIL PENALTY PROVIDED BY 49 U.S.C. SECTION 60122 AND 49 C.F.R. 190.233.

H. 4189 -- Rep. Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO LICENSING AND FEES, SO AS TO AMEND MEETING REQUIREMENTS, REMOVE A CERTIFICATION FEE AND OUTLINE HOW TO MAKE PROPER PAYMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-40, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO GIVE DISCRETION TO THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-60, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-70, RELATING TO REPORTS, SO AS TO CHANGE A DEADLINE AND INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-75, RELATING TO DISCOUNTING OF LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES, SO AS TO ALLOW A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO FILE ONE ACTUARIAL OPINION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-80, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE EXAMINATION OF SOME CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES OPTIONAL AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-140, RELATING TO TAX PAYMENTS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIRED TAX PAYMENTS FOR A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-165, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF INACTIVITY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-175, RELATING TO THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND, SO AS TO CHANGE THE ALLOWED TRANSFER OF COLLECTED TAXES FROM TWENTY PERCENT TO FORTY PERCENT; AND BY AMENDING 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

H. 5245 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Erickson, Bradley and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CHARTER SCHOOLS MAY GIVE ENROLLMENT PREFERENCE TO CHILDREN OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVICEMEMBERS IN THIS STATE IF THEIR ENROLLMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT OF THE OVERALL ENROLLMENT, AND TO REVISE EXISTING ENROLLMENT PREFERENCE PROVISIONS.

H. 4702 -- Reps. Davis, Pope, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION INITIATIVE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-29-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPANSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS THROUGH THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION PLAN AND THE REQUIREMENT THAT EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL OFFERS AT LEAST ONE COMPUTER SCIENCE COURSE THAT MEETS CERTAIN CRITERIA, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

H. 4703 -- Reps. Davis, Pope, West, Schuessler, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STEM OPPORTUNITY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 17 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 13 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) COALITION, THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) EDUCATION FUND WITHIN THE STATE TREASURY, AND THE SC STEM COALITION ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND TO PROVIDE THEIR RESPECTIVE PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS.

H. 4673 -- Reps. Erickson, Gilliam, Williams and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTION 56-1-50, RELATING TO BEGINNERS' PERMITS, HOURS AND CONDITIONS OF VEHICLE OPERATION, RENEWAL AND FEES, DRIVERS' TRAINING COURSES, AND ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL LICENSURE, SO AS TO EXEMPT ADDITIONAL PERSONS FROM OBTAINING BEGINNERS' PERMITS BEFORE OPERATING MOTOR VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD MAY TAKE THE DRIVING TEST AFTER MAINTAINING A BEGINNER'S PERMIT FOR AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS.

H. 5016 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

H. 3227 -- Reps. Rutherford, Crawford, Gagnon, Mitchell, Taylor, Guffey, O'Neal, Pope, Felder and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-1-40 AND 63-19-20, BOTH RELATING TO STATUS OFFENSES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE PLAYING A PINBALL MACHINE AS A STATUS OFFENSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 63-19-2430 RELATING TO THE PLAYING OF PINBALL MACHINES BY A MINOR.

H. 4304 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, Yow, Murphy, Elliott, Robbins, Collins, Pope and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-75-30 SO AS TO PERMIT PARENTAL AND FILIAL CONSORTIUM CLAIMS.

H. 3980 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, M. M. Smith, Moss, Lawson, Guffey, West, Brittain, Hardee, McGinnis, Bailey, B. L. Cox, Pace, Mitchell, Chapman, Davis, B. Newton, Burns, Cromer, Hixon, A. M. Morgan and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 14-1-250 SO AS TO REQUIRE

JUDGES AND OTHER JUDICIAL OFFICIALS OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO REPORT ALL CASES OF SUSPECTED FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS TO THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-55-570, RELATING TO NOTIFICATION OF INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION OF KNOWLEDGE OR BELIEF OF FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO THE OBLIGATION OF JUDGES AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO REPORT SUSPECTED FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS TO THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION.

H. 5225 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1180 SO AS TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR EACH CLINICAL ROTATION SERVED BY A PHYSICIAN, ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE, OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AS A PRECEPTOR FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS.

H. 5183 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, West, Hewitt, Chapman, B. Newton, Hiott, Sessions, Pope, Davis, Gagnon, Thayer and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-196, RELATING TO THE DELEGATION OF NURSING TASKS TO UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL BY CERTAIN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL TASKS THAT MAY BE DELEGATED.

H. 4867 -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, G. M. Smith, Moss, Hiott, Blackwell, B. L. Cox, Caskey, M. M. Smith, Hart, Sandifer, J. E. Johnson, Brittain and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-45 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL 911 TELECOMMUNICATORS WHO PROVIDE DISPATCH FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITIONS TO BE TRAINED IN HIGH-QUALITY TELECOMMUNICATOR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (T-CPR).

H. 4953 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Davis, M. M. Smith, Bustos, Hart, Williams, Henegan, Caskey, Jefferson, J. Moore and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-80, RELATING TO STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES, SO AS TO REMOVE A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.

H. 4934 -- Reps. Mitchell, Gilliam, Pace, Yow, Murphy, Guffey, Pope, Sandifer, Hart and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-7-90, RELATING TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVE MILITARY FORCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF PAID MILITARY LEAVE EACH YEAR.

H. 4681 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Henegan, Chapman and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-1-230, RELATING TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM NINE TO TEN BY ADDING A PERSON WHO REPRESENTS THE SOUTH CAROLINA CORONERS' ASSOCIATION AS A MEMBER.

H. 5169 -- Reps. Haddon, G. M. Smith, Hiott, Taylor, Hixon, Forrest, Wooten, Crawford, Gibson, Hartnett, Robbins, Sessions, Mitchell, T. Moore, Gilliam, Brewer, Ligon, Bradley, Brittain, Guest, B. L. Cox, Long, Chapman, J. E. Johnson, Burns, O'Neal, Vaughan, McCravy, Davis, Nutt, Trantham, Hyde, McGinnis, Hardee, Bailey, S. Jones, Guffey, West, Schuessler, Gatch, Gagnon, Herbkersman, Lawson, Moss, Murphy, Chumley, Carter, Magnuson, M. M. Smith, Pope, Cromer, Oremus and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 46 BY ENACTING THE "FARMERS PROTECTION ACT" TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS.

H. 4158 -- Reps. Pendarvis, M. M. Smith, Bauer, King, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Rivers, Jefferson, Henegan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING

SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS.

H. 5066 -- Reps. Elliott, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Bailey, Wheeler, T. Moore, Taylor, Hixon, Oremus, Blackwell, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Bradley, Erickson, Hyde, Ballentine, Calhoon, Crawford, Guest and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 ENTITLED THE "FAIR ACCESS TO INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS" SO AS TO PROVIDE AN AFFORDABLE OPTION TO PROVIDE LIQUOR LIABILITY INSURANCE TO ANY PERSON OR BUSINESS REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN SUCH A POLICY, TO CREATE THE AFFORDABLE LIQUOR LIABILITY FUND TO AID IN THE FUNDING OF THE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXCISE TAX ON ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK MUST BE CREDITED TO THE FUND IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AMEND SECTION 12-33-245, RELATING TO THE EXCISE TAX, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-145, RELATING TO LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIQUOR LIABILITY RISK MITIGATION PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE INSURANCE RESERVE FUND IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE A START-UP LOAN TO THE FUND.

H. 4649 -- Reps. Bannister, Carter, Leber, Vaughan, West, Elliott, Williams, Henegan, Caskey, Erickson, Bradley and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE CERTAIN SECURITY PERSONNEL TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND SECURITY ON SCHOOL PREMISES IF LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS, AND TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS REMAIN OBLIGATED TO USE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS LICENSURE, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO

SECURITY OFFICER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION AGENCY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:00 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 9.

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Tuesday, April 9, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 147:1: “Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for He is gracious and a song of praise is fitting.”

Let us pray. The Lord lifts us up when we feel not so well. We need the help which we know comes from You. Be with these Representatives and Staff as they work for the people of South Carolina. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders as they give of their efforts to keep us safe. Thank You for keeping us in Your loving care. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Remember our men and women who serve us in the Armed Forces. Bless those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, March 29, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. MOSS moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of former Representative V. Stephen "Steve" Moss, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of former Representative V. Stephen "Steve" Moss.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

April 9, 2024
Mr. Charles F. Reid, Clerk
South Carolina House of Representatives
Post Office Box 11867
Columbia, SC 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

The State Election Commission has certified to this office that the Honorable Tiffany Spann-Wilder received the greatest number of votes cast for the State House of Representatives District 109 Special Election held on April 2, 2024.

The attached hereby certifies Tiffany Spann-Wilder as a duly and properly elected member of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,
Mark Hammond
Secretary of State

SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTION COMMISSION

April 8, 2024
The Honorable Mark Hammond
Secretary of State
1205 Pendleton Street, Suite 525
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Mr. Secretary,

The State Election Commission hereby certifies Tiffany Spann-Wilder as the winner of the State House District 109 Special Election held on April 2, 2024, in Dorchester and Charleston Counties. The official results are as follows:

Candidate	Votes	Percent
Tiffany Spann-Wilder, Winner	299	97.39%
Write-in	8	2.61%

Sincerely,
Howard M. Knapp
Executive Director

MEMBER-ELECT SWORN IN

The Honorable Tiffany Spann-Wilder, Member-elect from District No. 109, presented her credentials and the oath of office was administered to her by the SPEAKER.

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5190
Agency: Department of Mental Health
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-9-100, 44-11-70, and 56-21-70
Parking Regulations
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2024

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5235
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 40-45-60
Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2024

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5252
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Social Work Examiners
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70 and 40-63-70
State Board of Social Work Examiners
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2024

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5253
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - South Carolina Real Estate Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-50, 40-1-70, 40-57-60, 40-57-135, 40-57-320, 40-57-340, and 40-57-740
Real Estate Commission
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2024

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5257
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - State Board of Pharmacy
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 40-1-70, 40-43-60(D)(8), 40-43-83(I), and 40-43-86(B)(3)(c)
State Board of Pharmacy
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2024

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5248
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Building Codes Council
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 6-8-20, 6-9-40, 6-9-55, 6-9-63, 10-5-250, 23-43-40, 40-1-50, and 40-1-70
Building Codes Council
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2024

REGULATIONS WITHDRAWN

Document No. 5255
Agency: Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation - Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 41-16-140 and 41-18-120

Office of Elevators and Amusement Rides
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration: permanently withdrawn.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C. Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has appointed Senators Allen, Climer and Goldfinch to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on H. 4116:

H. 4116 -- Reps. Sandifer, M. M. Smith and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-19-295 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DIVIDING OF FEES OR OTHER COMPENSATION CHARGED OR RECEIVED BY LICENSEES OF THE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITH ANOTHER PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, OR LEGAL ENTITY FOR THE DELIVERY OR PERFORMANCE OF FUNERAL SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-100, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS REGULATING PRENEED FUNERAL CONTRACTS, SO AS TO INCREASE FINE RANGES AND PERMANENTLY BAR PERSONS CONVICTED OF A FELONY FROM CONDUCTING PRENEED CONTRACT SALES; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-110, RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST UNLICENSED PRENEED CONTRACT SALES PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE COMPLAINTS TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RESPOND MAY BE WRITTEN OR ORAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-360, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE SAFE CREMATION ACT, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES AND REQUIRE IMMEDIATE REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS TO THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-385, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS THAT CREMATORIES EMPLOY CERTAIN TRAINED STAFF TO PERFORM CREMATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL CREMATIONS BE PERFORMED BY THESE TRAINED STAFF MEMBERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION

OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-30, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LICENSURE TO PRACTICE FUNERAL SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONDUCT CONSTITUTING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES INCLUDES PARTIES WHO EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OR AUTHORITY OVER A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT OR ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO PROHIBIT CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, OR INDIVIDUALS IN WHOSE NAME APPEARS THE NAME OF A PERSON WITH A REVOKED OR LAPSED LICENSE FROM HAVING A LICENSE TO OPERATE A FUNERAL HOME; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, OR EMPLOYEES MAY NOT BE LIABLE FOR ACTS PERFORMED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES IN THE ABSENCE OF MALICE SHOWN AND PROVEN IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-80, RELATING TO INSPECTORS EMPLOYED BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO INSTEAD REQUIRE THE BOARD TO EMPLOY AT LEAST TWO INVESTIGATORS WHO MAY BE LICENSED EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS WITH CERTAIN EXPERIENCE BUT WHO HAVE NOT BEEN DISCIPLINED; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-110, RELATING TO CONDUCT CONSTITUTING UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BY A LICENSEE OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO MAKE GRAMMATICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-115, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLICENSED PERSONS WITH THIS JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-200, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITHOUT A LICENSE OR USING FALSE INFORMATION TO OBTAIN SUCH LICENSURE, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES, AND TO SUBJECT PERSONS WHO AID AND ABET UNLICENSED PERSONS OR ENTITIES IN ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICE WITHOUT LICENSURE TO THESE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-250, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN COURSEWORK IN ETHICS, TO REQUIRE FOUR HOURS OF TOTAL ANNUAL COURSEWORK, TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN

PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK TO BE IN ETHICS, AND TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK BE COMPLETED IN PERSON; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-290, RELATING TO THE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PAYMENTS RECEIVED FOR FUNERAL MERCHANDISE BEING PURCHASED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE PAYMENTS MUST BE KEPT IN A TRUST ACCOUNT UNTIL THE MERCHANDISE IS DELIVERED FOR ITS INTENDED USE OR IS DELIVERED INTO THE PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE PURCHASER.

Very Respectfully,
President
Received as information.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5359 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAMES GRAY, FOREMAN OF THE MOWING CREW WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO

COMMEND HIM FOR HIS SWIFT RESPONSE AND HEROIC ACTIONS TO CARE FOR AN INJURED COWORKER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5360 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SHAQUILLE OLIVER, EQUIPMENT OPERATOR OF DISTRICT 2 BRIDGE CREW WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS SWIFT RESPONSE AND HEROIC ACTIONS TO CARE FOR AN INJURED COWORKER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5362 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR PASTOR ROSAVELT COPELAND FOR THE MANY YEARS OF SERVICE HE HAS GIVEN TO HIS CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5363 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LEOLA ALEXANDER OF YORK COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED THIRD BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5365 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE BLACKJACK BAPTIST CHURCH OF WINNSBORO ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC TWO HUNDRED SECOND ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR MORE THAN TWO CENTURIES OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5366 -- Reps. Rutherford, Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt,

O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACHES AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR THEIR AMAZING WIN IN THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5367 -- Reps. Rutherford and Rose: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM OF RICHLAND COUNTY WITH THE TEAM COACHES, AT A DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SPEAKER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING RECOGNIZED AND COMMENDED FOR CAPTURING THE 2024 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5369 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber,

Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HARPER ROWE, A FIFTH GRADE STUDENT AT REUBEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NEWBERRY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR WINNING 2024 ENLIGHTENSC CHILDREN'S BOOK CHALLENGE, IN THE GROUP DIVISION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5370 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ALI CHAPMAN, FIFTH GRADE STUDENT AT REUBEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NEWBERRY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR WINNING THE GROUP DIVISION OF THE 2024 ENLIGHTENSC CHILDREN'S BOOK CHALLENGE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5371 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BLACKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL WINTER GUARD, DIRECTOR OF GUARDS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION SCHOLASTIC AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5361 -- Rep. Trantham: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO PROTECT WORKPLACE SAFETY AND PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS FROM INFRINGEMENT BY PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE OSHA WORKER WALKAROUND REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATION PROCESS.

The Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5364 -- Rep. Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024 AS "DISTRACTED DRIVER AWARENESS MONTH" THROUGHOUT OUR STATE AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINA CITIZENS TO PRACTICE SAFE DRIVING BEHAVIORS AND PLEDGE TO DRIVE DISTRACTION FREE.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1230 -- Senator Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING JUDICIAL ELECTIONS, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON TO FILL THE TERM OF THE MEMBER FOR THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 3, THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 5, FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 7, FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 9, SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 11, SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 13, AT-LARGE SEAT 15, AND AT-LARGE SEAT 17, OF WHICH ALL TERMS WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY TO FILL THE TERM OF THE MEMBER FOR THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2026, THE TERM OF THE MEMBER FOR THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2024, THE TERM OF THE MEMBER FOR THE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 5 AND FOR THE SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 6, OF WHICH BOTH TERMS WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2026, AND THE TERM OF THE MEMBER FOR AT-LARGE SEATS 8, 10, 12, AND 13, OF WHICH ALL TERMS WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF

LANDER UNIVERSITY TO FILL THE TERM OF THE MEMBER FOR THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 9, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO FILL THE TERM OF THE MEMBER FOR THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MEDICAL SEAT, SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MEDICAL SEAT, THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MEDICAL SEAT, FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT LAY SEAT, FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT LAY SEAT, SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MEDICAL SEAT, AND SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT LAY SEAT, OF WHICH ALL TERMS WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY TO FILL THE TERM OF A MEMBER FOR THE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 5, SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 7, AND AT-LARGE SEATS 9 AND 11, OF WHICH ALL TERMS WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2026; AND TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WINTHROP UNIVERSITY FOR THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; AND TO FIX WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS, AS THE TIME TO ELECT MEMBERS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE'S APPELLATE PANEL.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1240 -- Senator Sabb: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE EDITH MCCLARY REDDEN UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER FORTY-SEVEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 5368 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-6-120 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE TWELVE CHIROPRACTIC VISITS PER STATE FISCAL YEAR FOR ELIGIBLE MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5372 -- Rep. W. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVE ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5373 -- Rep. W. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP GUARANTEED ADMISSION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-150-372 SO AS TO CREATE THE LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP GUARANTEED ADMISSIONS PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE THAT RECEIVE LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS MUST GUARANTEE ADMISSION TO STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE IN THE TOP TEN PERCENT OF THEIR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND TO IMPOSE A RELATED REPORTING REQUIREMENT ON THE INSTITUTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5374 -- Reps. Henegan, Williams, Rivers and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAS A PROPERTY RIGHT IN THE USE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S NAME, PHOTOGRAPH, VOICE, OR LIKENESS IN

ANY MEDIUM IN ANY MANNER AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5375 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, Landing, Beach, Brittain, Mitchell, Taylor, Schuessler, Guffey, Crawford, O'Neal, May, Calhoon, Hayes, M. M. Smith, Elliott, T. Moore, Forrest, McCravy, B. J. Cox, Kilmartin, Long, Burns, McCabe, Ligon, T. A. Morgan, Willis, Yow, Oremus, S. Jones, Chumley, Leber, White, Gilliam, Magnuson, Guest, Nutt, Pace, B. L. Cox, McGinnis, Pope, Hager, Wooten, Vaughan, Bustos, Harris, B. Newton, Hyde, Hartnett, Lawson, Gibson, McDaniel, Blackwell, Haddon, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Lowe, Moss and Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PROPERTY OWNER MAY REQUEST FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF A PERSON UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING AND TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPLAINT FORM; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR A PERSON WHO UNLAWFULLY DETAINS OR OCCUPIES RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 32 -- Senators Hutto, Senn and Sabb: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-170, RELATING TO THE REQUIRED CONDITIONS TO SUE OR RECOVER UNDER THE UNINSURED MOTORIST PROVISION WHEN THE OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE CAUSING INJURY OR DAMAGE IS UNKNOWN, SO AS TO ALLOW AN INSURED TO SEEK A COURT ORDER FOR A PRESUIT DEPOSITION WHEN THE INSURED IS UNABLE TO OBTAIN AN AFFIDAVIT FROM A WITNESS TO THE ACCIDENT AND TO ALLOW AN INSURED TO SUBMIT ELECTRONIC OR OTHER RECORDING OF THE ACCIDENT TO MEET THE REQUIRED CONDITIONS OF THE UNINSURED MOTORIST PROVISION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 723 -- Senators Talley, Turner, Campsen and Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-40-20, RELATING TO THE PURPOSES

AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT, SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN TENANCIES FROM THE ACT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 45-2-60, RELATING TO THE EJECTMENT OF A PERSON FROM A LODGING ESTABLISHMENT, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE AN INNKEEPER TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT TO EJECT A PERSON AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON EJECTED FROM A CAMPGROUND HAS TEN DAYS TO MAKE A CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LEFT AT THE TIME OF EJECTMENT.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 841 -- Senators Alexander and Senn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROSECUTORS PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 30 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE CURRENT AND FORMER PROSECUTORS HAVE THE OPTION OF MAKING PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION HELD BY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE, TO PROVIDE LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED PROCEDURES FOR EXERCISING THIS OPTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION SHALL CREATE A FORM FOR USE BY PROSECUTORS WHEN REQUESTING NONDISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION, AND TO SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FORM.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 843 -- Senator Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-56-120, RELATING TO MISREPRESENTATIONS PROHIBITED, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A SOLICITATION FROM A PERSON OR GROUP REPRESENTING ITSELF AS A SOUTH CAROLINA-BASED NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN TRIBE OR SOUTH CAROLINA-BASED NATIVE AMERICAN ENTITY UNLESS THE GROUP HAS BEEN FEDERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED AS A TRIBE, OR DESIGNATED AS A TRIBE, GROUP, OR SPECIAL

INTEREST ORGANIZATION BY THE BOARD OF THE STATE COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 846 -- Senator Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-31-401, RELATING TO CORPORATE NAME, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CERTAIN INDIAN DESCRIPTIONS AS PART OF A NONPROFIT CORPORATION'S CORPORATE NAME UNLESS THE ENTITY IS A FEDERALLY ACKNOWLEDGED TRIBE OR A STATE DESIGNATED TRIBE, GROUP, OR SPECIAL INTEREST ORGANIZATION.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

S. 849 -- Senators Verdin and Senn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-230, RELATING TO SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ADD XYLAZINE AS A SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, WITH EXCEPTIONS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-372 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE PRODUCTION, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, OR POSSESSION OF XYLAZINE, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH ASSOCIATED CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

S. 857 -- Senators Davis and Senn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING COSMETOLOGY AND COSMETOLOGISTS SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR "MOBILE SALON" AND "PORTABLE COSMETOLOGIST, ESTHETICIAN, OR NAIL TECHNICIAN OPERATION"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-13-365 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PERMITTING AND REGULATION OF MOBILE SALONS AND PORTABLE COSMETOLOGIST, ESTHETICIAN, OR NAIL TECHNICIAN OPERATIONS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

S. 858 -- Senators Davis, Garrett, Kimbrell, Setzler and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTION 44-7-130, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE FACILITY LICENSURE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME"; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-170, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-267 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR LICENSING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

S. 866 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A REASONABLE EXPECTATION STANDARD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER SOMEONE IS LIKELY TO ENGAGE IN ACTS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-48-20, RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE METHOD OF DETERMINATION FOR THE LIKLIHOOD THAT A PERSON WILL ENGAGE IN FUTURE ACTS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 955 -- Senators Campsen and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-400 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING THE LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-325, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE COMMERCIAL TRAP LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-350, RELATING TO THE TRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSES, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE FROM THE GENERAL TRANSFER PROHIBITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-360, RELATING TO LICENSES TO ENGAGE IN SHEDDING PEELER CRABS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT AN APPLICANT'S OR LICENSEE'S BUSINESS PREMISES BE CAPABLE OF PEELER SHEDDING OPERATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-545, RELATING TO TRAPS FOR TAKING BLUE CRAB, SO AS TO

PROVIDE FOR THE MATERIAL, DIMENSIONS, AND ESCAPE VENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRAPS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1302 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A RECREATIONAL LIMIT OF ONE-HALF BUSHEL OF BLUE CRABS PER PERSON PER DAY NOT TO EXCEED ONE BUSHEL PER BOAT; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1345 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CRAB TRAPS IN THE WATERS OF THIS STATE FROM JANUARY 16 THROUGH JANUARY 29 OF EACH YEAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-330, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT LIMITS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TRAPS THAT MAY BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES FROM TWO TO TEN WITH A RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-540, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING LICENSES SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COST OF THE RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 971 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-100, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BARNWELL COUNTY, SO AS TO IDENTIFY THE VOTING PLACE FOR CERTAIN PRECINCTS.

Referred to Barnwell Delegation

S. 994 -- Senators Alexander, Hutto, Verdin, Grooms, Kimbrell, Gambrell, Shealy, Hembree, McElveen, Davis, Young, Loftis, K. Johnson, McLeod, Martin, Senn, Garrett, Fanning, Cromer, Devine, Williams and Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-95-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 1088 -- Senators Young, Hutto and Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF ACT 205 OF 2016, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION OF PRIVATE, FOR-PROFIT PIPELINE COMPANIES FROM CERTAIN RIGHTS, POWERS, AND PRIVILEGES OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANIES

THAT OTHERWISE ARE EXTENDED TO PIPELINE COMPANIES, SO AS TO EXTEND THE SUNSET PROVISION TO JUNE 30, 2026.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 1112 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2340, RELATING TO FINGERPRINT REVIEW, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FINGERPRINT-BASED BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR PERSONS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE AS A FOSTER PARENT, ADOPTIVE PARENT, LEGAL GUARDIAN, OR EMPLOYEE OR VOLUNTEER OF A CHILD PLACING AGENCY, RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAM, OR CONTRACTED SERVICE PROVIDER WHO HAS DIRECT UNSUPERVISED CONTACT WITH CHILDREN; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2345, RELATING TO PAYMENT OF COSTS OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FINGERPRINT REVIEWS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT COSTS FOR FINGERPRINT-BASED BACKGROUND CHECKS MUST BE PAID BY THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY REQUESTING THE BACKGROUND CHECKS; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-2350, RELATING TO RESTRICTIONS ON FOSTER CARE, ADOPTION, OR LEGAL GUARDIAN PLACEMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CHILD MAY BE PLACED IN THE HOME OF A KIN OR FICTIVE KIN CAREGIVER WHO HAS BEEN CONVICTED OR PLED GUILTY TO A CRIMINAL OFFENSE IF MORE THAN FIVE YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE CONVICTION AND THE OFFENSE WAS NOT A FELONY INVOLVING VIOLENCE OR ANY CRIME AGAINST A CHILD; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-50, RELATING TO FINGERPRINT EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-60, RELATING TO CRIMINAL HISTORY REVIEW FEE, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-190, RELATING TO FINGERPRINT REVIEWS OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES PERSONNEL, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT VOLUNTEERS OR EMPLOYEES OF A CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR WHO CONTRACTS FOR DELIVERY OF PROTECTIVE SERVICES, FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES, FOSTER CARE SERVICES, FAMILY REUNIFICATION SERVICES, ADOPTION SERVICES AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES OR PROGRAMS OR A PERSON WHO HAS DIRECT UNSUPERVISED CONTACT WITH A CHILD

IN THE CUSTODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL UNDERGO A STATE FINGERPRINT-BASED BACKGROUND CHECK; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-420, RELATING TO LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-430, RELATING TO LICENSE RENEWAL, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-620, RELATING TO STATEMENT OF APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-630, RELATING TO APPROVAL RENEWAL, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-820, RELATING TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-830, RELATING TO STATEMENT OF REGISTRATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-1010, RELATING TO REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR CHURCH AND RELIGIOUS CENTERS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-11-70, RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS AND PARDONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 1126 -- Senators Kimbrell, Peeler, Rice, M. Johnson, Adams, Climer, Garrett, Cash, Young, Alexander, Reichenbach, Shealy, Grooms, Cromer, Turner, Loftis, Fanning, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Massey, Campsen, Bennett, Martin, Corbin and Verdin: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO VOTER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT ONLY A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE OF THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND UPWARDS WHO IS PROPERLY REGISTERED IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 1132 -- Senators Davis, Climer and Senn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING BARBERS AND BARBERING, SO AS TO REVISE AND ADD DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-390, RELATING

TO CERTAIN PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING BLOW-DRYING OR HAIR-BRAIDING SERVICES BUT NO OTHER SERVICES REGULATED BY THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING COSMETOLOGISTS AND COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO REVISE AND ADD DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-360, RELATING TO CERTAIN PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING BLOW-DRYING OR HAIR-BRAIDING SERVICES BUT NO OTHER SERVICES REGULATED BY THE BOARD; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 40-7-255 RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF HAIR-BRAIDING PRACTITIONERS.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

S. 1150 -- Senators Climer, Verdin, Kimbrell, K. Johnson, Martin and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 46-57-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT SHALL BE UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO LABEL ANY CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCT AS BEEF, POULTRY, FISH, OR ANY OTHER MEAT THAT THE CULTIVATED FOOD PRODUCT MAY RESEMBLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF MANUFACTURING, SELLING, OR HOLDING OR OFFERING FOR SALE IN THIS STATE.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

S. 1188 -- Senators Tedder and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-240, RELATING TO EXPULSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIREMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF THE PUPIL.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan

Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--121

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to military duty.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CRAWFORD a temporary leave of absence.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4187
Date:	ADD:
04/09/24	LONG

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 4561
Date:	ADD:
04/09/24	SPANN-WILDER

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5080
Date:	ADD:
04/09/24	LAWSON

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5323
Date:	ADD:
04/09/24	WILLIAMS

S. 1025--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1025 -- Senators Young, Massey, Setzler and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 588 OF 1986, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF AIKEN COUNTY, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE DISTRICTS BEGINNING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS IN 2024, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS MAY BE FOUND, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox

Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 916--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 916 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1(C) OF ACT 485 OF 1998, RELATED TO THE NEWBERRY COUNTY

SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL PERSONS DESIRING TO QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY WITH THE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION INSTEAD OF FILING A PETITION.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 105; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor

Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:
Chumley

Total--1

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 5356--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5356 -- Rep. Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 171 OF 1976, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO FISCAL MATTERS AND THE IMPOSITION OF SCHOOL TAXES FOR LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FIFTY-FIVE AND FIFTY-SIX, SO AS TO ELIMINATE AN EQUALIZATION FORMULA AND PROVIDE EACH DISTRICT WITH FISCAL AUTONOMY; AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE EQUALIZATION FORMULA APPLIES TO PREVIOUS TAX YEARS.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson

Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. FORREST moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5376 -- Reps. Williams, Henegan, Yow, Mitchell, Alexander, Jordan, Lowe, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE BELIEF OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT NASCAR RACING IS AN INTEGRAL AND VITAL PART OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND ITS ECONOMY; TO CONGRATULATE THE DARLINGTON RACEWAY FOR THE CONTINUATION OF A SECOND RACE IN ITS SCHEDULE, THEREBY DOUBLING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA; TO HIGHLIGHT THE DARLINGTON RACEWAY AS ONE OF OUR STATE'S MOST TREASURED ATTRACTIONS; TO SPOTLIGHT SOUTH CAROLINA'S RICH NASCAR HISTORY; AND TO NAME THE WEEKS AROUND BOTH RACES, THE OFFICIAL THROWBACK WEEKEND OF NASCAR, MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 12, 2024, AND THE TRADITIONAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND, AUGUST 26 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, AS "DARLINGTON RACEWAY WEEK," TWO WEEKS TOO TOUGH TO TAME.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5377 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF SCOTT WILLIAM DUCHESNEAU OF BEAUFORT COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5378 -- Reps. Thigpen, Howard, Garvin, Bernstein, Bauer, McDaniel and Rutherford: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 21 (WILSON BOULEVARD) FROM STATE ROAD S-910 (PLUMBERS ROAD) TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-130 (SHARPE ROAD) IN RICHLAND COUNTY "JAMES AND BARBARA MCLAWHORN BOULEVARD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE

SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

H. 4561--AMENDED AND INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4561 -- Reps. Wetmore, Dillard, Collins, Erickson, B. Newton, Schuessler, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Pendarvis, Caskey, Bauer, Rivers, Gilliard, Henderson-Myers, Williams, Jefferson and : A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1348, RELATING TO USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO USE CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR DEPENDENT CARE OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO DEFINE "DEPENDENT CARE".

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4561 (LC-4561.HA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 8-13-1348(A)(1), (2), (3), and (4) and inserting:

(A)(1) No candidate, committee, public official, or political party may use campaign funds to defray personal expenses which are unrelated to the campaign or the office if the candidate is an officeholder nor may these funds be converted to personal use. The prohibition of this subsection does not extend to:

(a) the incidental personal use of campaign materials or equipment; ~~nor to~~

(b) an expenditure used to defray any ordinary expenses incurred in connection with an individual's duties as a holder of elective office;

(c) an expenditure used to defray dependent care expenses incurred in connection with a candidate's campaign for the time in which the candidate is engaging in campaign activity and the expenses would not exist in the absence of the campaign; or

(d) an expenditure used to defray dependent care expenses incurred in connection with a public official's duties for his or her public office and the expenses would not exist in the absence of the public official carrying out these duties.

(2)(a) For purposes of subsections (A)(1)(c) and (A)(1)(d),

"dependent care" means the direct care, protection, and supervision of an immediate family member that is either a minor or that has a disability or medical condition for whom the candidate or the public official has direct caregiving responsibility. In addition, campaign funds may only be used to defray dependent care expenses if the dependent care is given by a provider that is licensed in this State to provide the type of care needed by the candidate's or public official's immediate family member. However, a non-licensed provider may be used if no licensed provider is available so long as the dependent care is not being provided by a family member, as defined by Section 8-13-1300(14).

(b) For purposes of subsections (A)(1)(c) and (A)(1)(d), a record of the time, date, and location of the campaign or official duty must be kept for four years and made available to the State Ethics Commission upon request.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

Rep. KING spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN spoke against the amendment.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN spoke against the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted by a division vote of 57 to 46.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Reps. W. Newton and Jordan proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 4561 (LC-4561.HA0003H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 8-13-1348(A)(d) and inserting:

(d) an expenditure used to defray dependent care expenses incurred in connection with a public official's duties for his or her public office and the expenses would not exist in the absence of the public official carrying out these duties; however, for full-time public officials, the dependent care expenses must be incurred outside of the public official's normal working hours.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the amendment.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. W. NEWTON continued speaking.

Further proceedings were interrupted by the time expiring on the uncontested calendar. the pending question being consideration of Amendment No. 3.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. JEFFERSON moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

H. 4561--AMENDED AND INTERRUPTED DEBATE

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of Amendment No. 3:

H. 4561 -- Reps. Wetmore, Dillard, Collins, Erickson, B. Newton, Schuessler, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Pendarvis, Caskey, Bauer, Rivers, Gilliard, Henderson-Myers, Williams, Jefferson and : A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1348, RELATING TO USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO USE CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR DEPENDENT CARE OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO DEFINE "DEPENDENT CARE".

Reps. W. Newton and Jordan proposedd the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 4561 (LC-4561.HA0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 8-13-1348(A)(d) and inserting:

(d) an expenditure used to defray dependent care expenses incurred in connection with a public official's duties for his or her public office and the expenses would not exist in the absence of the public official carrying out these duties; however, for full-time public officials, the dependent care expenses must be incurred outside of the public official's normal working hours.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke in favor of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Reps. Guffey and Sessions proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 4561 (LC-4561.WAB0005H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Article 7, Chapter 13, Title 8 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 8-13-746. (A) A member of the General Assembly or an individual with whom he is associated or business with which he is associated must not provide any assistance, directly or indirectly, to another candidate in furtherance of his candidacy for the General Assembly for compensation or anything of value. This prohibition does not apply to a member of the General Assembly who makes a public appearance of support for another candidate for the General Assembly, so long as no compensation or anything of value is offered or given in exchange for the assistance.

(B) If a member of the General Assembly or an individual with whom he is associated or business with which he is associated has previously provided any assistance, directly or indirectly, to a candidate in violation of subsection (A) and that candidate becomes a member of the General Assembly, the member who provided assistance must abstain from voting on legislation in which the former candidate sponsors or cosponsors and must comply with the recusal requirements of Section 8-13-700(B) for the duration of the two-year legislative session.

(C) In addition to any other available remedy at law, a person who violates this section must pay in the state's General Fund the fair market value of the services provided in violation of this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. SESSIONS explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. PACE raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 4 was not germane to H. 4561.

Rep. CASKEY argued against the Point of Order.

Rep. GATCH argued against the Point of Order.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* POPE took the Point of Order under advisement and stated that he would rule upon the Point of Order.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. SESSIONS continued speaking.

Further proceedings were interrupted by the time expiring on the uncontested calendar the pending question being the consideration of Amendment No. 4.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. FORREST moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

H. 4561--INTERRUPTED DEBATE

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of Amendment No. 4:

H. 4561 -- Reps. Wetmore, Dillard, Collins, Erickson, B. Newton, Schuessler, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Pendarvis, Caskey, Bauer, Rivers, Gilliard, Henderson-Myers, Williams, Jefferson and : A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1348, RELATING TO USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO USE CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR DEPENDENT CARE OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO DEFINE "DEPENDENT CARE".

Reps. Guffey and Sessions proposed the following Amendment No. 4 on H. 4561 (LC-4561.WAB0005H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Article 7, Chapter 13, Title 8 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 8-13-746. (A) A member of the General Assembly or an individual with whom he is associated or business with which he is associated must not provide any assistance, directly or indirectly, to another candidate in furtherance of his candidacy for the General Assembly for compensation or anything of value. This prohibition does

not apply to a member of the General Assembly who makes a public appearance of support for another candidate for the General Assembly, so long as no compensation or anything of value is offered or given in exchange for the assistance.

(B) If a member of the General Assembly or an individual with whom he is associated or business with which he is associated has previously provided any assistance, directly or indirectly, to a candidate in violation of subsection (A) and that candidate becomes a member of the General Assembly, the member who provided assistance must abstain from voting on legislation in which the former candidate sponsors or cosponsors and must comply with the recusal requirements of Section 8-13-700(B) for the duration of the two-year legislative session.

(C) In addition to any other available remedy at law, a person who violates this section must pay in the state's General Fund the fair market value of the services provided in violation of this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. SESSIONS spoke in favor of the amendment.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

RULING OF THE POINT OF ORDER

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* took the chair and stated that he had to look at the Bill's intent and the Amendment No. 4's intent in determining germaneness. He stated that H. 4561 focused on the issue of using campaign funds for dependent care and that Amendment No. 4 pertained to a member of the General Assembly providing campaign services to another legislator for compensation or anything of value. He stated the Amendment's impact went beyond the scope of the Bill. He sustained the Point of Order and ruled Amendment No. 4 to be out of order.

Rep. HIOTT moved that the House recede until 3:45 p.m., which was agreed to.

Further proceedings were interrupted by the House receding, the pending question being the consideration of amendments.

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THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 3:45 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar, the pending question being the consideration of amendments to H. 4561.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. HOWARD moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. YOW a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

H. 4561--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of amendments:

H. 4561 -- Reps. Wetmore, Dillard, Collins, Erickson, B. Newton, Schuessler, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Pendarvis, Caskey, Bauer, Rivers, Gilliard, Henderson-Myers, Williams, Jefferson and : A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1348, RELATING TO USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO USE CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR DEPENDENT CARE OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO DEFINE "DEPENDENT CARE".

Reps. HIOTT, CARTER, MCCRAVY, FELDER, O'NEAL, LIGON, T. MOORE, GUEST, B. L. COX, DAVIS, LAWSON, HARRIS, MAGNUSON, OREMUS, BEACH, THAYER, CHAPMAN, CROMER, WHITE, GILLIAM, BREWER, MURPHY, WHITMIRE, SANDIFER and CALHOON requested debate on the Bill.

H. 4248--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4248 -- Reps. Rose and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-50, RELATING TO THE SALE OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, OR WINE TO UNDERAGED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4080, RELATING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO AN UNDERAGED PERSON, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE.

Reps. W. NEWTON, HIOTT, POPE, FELDER, CARTER, NUTT, GUEST, BRITTAIN, SCHUESSLER, B. L. COX, THAYER, WHITMIRE, SANDIFER, GILLIAM and HAGER requested debate on the Bill.

H. 5113--RECOMMITTED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5113 -- Reps. Elliott, T. Moore, Guest, Brittain and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-3-30 AND 63-15-230, BOTH RELATING TO JOINT CUSTODY ORDERS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES TO AWARD JOINT CUSTODY IN A CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING.

Rep. W. NEWTON moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Judiciary, which was agreed to.

H. 3180--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3180 -- Reps. Rutherford and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-41-30, RELATING TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM ATTACHMENT, LEVY, AND SALE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DEBTOR'S INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY USED AS A PRIMARY RESIDENCE MAY NOT BE SOLD IF THE ACTION WAS INSTITUTED BY A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT UNPAID DUES, FEES, OR FINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-130, RELATING TO THE ENFORCEABILITY OF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE ENFORCEABILITY OF A PROVISION GRANTING A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION THE AUTHORITY TO FORECLOSE ON PROPERTY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 29-3-810 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A FORECLOSURE ACTION NOT AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE.

Rep. Pope proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 3180 (LC-3180.CM0005H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Chapter 30, Title 27 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 27-30-180. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any provision of a governing document which restricts a constitutional right of a lot owner or a person residing in a residential planned community is void.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. POPE spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. POPE moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. A. M. Morgan proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 3180 (LC-3180.HA0006H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Article 13, Chapter 13, Title 8 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 8-13-1317. A legislative caucus or special legislative caucus may not violate a member of the General Assembly’s constitutional rights.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN explained the amendment.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Beach
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore

Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4843--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4843 -- Reps. Bailey, Brittain, Guest, J. E. Johnson, Sandifer and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-39-148 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE BUSINESSES WITH A DECK, DOCK, OR OTHER STRUCTURE LOCATED IN A CRITICAL AREA TO USE THE STRUCTURE FOR PURPOSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS WITH LOCAL ZONING APPROVAL.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4843 (LC-4843.WAB0001H):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 48-39-148 and inserting:

Section 48-39-148. Notwithstanding any statutory or regulatory provision of law to the contrary, including any provision of or authorized by this chapter, a business that contains a deck, dock, or structure that is located in a critical area may utilize such deck, dock, or structure for purposes that directly relate to the operation of the business.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to adjourn debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. Bailey proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4843 (LC-4843.VR0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section

48-39-148 and inserting:

Section 48-39-148. Notwithstanding any statutory or regulatory provision of law to the contrary, including any provision of or authorized by this chapter, a business that contains a grandfathered or permitted commercial deck or marina that is located in a critical area may utilize such structure for purposes of providing food and beverage services for consumption by patrons of the business.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BAILEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4843 (LC-4843.WAB0001H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 48-39-148 and inserting:

Section 48-39-148. Notwithstanding any statutory or regulatory provision of law to the contrary, including any provision of or authorized by this chapter, a business that contains a deck, dock, or structure that is located in a critical area may utilize such deck, dock, or structure for purposes that directly relate to the operation of the business.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 5144--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5144 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Elliott, Wooten and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-5-105 SO AS TO CREATE THE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING EFFICIENT EMERGENCY RESPONSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5144 (LC-5144.WAB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-5-105(B)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(B)(1) To facilitate efficient emergency responses in public schools by public safety agencies in this State, the School Mapping Data Program is established as a statewide initiative within the State Department of Education. Subject to funding, the department shall contract with a vendor to provide school mapping data for each public school in the State, including charter schools and special schools. The data must be provided to each school district and charter school authorizer for the schools within their respective jurisdictions, local law enforcement agencies, and public safety agencies for use in response to emergencies. For purposes of this section, emergencies include, but are not limited to, any event in which a law enforcement officer, firefighter, rescue squad, emergency medical service provider, public safety telecommunicator, or any other emergency management provider may respond.

(2) In addition to requirements set forth by the Department and in consultation with the Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence within the State Law Enforcement Division, school mapping data must:

(a) be compatible with software platforms used by local, county, state, and federal public safety agencies that provide emergency services to the specific school for which the data is provided without requiring such agencies to purchase additional software or requiring a fee to view or access the data;

(b) be compatible with security software platforms in use by the specific school for which the data is provided without requiring the local law enforcement agencies or school districts to purchase additional software or requiring a fee to view or access the data; and

(c) provide that any updates to school mapping data as defined by this section must be accessible within software platforms used by local, county, state, and federal public safety agencies that provide emergency services to the specific school.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-5-105(C) and inserting:

(C) School districts and charter schools must pay annual maintenance fees to update their school maps to ensure the school floor plans and aerial imagery are accurate and up to date. If the annual maintenance fee exceeds six hundred fifty dollars per school and the district or charter cannot afford the fee, the district or charter school shall submit a request to the State Superintendent of Education that state funds be requested of the General Assembly to cover the fees.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Erickson proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 5144 (LC-5144.WAB0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-5-105(C) and inserting:

(C) The State Department of Education must pay annual maintenance fees to update school maps to ensure the floor plans and aerial imagery are accurate and up-to-date.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 5236--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5236 -- Reps. Bannister and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-6-50, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OR A SUCCESSOR AGENCY, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES CONCERNING MEDICAID CLAIMS PROCESSING CONTRACTS.

Rep. Ott proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5236 (LC-5236.HA0001H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Chapter 6, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 44-6-120. Beginning January 1, 2024, an adult sixty-five years of age and younger whose income is at or below one hundred thirty-three percent of the federal poverty level, with a five percent income disregard, is eligible for Medicaid as provided for in the "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act" (P.L. No. 111-148), and amendments to that act.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HERBKERSMAN raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 1 was not germane to the Bill.

The SPEAKER stated that the substantial effect of the Bill gave the successor agency of HHS the authority to procure services through a contractual process. The Amendment expanded Medicaid and went beyond the scope of the Bill. He sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wheeler

White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 5235--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5235 -- Reps. Bannister and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-7-465, RELATING TO INSURERS PROVIDING COVERAGE TO PERSONS RECEIVING MEDICAID, SO AS TO COMPORT WITH THE FEDERAL CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2022.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes

Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 5230--AMENDED AND INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5230 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THIS STATE IN THE DEFINITION OF "SOLICITOR" AND TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PROVISIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SYSTEM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-40, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE SYSTEM, SO AS TO ALLOW THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SERVING ON JULY 1, 2024, TO ELECT TO BECOME A MEMBER.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 5230 (LC-5230.SA0005H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, Section 9-8-40(1), by adding an item to read:

(b) All full-time masters-in-equity on July 1, 2024, who have not retired may elect to become a member of the system. Masters-in-equity making that election may transfer prior service into the system as provided in Section 9-8-50, and to the extent the service thus transferred occurred after the member took office as a master-in-equity, that service is deemed earned service in the system.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 9-8-10(16) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(16) "Judge" means a justice of the Supreme Court or a judge of the court of appeals, circuit or family court of the State of South Carolina. Subject to the provisions of Section 9-8-40, "judge" also means an administrative law judge or a full-time master-in-equity.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Rutherford proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 5230 (LC-5230.SA0012H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Chapter 9, Title 9 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 9-9-6. (A) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 9-9-5, an individual first elected to the General Assembly at or after the general election of 2024, upon his election, may elect to become a member of the Retirement System for Members of the General Assembly as provided in this chapter as if the provisions of that section had never been enacted, the South Carolina Retirement System, or the State

Optional Retirement Program. For purposes of this subsection "first elected" means an individual who became a member of the General Assembly for the first time at or after the general election of 2024 and had no prior service in the General Assembly.

(B) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 9-9-5, an individual first elected to the General Assembly at or after the general election of 2012 may elect to become a member of the Retirement System for Members of the General Assembly as provided in this chapter as if the provisions of that section had never been enacted. For purposes of this section "first elected" means an individual who became a member of the General Assembly for the first time at or after the general election of 2012 and had no prior service in the General Assembly.

(C) A member of the General Assembly earning service credit in the South Carolina Retirement System or making contributions to the State Optional Retirement Program pursuant to the then applicable provisions of Section 9-9-5(A) and (B) irrevocably may elect to become a member of the Retirement System for Members of the General Assembly. A member making the election allowed by this item may establish as credited service in GARS the time the member served in the General Assembly as an active contributing member of the South Carolina Retirement System or who made contributions to the State Optional Retirement Program on account of the service.

(D) Service credit in the Retirement System for Members of the General Assembly pursuant to the provisions this section may be established as provided in Section 9-9-50(2) and a member may transfer the balance of the member's South Carolina Retirement System or State Optional Retirement Program contributions plus interest attributable to the service to GARS as a credit against the amount otherwise due GARS.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. RUTHERFORD explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. PACE raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 2 was not germane to H. 5230.

Rep. RUTHERFORD argued contra.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order and ruled Amendment No. 2 out of order.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar, the pending question being the consideration of amendments.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

H. 5230--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of amendments:

H. 5230 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THIS STATE IN THE DEFINITION OF "SOLICITOR" AND TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PROVISIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SYSTEM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-40, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE SYSTEM, SO AS TO ALLOW THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SERVING ON JULY 1, 2024, TO ELECT TO BECOME A MEMBER.

Rep. Caskey proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 5230 (LC-5230.SA0008H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 9-8-10(17) and inserting:

(17) “Solicitor” means the person holding office as described under Section 1-7-310 of the ~~1976~~ S.C. Code. Subject to the provisions of Section 9-8-40, beginning after the 2026 general election in this State, “solicitor” also means the Attorney General of this State as the chief prosecuting officer of the State. For all purposes of this chapter including, but not limited to, employer and employee contributions, calculation of a retirement or other benefits, and adjustment of benefits paid to a retiree or beneficiary, wherever mention is made of the salary of a circuit solicitor, in the case of the Attorney General of this State, the salary referred to is the higher of the salary provided by law for the Attorney General of this State or a circuit solicitor of this State.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 9-8-40(1)(b) and inserting:

(b) The Attorney General elected in the 2026 general election in this State may elect to become a member of the system. If the Attorney General makes that election, he may transfer prior service into the system as provided in Section 9-8-50, and to the extent the service thus transferred occurred after he took office as the Attorney General of this State, that service is deemed earned service in the system.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Reps. Wooten and Bannister proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to H. 5230 (LC-5230.SA0009H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by deleting Section 9-8-40(1)(b).

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 9-8-10(16) and inserting:

(16) "Judge" means a justice of the Supreme Court or a judge of the court of appeals, circuit or family court of the State of South Carolina. Subject to the provisions of Section 9-8-40, "judge" also means an administrative law judge.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Article 1, Chapter 11, Title 9 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 9-11-28. (A) After December 31, 2024, any person who is a full-time master-in-equity shall participate in the South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System for his service as a master-in-equity.

(B) From July 1, 2024, to January 1, 2025, a full-time master-in-equity who elects to transfer credited service received under the South Carolina Retirement System to the South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System may do so upon payment of the accumulated employer and employee contributions and interest in the South Carolina Retirement System plus five percent of his annual salary in effect as of June 30, 2024, for each year of service prorated for periods of less than a year. After January 1, 2025, a master-in-equity may elect to transfer credited service received under the South Carolina Retirement System to the South Carolina Police Officers Retirement System as provided in Section 9-11-40(9).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 103; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder

Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:
Bradley

Total--1

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WILLIS a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

H. 5310--RECOMMITTED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5310 -- Reps. Murphy, G. M. Smith, Bannister, Brewer, Caskey, Gatch, Guest, J. E. Johnson, Mitchell, W. Newton, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Stavrinakis, West and Whitmire: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS SO AS TO EXEMPT A PORTION OF THE VALUE OF AIRCRAFT OF AN AIRLINE COMPANY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-2440, RELATING TO THE VALUATION OF AIRCRAFT, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH TIME ON THE GROUND IS CALCULATED.

Rep. HEWITT moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Ways and Means, which was agreed to.

H. 4622--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4622 -- Reps. Sessions, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Guffey, Mitchell, King and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-327 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO ITEMIZED PATIENT BILLING FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND SUPPLIES.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4622 (LC-4622.VR0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Article 3, Chapter 7, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 44-7-327. (A) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Debt collection" means an action, conduct, or practice in collecting, or in soliciting for collection, consumer debts that are due or alleged to be due a creditor.

(2) "Health care provider" means a hospital or ambulatory surgical facility as defined in S.C. Code Section 44-7-130.

(3) "Health care service" means a service a health care provider provides to an individual to diagnose, prevent, treat, alleviate, cure, or heal a human health condition, illness, injury, or disease.

(B)(1) Beginning January 1, 2025, a health care provider that requests payment from a patient after providing a health care service or related supply to the patient shall submit with the request a written, itemized bill of the alleged remittance sought for each service and supply provided to the patient during the patient's visit to the health care provider. The provider must submit the itemized bill no later than the thirtieth day after the provider receives a final payment on the provided service or supply from a third party.

(2) The itemized bill must include:

(a) a plain language description, in accordance with the most current billing reading level requirements and guidance provided by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, for each distinct health care service and quantity of supply the health care provider provided to the patient;

(b) the amount the provider alleges is due from the patient for

each service and supply provided to the patient; and

(c) if the provider sought or is seeking reimbursement from a third party, any billing code submitted to the third party, and the patient's responsibility amount due to the provider pursuant the third party insurer's explanation of benefits. The third party insurer's explanation of benefits shall set forth a specific explanation of the patient's responsibility amount including, but not limited to, whether the amount is a deductible, coinsurance, or noncovered charges.

(3) A health care provider may issue the itemized bill electronically, including through a patient portal on the provider's Internet website.

(4) A patient is entitled to obtain from the health care provider an itemized bill on request at any time after the itemized bill is initially issued under item (1).

(5) A health care provider may not pursue debt collection against a patient for a provided health care service or supply unless the provider has complied with this section.

(6) A collection agency is not liable under this section for billing inaccuracies provided by the health care provider. If any inaccuracies are determined, the collection agency must cease collection activities and return the account back to the health care provider.

(C) The appropriate licensing authority shall take disciplinary action against the provider for the violation as if the provider violated an applicable licensing law.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns

Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 5179--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5179 -- Reps. T. Moore and Hyde: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO NAME THE CONVERSE SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE SHOP IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY THE "DAVID T. BREWINGTON SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE CENTER", AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE CONTAINING THE WORDS "DAVID T. BREWINGTON SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE CENTER" AS THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS ADVISABLE.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel

McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. MAGNUSON asked unanimous consent to recall H. 4246 from the Committee on Judiciary.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER objected.

S. 1047--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Rep. BAMBERG, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Education and Public Works:

S. 1047 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-610, RELATING TO DENMARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MANNER BY WHICH COMMISSIONERS ARE APPOINTED SHALL BE BY APPOINTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR UPON THE

RECOMMENDATION OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTING ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, AND BARNWELL COUNTIES.

S. 557--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 557 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Kimbrell, Adams, Rice, Rankin, Reichenbach, Young, Loftis, Climer, Garrett, Alexander, Campsen and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 3992--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3992 -- Reps. Blackwell, McGinnis, Sandifer, Ligon, Cromer, Magnuson, White, Pace and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-60, RELATING TO DELINQUENT UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TAX RATES, SO AS TO PERMIT EMPLOYERS WITH INSTALLMENT PAYMENT AGREEMENTS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE TO PAY THE TAX AT A REDUCED RATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC REVERSION OF THIS RATE UPON FAILURE TO TIMELY COMPLY WITH THE PAYMENT AGREEMENT.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

S. 479--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 479 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME CHALK STREET IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY TOWN OF EASTOVER FROM POULTRY LANE TO MAIN STREET "FREDDIE E. CAMPBELL, SR. MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution which was agreed to.

S. 988--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 988 -- Senator Shealy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PALMETTO GIRLS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution which was agreed to.

S. 1037--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1037 -- Senators Adams and Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF ROYLE ROAD IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17A/NORTH MAIN STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH TREELAND DRIVE "WADE ARNETTE ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF ROADWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution which was agreed to.

S. 1041--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1041 -- Senator Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF US HIGHWAY 17A IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH HARRISTOWN ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HOODTOWN ROAD "REV. LARRY A. BRADBERRY HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution which was agreed to.

S. 1101--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1101 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT EXIT 38 ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 95 IN HAMPTON COUNTY "MAJOR GENERAL ARNOLD FIELDS INTERCHANGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution which was agreed to.

S. 1163--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1163 -- Senators Campsen, Grooms and Adams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 703 AND THE INTERSECTION OF CHUCK DAWLEY BOULEVARD (I-526B) IN CHARLESTON COUNTY "DETECTIVE PAT MESSER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution which was agreed to.

H. 5314--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 5314 -- Reps. Haddon and Burns: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 25 (WHITE HORSE ROAD) AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 183 (SALUDA DAM ROAD) IN THE GREENVILLE COUNTY TOWN OF BEREA "HAROLD M. BATSON, JR. MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 5323--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 5323 -- Reps. Yow, Henegan, Mitchell and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9/UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 601 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-13-40 (HIGH POINT CHURCH ROAD) TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-13-555 (ARANT STREET) IN CHESTERFIELD COUNTY "SSGT. JASON C. HICKS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. FORREST.

H. 4187--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4187 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Haddon, Mitchell, Yow, Chapman, Gagnon, Ligon, O'Neal, B. Newton, Sessions, Felder, Blackwell, Oremus and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4187 (LC-4187.AHB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 16-13-135 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-13-135. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Organized retail crime" means two or more people conspiring to commit theft of retail property from a retail establishment with the intent to sell, barter, exchange, or reenter such retail property into commerce for monetary or other gain.

(2) "Retail property" means ~~a new~~ an article, merchandise, property, money or negotiable documents, including gift cards or other forms of credit, ~~product~~products, ~~commodity~~commodities, ~~item~~items, or ~~component~~components intended to be sold in retail commerce.

~~(2)~~ (3) "Retail property fence" means a person or business that buys retail property knowing or believing that the retail property is stolen.

~~(3)~~ (4) "Theft" means to take possession of, carry away, transfer, or cause to be carried away the retail property of another with the intent to ~~steal~~deprive the merchant of possession, use, benefit, and value of the retail property.

~~(4)~~ (5) "Value" means the retail value of an item as offered for sale to the public by the affected retail establishment and includes all applicable taxes.

(B) It is unlawful for a person to:

(1) commit ~~theft of retail property from a retail~~

~~establishment~~organized retail crime, with a value exceeding two thousand dollars aggregated over a ninety-day period, with the intent to ~~sell the retail property for monetary or other gain, and sell, barter, take, or~~ cause the retail property to be placed in the control of a retail property fence or other person in exchange for consideration; or

~~conspire with another person to commit theft of retail property from a retail establishment, with a value exceeding two thousand dollars aggregated over a ninety-day period, with the intent to:~~

~~sell, barter, or exchange the retail property for monetary or other gain; or~~

~~(b) place the retail property in the control of a retail property fence or other person in exchange for consideration; or~~

~~(3)~~(2) receive, possess, or sell retail property that has been taken or stolen in violation of item (1) ~~or (2)~~ while knowing or having reasonable grounds to believe the property is stolen. A person is guilty of this offense whether or not anyone is convicted of the property theft.

(C) Acts committed in different counties that have been aggregated in one count may be indicted and prosecuted in any one of the counties in which the acts occurred. In a prosecution for a violation of this section, the State is not required to establish and it is not a defense that some of the acts constituting the crime did not occur within one city, county, or local jurisdiction.

(D) Property, funds, and interest a person has acquired or maintained in violation of this section are subject to forfeiture pursuant to the procedures for forfeiture as provided in Section 44-53-530.

(E) A person who violates this section commits the felony offense of organized retail crime and, upon conviction:

(1) for a first offense:

(a) ~~for a first offense, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction,~~ must be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than three years, or both~~;~~, if the value of the retail property is more than two thousand dollars but less than ten thousand dollars ~~and~~;

(b) must be fined not more than ten thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both, if the value of the retail property is more than ten thousand dollars but less than twenty thousand dollars;

(c) must be fined not more than twenty thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than ten years, or both, if the value of the retail property is more than twenty thousand dollars but less than fifty thousand dollars;

(d) must be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than twenty years, or both, if the value of the retail property is more than fifty thousand dollars;

(2) for a second or subsequent offense, ~~is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction,~~ regardless of the value of the retail property in any offense, must be fined not more than ~~ten~~fifty thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than twenty years, or both.

(3) For purposes of this section, multiple offenses occurring within a ninety-day period may be aggregated into a single count with the aggregated value used to determine the total value of the property.

(4) Organized retail crime is a lesser-included offense of organized retail crime of an aggravated nature as provided in subsection (F).

(F)(1) A person commits the offense of organized retail crime of an aggravated nature if, while committing the offense of organized retail crime, the person wilfully and maliciously:

(a) damages, destroys, or defaces real or personal property in excess of two thousand dollars; or

(b) causes unlawful bodily injury to another person. "Bodily injury" has the same meaning as defined in Section 16-3-600.

(2) A person convicted of organized retail crime of an aggravated nature is guilty of a felony and must be fined not more than fifty thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than fifteen years, or both.

SECTION 2. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the amendment.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. OTT a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. RUTHERFORD continued speaking.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Bill.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 87; Nays 21

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy

Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	West	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Wooten

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Henegan	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	King	Kirby
McDaniel	J. Moore	Pendarvis
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Wheeler	Williams

Total--21

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4561--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4561 -- Reps. Wetmore, Dillard, Collins, Erickson, B. Newton, Schuessler, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Pendarvis, Caskey, Bauer, Rivers, Gilliard, Henderson-Myers, Williams, Jefferson and : A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1348, RELATING TO USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO USE CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR DEPENDENT CARE OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO DEFINE "DEPENDENT CARE".

Rep. A. M. Morgan proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to H. 4561 (LC-4561.SA0006H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 13, Title 8 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 8-13-1349. A candidate or public official is prohibited from using campaign funds for dependent care. For purposes of this section, "dependent care" means the direct care, protection, and supervision of an immediate family member that is either a minor or that has a disability or medical condition for whom the candidate or the public official has direct caregiving responsibility. In addition, campaign funds may only be used to defray dependent care expenses if the dependent care is given by a provider that is licensed in this State to provide the type of care needed by the candidate's or public official's immediate family member.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN explained the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN moved to table the amendment.

Rep. MAY demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 60; Nays 36

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bustos	Carter	Caskey
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Connell
B. L. Cox	Davis	Dillard
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliard	Guffey
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Lowe
McDaniel	J. Moore	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Pedalino

Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Wetmore
Wheeler	Williams	Wooten

Total--60

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Beach	Blackwell
Burns	Chumley	Crawford
Cromer	Felder	Forrest
Gilliam	Guest	Haddon
Harris	Hiott	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Leber
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Sandifer	Sessions	Taylor
Thayer	White	Whitmire

Total--36

So, the amendment was tabled.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 53; Nays 45

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Bustos	Caskey	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Dillard	Elliott	Garvin
Gatch	Gilliard	Guffey
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson

Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lowe	McDaniel
J. Moore	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams	Wooten	

Total--53

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bailey	Beach	Blackwell
Burns	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Haddon	Harris
Hiott	Hixon	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Sandifer	Taylor	Thayer
West	White	Whitmire

Total--45

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR THE JOURNAL

I abstained on the votes for H. 4561 so as to ensure my noted neutrality on this issue.

Rep. Shannon Erickson

H. 4248--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 4248 -- Reps. Rose and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-50, RELATING TO THE SALE OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, OR WINE TO UNDERAGED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4080, RELATING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO AN UNDERAGED PERSON, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4248 (LC-4248.SA0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 61-4-50(D)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(1) Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of any offense under this section, pleads guilty to or is found guilty of a sale in violation of this section, the court, without entering a judgment of guilt and with the consent of the accused, may defer further proceedings and place him on probation upon terms and conditions as it requires provided that one such condition must be that he complete the merchant education program described in subsection (C). Upon violation of a term or condition, the court may enter an adjudication of guilt and proceed as otherwise provided. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions, the court shall discharge the person and dismiss the proceedings against him. Discharge and dismissal under this section must be without court adjudication of guilt and is not a conviction for purposes of this section or for purposes of disqualifications or disabilities imposed by law upon conviction of a crime, including the additional penalties imposed for second or subsequent convictions. However, a nonpublic record must be forwarded to and retained by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division solely for the purpose of use by the courts in determining whether or not a person has committed a subsequent offense under this section. Discharge and dismissal under this section may occur only once with respect to any person.

(2) Upon the dismissal of the person and discharge of the proceedings against him pursuant to item (1), the person may apply to the court for an order to expunge from all official records, other than the nonpublic records to be retained as provided in item (1), all recordation relating to his arrest, indictment or information, trial, finding of guilt,

and dismissal and discharge pursuant to this section. If the court determines, after the hearing, that the person was dismissed and the proceedings against him discharged, it shall enter the order. The effect of the order is to restore the person, in the contemplation of the law, to the status he occupied before the arrest or indictment or information. No person as to whom the order has been entered may be held pursuant to another provision of law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of his failure to recite or acknowledge the arrest, or indictment or information, or trial in response to an inquiry made of him for any purpose. A conditional discharge granted pursuant to this section does not preclude a person from availing themselves of subsequent pre-trial diversion options provided by law.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 61-6-4080(D)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(1) Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of any offense under this section, pleads guilty to or is found guilty of a sale in violation of this section, the court, without entering a judgment of guilt and with the consent of the accused, may defer further proceedings and place him on probation upon terms and conditions as it requires provided that one such condition must be that he complete the merchant education program described in subsection (C). Upon violation of a term or condition, the court may enter an adjudication of guilt and proceed as otherwise provided. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions, the court shall discharge the person and dismiss the proceedings against him. Discharge and dismissal under this section must be without court adjudication of guilt and is not a conviction for purposes of this section or for purposes of disqualifications or disabilities imposed by law upon conviction of a crime, including the additional penalties imposed for second or subsequent convictions. However, a nonpublic record must be forwarded to and retained by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division solely for the purpose of use by the courts in determining whether or not a person has committed a subsequent offense under this section. Discharge and dismissal under this section may occur only once with respect to any person.

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proceedings against him discharged, it shall enter the order. The effect of the order is to restore the person, in the contemplation of the law, to the status he occupied before the arrest or indictment or information. No person as to whom the order has been entered may be held pursuant to another provision of law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of his failure to recite or acknowledge the arrest, or indictment or information, or trial in response to an inquiry made of him for any purpose. A conditional discharge granted pursuant to this section does not preclude a person from availing themselves of subsequent pre-trial diversion options provided by law.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROBBINS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 80; Nays 23

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Harris	Hartnett
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Lawson	Leber	Lowe
Magnuson	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Murphy

Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Pace	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams	Wooten	

Total--80

Those who voted in the negative are:

Burns	Bustos	Chumley
Crawford	Cromer	Felder
Gilliam	Haddon	Hayes
Hiott	Hixon	S. Jones
Landing	Ligon	Long
McCabe	McCravy	Moss
Nutt	Oremus	Pedalino
White	Whitmire	

Total--23

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4288 -- Reps. Erickson, McGinnis, Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson,

J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 19, 2024, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHER EDUCATION DAY."

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:39 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. MOSS, adjourned in memory of former Representative V. Stephen "Steve" Moss, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Wednesday, April 10, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Isaiah 63:15: "Look down from heaven and see, from your holy and glorious habitation, where are your zeal and your might?"

Let us pray. God of awesome power, give us hearts filled with hope and gladness as we prepare for the work to be accomplished this day. May the blessings of Almighty God refresh us with the hope given to these women and men of South Carolina. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders in our hearts. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government, and especially for our brave men and women who keep us safe. Remember our men and women who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. FELDER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Stanley Brucker, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Stanley Brucker.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5379 -- Reps. Ligon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE FIFTY YEARS OF SHARED FRATERNAL BONDS AMONG THE MEMBERS OF CLEMSON UNIVERSITY'S ALPHA GAMMA RHO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5380 -- Reps. J. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel,

McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE LIFE CENTER CHURCH, CHARLESTON CAMPUS, FOR HOSTING ITS ANNUAL "STOMP OUT THE USE OF CHILD ABUSE!" STEP SHOW ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5381 -- Reps. Bamberg, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAMES SMOAK, FORMER CHIEF OF THE CITY OF BAMBERG POLICE DEPARTMENT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECENT RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-SIX YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5382 -- Rep. Taylor: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. CHRIS MASTERS, SENIOR PASTOR OF SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH IN AIKEN, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF MINISTRY, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM THE LORD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5383 -- Rep. Taylor: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GARDEN CLUB OF AIKEN, TO CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS UPON THE OCCASION OF THE CLUB'S CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY, AND TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THEIR PRESERVATION OF THE STATE'S HORTICULTURAL HISTORY AND FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO AIKEN COMMUNITY'S NATURAL BEAUTY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5384 -- Reps. Anderson, Hewitt, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan,

Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE PRINCE HALL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND RITE OF ADOPTION FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND JURISDICTION DURING THEIR ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH YEAR OF SERVICE AND CAMARADERIE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5385 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. KAREN WRIGHT-CHISOLM, NATIVE OF CHARLESTON, FOR HER SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON BEING ELECTED AS THE FIFTIETH IMPERIAL COMMANDRESS OF THE IMPERIAL COURT, AUXILIARY OF THE ANCIENT EGYPTIAN ARABIC ORDER NOBLES MYSTIC SHRINE, INC.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5386 -- Reps. Mitchell, Connell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE CHARLES EDWARD MCCOY OF BETHUNE, FORMER MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF BETHUNE; TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE; AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5392 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, B. Newton, Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett,

Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CHARLES BURKE BAXLEY OF KERSHAW COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1246 -- Senator McElveen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE OF CARL MARKS SIMPSON III OF SUMTER UPON HIS PASSING, TO CELEBRATE HIS MEMORY AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF SUMTER, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 5387 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES IN RICHLAND COUNTY.

On motion of Rep. RUTHERFORD, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

H. 5388 -- Reps. Bannister, Elliott, Willis, W. Jones, Dillard, Vaughan and Haddon: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 919 OF 1928, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GREENVILLE AIRPORT COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS TO TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.

Referred to Greenville Delegation

H. 5389 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Pace, May, O'Neal, Chumley, Kilmartin, McCabe, Beach, S. Jones, Oremus, Pedalino, Cromer, Willis, Magnuson, Harris, Burns, White, Nutt and Haddon: A BILL TO APPROPRIATE UP TO $1.8 BILLION TO PROVIDE FOR A ONE-TIME REBATE FOR INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAXPAYERS THAT FILED A RETURN IN 2023.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5390 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-1-110, RELATING IN PART TO UNLAWFUL DISCHARGES OF AIR CONTAMINANTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE EMISSION OF ANY AIR CONTAMINANT WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO AFFECT TEMPERATURE, WEATHER, OR SUNLIGHT INTENSITY.

Referred to Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

H. 5391 -- Reps. Beach, Pace, Magnuson, Lawson, Nutt and O'Neal: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CITIZENSHIP VERIFICATION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 23-1-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES MUST CHECK THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF PERSONS ARRESTED THROUGH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SYSTEMATIC ALIEN VERIFICATION FOR ENTITLEMENTS PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS MUST BE RECORDED IN THEIR CRIMINAL RECORDS, AND TO PROVIDE SLED MUST PROVIDE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT CONTAINING THE NUMBER OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS ARRESTED, CONVICTED, OR BOTH.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White

Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--119

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HIXON a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BALLENTINE a leave of absence for the day due to business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HADDON a temporary leave of absence.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ATKINSON presented to the House the Pee Dee Academy "Golden Eagles" 3-A 2023 SCISA Baseball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ATKINSON presented to the House the Pee Dee Academy "Golden Eagles" 3-A 2023 SCISA Softball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. WOOTEN presented to the House the Northside Christian Academy "Lady Crusaders" 3-A SCISA Girls Cross Country State Champions.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bills were read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title of

each be changed to that of an Act, and that they be enrolled for ratification:

S. 1025 -- Senators Young, Massey, Setzler and Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 588 OF 1986, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF AIKEN COUNTY, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE DISTRICTS BEGINNING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS IN 2024, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS MAY BE FOUND, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

S. 916 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 1(C) OF ACT 485 OF 1998, RELATED TO THE NEWBERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL PERSONS DESIRING TO QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY WITH THE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION INSTEAD OF FILING A PETITION.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 5356 -- Rep. Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 171 OF 1976, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO FISCAL MATTERS AND THE IMPOSITION OF SCHOOL TAXES FOR LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FIFTY-FIVE AND FIFTY-SIX, SO AS TO ELIMINATE AN EQUALIZATION FORMULA AND PROVIDE EACH DISTRICT WITH FISCAL AUTONOMY; AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE EQUALIZATION FORMULA APPLIES TO PREVIOUS TAX YEARS.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3180 -- Reps. Rutherford and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-41-30, RELATING TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM

ATTACHMENT, LEVY, AND SALE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DEBTOR'S INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY USED AS A PRIMARY RESIDENCE MAY NOT BE SOLD IF THE ACTION WAS INSTITUTED BY A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT UNPAID DUES, FEES, OR FINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-130, RELATING TO THE ENFORCEABILITY OF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE ENFORCEABILITY OF A PROVISION GRANTING A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION THE AUTHORITY TO FORECLOSE ON PROPERTY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 29-3-810 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A FORECLOSURE ACTION NOT AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE.

H. 4843 -- Reps. Bailey, Brittain, Guest, J. E. Johnson, Sandifer and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-39-148 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE BUSINESSES WITH A DECK, DOCK, OR OTHER STRUCTURE LOCATED IN A CRITICAL AREA TO USE THE STRUCTURE FOR PURPOSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS WITH LOCAL ZONING APPROVAL.

H. 5144 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Elliott, Wooten and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-5-105 SO AS TO CREATE THE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING EFFICIENT EMERGENCY RESPONSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

H. 5236 -- Reps. Bannister and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-6-50, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OR A SUCCESSOR AGENCY, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES CONCERNING MEDICAID CLAIMS PROCESSING CONTRACTS.

H. 5235 -- Reps. Bannister and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-7-465, RELATING TO INSURERS PROVIDING COVERAGE TO PERSONS RECEIVING MEDICAID, SO AS TO COMPORT WITH THE FEDERAL CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2022.

H. 5230 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THIS STATE IN THE DEFINITION OF "SOLICITOR" AND TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PROVISIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SYSTEM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-40, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE SYSTEM, SO AS TO ALLOW THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SERVING ON JULY 1, 2024, TO ELECT TO BECOME A MEMBER.

H. 4622 -- Reps. Sessions, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Guffey, Mitchell, King and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-327 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO ITEMIZED PATIENT BILLING FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND SUPPLIES.

H. 5179 -- Reps. T. Moore and Hyde: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO NAME THE CONVERSE SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE SHOP IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY THE "DAVID T. BREWINGTON SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE CENTER", AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE CONTAINING THE WORDS "DAVID T. BREWINGTON SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE CENTER" AS THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS ADVISABLE.

S. 1047--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1047 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-

610, RELATING TO DENMARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MANNER BY WHICH COMMISSIONERS ARE APPOINTED SHALL BE BY APPOINTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTING ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, AND BARNWELL COUNTIES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. TAYLOR made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 557--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 557 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Kimbrell, Adams, Rice, Rankin, Reichenbach, Young, Loftis, Climer, Garrett, Alexander, Campsen and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Thursday, April 18, which was agreed to.

H. 3992--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3992 -- Reps. Blackwell, McGinnis, Sandifer, Ligon, Cromer, Magnuson, White, Pace and Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-60, RELATING TO DELINQUENT UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TAX RATES, SO AS TO PERMIT EMPLOYERS WITH INSTALLMENT PAYMENT AGREEMENTS APPROVED

BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE TO PAY THE TAX AT A REDUCED RATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC REVERSION OF THIS RATE UPON FAILURE TO TIMELY COMPLY WITH THE PAYMENT AGREEMENT.

Rep. BLACKWELL explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

	Anderson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope

Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 4552--POINT OF ORDER

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4552 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Clyburn, Henegan, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Robbins, Brewer, King, Wheeler, Henderson-Myers, Erickson, Stavrinakis, Weeks, Davis, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MURPHY made the Point of Order that the Senate Amendments were improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to such reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4928--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4928 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Hart, Jefferson, J. Moore, Caskey and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-21-10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF VETERANS' TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDRAISING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 25-21-30, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABILITY TO FUNDRAISE.

Rep. B. J. COX explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

	Anderson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber

Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 4187 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Haddon, Mitchell, Yow, Chapman, Gagnon, Ligon, O'Neal, B. Newton, Sessions, Felder, Blackwell, Oremus and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF

AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES.

H. 4561 -- Reps. Wetmore, Dillard, Collins, Erickson, B. Newton, Schuessler, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Pendarvis, Caskey, Bauer, Rivers, Gilliard, Henderson-Myers, Williams, Jefferson and : A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1348, RELATING TO USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO USE CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR DEPENDENT CARE OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO DEFINE "DEPENDENT CARE".

H. 4248 -- Reps. Rose and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-50, RELATING TO THE SALE OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, OR WINE TO UNDERAGED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4080, RELATING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO AN UNDERAGED PERSON, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE.

S. 479--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 479 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME CHALK STREET IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY TOWN OF EASTOVER FROM POULTRY LANE TO MAIN STREET "FREDDIE E. CAMPBELL, SR. MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 988--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 988 -- Senator Shealy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY PALMETTO GIRLS STATE TO USE THE CHAMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 1037--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1037 -- Senators Adams and Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF ROYLE ROAD IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17A/NORTH MAIN STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH TREELAND DRIVE "WADE ARNETTE ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF ROADWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 1041--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1041 -- Senator Grooms: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF US HIGHWAY 17A IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH HARRISTOWN ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HOODTOWN ROAD "REV. LARRY A. BRADBERRY HIGHWAY" AND ERECT

APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 1101--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1101 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT EXIT 38 ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 95 IN HAMPTON COUNTY "MAJOR GENERAL ARNOLD FIELDS INTERCHANGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 1163--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1163 -- Senators Campsen, Grooms and Adams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 703 AND THE INTERSECTION OF CHUCK DAWLEY BOULEVARD (I-526B) IN CHARLESTON COUNTY "DETECTIVE PAT MESSER MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. GILLIARD moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 5393 -- Reps. Guffey, Crawford, O'Neal, Lawson, B. L. Cox, Pace, J. E. Johnson and Brittain: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAS A PROPERTY RIGHT IN THE USE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S NAME, PHOTOGRAPH, VOICE, OR LIKENESS IN ANY MEDIUM IN ANY MANNER AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5394 -- Reps. Guffey, Crawford, O'Neal, Lawson, B. L. Cox, Pace and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-470, RELATING TO THE CRIMES OF EAVESDROPPING, PEEPING, AND VOYEURISM, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE REALISTIC BUT FALSE IMAGES, RECORDINGS, OR DIGITAL ELECTRONIC FILES CREATED OR ALTERED USING GENERATIVE ADVERSARIAL NETWORK TECHNIQUES OR OTHER DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, TO INCREASE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, TO REQUIRE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO DESTROY ITEMS WHEN NO LONGER NEEDED AS EVIDENCE, AND TO REQUIRE NOTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL POTENTIAL VICTIMS BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5395 -- Reps. B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow and Neese: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 879 OF 1954, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY NATURAL GAS AUTHORITY, SO AS TO CLARIFY PER DIEM PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL UNENCUMBERED REVENUES FROM THE SYSTEM BE PAID OVER TO THE MUNICIPALITIES SERVED BY THE AUTHORITY AND TO PROVIDE THAT THESE FUNDS MUST BE USED INSTEAD TO EXPAND THE SYSTEM OR TO REDUCE CUSTOMER RATES.

On motion of Rep. B. NEWTON, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. POPE moved that when the House adjourn today, it stand adjourned to next meet in Statewide Session on Tuesday, April 16, at 12:00 noon, which was agreed to.

Rep. POPE moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:22 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. FELDER, adjourned in memory of Stanley Brucker, to meet at 12:00 noon Tuesday, April 16.

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Tuesday, April 16, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Leviticus 17:11: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by life."

Let us pray. Almighty God, You have made us in Your likeness to be a free people to live the life You promised us. Help these women and men to receive the gifts given to them. Grant these men and women good health and good things to come to them. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort to make this great system work. Grant Your loving touch on our women and men who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Wednesday, April 10, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. COBB-HUNTER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Marjorie Brittain Hammock, which was agreed to.

INVITATIONS

On motion of Rep. OTT, with unanimous consent, the following were taken up for immediate consideration and accepted:

April 16, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the South Carolina Emergency Management Association (SCEMA), the Members of the House of Representatives are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Brandon Ellis
President-Elect, South Carolina Emergency Management Association

April 16, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Riverbanks Zoo & Garden, the Members of the House of Representatives, their staff, and their families are invited to a Legislative Reception. This event will be held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Riverbanks Zoo & Garden.

Sincerely,
Thomas K. Stringfellow
President and CEO, Riverbanks Zoo and Garden

April 16, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Taipei Economic and Culture Office (TECO) in Atlanta, the Members of the House of Representative are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Martin Chou

April 16, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of State Farm Insurance Companies, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Bruce White
State Farm Insurance Company

April 16, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the SC Future Makers and the SC Manufacturers Alliance, the Members of the House of Representative and their staff are invited to a Legislative Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on the Statehouse Grounds.

Sincerely,
Elisabeth Kovacs
Executive Director

April 16, 2024
The Honorable Dennis Moss
Chairman, House Invitations Committee
503-A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Chairman Moss,
On behalf of the Association of Cosmetology Salon Professionals, the Members of the House of Representatives and their staff are invited to a

Legislative Breakfast. This event will be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in Room 112, Blatt Building.

Sincerely,
Debbie Stabler
ACSP President

REGULATION WITHDRAWN

Document No. 5227
Agency: Department of Motor Vehicles
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 56-3-10 et seq.
License Plates
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration: Permanently Withdrawn

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5396 -- Reps. S. Jones, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR JOHN HITE GALLMAN FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO DEVELOPING

LEGISLATION THAT ALLOWS CHILDREN EQUAL ACCESS TO BOTH PARENTS AFTER SEPARATION OR DIVORCE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5397 -- Reps. Robbins, Hosey, Hager, Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SALKEHATCHIE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACHES, AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 NJCAA DIVISION 1 REGION 10 TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP AND NJCAA DIVISION 1 ATLANTIC DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP, AND FOR EARNING A 22 SEED FOR THE NJCAA DIVISION 1 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5398 -- Reps. Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell,

Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2024, AS "HOPE IN SOUTH CAROLINA WEEK."

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5399 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CANDACE

"CANDI" SMITH ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS DIRECTOR OF PHARMACY FOR THE C.M. TUCKER, JR., NURSING CARE CENTER IN COLUMBIA, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5400 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LILLIE MAE GANTT BRYANT ON THE OCCASION OF HER RECENT NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY AFTERGLOW AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5401 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR ROBERT WAYNE KNEECE, SR., VIETNAM VETERAN AND BUSINESSMAN, UPON HIS PASSING AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5402 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson,

May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE OF CARL MARKS SIMPSON III OF SUMTER UPON HIS PASSING, TO CELEBRATE HIS MEMORY AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF SUMTER, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5403 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM R. "BILLY" MCLEOD OF SUMTER, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND

TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5408 -- Reps. S. Jones, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR MARK LUDWIG FOR HIS SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF EQUAL SHARED PARENTING LEGISLATION ACROSS THE NATION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5409 -- Reps. Clyburn, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GEMS OF AIKEN, THE AIKEN (SC) CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INC., AND TO CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS FOR THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF SIGNIFICANT SERVICE TO THE AIKEN COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5404 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA POULTRY

FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD MAY 9-11, 2024, IN BATESBURG-LEESVILLE AND TO HONOR THOSE PLANNING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE FESTIVAL.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5405 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HOMER DEERIN "BILLY" SHAW FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY, STATE, AND NATION AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024 POULTRY FESTIVAL DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5406 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell,

Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, , Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BATESBURG-LEESVILLE COACHES PITCH ALL-STAR BASEBALL TEAM AND COACHES FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committee:

H. 5407 -- Reps. Sessions, Guffey, Ligon, Hiott, Pope, Crawford, O'Neal, Lawson, B. L. Cox, Pedalino and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT PHYSICAL PRIVACY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, PROVIDE THAT EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL RESTROOM AND CHANGING FACILITY THAT IS ACCESSIBLE BY MULTIPLE PERSONS MUST BE DESIGNATED FOR USE ONLY BY MEMBERS OF ONE SEX, AND TO PROVIDE CIVIL PENALTIES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

	Alexander	Anderson
Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire

Williams Willis Wooten
Yow

Total Present--115

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BRADLEY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. THAYER a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. S. JONES a leave of absence for the day due to travel issues.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MAY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. ANDERSON a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from

the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3175
Date:	ADD:
04/16/24	BUSTOS, LANDING and HARTNETT

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3735
Date:	ADD:
04/16/24	HARRIS and MOSS

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5080
Date:	ADD:
04/16/24	CASKEY, WETMORE, JORDAN, YOW, MITCHELL, CONNELL, HAGER, VAUGHAN, LONG, BALLENTINE, DAVIS, PEDALINO and COLLINS

H. 5387--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5387 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES IN RICHLAND COUNTY.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 91; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell

B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Harris	Magnuson

Total--2

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 5395--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5395 -- Reps. B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow and Neese: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 879 OF 1954, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY NATURAL GAS

AUTHORITY, SO AS TO CLARIFY PER DIEM PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL UNENCUMBERED REVENUES FROM THE SYSTEM BE PAID OVER TO THE MUNICIPALITIES SERVED BY THE AUTHORITY AND TO PROVIDE THAT THESE FUNDS MUST BE USED INSTEAD TO EXPAND THE SYSTEM OR TO REDUCE CUSTOMER RATES.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 95; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

	Alexander	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Long	Magnuson
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor

Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--95

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 1047--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1047 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-610, RELATING TO DENMARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MANNER BY WHICH COMMISSIONERS ARE APPOINTED SHALL BE BY APPOINTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTING ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, AND BARNWELL COUNTIES.

Rep. BAMBERG explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

	Alexander	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Elliott

Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 4552--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4552 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Clyburn, Henegan, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Robbins, Brewer, King, Wheeler, Henderson-Myers, Erickson, Stavrinakis, Weeks, Davis, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS.

Rep. MURPHY moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Thursday, April 18, which was agreed to.

Rep. WHEELER moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3679 -- Reps. Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Long, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF RYLIE KAMRYN SLOAN OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

H. 3680 -- Reps. Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Long, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer,

Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF JAMIE HOWARD SLOAN OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:42 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. COBB-HUNTER, adjourned in memory of Marjorie Brittain Hammock, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Philippians 2:3: "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves."

Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, give us hearts full of compassion, ready to forgive others as You have forgiven us. May the God of mercy and grace sustain us and give us joy. Help us to see beyond our self-righteous judgements of others and to receive Your forgiveness with joy and gladness. Bestow Your blessings on our defenders of freedom and first responders. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who work in this vineyard. Grant Your loving touch on our men and women who serve in our Armed Forces. Bless our women and men who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. CLYBURN moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Jacqueline Dozier, which was agreed to.

ACTING SPEAKER B. NEWTON IN CHAIR

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5221
Agency: Department of Motor Vehicles
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 56-1-5 et seq.
Billing Accounts
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 9, 2024

Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2024

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5200
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 48-39-10 et seq.
Statement of Policy; Applying for a Permit; General Guidelines for All Critical Areas; and Specific Project Standards for Beaches and the Beach/Dune System
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5410 -- Reps. Beach, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE POWDERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE

THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5411 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THE LEXINGTON COUNTY BLOWFISH BASEBALL CLUB ON WINNING THE 2023 COASTAL PLAIN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5412 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DAVID "DJ" SMITH, JR., A TALENTED STUDENT AT NEWBERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC CAREER AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR WINNING THE FIRST PLACE AWARD FOR TECHNOLOGY IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA BETA CLUB CONVENTION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5413 -- Reps. Pace, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE

PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JONATHAN "MOONPIE" ROGERS OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1257 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ROBERT G. ANDERSON, JAMES L. SOLOMON, JR., AND HENRIE MONTEITH TREADWELL, WHOSE COURAGE AND RESOLVE ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1963, OPENED WIDE THE DOORS OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STUDENTS OF COLOR AT THE STATE'S FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY, AN HISTORIC EVENT NOW MEMORIALIZED BY THE INSTALLATION ON THE UNIVERSITY'S HISTORIC HORSESHOE OF A MONUMENT DEPICTING THE THREE STUDENTS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1258 -- Senator Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HENRY S. REEDER FOR A LIFETIME OF SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1259 -- Senator Talley: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AFL ON THE OCCASION OF ITS FORTIETH

ANNIVERSARY AND TO WISH THE COMPANY MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope

Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--121

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. HART signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Tuesday, April 16.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BRADLEY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. THAYER a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS a temporary leave of absence.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. T. MOORE presented to the House the Dorman High School "Cavaliers" 5-A Boys Cross Country State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. T. MOORE presented to the House the Dorman High School "Cavaliers" 5-A Boys Track and Field State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. T. MOORE presented to the House the Dorman High School “Cavaliers” 5-A Girls Track and Field State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. T. MOORE presented to the House the Dorman High School "Cavaliers" 5-A Boys Volleyball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. T. MOORE presented to the House the Dorman High School "Cavaliers" 5-A Wrestling State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. T. MOORE presented to the House the Dorman High School "Cavaliers" 5-A Boys Swimming State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. T. MOORE presented to the House the Dorman High School "Cavaliers" 5-A Girls Golf State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. T. MOORE presented to the House the Dorman High School "Cavaliers" 5-A Girls Volleyball State Champions.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED AND REMOVED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

“5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee.”

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5080
Date:	ADD:
04/17/24	LIGON, SESSIONS, POPE, T. MOORE, M. M. SMITH, ROBBINS, GATCH, WOOTEN, SCHUESSLER, BREWER, MURPHY, FORREST and BLACKWELL

CO-SPONSORS REMOVED

Bill Number:	H. 5396
Date:	REMOVE:
04/17/24	MCCRAVY, BAUER, SPANN-WILDER, BERNSTEIN, MURPHY, BREWER, CASKEY, WETMORE, ROBBINS, PEDALINO, STAVRINAKIS, B. NEWTON, ERICKSON, FORREST, HERBKERSMAN, LIGON, BRADLEY, MITCHELL, YOW, HEWITT, GUEST, CONNELL, COBB-HUNTER, GARVIN, O'NEAL, HYDE, SESSIONS, T. MOORE, HAYES, ATKINSON, WEST, SANDIFER, WHITMIRE, LOWE, JORDAN, WHEELER, WEEKS, BALLENTINE, CALHOON, GIBSON, WOOTEN, BUSTOS, GILLIAM, HAGER, J. E. JOHNSON, RUTHERFORD, KIRBY, CRAWFORD, HOSEY, CLYBURN, HIOTT, CARTER, NEESE, BLACKWELL, HIXON, COLLINS, FELDER, POPE, LANDING, LEBER and HARTNETT

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 5387 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES IN RICHLAND COUNTY.

H. 5395 -- Reps. B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow and Neese: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 879 OF 1954, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY NATURAL GAS AUTHORITY, SO AS TO CLARIFY PER DIEM PROVISIONS

APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL UNENCUMBERED REVENUES FROM THE SYSTEM BE PAID OVER TO THE MUNICIPALITIES SERVED BY THE AUTHORITY AND TO PROVIDE THAT THESE FUNDS MUST BE USED INSTEAD TO EXPAND THE SYSTEM OR TO REDUCE CUSTOMER RATES.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bill was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification:

S. 1047 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-610, RELATING TO DENMARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MANNER BY WHICH COMMISSIONERS ARE APPOINTED SHALL BE BY APPOINTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTING ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, AND BARNWELL COUNTIES.

H. 3248--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Rep. COLLINS, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Education and Public Works:

H. 3248 -- Reps. Collins and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 609 OF 1984, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES OF SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO DETERMINE THE MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT.

H. 5246--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS

On motion of Rep. WETMORE, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Education and Public Works:

H. 5246 -- Reps. Wetmore, Brittain, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Hartnett, Leber, Gilliard, Bustos, Pendarvis, Jefferson, Landing and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-612 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BLACK SKIMMER IS THE OFFICIAL SEABIRD OF THE STATE.

HOUSE STANDS AT EASE

The House stood at ease subject to the call of the Chair.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 11:58 a.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

JOINT ASSEMBLY

At 12:00 noon the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House. The President of the Senate called the Joint Assembly to order and announced that it had convened under the terms of the Concurrent Resolutions adopted by both Houses.

ELECTION OF JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, CIRCUIT COURT, FAMILY COURT, AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT

The following Concurrent Resolution was read:

H. 4895 -- Reps. Caskey, Jordan and Rutherford: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JULY 31, 2034; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 8, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, SEAT 9, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT

A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2, AND THE

SUCCESSOR WILL FILL A NEW TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE CIRCUIT COURT, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 4, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2027; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 8, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2027; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 11, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, AT-LARGE, SEAT 16, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT,

SEAT 6, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2025; TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1, UPON HIS RETIREMENT ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2024, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2028; TO ELECT A JUDGE TO A NEWLY CREATED SEAT FOR THE FAMILY COURT, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3, WHOSE TERM WILL BE FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JUNE 30, 2030; AND TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024.

The PRESIDENT recognized Representative CASKEY, on behalf of the Screening Committee for the Judicial Screening Commission.

ELECTION OF A COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, SEAT 8

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Court of Appeals Judge, Seat 8.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the Honorable Jerry Deese Vinson, Jr., had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Jerry Dease Vinson, Jr., was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE, SEAT 9

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Court of Appeals Judge, Seat 9.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Whitney B. Harrison, the Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes, and the Honorable Matthew Price Turner.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Harrison:

Davis	Harpootlian	Hutto
Johnson, Michael	Rankin	Senn

Total--6

The following named Senators voted for Holmes:

Adams	Allen	Campsen
Devine	Fanning	Goldfinch
Jackson	*Johnson, Kevin*	Malloy
Matthews	McLeod	Sabb
Stephens	Tedder	Williams

Total--15

The following named Senators voted for Turner:

Alexander	Bennett	Cash
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Gambrell	Garrett	Grooms
Gustafson	Hembree	Kimbrell
Loftis	Martin	McElveen
Peeler	Reichenbach	Rice
Setzler	Shealy	Talley
Turner	Verdin	Young

Total--24

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for Harrison:

Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Bustos
Chapman	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Erickson
Felder	Gatch	Guffey
Hager	Hixon	Kilmartin

Landing	Lawson	Ligon
May	Mitchell	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	O'Neal
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	Stavrinakis	West
White	Wooten	Yow

Total--39

The following named Representatives voted for Holmes:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Brittain	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Crawford	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Hewitt	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Lowe	McDaniel	J. Moore
Moss	Ott	Rivers
Rutherford	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Thigpen	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams		

Total--40

The following named Representatives voted for Turner:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Burns	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chumley	B. J. Cox
Davis	Elliott	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Haddon	Harris	Herbkersman
Hiott	Hyde	S. Jones
Leber	Long	Magnuson
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus

Pace	Taylor	Trantham
Vaughan	Willis	

Total--38

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting	45
Total number of Representatives voting	117
Grand Total	162
Necessary to a choice	82
Of which Whitney B. Harrison received	45
Of which the Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes received	55
Of which the Honorable Matthew Price Turner received	62

Whereupon, the President announced that none of the candidates having received the necessary vote, the Joint Assembly would proceed to the next ballot.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Harrison:

Davis	Goldfinch	Malloy
Rankin	Senn	

Total--5

The following named Senators voted for Holmes:

Adams	Allen	Devine
Fanning	Harpootlian	Hutto
Jackson	*Johnson, Kevin*	Matthews
McLeod	Sabb	Stephens
Tedder	Williams	

Total--14

The following named Senators voted for Turner:

Alexander	Bennett	Campsen
Cash	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Gambrell	Garrett

Grooms	Gustafson	Hembree
Johnson, Michael	Kimbrell	Loftis
Martin	McElveen	Peeler
Reichenbach	Rice	Setzler
Shealy	Talley	Turner
Verdin	Young	

Total--26

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for Harrison:

Blackwell	Brewer	Bustos
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Erickson	Felder	Guffey
Hager	Hixon	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Mitchell
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
O'Neal	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
Yow		

Total--25

The following named Representatives voted for Holmes:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Brittain
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Crawford
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Hewitt	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Lowe	McDaniel
J. Moore	Moss	Ott
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Weeks

Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams		

Total--43

The following named Representatives voted for Turner:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Burns	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	B. J. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Haddon	Harris	Herbkersman
Hiott	Hyde	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Leber	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Taylor	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Willis	Wooten	

Total--47

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting.....45
Total number of Representatives voting 115
Grand Total 160
Necessary to a choice.....81
Of which Whitney B. Harrison received 30
Of which the Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes received ...57
Of which the Honorable Matthew Price Turner received 73

Whereupon, the President announced that none of the candidates having received the necessary vote, the Joint Assembly would proceed to the next ballot.

Rep. CASKEY withdrew Whitney B. Harrison as a candidate.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Holmes:

Adams	Allen	Devine
Fanning	Goldfinch	Gustafson
Harpootlian	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson, Kevin	Malloy	Matthews
McLeod	Rankin	Sabb
Senn	Stephens	Tedder
Williams		

Total--19

The following named Senators voted for Turner:

Alexander	Bennett	Campsen
Cash	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Davis	Gambrell
Garrett	Grooms	Hembree
Johnson, Michael	Kimbrell	Loftis
Martin	McElveen	Peeler
Reichenbach	Rice	Setzler
Shealy	Talley	Turner
Verdin	Young	

Total--26

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for Holmes:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brittain	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	Crawford	Dillard
Felder	Garvin	Gilliard
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Hewitt
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Lawson

Lowe	McDaniel	J. Moore
Moss	B. Newton	Ott
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
G. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	Williams	

Total--47

The following named Representatives voted for Turner:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Burns	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Herbkersman	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Landing	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Murphy	Neese
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--66

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting.....45
Total number of Representatives voting.....113
Grand Total.....158
Necessary to a choice.....80

Of which the Honorable Jan B. Bromell Holmes received ... 66
Of which the Honorable Matthew Price Turner received 92

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Matthew Price Turner was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Second Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Grant Gibbons, David W. Miller, and Martha M. Rivers Davisson.

Rep. CASKEY stated that David W. Miller and Grant Gibbons had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Martha M. Rivers Davisson, in nomination.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Martha M. Rivers Davisson was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: the Honorable S. Bryan Doby, Christopher R. DuRant, and Samuel L. Floyd.

Rep. CASKEY stated that Samuel L. Floyd and Chistopher R. DuRant had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, the Honorable S. Bryan Doby, in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable S. Bryan Doby was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Third Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the Honorable Kristi Fisher Curtis had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Kristi Fisher Curtis was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Fourth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the Honorable Michael S. Holt had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Michael S. Holt was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the following and had been screened and found qualified: James Smith and Justin T. Williams.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that Justin T. Willliams had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, James Smith, in nomination.

Rep. HIOTT moved to recommit the election to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.

Rep. OTT moved to table the motion to recommit.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted to Table Recommit:

Allen	Davis	Devine
Fanning	Goldfinch	Harpootlian
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson, Kevin	Malloy	Matthews
McElveen	Rankin	Sabb
Senn	Setzler	Stephens
Talley	Tedder	Williams
Young		

Total--22

The following named Senators voted against Table Recommit:

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Campsen	Cash	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Gambrell
Garrett	Grooms	Gustafson
Johnson, Michael	Kimbrell	Loftis
Martin	McLeod	Peeler
Reichenbach	Rice	Shealy
Turner	Verdin	

Total--23

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted to Table Recommit:

Atkinson	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	Crawford
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	J. Moore	Moss
Ott	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis

Thigpen	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	Williams	

Total--41

The following named Representatives voted against Table Recommit:

Bailey	Beach	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Trantham	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--68

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted against the tabling motion to recommit the slate to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission. I intended to vote in favor of tabling the motion.

Rep. Annie McDaniel

So, the motion to table failed.

The question recurred to the motion to recommit.

Rep. WHITE demanded the yeas and nays, which were taken, resulting as follows:

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted to Recommit:

Adams	Alexander	Bennett
Campsen	Cash	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Gambrell
Garrett	Grooms	Gustafson
Hembree	*Johnson, Michael*	Kimbrell
Loftis	Martin	McLeod
Peeler	Reichenbach	Rice
Shealy	Turner	Verdin

Total--24

The following named Senators voted against Recommit:

Allen	Davis	Devine
Fanning	Goldfinch	Harpootlian
Hutto	Jackson	*Johnson, Kevin*
Malloy	Matthews	McElveen
Rankin	Sabb	Senn
Setzler	Stephens	Talley
Tedder	Williams	Young

Total--21

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted to Recommit:

Bailey	Bamberg	Beach
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch

Gibson	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Trantham
Vaughan	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--70

The following named Representatives voted against Recommit:

Atkinson	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Dillard	Garvin	Gilliard
Hart	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Kirby	J. Moore
Moss	Ott	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams

Total--36

So, the election was recommitted to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the Honorable Daniel McLeod Coble had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Daniel McLeod Coble was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that J. Derham Cole, Jr., had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that J. Derham Cole, Jr., was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Grace Gilchrist Knie was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the Honorable Eugene Cannon Griffith, Jr., had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Eugene Cannon Griffith, Jr., was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: the Honorable Daniel E. Martin, Jr., Thomas J. Rode, and the Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook.

Rep. CASKEY stated that the Honorable Daniel E. Martin, Jr., and Thomas J. Rode had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, the Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook, in nomination.

Rep. THIGPEN requested that the election be recommitted to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, which was not agreed to.

Rep. A.M. MORGAN demanded the yeas and nays, which were taken, as follows:

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted in the affirmative:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Campsen	Cash
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Fanning	Gambrell
Garrett	Goldfinch	Grooms

Gustafson	Hembree	Hutto
Johnson, Kevin	*Johnson, Michael*	Kimbrell
Loftis	Malloy	Martin
Matthews	McElveen	McLeod
Peeler	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Senn	Setzler
Shealy	Stephens	Talley
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Williams	Young	

Total--41

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted in the affirmative:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan

Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting	41
Total number of Representatives voting	110
Grand Total	151
Necessary to a choice	76
Ayes	151
Nays	0

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote for Circuit Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4. If I had been present, I would have voted to confirm the Honorable Dale E. Van Slambrook.

Rep. Bill Clyburn

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the Honorable R. Scott Sprouse had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable R. Scott Sprouse was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the Honorable William Paul Keesley had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable William Paul Keesley was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Eleventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the Honorable Walton J. McLeod IV had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Walton J. McLeod IV was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, TWELFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the Honorable Michael G. Nettles had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Michael G. Nettles was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 2.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Jessica Ann Salvini was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Vernon F. Dunbar, Ken Gibson, and Will Grove.

Rep. CASKEY stated that Will Grove and Ken Gibson had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Vernon F. Dunbar, in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Vernon F. Dunbar was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the Honorable Robert Bonds had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Robert Bonds was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the Honorable Marvin Dukes III had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Marvin Dukes III was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: David Pierce Caraker, Jr., Joshua D. Holford, and Douglas M. Zayicek.

Rep. CASKEY stated that Joshua D. Holford and Douglas M. Zayicek had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, David Pierce Caraker, in nomination.

Rep. A.M. MORGAN demanded the yeas and nays, which were taken, as follows:

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Caraker:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Campsen	Cash
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Fanning
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Grooms	Gustafson	Harpootlian
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson, Kevin	*Johnson, Michael*	Kimbrell
Loftis	Malloy	Matthews
McElveen	McLeod	Peeler
Rankin	Reichenbach	Rice
Sabb	Senn	Setzler
Shealy	Stephens	Talley
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Williams	Young	

Total--44

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for Caraker:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey

Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--117

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting.....44
Total number of Representatives voting 117
Grand Total 161
Necessary to a choice.....81
Of which that David Pierce Caraker, Jr. received 161

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that David Pierce Caraker, Jr., was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, AT-LARGE, SEAT 4

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 4.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Daniel J. Ballou and William C. McMaster III.

Rep. CASKEY stated that Daniel J. Ballou had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, William C. McMaster III, in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that William C. McMaster III was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, AT-LARGE, SEAT 8

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 8.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Kimberly V. Barr, T. William “Billy” McGee III, and William Vickery Meetze.

Rep. CASKEY stated that Willliam Vickery Meetze and Kimberly V. Barr had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, T. William “Billy” McGee, in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that T. William “Billy” McGee was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, AT-LARGE, SEAT 11

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 11.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Joseph Bias, the Honorable Russell D. Hilton, and the Honorable Milton G. Kimpson.

Rep. CASKEY stated that Joseph Bias had withdrawn from the race and placed the names of the remaining candidates, the Honorable Russell D. Hilton and the Honorable Milton G. Kimpson, in nomination.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Hilton:

Adams	Bennett	Campsen
Cash	Climer	Corbin
Cromer	Garrett	Grooms
Gustafson	*Johnson, Michael*	Kimbrell
Loftis	Reichenbach	Rice
Verdin	Young	

Total--17

The following named Senators voted for Kimpson:

Alexander	Allen	Davis
Devine	Fanning	Gambrell
Goldfinch	Harpootlian	Hembree
Hutto	Jackson	*Johnson, Kevin*
Malloy	Martin	Matthews
McElveen	McLeod	Peeler
Rankin	Sabb	Senn
Setzler	Shealy	Stephens
Talley	Tedder	Turner
Williams		

Total--28

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for Hilton:

Beach	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hiott	Jefferson
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Landing

Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Murphy	Neese	Nutt
Oremus	Pace	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Trantham	Vaughan
West	Whitmire	Wooten

Total--54

The following named Representatives voted for Kimpson:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brittain
Caskey	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Garvin	Gilliard
Hart	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Lowe	McDaniel
McGinnis	J. Moore	Moss
B. Newton	W. Newton	Ott
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	G. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	Williams	Willis

Total--57

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting.....45
Total number of Representatives voting.....111
Grand Total.....156
Necessary to a choice.....79

Of which the Honorable Russell D. Hilton received 71
Of which the Honorable Milton G. Kimpson received 85

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Milton G. Kimpson was duly elected for the term prescribed by law

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 17, 2024
The Honorable Charles Reid
Clerk of the South Carolina House of Representatives
213 Blatt Bldg.
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Clerk Reid,

I hereby recuse myself from voting on the At-Large, Seat 11, Circuit Court seat and specifically Russell D. Hilton to avoid even an appearance of impropriety, though an abstention from voting on this matter is not required under 8-13-700 of the SC Code as he is not a "family member" as defined by Section 8-13-100(15). Please note this in the House Journal for April 17, 2024.

Sincerely,
Rep. Garry Brewer

ELECTION OF A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, AT-LARGE, SEAT 16

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Circuit Court Judge, At-Large, Seat 16.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Riley Maxwell, Charles J. McCutchen, and Jane H. Merrill.

Rep. CASKEY stated that Riley Maxwell and Jane H. Merrill had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Charles J. McCutchen, in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Charles J. McCutchen was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, First Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Jerrod A. Anderson and Deanne M. Gray.

Rep. CASKEY stated that Deanne M. Gray had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Jerrod A. Anderson, in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Jerrod A. Anderson was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Seventh Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Pete G. Diamaduros and Jonathan W. Lounsberry.

Rep. CASKEY stated that Jonathan W. Lounsberry had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Pete G. Diamaduros, in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Pete G. Diamaduros was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 4

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 4.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that Blakely Copeland Cahoon had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Blakely Copeland Cahoon was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 6

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 6.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that Gina J. McAlhany had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Gina J. McAlhany was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Tenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: David J. Brousseau and Heather Vry Scalzo.

Rep. CASKEY stated that Heather Vry Scalzo had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, David J. Brousseau, in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that David J. Brousseau was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that Sammy Diamaduros had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Sammy Diamaduros was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF A FAMILY COURT JUDGE, SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SEAT 3

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Family Court Judge, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit, Seat 3.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: R. Chadwick "Chad" Smith and Erin K. Urquhart.

Rep. CASKEY stated that Erin K. Urquhart had withdrawn from the race and placed the name of the remaining candidate, David J. Brousseau, in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that R. Chadwick "Chad" Smith was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for an Administrative Law Court Judge, Seat 1.

Rep. CASKEY, on behalf of the Judicial Screening Commission, stated that the Honorable Ralph K. Anderson had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. CASKEY, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Ralph K. Anderson was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF STATE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES

The following Concurrent Resolution was read:

S. 1230 -- Senator Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING JUDICIAL ELECTIONS, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON TO FILL THE TERM OF THE MEMBER FOR THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 3, THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 5, FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 7, FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 9, SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 11, SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 13, AT-LARGE SEAT 15, AND AT-LARGE SEAT 17, OF WHICH ALL TERMS WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY TO FILL THE TERM OF THE MEMBER FOR THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 1, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2026, THE TERM OF THE MEMBER FOR THE SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 2, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2024, THE TERM OF THE MEMBER FOR THE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 5 AND FOR THE SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 6, OF WHICH BOTH TERMS WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2026, AND THE TERM OF THE MEMBER FOR AT-LARGE SEATS 8, 10, 12, AND 13, OF WHICH ALL TERMS WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF LANDER UNIVERSITY TO FILL THE TERM OF THE MEMBER FOR THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 9, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2024; TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO FILL THE TERM OF THE MEMBER FOR THE FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MEDICAL SEAT, SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MEDICAL SEAT, THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MEDICAL SEAT, FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT LAY SEAT, FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT LAY SEAT, SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT MEDICAL SEAT, AND SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT LAY SEAT, OF WHICH ALL TERMS WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2026; TO ELECT A MEMBER OF

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY TO FILL THE TERM OF A MEMBER FOR THE FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 5, SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 7, AND AT-LARGE SEATS 9 AND 11, OF WHICH ALL TERMS WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2026; AND TO ELECT A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WINTHROP UNIVERSITY FOR THE FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SEAT 4, WHOSE TERM WILL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30, 2028; AND TO FIX WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY BOARDS OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS, AS THE TIME TO ELECT MEMBERS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE'S APPELLATE PANEL.

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 3

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Second Congressional District, Seat 3.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Derrick L. Williams had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Derrick L. Williams was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 5

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Third Congressional District, Seat 5.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Shawn M. Holland had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Shawn M. Holland was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 7

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Fourth Congressional District, Seat 7.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Matthew C. Klein had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Matthew C. Klein was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 9

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Fifth Congressional District, Seat 9.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Henry A. Futch, Jr., had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Henry A. Futch, Jr., was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 11

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Sixth Congressional District, Seat 11.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Darryl J. Fyall had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Darryl J. Fyall was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 13

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Seventh Congressional District, Seat 13.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Henrietta U. Golding and Ashley B. Nance.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Ashley B. Nance had withdrawn from the race, and placed the name of the remaining candidate, Henrietta U. Golding, in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Henrietta U. Golding was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

AT-LARGE, SEAT 15

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the At-Large Seat, Seat 15.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Renee B. Romberger had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Renee B. Romberger was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

AT-LARGE, SEAT 17

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the At-Large Seat, Seat 17.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Steve D. Swanson had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Steve D. Swanson was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

FRANCIS MARION UNIVERSITY

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the First Congressional District, Seat 1.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Mark S. Moore had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Mark S. Moore was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Second Congressional District, Seat 2.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Beth G. Bauknight had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Beth G. Bauknight was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 5

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Fifth Congressional District, Seat 5.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that H. Paul Dove had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that H. Paul Dove was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

AT-LARGE, SEAT 8

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the At-Large Seat, Seat 8.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Robert E. Lee had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Robert E. Lee was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

AT-LARGE, SEAT 10

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the At-Large Seat, Seat 10.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Kenneth W. Jackson had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Kenneth W. Jackson was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

AT-LARGE, SEAT 12

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the At-Large, Seat 12.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that W. Edward Gunn had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that W. Edward Gunn was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

AT-LARGE, SEAT 13

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the At-Large, Seat 13.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Patricia C. Hartung had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Patricia C. Hartung was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

LANDER UNIVERSITY

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 9

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the First Congressional District, Seat 9.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Mark W. Taylor had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Mark W. Taylor was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, MEDICAL SEAT

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the First Congressional District, Medical Seat.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Donald R. Johnson II had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Donald R. Johnson II was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, MEDICAL SEAT

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Second Congressional District, Medical Seat.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that James Lemon had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that James Lemon was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, MEDICAL SEAT

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Third Congressional District, Medical Seat.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Richard M. Christian, Jr., had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Richard M. Christian, Jr., was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, LAY SEAT

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Fourth Congressional District, Lay Seat.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Thomas L. Stephenson had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Thomas L. Stephenson was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, LAY SEAT

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Fifth Congressional District, Lay Seat.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Terri R. Barnes had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Terri R. Barnes was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, MEDICAL SEAT

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Sixth Congressional District, Medical Seat.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that W. Melvin Brown III had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that W. Melvin Brown III was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, LAY SEAT

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Seventh Congressional District, Lay Seat.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that James A. Battle, Jr., had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that James A. Battle, Jr., was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

FIFTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 5

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Fifth Congressional District, Seat 5.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: Abigail Busby-Webb, Darrell Johnson, and Thomas E. Thompson

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Thomas E. Thompson had withdrawn from the race, and placed the names of the remaining candidates, Abigail Busby-Webb and Darrell Johnson in nomination.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for Busby-Webb:

Alexander	Devine	Grooms
Johnson, Kevin	McElveen	McLeod
Rice	Sabb	Senn
Stephens	Verdin	

Total--11

The following named Senators voted for Johnson:

Allen	Bennett	Climer
Corbin	Cromer	Davis
Fanning	Gambrell	Garrett
Goldfinch	Gustafson	Harpootlian
Hembree	Hutto	Matthews
Peeler	Reichenbach	Shealy
Tedder	Williams	Young

Total--21

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for Busby-Webb:

Felder	Gagnon	Lowe
W. Newton	Pedalino	G. M. Smith
Weeks	Wheeler	Willis

Total--9

The following named Representatives voted for Johnson:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey

Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
B. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pope
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
West	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--92

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting	32
Total number of Representatives voting	101
Grand Total	133
Necessary to a choice	67
Of which Abigail Busby-Webb received	20
Of which Darrell Johnson received	113

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Darrell Johnson was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 7

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Seventh Congressional District, Seat 7.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Starlee Alexander had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Starlee Alexander was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

AT-LARGE, SEAT 9

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the At-Large, Seat 9.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Rodney C. Jenkins had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Rodney C. Jenkins was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

AT-LARGE, SEAT 11

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the At-Large, Seat 11.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Robert S. Reese had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Robert S. Reese was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY

FOURTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, SEAT 4

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for the Fourth Congressional District, Seat 4.

Rep. WHITMIRE, on behalf of the Joint Screening Commission, stated that Edward R. Driggers had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination.

On the motion of Rep. WHITMIRE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that Edward R. Driggers was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

ELECTION OF DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE APPELLATE PANEL

SEAT 1

The PRESIDENT recognized Rep. HARDEE, Chairman of the Department of Employment and Workforce Review Committee.

Rep. HARDEE, on behalf of the Committee to Review Candidates for the Department of Employment and Workforce Appellate Panel, stated that the following candidate had been screened, found qualified, and placed her name in nomination: Evelyn Belicia Ayers.

On the motion of Rep. HARDEE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, Evelyn Belicia Ayers was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

SEAT 2

The PRESIDENT recognized Rep. HARDEE, Chairman of the Department of Employment and Workforce Review Committee.

Rep. HARDEE, on behalf of the Committee to Review Candidates for the Department of Employment and Workforce Appellate Panel, stated that the following candidate had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination: Stephen S. Kelly.

On the motion of Rep. HARDEE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, Stephen S. Kelly was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

SEAT 3

The PRESIDENT recognized Rep. HARDEE, Chairman of the Department of Employment and Workforce Review Committee.

Rep. HARDEE, on behalf of the Committee to Review Candidates for the Department of Employment and Workforce Appellate Panel, stated that the following candidate had been screened, found qualified, and placed his name in nomination: Daniel C. Beach.

On the motion of Rep. HARDEE, nominations were closed, and with unanimous consent, the vote was taken by acclamation, resulting in the election of the nominee.

Whereupon, Daniel C. Beach was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

JOINT ASSEMBLY RECEDES

The purposes of the Joint Assembly having been accomplished, the PRESIDENT announced that under the terms of the Concurrent Resolution the Joint Assembly would recede from business.

The Senate accordingly retired to its Chamber.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 2:35 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 5404 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA POULTRY FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD MAY 9-

11, 2024, IN BATESBURG-LEESVILLE AND TO HONOR THOSE PLANNING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE FESTIVAL.

H. 5405 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HOMER DEERIN "BILLY" SHAW FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY, STATE, AND NATION AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024 POULTRY FESTIVAL DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN.

H. 5406 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-

Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BATESBURG-LEESVILLE COACHES PITCH ALL-STAR BASEBALL TEAM AND COACHES FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:37 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. CLYBURN, adjourned in memory of Jacqueline Dozier, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Jeremiah 7:1: "The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah: Stand in the gate of the Lord's house and proclaim there this, and say, hear the word of the Lord, all you people of Judah."

Let us pray. Good and gracious God, we give You thanks and praise for the many blessings You provide. Guard these Representatives and Staff and keep them from all harm as they carry out the duties given to them. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders, as they care for us. Grant Your mercies upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Protect our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. ANDERSON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Julia Burgess Wilson, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Julia Burgess Wilson.

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5191
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 2022 Act No. 119, Section 5, effective January 27, 2022
Solid Waste Management Regulation (Solar Projects)

Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2024

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5414 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE ANNE J. THAYER ON HER PRAISEWORTHY SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE PAST FOURTEEN YEARS AND TO WISH HER HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for fourteen years, the Honorable Anne J. Thayer with loyalty has represented the citizens of Anderson County’s District 9 in the South Carolina House of Representatives; and

Whereas, the daughter of Bobby G. and Vivian I. Williams, Anne Thayer is the owner of Thayer Properties, LLC, and Thayer Commercial Properties, LLC, and is a resident of Belton; and

Whereas, this native of Greenville earned her bachelor’s degree at Marycrest College in 1990 and in that same year married Dr. Mark W.

Thayer. The Thayers are the proud parents of three children, Brenn, Johnston, and Jordan; and

Whereas, during her time of service in the House of Representatives, Anne J. Thayer has proven her worth as a member of several committees, most recently the Labor, Commerce, and Industry Committee, as well as the Rules Committee, which she serves as chair; and

Whereas, Representative Thayer believes strongly in personal involvement with her community, and her convictions have led her to serve that community, as well as the broader community of South Carolina, in several capacities. Past and present service includes membership on the Anderson County Foster Care Review Board (2003-2010), State Foster Care Review Board (2005-2008), Anderson Interfaith Ministries (past chair), Anderson Heritage (past president), and City of Anderson Board of Architectural Control. Further, she serves as a volunteer coordinator for T.L. Hanna High School, and as a woman of faith she is a member of NewSpring Church, which she also serves as a volunteer; and

Whereas, understanding that Anne Thayer plans to retire as a House member at the end of her present term of office, her colleagues in the House of Representatives wish to thank her for her strong dedication to the people of District 9 and extend sincere good wishes for all the best life has to offer in the coming years. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate and commend the Honorable Anne J. Thayer on her praiseworthy service in the South Carolina House of Representatives over the past fourteen years and wish her happiness and success in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Anne J. Thayer.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5415 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE R. RAYE FELDER OF YORK COUNTY FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HER CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives learned with sincere regret that Representative Raye Felder will depart from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of her current term; and

Whereas, she attended Winthrop College and York Technical College and earned a bachelor’s degree from Limestone College in 1993; and

Whereas, Representative Felder and her beloved husband, J. Wayne Felder, reside in Fort Mill, and when away from her duties in the House of Representatives, she is a successful businesswoman and works in insurance sales; and

Whereas, deeply involved in her community, she is a member of the York County Regional Chamber, serves on the York Technical College Foundation and on the board for Community Housing, Inc., and participates in York County economic development efforts; and

Whereas, Representative Felder served as a former chairwoman of the Fort Mill Area Council and as a volunteer guardian ad litem for the Cass Elias McCarter Guardian ad Litem Program, and she previously participated in the York County Zoning Board of Appeals, the Rock Hill Arts Council, and Junior Achievement; and

Whereas, her community service and business contributions have been recognized with such honors as the 2003 Fort Mill Citizen of the Year and the 2011 Small Business Person of the Year; and

Whereas, Representative Felder has faithfully served the citizens of District 26 in the House of Representatives since 2013, most recently during that time she served on the Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee and on the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee; and

Whereas, in all of her service, she has provided reliable insight and pertinent discussion of issues before the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the devoted and deliberative service that Raye Felder, their friend and colleague, has given to the House of Representatives, and hope that she will enjoy deep fulfillment in the years ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Honorable R. Raye Felder of York County for her dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of her constituents and the citizens of South Carolina and wish her much success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable R. Raye Felder.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5416 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE RUSSELL L. OTT ON HIS COMMITTED SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS AND TO WISH HIM FELICITY AND SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for eleven years, the Honorable Russell L. Ott has faithfully represented the citizens of District 93 (Calhoun, Lexington, and Orangeburg counties) in the South Carolina House of Representatives; and

Whereas, a resident of St. Matthews, Russell L. Ott is the son of Harry L., Jr., and Linda Fleming Ott. In preparation for his career, he earned a bachelor’s degree at Clemson University in 2000, followed by an MPA at the University of South Carolina in 2003. He is the proud father of two children, Lawson Legare and Bryce Jameson, and, like his father, former state representative Harry Ott, he is a businessman and farmer; and

Whereas, during his time of service in the House of Representatives, Russell Ott has proven his worth as a member of several committees, most recently the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee, as well as the Legislative Oversight Committee; and

Whereas, in addition, Representative Ott has served as town administrator for Elloree, North, and Neeses and as a lobbyist for the South Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, being also a former member of the South Carolina Farm Bureau (2004-2013). Further, this man of faith serves the Lord as a member of Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, understanding that Russell Ott will retire as a House member at the end of his present term of office, his colleagues in the House of Representatives wish to thank him for his strong dedication to the people of District 93 and extend sincere good wishes for all the best life has to offer in the coming years. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate and commend the Honorable Russell L. Ott on his committed service in the South Carolina House of Representatives over the past eleven years and wish him felicity and success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Russell L. Ott.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5417 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett,

Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE PATRICIA MOORE "PAT" HENEGAN OF MARLBORO COUNTY FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HER CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives learned with sincere regret that Representative Henegan will depart from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of her current term; and

Whereas, born on June 22, 1948, in Fairmont, North Carolina, she is the daughter of the late Lawrence Moore and the late Vernell Moore, and she earned a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree from Francis Marion University. She also earned an education specialist degree in administration from Winthrop University and completed further studies in administration at South Carolina State University; and

Whereas, Representative Henegan was a charter member of the Upsilon Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and served on the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority International Programs Commission from 2006 to 2010 and on the International Internal Leadership for External Services Commission from 2010 to 2014; and

Whereas, she married her beloved husband, Ronald Benjamin Henegan, Sr., in 1969, and together they reared two fine children, LaRhonda Henegan Williams and Ronald “Ronnie” Benjamin Henegan, Jr. When away from her duties in the House of Representatives, she lives in Bennettsville and is retired from teaching and serving as an assistant superintendent; and

Whereas, deeply involved in her community, Representative Henegan served as president of Marlboro County First Steps and as a member of the Man2Man Fatherhood Initiative, both in 1998. She served as chairman of Marian Wright Edelman Library from 2005 to 2013 and as lieutenant governor of Carolinas District 20 in 2012; and

Whereas, she was a member of Leadership South Carolina in 1991 and served as a member of its board from 1992 to 1994. She served as a member of the Lake Paul A. Wallace Authority in 2014, a member of the Pee Dee Citizens Commission on Judicial Qualifications in 2010, and a trustee of Kiwanis of the Carolinas in 2012; and

Whereas, Representative Henegan has faithfully served the citizens of District 54 in Chesterfield, Darlington, and Marlboro counties since 2015, most recently during that time serving on the Judiciary and Rules committees; and

Whereas, in all of her service, she has provided deliberative and thoughtful insight to her colleagues in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the keen and impassioned service that Pat Henegan, their friend and colleague, has given them, and they hope that she will enjoy deep fulfillment in the years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Honorable Patricia Moore "Pat" Henegan of Marlboro County for her dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of her constituents and the citizens of South Carolina and wish her much success and happiness in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Representative Patricia Moore "Pat" Henegan.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5418 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND BART T. BLACKWELL FOR EIGHT YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HOUSE DISTRICT 81 IN AIKEN COUNTY AND TO WISH HIM SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for eight years and with great integrity, Bart T. Blackwell has represented the citizens of Aiken County District 81 in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, Representative Blackwell was born in Buffalo, New York, on September 14, 1960. He attended the University of Buffalo for one year before transferring to the College of Charleston. He excelled in his studies and graduated cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in economics and a minor concentration in political science. However, the most rewarding part of his time in college was meeting his wife, Paula; and

Whereas, shortly after graduation, Representative Blackwell had the opportunity to pursue his passion for aviation and accepted an appointment to the United States Air Force Officer Training School. After receiving his commission, he attended navigator flight school

where he graduated in the top ten percent of his class and was designated a Distinguished Graduate. He then spent six years on active duty, earned a master's degree from the University of California, and obtained the rank of captain. Later, he furthered his education by attending and graduating from Leadership Aiken County; and

Whereas, Representative Blackwell spent a few years managing programs for a defense contractor in Charleston and consulting with the Department of Defense's Joint Center for Flexible Computer Integrated Manufacturing before he launched an engineering development company to create a new hospital bed that enhances the quality of life for bedbound patients. The product received Underwriter Laboratory and FDA approvals and was awarded two patents. In 1999, he took control of the existing B & S Machine Tool operation and with his leadership, doubled the size of the operation; and

Whereas, Representative Blackwell always has been committed to serving others, from his military service to his service as a board member and chairman for the Greater Aiken Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors to his service as a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives. He began his tenure in the General Assembly in 2017 serving continuously for eight years. His contributions include serving on the House Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee; and

Whereas, Representative Blackwell is married to Paula Epting and the couple are the parents to two beautiful children, Matthew and Daniel. He always made time for his sons, serving as their Cub Scout den leader, youth baseball coach, and youth soccer coach; and

Whereas, in all of his service, he has provided the House of Representatives with sound business insight and the wisdom of a man of character. The members will miss the valuable contributions that Representative Blackwell has bestowed upon the House of Representatives, and hope he finds much enjoyment in the days ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend Bart T. Blackwell for eight years of committed service to the citizens of House District 81 in Aiken County and wish

him success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Bart T. Blackwell.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5419 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE JASON ELLIOTT FOR HIS EIGHT YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HOUSE DISTRICT 22 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY AND TO WISH HIM SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for eight years and with great integrity, the Honorable Jason Elliott has represented the citizens of Greenville County’s District 22 in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, born on July 1, 1970, this native and current resident of Greenville is the son of Darry Elliott and Donna E. Davenport and the proud father of Barnes Elliott; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life's work, the young Jason earned his bachelor's degree at Clemson University (1993), followed three years later by his Juris Doctor from the University of South Carolina; and

Whereas, before being elected to guard the freedom and safety of his fellow citizens, Jason Elliott served as assistant solicitor for the Tenth Judicial Circuit (1996-1999) and district director for U.S. Representative Jim DeMint (1999-2003); and

Whereas, Representative Elliott believes strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions have led him to serve that community in several capacities. These include service in the Rotary Club of Greenville (1999-present; president, 2008), Greenville Tech Charter High School (board member, 2002-2006; chairman, 2005-2006), Greenville County Legislative Delegation Transportation Committee (2011-2016), and Triune Mercy Center; and

Whereas, in 2016, Jason Elliott was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives, where he proved his value as a member of various committees, most recently the Judiciary Committee. Over the course of his legislative years in the House, he focused on fixing critical infrastructure and ensuring that Greenville County got its fair share of state funds for road improvements; and

Whereas, Jason Elliott's colleagues in the House of Representatives thank him for his dedicated service to the people of District 22 and extend heartiest wishes for all the best life has to offer in the coming years. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend the Honorable Jason Elliott for his eight years of committed service to the citizens of House District 22 in Greenville County and wish him success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Jason Elliott.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5420 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE IVORY TORREY THIGPEN OF RICHLAND COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives learned with sincere regret that Representative Ivory Thigpen will depart from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of his current term; and

Whereas, born on May 11, 1978, in Jackson, Mississippi, he is the son of Ivory Curtis and Carolyn Roberson Thigpen, and he earned a bachelor’s degree from Jackson State University in 2000, a master’s degree from Palmer College of Chiropractic in 2005, and a master’s degree in 2013 from Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia; and

Whereas, in 1998, Representative Thigpen was honored with inclusion

in Beta Kappa Chi, the Scientific Honor Society, and Theta Phi, the Theological Honor Society in 2012; and

Whereas, in 2000, he served as the chapter strategist for the Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity's Delta Delta chapter. He was the chapter president of the Student American Black Chiropractic Association-Palmer chapter in 2003 and on the Palmer College Ethics Board in 2004. He also served as a legislative representative for the Student American Chiropractic Association in 2004; and

Whereas, Representative Thigpen served as moderator for the Fairfield County Missionary Baptist and Educational Association in 2012 and on the executive board of the Baptist Educational and Missionary Convention of South Carolina in 2012. He served on the executive board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., in 2015; and

Whereas, devoted to the spiritual well-being of his community, he served as a chaplain for Providence Hospitals in 2013 and for the Columbia Police Department in 2015; and

Whereas, together he and his beloved wife, Martia Creighton, are rearing four fine children: Uriaha, Ivana, Ivory III, and Ananias. When away from his duties in the House of Representatives, he is a pastor and a chiropractic physician; and

Whereas, Representative Thigpen has faithfully served the Richland County citizens of District 79 in the House of Representatives since 2017. Most recently during that time, he served on the Judiciary and the Rules committees, as well as serving as the twenty-sixth chairman of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus; and

Whereas, in all of his service, he has provided serious consideration and wisdom to his colleagues concerning issues before the House; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the dedicated and impassioned service that Ivory Thigpen, their friend and colleague, has given to the House of Representatives, and they hope that he will enjoy deep fulfillment in the years ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by

this resolution, recognize and commend the Honorable Ivory Torrey Thigpen of Richland County for his dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of his constituents and the citizens of South Carolina and wish him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Ivory Torrey Thigpen.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5421 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE ASHLEY B. TRANTHAM ON HER COMMITTED SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE PAST SEVEN YEARS AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, since 2018, the Honorable Ashley B. Trantham has with diligence and faithfulness represented the citizens of Greenville County’s District 28 in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, a businesswoman and a commercial real estate broker with Lee and Associates, Greer native Ashley Trantham comes from a long line of dairy farmers, her family being the owners of Happy Cow Creamery in Pelzer; and

Whereas, at home in Pelzer, she is the wife of Thomas Joseph Trantham III, and the Tranthams are the proud parents of two delightful children; and

Whereas, during her time of service in the House of Representatives, Ashley Trantham has proven her worth as a member of several committees, most recently the Agriculture, Natural Resources & Environmental Affairs Committee. She is also a founding member of the South Carolina Freedom Caucus; and

Whereas, understanding that Ashley Trantham plans to retire as a House member at the end of her present term of office, her colleagues in the House of Representatives wish to thank her for her strong commitment to the people of District 28 and extend sincere good wishes for all the best life has to offer in the coming years. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Honorable Ashley B. Trantham on her committed service in the South Carolina House of Representatives over the past seven years and wish her much success and fulfillment in all her future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to our distinguished colleague, the Honorable Ashley B. Trantham.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5422 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter,

Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE MAX T. HYDE, JR., OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS AS HE LEAVES THIS CHAMBER.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives learned with sincere regret that Max T. Hyde, Jr., will depart from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of his current term; and

Whereas, born in Spartanburg on October 29, 1973, he is the son of Max T. Hyde, Sr., and Alicia Ruth Fusselle. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Davidson College in 1995, studying abroad at Oxford University from 1993 to 1994, and a juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2000; and

Whereas, he married his beloved wife, Eliza Howell, in 2004, and together they are the parents of four fine children: Llewellyn Ruth, Max Thomas III, Eliza Rose, and Annabelle Beatrice. A faithful member of First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg, he serves the congregation as a deacon; and

Whereas, when away from his duties in the House of Representatives, he works as an attorney in Spartanburg. Deeply involved in his community, he has found time to volunteer as a member of the Rotary

Club of Spartanburg since 2006, and served as its president in 2018. He also served on the Spartanburg County Commission for Higher Education from 2015 to 2017, and is a past member of the Spartanburg City Council. He was honored with the 2019 Business Advocate Award from the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce; and

Whereas, he has faithfully served the citizens of Spartanburg's District 32 in the House of Representatives since 2019, most recently as a member of the Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee and the Ways and Means Committee. Always collegial and professional, he has contributed thoughtful debate and deliberation, as well as an informed perspective, to important public policy considerations facing the Palmetto State; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the reasoned and engaged service that Max Hyde, their friend and colleague, has given to the House of Representatives, and hope that he will enjoy deep fulfillment in the years ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Honorable Max T. Hyde, Jr., of Spartanburg County for his dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of his constituents and the citizens of South Carolina and wish him much success and happiness as he leaves this chamber.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Max T. Hyde, Jr.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5423 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott,

Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE ADAM M. MORGAN OF GREENVILLE COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives learned with sincere regret that Adam Morgan will depart from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of his current term; and

Whereas, born in 1989 in Dallas, Texas, he is the son of Michele and Timothy Morgan, and he earned a bachelor’s degree from Bob Jones University in 2011 and a juris doctorate from the University of South Carolina School of Law in 2015; and

Whereas, he married his beloved wife, the former Megan Hamilton, in 2016, and together in Taylors they are rearing three fine children: Ella Marie, Hamilton Michael, and Harrison Cato; and

Whereas, a faithful member of Morningside Baptist Church, he serves the congregation as a deacon and his denomination on the board of Open Door Baptist Missions, and he has served his community as a board member of Hope for the Home; and

Whereas, when away from his duties in the House of Representatives, he serves as president of Majesty Music, Inc. Several years ago, he set aside a career as an attorney to help his in-laws with their family

business, Majesty Music, Inc., which produces the audio series Patch the Pirate; and

Whereas, he has faithfully served the citizens of District 20 in Greenville in the House of Representatives since 2019, most recently during that time he served on the Education and Public Works Committee and on the Legislative Oversight Committee; and

Whereas, in all of his service, he has provided insightful discourse with his colleagues in the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the keen and impassioned service that Adam Morgan, their friend and colleague, has given to the House of Representatives, and hope that he will enjoy deep fulfillment in the years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Honorable Adam M. Morgan of Greenville County for his dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of his constituents and the citizens of South Carolina and wish him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Adam M. Morgan.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5424 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott,

Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE STEWART O. JONES OF LAURENS COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS AS HE LEAVES THIS CHAMBER.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives learned with sincere regret that Representative Stewart Jones will depart from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of his current term; and

Whereas, an eighth generation South Carolinian, he is the son of Les and Valerie Stewart Jones and was born in Greenwood on March 20, 1983. He earned an associate degree from Piedmont Technical College in 2009, and he is a 2015 graduate of the South Carolina Economic Development Institute; and

Whereas, Representative Jones married his beloved wife, Kelly Wasson, and together they are rearing two fine children, Lillie and Emma Grace. The founder in 2010 and business owner of Greenwood I.T., LLC, he is busy with the company when away from his duties in the House of Representatives. He has been a certified bitcoin professional (CBP) and has been a writer/contributor to the Foundation for Economic Education (FEE.org) since 2017; and

Whereas, an active member of First Baptist Church of Laurens, Representative Jones has served his party as chairman of the Lakelands Republican Liberty Caucus from 2012 to 2014 and as a state board member of the Laurens County Republican Liberty Caucus (RLC) from 2013 to 2016; and

Whereas, deeply involved in his community, Representative Jones served as a member of the Laurens Farm Bureau and as a Laurens County councilman, both since 2014. He served as the chairman of Laurens County Public Works and as a member of Laurens County Health, Welfare and Public Safety Commission from 2015 to 2017. He was chairman of Laurens County Park and Tourism and of Laurens County Planning and Intergovernmental Affairs from 2017 to 2019; and

Whereas, a proud member of the National Rifle Association (NRA) and of the Hunley Commission, he has faithfully served the citizens of Laurens County's District 14 in the House of Representatives since 2019, and most recently during that time he served on the Education and Public Works Committee and as the second vice chair of the Interstate Cooperation Committee; and

Whereas, his service has been honored with Laurens County Republican Party's 2017 Local Government Official of the Year and the 2020 RLC Liberty Super Hero. In all of his service, he has provided enthusiastic and reasoned advice on matters before the House; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the keen and impassioned service that Stewart Jones, their friend and colleague, has given to the House of Representatives and hope that he will enjoy deep fulfillment in the years ahead. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Honorable Stewart O. Jones of Laurens County for his dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of his constituents and the citizens of South Carolina and wish him much success and happiness as he leaves this chamber.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Stewart O. Jones.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5425 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE ROGER A. NUTT OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives learned with sincere regret that Representative Roger Nutt will depart from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of his current term; and

Whereas, born in Johnson City, Tennessee, on September 20, 1965, Representative Nutt is the son of Frank “Mac” Nutt and the late Sandra Nutt. He moved to South Carolina the year after he was born and has lived in Moore ever since. He earned a bachelor’s degree from Tennessee Tech University in 1989; and

Whereas, he married his beloved wife, Tracy Fennell, in 2001, and he has reared three fine children: Collin Nutt, Kaitlin Hinton, and Luke Nutt

and is blessed with one grandchild. When away from his duties in the House of Representatives, he is an engineer and the owner of TNC Engineering, LLC; and

Whereas, a faithful member of Central Church of Christ from 1966 to 2018, he was a founding member of West Spartanburg Church of Christ; and

Whereas, he is a member of the Animal Allies Board of Directors and is a supporter of the National Deer Association, formerly the Quality Deer Management Association. He is also a life member of the National Rifle Association; and

Whereas, deeply involved in his community, he served as the commissioner of SJWD Water District (Startex-Jackson-Wellford-Duncan) from 2008 to 2010, and he represented District 6 on the Spartanburg County Council from 2010 to 2020. He has also served as a member of the South Carolina Workforce Development Board; and

Whereas, he has faithfully served the citizens of Spartanburg's District 34 in the House of Representatives since 2021, and most recently during that time, he served on the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee. In all of his service, he has provided clear and reasoned advice in matters before the House; and

Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives will miss the persuasive and impassioned service that Roger Nutt, their friend and colleague, has given to the House of Representatives, and hope that he will enjoy deep fulfillment in the years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Honorable Roger A. Nutt of Spartanburg County for his dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of his constituents and the citizens of South Carolina and wish him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Roger A. Nutt.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5426 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE J. BENJAMIN "BEN" CONNELL ON HIS MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS AND TO WISH HIM CONTENTMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for two years, the Honorable J. Benjamin “Ben” Connell with faithful integrity has represented the citizens of Kershaw County’s District 52 in this great state’s House of Representatives; and

Whereas, born in 1982, Ben Connell is the son of Joseph and Kerry Connell; and

Whereas, in preparation for his life’s work, the young Ben earned his bachelor’s degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in

2007, followed by a Juris Doctor in 2010; and

Whereas, this resident of Lugoff serves his community as an attorney at Connell Law Firm, LLC. Well-respected by both his colleagues and members of his community, he was selected to participate in the South Carolina Bar Leadership Academy, Young Lawyers Division, for 2014-2015; and

Whereas, Representative Connell strongly believes in active community involvement, and he puts his convictions into action by serving his community and beyond in various capacities. Ben is past president of the Kershaw County Bar Association, member of the Kershaw County Public Facilities Corporation Board, past adjunct professor at the Charleston School of Law (2013), past performer with the Charleston Men's Chorus, current performer with the Renaissance Vocal Group, patriotic soloist for various events throughout South Carolina, and a former missionary with his church; and

Whereas, during his time of service in the House of Representatives, Ben Connell has proven his worth as a member of the Judiciary Committee. Prior to taking up his duties in the House, he served as a Kershaw County councilman (District Three, 2016-2022); and

Whereas, Ben finds strength for his labors in the solid support of his family: his beautiful wife, Kristin; and their three delightful children, Annabelle, Alexis, and Bennett; and

Whereas, understanding that Ben Connell plans to retire as a House member at the end of his present term of office, his colleagues in the House of Representatives wish to thank him for his strong dedication to the people of District 52 and extend sincere good wishes for all the best life has to offer in the coming years. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, congratulate and commend the Honorable J. Benjamin "Ben" Connell on his meritorious service in the South Carolina House of Representatives over the past two years and wish him contentment and success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable J. Benjamin “Ben” Connell.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5427 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE MATTHEW W. "MATT" LEBER FOR HIS TWO YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HOUSE DISTRICT 116 IN CHARLESTON AND COLLETON COUNTIES AND TO WISH HIM SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for two years, the Honorable Matthew W. “Matt” Leber has faithfully represented the citizens of Charleston and Colleton counties’ District 116 in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, born in 1973 in Washington, North Carolina, the young Matt graduated from Mitchell Community College with an associate degree (2003) and attended the University of Maryland; and

Whereas, before being elected to guard the faith, families, and freedom

of his fellow citizens, this patriotic American served his country between 1991 and 1998 as a paratrooper and in the 10th Special Forces Group. He is a decorated combat veteran who was awarded the Army Commendation Medal after five years in Germany and Bosnia; and

Whereas, after earning his degree in business management, Matt felt the events of 9/11 driving him to serve his country once again, this time by working for multiple federal agencies until 2011. He and his wife, Michele, operate a rental business with homes in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. Recently, they resized their business so Matt could turn his complete attention to serving his beloved home state of South Carolina as a member of the General Assembly; and

Whereas, in 2022, Matt Leber was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives, where he has proven his value as a member of various committees, most recently the Judiciary Committee. He also was chairman of the Freshman Caucus in 2022; and

Whereas, Representative Leber believes strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions have led him to serve that community in several capacities. These include former or present membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Charleston Rifle Club, American Legion (Hollywood, Post 145), Red Truck Men's Prayer Group, and Greater Lowcountry Republican Club. A man of faith, he finds his spiritual home at Adam's Run Baptist Church; and

Whereas, in the firm support of his family, Matt finds strength to carry out his duties. He and his lovely wife are the proud parents of three children, Savannah, Lucas, and Kensington. The Lebers reside on Johns Island; and

Whereas, Matt Leber's colleagues in the House of Representatives, understanding that he will not seek re-election, thank him for his dedicated service to the people of District 116 and extend heartiest wishes for all the best life has to offer in the coming years. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend the Honorable Matthew W. "Matt" Leber for

his two years of committed service to the citizens of House District 116 in Charleston and Colleton counties and wish him success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Matthew W. “Matt” Leber.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5428 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE DAVID L. O'NEAL FOR HIS COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 66 IN YORK COUNTY AND TO WISH HIM SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Whereas, the Honorable David L. O’Neal has faithfully represented the citizens of York County’s District 66 for two years in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, Representative O'Neal is no stranger to service, he retired as a Lieutenant Colonel from the United States Army after serving from 1985 to 2005, part of which time he was a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He was the District Director of the South Carolina 5th Congressional District from 2017 to 2022, and served as Mayor *Pro Tempore* of Tega Cay for two years prior to being elected Mayor of Tega Cay in 2018 where he served until 2021; and

Whereas, Representative O'Neal graduated from Texas Christian University with a Bachelor of Arts in business administration in 1982. He also earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science in 2012 and a Master of Arts in teaching in 2013, both from Winthrop University; and

Whereas, in 2022, Representative O'Neal was elected to the South Carolina House of Representatives, where he has proven his value as a member of the Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee. He provided the House of Representatives with valuable insight and the wisdom of a man of integrity. He strove to serve the people of this great State and of District 66 with their best interests in mind; and

Whereas, the members will miss the valuable contributions that Representative O'Neal has bestowed upon the House of Representatives. On the occasion of his departure from the House of Representatives, his House colleagues, grateful for Representative O'Neal's dedicated service to this body and to the people of District 66, extend warmest best wishes for much contentment and blessing in the days to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:
That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, commend the Honorable David L. O'Neal for his committed service to the South Carolina House of Representatives and the citizens of District 66 in York County and wish him success in all his future endeavors upon his retirement from the House of Representatives.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable David L. O'Neal.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5429 -- Reps. Hager, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LUKE SOBEY OF THE PATRICK HENRY ACADEMY WRESTLING TEAM ON A TREMENDOUS SEASON AND TO HONOR HIM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN HIS WEIGHT CLASS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5430 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott,

Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ANTIOCH AME ZION CHURCH, TO CONGRATULATE THE PASTOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY, AND TO WISH THEM MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED MINISTRY IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5431 -- Reps. Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE

PASSING OF CYNTHIA DARLENE HAMPTON SNIDER OF CALHOUN COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5432 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LIEUTENANT COLONEL RAYMOND HUNT "RAY" STOCKS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5433 -- Reps. Robbins, Brewer, Cobb-Hunter, Gatch, Jefferson, Murphy, Spann-Wilder, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey,

Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE DORCHESTER FREE SCHOOL BOARD AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM AS THEY CELEBRATE THE MILESTONE OF THEIR THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5434 -- Reps. Hager, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-

Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PATRICK HENRY ACADEMY VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5435 -- Reps. Chapman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MELVIN MARION JUSTICE OF TOWNVILLE, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5436 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE PELION MIDDLE SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM, COACHES, AND OFFICIALS FOR A FANTASTIC SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM (NASP) STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES IN IBO AND BULLSEYE (MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION).

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5437 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon,

Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE PELION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM, COACHES, AND OFFICIALS FOR A FANTASTIC SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM (NASP) STATE ARCHERY TOURNAMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5439 -- Reps. McCravy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024, AS A DAY OF PRAYER IN SOUTH

CAROLINA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, AND TO URGE OUR STATE'S CITIZENS TO JOIN TOGETHER IN THEIR HOMES, PLACES OF WORK, AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP TO PRAY FOR THE UNITY OF THE HEARTS OF ALL MANKIND AND TO CONTINUE IN PRAYER FOR OUR STATE AND OUR NATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1273 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ROBIN WAITES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HISTORIC COLUMBIA, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER A DISTINGUISHED CAREER OF MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN THE FIELD OF MUSEUMS AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committee:

H. 5438 -- Rep. Hiott: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM LIBRARY MATERIALS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5269, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Referred to Committee on Regulations and Administrative Procedures

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire

Williams Willis Wooten
Yow

Total Present--112

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. POPE a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HYDE a leave of absence for the day due to a prior commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BRADLEY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BLACKWELL a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. T. A. MORGAN a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Ed Evans of Oconee County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. PEDALINO presented to the House the Laurence Manning Academy "Swampcats" 3-A SCISA Bowling Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. LAWSON presented to the House the Chesnee High School "Eagles" 1-A/2-AA Dual State Wrestling Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. LAWSON presented to the House the Chesnee High School "Eagles" 1-A/2-AA Championship Girls Golf Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. WOOTEN presented to the House Miss South Carolina 2024 and Miss South Carolina Teen 2024.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Please remove my name from the Resolution H. 5396. I don't want my name on a Resolution for any person who has committed violence against women or any person.

Rep. John Richard King

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Please note that my name was inadvertently placed as a co-sponsor on H. 5396. I am not supportive of this resolution and I am opposed to my name being on it. Per House Rules, I was unable to remove my name officially as a co-sponsor due to the time passed.

Rep. Annie McDaniel
Rep. Ivory Thigpen
Rep. Russell Ott

H. 3248--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 3248 -- Reps. Collins and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 609 OF 1984, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES OF SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO DETERMINE THE MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT.

Rep. Collins proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 3248 (LC-3248.HDB0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, , by striking the undesignated paragraph and inserting:

Section 5. Each elected member of the board of trustees of the Pickens County School District shall receive ~~two hundred fifty dollars a month to reimburse him~~ a stipend for his expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties. The board shall adopt rules and

guidelines regarding the amount and distribution of the ~~monthly allowance~~stipend provided for in this section through annual budgeting.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. COLLINS explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 82; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Brewer	Bustos	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Jefferson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	May
McCabe	McGinnis	T. Moore
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Rivers	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White

Whitmire Williams Willis
Wooten

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 3248. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Thomas Beach

H. 3248--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. COLLINS, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that H. 3248 be read the third time tomorrow.

H. 5246--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5246 -- Reps. Wetmore, Brittain, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Hartnett, Leber, Gilliard, Bustos, Pendarvis, Jefferson, Landing and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-612 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BLACK SKIMMER IS THE OFFICIAL SEABIRD OF THE STATE.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. ERICKSON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 557--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 557 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Kimbrell, Adams, Rice, Rankin, Reichenbach, Young, Loftis, Climer, Garrett, Alexander, Campsen and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Thursday, April 25, which was agreed to.

H. 4552--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4552 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Clyburn, Henegan, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Robbins, Brewer, King, Wheeler, Henderson-Myers, Erickson, Stavrinakis, Weeks, Davis, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS.

Rep. Murphy proposed the following Amendment No. 1A to H. 4552 (LC-4552.HDB0006H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 12-10-88 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 12-10-88. (A) Subject to the conditions provided in subsection (B), South Carolina individual income tax withholding equal to five percent of all South Carolina wages paid with respect to employees that are employed by a federal employer at a closed or realigned federal installation must be remitted by the department to the redevelopment authority vested with authority under Section 31-12-

40(A) to oversee the closed or realigned federal installation. The amounts of withholding collected and remitted to the applicable redevelopment authority are referred to as "redevelopment fees".

(B) The department shall remit the redevelopment fees during the period described in subsection (C) for each calendar quarter for which the redevelopment authority provides the department with a timely statement from the federal employer that employs the employees working at the closed or realigned federal installation setting forth the number of employees employed at the installation, the total wages paid to these employees, and the total amount of South Carolina withholding withheld from the employees for each quarter. In order to receive the redevelopment fees for the applicable quarter, the redevelopment authority shall submit the statement within thirty days of the later of the date that the federal employer's South Carolina withholding tax return is due or the date the federal employer files the withholding tax return. The department may extend the time for submission of the statement at its discretion.

(C) Redevelopment fees may be remitted to the applicable redevelopment authority for any quarter beginning on or after the date that the applicable redevelopment authority first submits the information described in subsection (B) to the department. If the redevelopment authority fails to provide the department with the required statement within the requisite time limits, no redevelopment fees must be remitted for that quarter. ~~Notwithstanding subsection (A), the redevelopment fee remitted by the department in any fiscal year may not exceed the amount remitted in Fiscal Year 2014-2015.~~

(D) Neither the federal employer nor the applicable redevelopment authority is required to meet the requirements of Section 12-10-50 for subsection (A) to apply and the restrictions contained in Section 12-10-80(C) do not apply to redevelopment fees.

(E) For purposes of this section "closed or realigned federal installation" means:

(1) until ~~January 1, 2028,~~ June 30, 2044, a federal defense site in which permanent employment was reduced by three thousand or more jobs from the level of such jobs on December 31, 1990, or a federal military base or installation which has been closed or realigned under:

(a) the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990;

(b) Title 11 of the Defense Authorization Amendments and Base Closure and Realignment Act; or

(c) Section 2687 of Title 10, United States Code.

SECTION X. SECTION 15 of Act 356 of 2002 is amended to read:

SECTION 15. Notwithstanding any other provision of law the Charleston Naval Complex Redevelopment Authority (RDA), upon receiving ownership from the United States of America, shall convey certain parcels of real property to the City of North Charleston as per the mutual agreement described hereafter. These parcels shall be delineated through a mutual agreement between the City of North Charleston and the South Carolina State Ports Authority that takes into account the respective needs of each entity in the property south of Necessary Street. All conveyances shall be at no consideration once the City of North Charleston and the South Carolina State Ports Authority have entered into a memorandum of understanding and agreement for the operation of breakbulk, roll on roll off, and container terminals and dock operations on appropriate properties that are subject to the oversight or control of the Charleston Naval Complex Redevelopment Authority. The City of North Charleston shall honor all existing leases as negotiated by the Charleston Naval Complex Redevelopment Authority prior to the effective date of this section. Furthermore, all properties conveyed shall retain any Tax Increment Finance District status, any state or federal grants applied to the area, and any state revenues currently directed to the Charleston Redevelopment Authority on a per acre basis for the relative properties conveyed to the City of North Charleston. ~~In addition, any revenues received from the State under the Rural Development Act relating to the number of federal employees at the naval complex shall be shared pursuant to the location of the jobs on the complex.~~

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MURPHY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Herbkersman proposed the following Amendment No. 2A to H. 4552 (LC-4552.HDB0005H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Article 1, Chapter 3, Title 31 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 31-3-60. A member of an affordable housing limited liability company must refrain from competing with the company in the conduct of the company's business before the dissolution of the company. This section does not apply when the member becomes a member of another limited liability company and that company does not

have an enforceable noncompete provision in their operating agreement.

SECTION X. Section 33-44-409(b) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(b) A member's duty of loyalty to a member-managed company and its other members is limited to the following:

(1) to account to the company and to hold as trustee for it any property, profit, or benefit derived by the member in the conduct or winding up of the company's business or derived from a use by the member of the company's property, including the appropriation of a company's opportunity;

(2) to refrain from dealing with the company in the conduct or winding up of the company's business as or on behalf of a party having an interest adverse to the company; and

(3) to refrain from competing with the company in the conduct of the company's business before the dissolution of the company. This item does not apply when the member becomes a member of another limited liability company and that company does not have an enforceable noncompete provision in their operating agreement.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 94; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott

Hosey	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pedalino
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:
McCabe

Total--1

The amendment was then adopted.

The Senate Amendments were amended, and the Bill was ordered returned to the Senate.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. FORREST moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5440 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter,

Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND DWIGHT "D.J." BURNS, JR., THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY WOLFPACK BASKETBALL PLAYER WHO IS THE SON OF TAKELA AND DWIGHT BURNS, SR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5441 -- Reps. Landing, Leber, Bustos, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis,

Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SIGNING OF THE HISTORIC MAYFLOWER COMPACT ON NOVEMBER 21, 1620, A MONUMENTAL MOMENT IN HUMAN HISTORY, AND TO DECLARE NOVEMBER 21, 2024, AS "COMPACT DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5442 -- Reps. Bannister, G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEROISM OF CLEMSON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS JOSEPH POPE AND CHARLES SEGARS, WHOSE QUICK THINKING AND STEADY ACTIONS SAVED THE LIVES OF TWO ACCIDENT VICTIMS FROM FIRE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5443 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND THANK THE OUTSTANDING STUDENT INTERNS WHO HAVE FAITHFULLY SERVED THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5444 -- Reps. Burns, Chumley, Bannister, Beach, Collins, B. J. Cox, Dillard, Elliott, Haddon, W. Jones, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Trantham, Vaughan, West and Willis: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE EL MATADOR AS SOUTH CAROLINA'S FIRST AND OLDEST MEXICAN RESTAURANT, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE LATE DEE STOCKWELL, BRIAN STOCKWELL, AND DAVID STOCKWELL FOR THEIR CONTINUOUS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY OF TAYLORS

AND THE COUNTY OF GREENVILLE FOR OVER FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AND FOR CREATING AND SUSTAINING AN ICONIC, FAMILY BUSINESS DESTINATION RESTAURANT.

The Resolution was adopted.

Rep. FORREST moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:06 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. ANDERSON, adjourned in memory of Julia Burgess Wilson, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Friday, April 19, 2024
(Local Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Malachi 3:10: "'Put me to the test,' says the Lord of hosts, 'if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.'"

Let us pray. Blessings and honor and might be with these Representatives and Staff as they strive to do the very best for the people of South Carolina. Keep these, Your people, in Your love and care as the women and men respond to the needs of all. Bless them in their endeavor. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and talent to this great cause that has been given to us. Protect our Armed Forces, first responders, and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 3248 -- Reps. Collins and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 609 OF 1984, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES OF SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO DETERMINE THE MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:20 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 23.

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Tuesday, April 23, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Zephaniah 3:9: "At that time I will change the speech of the people to a pure speech, that all of them may call on the name of the Lord and serve him with one accord."

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, help us open our arms to those around us and invite them, too, to the feast You have prepared for us. Guide these Representatives and Staff as they work for the people of South Carolina. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in these Halls of Government. Protect our military and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. HOSEY moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Virginia Allen Mills, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for York County and those affected by the severe weather this past Saturday.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

Office of the Speaker
South Carolina House of Representatives

April 22, 2024
The Honorable Tiffany Spann-Wilder
South Carolina House of Representatives
328A Blatt Building
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Tiffany:

It is with pleasure that I appoint you to serve on the Education and Public Works Committee, effective immediately. I know that you will serve on this committee with honor and distinction.

I appreciate your willingness to serve in this capacity. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance to you in any way.

Sincerely,
G. Murrell Smith, Jr.
Speaker of the House
Received as information.

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5249
Agency: Department of Natural Resources
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 50-11-2200 and 50-11-2210
Additional Regulations Applicable to Specific Properties
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration May 8, 2024

REGULATION WITHDRAWN AND RESUBMITTED

Document No. 5265
Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 44-7-110 through 44-7-394
Minimum Standards for Licensing Hospitals and Institutional General Infirmaries
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives March 14, 2024

Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration March 18, 2025

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 845 -- Senators Rankin, Sabb, Talley and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-108, RELATING TO PROBATE, TESTACY, AND APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS; ULTIMATE TIME LIMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS FOR AN ESTATE OF AN INDIVIDUAL REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF DEATH, TO ALLOW APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A CLAIM PURSUANT TO THE "HONORING OUR PACT ACT OF 2022".

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 142 -- Senators Shealy, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Hutto, Jackson, Campsen, McLeod, Setzler and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING", SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION TO INCLUDE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR AND PROMOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN PROSTITUTION OF A MINOR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2020, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PENALTIES, MINOR VICTIMS AND DEFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY RAISE DURESS AND COERCION AS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO NONVIOLENT OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INCIDENT TO THE TRAFFICKING, TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY NOT BE CONVICTED FOR NONVIOLENT OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INCIDENT TO THE TRAFFICKING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM CANNOT BE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF OR BE THE SUBJECT OF A DELINQUENCY

PETITION IF THE MINOR'S CONDUCT WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF OR INCIDENTAL TO OR RELATED TO TRAFFICKING; AND SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT ARE RETROACTIVE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1126 -- Senators Kimbrell, Peeler, Rice, M. Johnson, Adams, Climer, Garrett, Cash, Young, Alexander, Reichenbach, Shealy, Grooms, Cromer, Turner, Loftis, Fanning, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Massey, Campsen, Bennett, Martin, Corbin and Verdin: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO VOTER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT ONLY A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE OF THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND UPWARDS WHO IS PROPERLY REGISTERED IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 915 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Setzler, Verdin, Davis, Hutto, Kimbrell, Young, Senn and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO CREATE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY AND PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AGENCY; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO DISSOLVE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS AND CREATE THE STATE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND POLICY; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO THE MEDIATION OF GRIEVANCES BY THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY, THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY, AND ALL DIRECT REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY AND TO DIRECTORS OF THE COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS;

BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-70, RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR TO BE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; AND TO REPEAL TITLE 44, CHAPTER 9 RELATING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5445 -- Reps. Landing, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LUCY BECKHAM HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER SQUAD, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5446 -- Reps. Rutherford, Rose, Bauer, Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024, AS "RIVERBANKS ZOO AND GARDEN DAY" THROUGHOUT THE STATE, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO CONGRATULATE THE RIVERBANKS FAMILY FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK OVER THE PAST FIFTY YEARS, AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5447 -- Reps. Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE DR. JAMES "CHUCK" EPPS, JR., SUPERINTENDENT OF FORT MILL SCHOOL DISTRICT (YORK 4) ON BEING SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR

2024 AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN HIS PROFESSION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5448 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE "JOHN'S PLACE," THE JOHN LANDON BLACK FOUNDATION RESOURCE CENTER, ON THE OCCASION OF ITS GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY, TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024, IN MANNING.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5449 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox,

B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AL MCALLISTER, SR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5450 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR

THE CRITICAL WORK OF URGENT CARE CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND TO DECLARE MAY 2, 2024, AS "URGENT CARE APPRECIATION DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5451 -- Reps. Mitchell, B. Newton, Yow, Neese, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARGARET "MAGGIE" GAMBLE ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.

The Resolution was adopted.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg

Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Thayer	Thigpen
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--115

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. VAUGHAN a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BRITTAIN a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MURPHY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. T. A. MORGAN a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. TAYLOR a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CARTER a leave of absence for the day.

STATEMENT BY REP. O'NEAL

Rep. O'NEAL made a statement relative to his service in the House.

STATEMENT BY REP. LEBER

Rep. LEBER made a statement relative to his service in the House.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Tonya Tang of Spartanburg was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented

by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3618
Date:	ADD:
04/23/24	COLLINS

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. OTT moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5455 -- Reps. Oremus, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND

SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE HECTOR FELIX RODRIGUEZ, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF BURNETTOWN IN AIKEN COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5456 -- Reps. Hosey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF VIRGINIA ALLEN MILLS OF BAMBERG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5457 -- Reps. Hosey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ELBERT TIMOTHY "TIM" MOORE, JR., TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5452 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones,

Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2024 DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR UPON BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5453 -- Reps. Rose, Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR STAFF AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THEIR

HARD WORK AND MANY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THE FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY, TO CONGRATULATE THEM, AND TO DECLARE MAY 14, 2024, AS "USC STAFF DAY" IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 5454 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-37-230 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PLAINTIFF TO PAY ALL COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEYS FEES IN A CIVIL ACTION FOR DEFAMATION, SLANDER, OR LIBEL IF THE PLAINTIFF DOES NOT PREVAIL IN THE ACTION.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 1166 -- Senators Tedder, Stephens and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE S.C. CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

S. 1266 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, RELATING TO PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5266, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Referred to Committee on Regulations and Administrative Procedures

H. 5246--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5246 -- Reps. Wetmore, Brittain, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Hartnett, Leber, Gilliard, Bustos, Pendarvis, Jefferson, Landing and

Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-612 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BLACK SKIMMER IS THE OFFICIAL SEABIRD OF THE STATE.

Rep. WETMORE explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith

M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Thayer	Thigpen	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. OREMUS moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Joint Resolutions were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 5458 -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR LICENSING AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5264, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Without Reference

H. 5459 -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LICENSING HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONAL GENERAL INFIRMARIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5265, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE

1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Without Reference

Rep. KIRBY moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:53 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. HOSEY, adjourned in memory of Virginia Allen Mills, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Wednesday, April 24, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Lamentations 3:41: "Let us lift up our hearts as well as our hands to God in Heaven."

Let us pray. Blessings and glory and might be with these Representatives and Staff as they go about the duties to be accomplished today. Fill them with energy as they work for the people of South Carolina. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Guide us in every step we make. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and support to care for each of us. Protect our men and women in the Armed Forces who keep us safe. Bless and care for those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. OREMUS moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of The Honorable Hector Felix Rodriguez, which was agreed to.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 408 -- Senators Shealy and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-250, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, DISPLAY,

AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE HOUR OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING AS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-540, RELATING TO REGULATIONS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AND LICENSE RENEWAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE HOUR OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING AS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 728 -- Senator Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197(A)(3), RELATING TO THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION OF "FIREFIGHTER" SHALL INCLUDE NON-RESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHO WORK IN THE STATE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 962 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-71-2330, RELATING TO DUTIES OF PHARMACY SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT PHARMACY SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS MUST ACT AS FIDUCIARIES TO PHARMACIES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 1031 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 35, RELATING TO ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM FINANCIAL CRIME,

STANDARDIZE THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING, AND MODERNIZE SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE FUNDS ARE PROTECTED IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE AND COMPETITIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 610 -- Senators Cromer, Shealy and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS FOR THE COMPACT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BRADLEY, from the Committee on Regulations and Administrative Procedures, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5438 -- Rep. Hiott: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM LIBRARY MATERIALS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5269, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BRADLEY, from the Committee on Regulations and Administrative Procedures, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1266 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, RELATING TO PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5266, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5460 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE JUBILEE BAPTIST CHURCH OF TAYLORS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY AND A HALF OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5461 -- Reps. Murphy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones,

W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY AS "NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH" AND TO HONOR THE SUMMERVILLE FAMILY YMCA, THE SUMMERVILLE MEDICAL CENTER, COLLETON AND DORCHESTER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS, DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4, AND COLLETON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP TO INCREASE SAFETY ON THE WATER IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5462 -- Reps. Calhoon, Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF WOODROW

"WOODY" WINDHAM AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5463 -- Reps. Oremus, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF KAREN SUE DAVIS OF AIKEN, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5464 -- Reps. Hewitt, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox,

B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND DECLARE MAY 7-8, 2024, AS "PALMETTO GIVING DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5467 -- Reps. Cromer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE T.L. HANNA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

COUNCIL ON BEING NAMED A 2024 NATIONAL GOLD COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5465 -- Rep. Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF ASHBY ROAD IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH IRBY STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH DOUGLAS STREET "DR. JAMES DUCKETT HAMMOND, JR. MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5466 -- Reps. Bailey, Hardee, Schuessler, Brewer and Lowe: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES' DIVISION OF COASTAL MANAGEMENT TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS TO IMPROVE THE TIMELINESS OF COASTAL ZONE PERMITTING AND CERTIFICATION PROCESSES.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1280 -- Senators Jackson and Devine: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. GARY B. BELL OF RICHLAND COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS MORE THAN FORTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS A PHYSICIAN TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND BEYOND, AND TO OFFER

BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1283 -- Senators Jackson and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF BISHOP FREDERICK CALHOUN JAMES, THE NINETY-THIRD ELECTED AND CONSECRATED BISHOP OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 5468 -- Reps. Hardee, Schuessler and J. E. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PROPERTY OWNER MAY REQUEST FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF A PERSON UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING AND TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPLAINT FORM; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR A PERSON WHO UNLAWFULLY DETAINS OR OCCUPIES RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5469 -- Reps. Hardee, J. E. Johnson and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 67, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ABOLISH THE DOCTRINE OF ADVERSE POSSESSION; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 15-67-210 THROUGH 15-67-260 RELATING TO ADVERSE

POSSESSION; AND TO REPEAL ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 15 RELATING TO ACTIONS FOR RECOVERY OF REAL PROPERTY.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5470 -- Reps. Pope, Guffey, Lawson, M. M. Smith, T. Moore, B. L. Cox, Forrest, Sessions, Gilliam, Mitchell, B. Newton, B. J. Cox and Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-370, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PROHIBITIONS, SO AS TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTENTIONAL OR UNINTENTIONAL EXPOSURE OF FIRST RESPONDERS TO FENTANYL OR FENTANYL-RELATED SUBSTANCES IN THE COURSE OF PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES, WITH EXCEPTIONS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5471 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 18 TO TITLE 23 SO AS TO PROVIDE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES MAY ENTER INTO MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES TO ENFORCE IMMIGRATION LAWS.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam

Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--121

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. CRAWFORD signed a statement with the Clerk that she came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Tuesday, April 16.

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Reps. CRAWFORD and GILLIARD signed a statement with the Clerk that they came in after the roll call of the House and were present for the Session on Tuesday, April 23.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. G. M. SMITH presented to the House the Wilson Hall Academy "Barons" 2024 SCISA SC DNR Trap and Skeet State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. MITCHELL presented to the House the Andrew Jackson "Volunteers" Girls Varsity Basketball 2-A Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. THAYER presented to the House the T. L. Hanna High School "Yellow Jackets" Band Directors' Association 4-A State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. CONNELL presented to the House the Leslie M. Stover "Tigers" 2024 Middle School State Wrestling Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. WOOTEN presented to the House the Gray Collegiate Academy "War Eagles" 2-A Boys Basketball Team.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Acting Speaker HIOTT granted Rep. WHEELER a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Acting SPEAKER HIOTT granted Rep. GUFFEY a temporary leave of absence due to a meeting in the Senate.

STATEMENT BY REP. NUTT

Rep. NUTT made a statement relative to his service in the House.

STATEMENT BY REP. CONNELL

Rep. CONNELL made a statement relative to his service in the House.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 5246 -- Reps. Wetmore, Brittain, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Hartnett, Leber, Gilliard, Bustos, Pendarvis, Jefferson, Landing and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-612 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BLACK SKIMMER IS THE OFFICIAL SEABIRD OF THE STATE.

S. 845--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 845 -- Senators Rankin, Sabb, Talley and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-108, RELATING TO PROBATE, TESTACY, AND APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS; ULTIMATE TIME LIMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS FOR AN ESTATE OF AN INDIVIDUAL REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF DEATH, TO ALLOW APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A CLAIM PURSUANT TO THE "HONORING OUR PACT ACT OF 2022".

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 142--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 142 -- Senators Shealy, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Hutto, Jackson, Campsen, McLeod, Setzler and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING", SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION TO INCLUDE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR AND

PROMOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN PROSTITUTION OF A MINOR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2020, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PENALTIES, MINOR VICTIMS AND DEFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY RAISE DURESS AND COERCION AS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO NONVIOLENT OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INCIDENT TO THE TRAFFICKING, TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY NOT BE CONVICTED FOR NONVIOLENT OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INCIDENT TO THE TRAFFICKING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM CANNOT BE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF OR BE THE SUBJECT OF A DELINQUENCY PETITION IF THE MINOR'S CONDUCT WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF OR INCIDENTAL TO OR RELATED TO TRAFFICKING; AND SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT ARE RETROACTIVE.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 1126--POINT OF ORDER

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 1126 -- Senators Kimbrell, Peeler, Rice, M. Johnson, Adams, Climer, Garrett, Cash, Young, Alexander, Reichenbach, Shealy, Grooms, Cromer, Turner, Loftis, Fanning, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Massey, Campsen, Bennett, Martin, Corbin and Verdin: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO VOTER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT ONLY A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE OF THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND UPWARDS WHO IS PROPERLY REGISTERED IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Joint Resolution was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 915--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 915 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Setzler, Verdin, Davis, Hutto, Kimbrell, Young, Senn and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO CREATE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY AND PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AGENCY; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO DISSOLVE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS AND CREATE THE STATE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND POLICY; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO THE MEDIATION OF GRIEVANCES BY THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY, THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY, AND ALL DIRECT REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY AND TO DIRECTORS OF THE COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-70, RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR TO BE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; AND TO REPEAL TITLE 44, CHAPTER 9 RELATING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

Reps. HIOTT, TAYLOR, HIXON, CARTER, POPE, FELDER, LIGON, T. MOORE, NUTT, MCCRAVY, B. L. COX, PACE, B. NEWTON, BLACKWELL, MOSS, CROMER, KIRBY, ROBBINS, WHITMIRE, SANDIFER, BUSTOS, A. M. MORGAN, T. A. MORGAN, MITCHELL and YOW requested debate on the Bill.

H. 5458--POINT OF ORDER

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5458 -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR LICENSING AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5264, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Joint Resolution was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 5459--POINT OF ORDER

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5459 -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LICENSING HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONAL GENERAL INFIRMARIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5265, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Joint Resolution was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 4042--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4042 -- Reps. Bernstein, Gilliard, Wheeler, Wetmore, King, Howard, Henegan, Stavrinakis, Bauer, Rutherford, W. Newton, Jordan, Pope, Bannister, J. E. Johnson, Brittain, Elliott and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-1710 SO AS TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK IN WHICH ANTISEMITISM IS CONSIDERED REGARDING ALL LAWS PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATORY ACTS.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 76; Nays 27

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Collins
B. J. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Felder
Forrest	Gilliard	Guest
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	W. Jones	Jordan
Kirby	Landing	Ligon
Lowe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Oremus
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith

Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--76

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Cromer	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Harris	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Lawson
Leber	Long	May
McCabe	McCravy	Moss
Nutt	O'Neal	Pace
Pedalino	Thayer	White

Total--27

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 4871--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4871 -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47-9-420 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTERFERENCE OR INTERACTION WITH FARM ANIMALS BEING TRANSPORTED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION.

Rep. FORREST explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

Rep. FORREST moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:36 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. OREMUS, adjourned in memory of The Honorable Hector Felix Rodriguez, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, April 25, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 23:4: "Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me."

Let us pray. Shepherding God, we are thankful that Your care for us is never ending and filled with Your abundant goodness and mercy. Cause Your blessings to be upon our defenders of freedom and first responders. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and those who provide all things for the people of South Carolina. Look in favor upon our men and women who serve in our Armed Forces. Bring health to our hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. FORREST moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Jonathan Allen, which was agreed to.

Jonathan Allen

Mr. Speaker, I move that when the House adjourns today, that it adjourn in memory of Jonathan Allen. Jonathan left this earth on March 14 of this year at the young age of 38. He grew up in Anderson, SC, and lived in Batesburg-Leesville for a number of years.

He lit up every room that he entered, and to know him was to love him.

Not only was he a great friend of mine, but he was also a great friend and shining light to all that knew him. He is sorely missed, but he lives on in the hearts of the many friends and family that he leaves behind.

Representative Cally R. "Cal" Forrest, Jr.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Edward Bennett, husband of former Representative Bennett.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., April 24, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. This appointment is made with advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

LOCAL APPOINTMENT
Florence County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: March 1, 2024
Term Expiring: March 1, 2030

Mr. William Haigh Porter
908 Madison Avenue
Florence, South Carolina 29501

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 91; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins

Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Dillard	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The appointment was confirmed and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT

The following was received:

State of South Carolina
Office of the Governor

Columbia, S.C., April 24, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives:

I am transmitting herewith an appointment for confirmation. This appointment is made with advice and consent of the General Assembly and is therefore submitted for your consideration.

LOCAL APPOINTMENT
Kershaw County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: July 1, 2019
Term Expiring: June 30, 2025
Vice: Jeffrey M. Tzerman

Mr. William B. Cox, Jr.
136 Hunt Trace
Camden, South Carolina 29020

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster
Governor

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 97; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson

J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The appointment was confirmed and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin

Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total Present--112

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BRADLEY a leave of absence for the day due to previously scheduled legislative business.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MCCRAVY a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. YOW a leave of absence for the day.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. FELDER a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HENEGAN a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. NUTT a leave of absence for the day.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Michael Bohan of Horry County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

STATEMENT BY REP. S. JONES

Rep. S. JONES made a statement relative to his service in the House.

STATEMENT BY REP. A. M. MORGAN

Rep. A. M. MORGAN made a statement relative to his service in the House.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. WEEKS presented to the House the Sumter High School "Lady Gamecocks" 5-A Girls Basketball State Championship Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. CARTER presented to the House the D. W. Daniel High School "Lions" 3-A Marching Band State Championship.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. CALHOON presented to the House the Lexington High School "Wildcats" 5-A Boys Basketball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. CALHOON presented to the House the Lexington High School "Wildcats" 5-A Varsity Dance State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ROBBINS presented to the House the USC Salkehatchie "Indians" Men's Basketball NJCAA Division 1 Region 10 Atlantic Division Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ERICKSON presented to the House 2024-2025 Teachers of the Year.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. LEBER a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WHEELER a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BALLENTINE a leave of absence for the remainder of the day due to business reasons.

S. 845--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 845 -- Senators Rankin, Sabb, Talley and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-108, RELATING TO PROBATE, TESTACY, AND APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS; ULTIMATE TIME LIMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS FOR AN ESTATE OF AN INDIVIDUAL REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF DEATH, TO ALLOW APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A CLAIM PURSUANT TO THE "HONORING OUR PACT ACT OF 2022".

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 94; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

April 25, 2024
The Honorable Speaker of the House Murrell Smith, Jr.
506 Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Speaker Smith,

I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on S. 845 relating to probate, testacy, and appointment proceedings. I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Rep. Leonidas E. “Leon” Stavrinakis

S. 845--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BERNSTEIN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 845 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 142--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 142 -- Senators Shealy, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Hutto, Jackson, Campsen, McLeod, Setzler and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING", SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION TO INCLUDE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR AND PROMOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN PROSTITUTION OF A MINOR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2020, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PENALTIES, MINOR VICTIMS AND DEFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY RAISE DURESS AND COERCION AS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO NONVIOLENT OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INCIDENT TO THE TRAFFICKING, TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY NOT BE CONVICTED FOR NONVIOLENT OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT

OR INCIDENT TO THE TRAFFICKING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM CANNOT BE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF OR BE THE SUBJECT OF A DELINQUENCY PETITION IF THE MINOR'S CONDUCT WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF OR INCIDENTAL TO OR RELATED TO TRAFFICKING; AND SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT ARE RETROACTIVE.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 142 (LC-142.AHB0013H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 16-3-2020(F) and (G) and inserting:

(F) In a prosecution or adjudication of a person who is a victim of trafficking in persons, it is an affirmative defense that he was under duress or coerced into committing the offenses for which he is subject to prosecution or adjudication, if the offenses were committed as a direct result of, or incidental or related to, trafficking. A victim of trafficking in persons convicted or adjudicated delinquent of a violation of this article, ~~or~~ prostitution, or any other nonviolent offense may motion the court to vacate the conviction or adjudication and expunge the record of the conviction or adjudication for an offense committed as a direct result of, or incidental or related to, trafficking. The court may grant the motion on a finding by a preponderance of evidence that the person's participation in the offesnse was a direct result of, ~~being a victim.~~ or incidental to, being a victim of trafficking. An alleged victim of trafficking who files a motion to vacate a conviction or adjudication and expunge the record pursuant to this subsection must file reasonable notice of the motion with the original prosecuting agency for the underlying offense and reasonable notice must be given or attempted to be given to any victims pursuant to the Victim's Bill of Rights. For purposes of this subsection, nonviolent offense means all offenses not listed in Section 16-1-60.

(G) If the victim was a minor under the age of eighteen at the time of the offense, the victim of trafficking in persons may not be prosecuted ~~pursuant to~~ in court or adjudicated delinquent for a violation of this article, ~~for~~ a prostitution offense, or for any other nonviolent offense if it is determined after investigation that the victim committed the offense as a direct result of, or incidental or related to, trafficking. For purposes of this subsection, nonviolent offense means all offenses not listed in Section 16-1-60. ~~A person under the age of eighteen who is a victim of trafficking in persons in violation of this title shall not be found in~~

~~violation of or be the subject of a delinquency petition if it is determined after investigation that the victim's conduct was a direct result of, or incidental or related to, trafficking~~ However, the minor must be referred to the Department of Social Services to handle appropriately pursuant to the laws governing minor victims of trafficking.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus

Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 142--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BERNSTEIN, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 142 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 1126--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 1126 -- Senators Kimbrell, Peeler, Rice, M. Johnson, Adams, Climer, Garrett, Cash, Young, Alexander, Reichenbach, Shealy, Grooms, Cromer, Turner, Loftis, Fanning, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Massey, Campsen, Bennett, Martin, Corbin and Verdin: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO VOTER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT ONLY A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE OF THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND UPWARDS WHO IS PROPERLY REGISTERED IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Joint Resolution, which was agreed to.

H. 5458--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5458 -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR LICENSING AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5264, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. ANDERSON moved to adjourn debate on the Joint Resolution, which was agreed to.

H. 5459--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5459 -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LICENSING HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONAL GENERAL INFIRMARIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5265, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. ANDERSON moved to adjourn debate on the Joint Resolution, which was agreed to.

S. 408--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 408 -- Senators Shealy and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-250, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, DISPLAY, AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE HOUR OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING AS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-540, RELATING TO REGULATIONS

FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AND LICENSE RENEWAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE HOUR OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING AS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. SANDIFER made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 728--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 728 -- Senator Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197(A)(3), RELATING TO THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION OF "FIREFIGHTER" SHALL INCLUDE NON-RESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHO WORK IN THE STATE.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. SANDIFER made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 962--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 962 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-71-2330, RELATING TO DUTIES OF PHARMACY SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT PHARMACY SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS MUST ACT AS FIDUCIARIES TO PHARMACIES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. SANDIFER made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 1031--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1031 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 35, RELATING TO ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM FINANCIAL CRIME, STANDARDIZE THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING, AND MODERNIZE SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE FUNDS ARE PROTECTED IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE AND COMPETITIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. SANDIFER made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

S. 610--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 610 -- Senators Cromer, Shealy and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS FOR THE COMPACT.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. SANDIFER made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not

been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order.

H. 5438--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5438 -- Rep. Hiott: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM LIBRARY MATERIALS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5269, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. ANDERSON moved to adjourn debate on the Joint Resolution, which was agreed to.

S. 1266--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 1266 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, RELATING TO PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5266, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. ANDERSON moved to adjourn debate on the Joint Resolution, which was agreed to.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. ANDERSON moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5339 -- Reps. Jefferson, Cobb-Hunter, Murphy, Pedalino, Brewer, Gatch and Robbins: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST

THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 178 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 15 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 78 IN DORCHESTER COUNTY "MAYOR CHARLES WILLIAM ACKERMAN HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5378 -- Reps. Thigpen, Howard, Garvin, Bernstein, Bauer, McDaniel and Rutherford: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 21 (WILSON BOULEVARD) FROM STATE ROAD S-910 (PLUMBERS ROAD) TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-130 (SHARPE ROAD) IN RICHLAND COUNTY "JAMES AND BARBARA MCLAWHORN BOULEVARD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1161 -- Senator Corbin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF US 276 (LAURENS ROAD) BETWEEN MILLENNIUM BOULEVARD (N) AND FORRESTER DRIVE IN GREENVILLE COUNTY "SCHP PATROLMAN EDWIN D. MILAM MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1162 -- Senator Corbin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SC-183 FROM S-87 (SULPHUR SPRINGS ROAD) TO S-430 (RIDGE ROAD) IN GREENVILLE COUNTY "SCHP PATROLMAN ALBERT T. SEALY JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 621 -- Senators Reichenbach, Stephens, Cromer, Kimbrell, M. Johnson, Fanning, Setzler, Bennett, Shealy, Rice, Williams, Allen, Garrett, Loftis, Sabb and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION", TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TRADE COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 1021 -- Senators Davis, Matthews and Campsen: A BILL TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT TO 2035; AND TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO THE ABANDONED BUILDINGS TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE MAXIMUM TAX CREDIT THAT MAY BE EARNED.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 577 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-8-530, SECTION 12-8-540, SECTION 12-8-570, SECTION 12-8-580, AND SECTION 12-8-595, ALL RELATING TO THE WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAXES, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE TOP MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 969 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Setzler, K. Johnson, Young, Malloy, Senn, Stephens and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTEER EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN UNPAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 1017 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Climer, Setzler and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY THAT EQUALS THE CORPORATION'S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY ASSESSED AS

AGRICULTURAL OR RELATED THERETO MAY NOT BE ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Committee on Ways and Means, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 314 -- Senator Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-10 SO AS TO PROVIDE CHAPTER DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-30 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OVER THRESHOLD AMOUNTS FOR HIGHER INSTITUTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW TO THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL AFTER FULL ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK IS COMPLETED BUT PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, TO ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN OF JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE TO REQUEST A REVIEW AND COMMENT ON ANY OTHER PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-40 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2-47-50 AND TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNING BOARDS TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY OF ALL PROJECTS APPROVED; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-50 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO PROVIDE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS A REPORT OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AND ANY CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE EXEMPT BY OPERATION OF SECTION 59-157-40.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 862 -- Senators Shealy and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-30, RELATING TO CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS

TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PRE-SERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 946 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-1210, RELATING TO THE STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE REGULATION OF CHILDCARE FACILITIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MEMBERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-1220, RELATING TO COMMITTEE DUTIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE QUORUM OF MEMBERS REQUIRED TO VOTE FROM EIGHT TO SIX.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 241 -- Senators Garrett and Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 84 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF GENETIC COUNSELORS, TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD OF GENETIC COUNSELOR EXAMINERS, TO PROVIDE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE BY THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE RELATED DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS AND IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 445 -- Senators Garrett and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 49, TITLE 44 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT

OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES TO APPROVE A CREDENTIALING ENTITY TO DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR RECOVERY HOUSING; TO REQUIRE THE APPROVED CREDENTIALING ENTITY TO ESTABLISH RECOVERY HOUSING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES BASED UPON NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED QUALITY STANDARDS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 49 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 455 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-29-230, RELATING TO TESTING REQUIRED WHEN A HEALTH CARE WORKER IS EXPOSED TO BLOODBORNE DISEASE, SO AS TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO PHYSICIAN WITH HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, TO INCLUDE DENTISTS IN THE DEFINITION OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AND TO ADD HEPATITIS C TO THE LIST OF BLOODBORNE DISEASES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 558 -- Senators Verdin and Senn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-31-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE FOR THE TUBERCULOSIS TESTING OF APPLICANT RESIDENTS AND NEWLY ADMITTED RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES IN THIS STATE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 858 -- Senators Davis, Garrett, Kimbrell, Setzler and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTION 44-7-130, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE FACILITY LICENSURE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME"; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-170, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-267 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR LICENSING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. DAVIS, from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1074 -- Senators Davis and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF A CMA, SO AS TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A QUALIFIED CMA; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-196, RELATING TO DELEGATION OF TASKS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, PURSUANT TO THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES, MAY DELEGATE NURSING TASKS TO UAP UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5472 -- Reps. Taylor and Forrest: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO APPLAUD THE BIG MO OF MONETTA UPON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY IN THE DRIVE-IN THEATER INDUSTRY AND TO CONGRATULATE OWNERS RICHARD AND LISA BOAZ ON TWO AND A HALF DECADES OF SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEURIAL ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5473 -- Reps. Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BERNIE LEE WRIGHT FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CAREER WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, AND WITH THE PENN CENTER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5474 -- Reps. Mitchell, B. Newton, Connell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson,

Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL WEIGHTLIFTING TEAM AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA STRENGTH COACHES ASSOCIATION AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5475 -- Reps. Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ROBERT JEFFORDS "JEFF" BARHAM, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN THREE DECADES OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO SOUTH CAROLINA

AND TO THE UNITED STATES, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5476 -- Reps. Clyburn, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024, AS "AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY DAY."

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5477 -- Reps. Harris, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-

Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GLENDA BIGBY, PRINCIPAL OF RIVER RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN MOORE, AND TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO HER FOR FIFTY YEARS AS AN EDUCATOR IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5478 -- Reps. Hosey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ROBERT MILLER, FORMER INTERIM CHIEF OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT, UPON THE

OCCASION OF HIS RECENT RETIREMENT AFTER GRACIOUSLY SERVING DURING A TIME OF TRANSITION AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5479 -- Rep. Hosey: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 278 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 300 IN BARNWELL COUNTY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 301 IN ALLENDALE COUNTY "VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" IN HONOR OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED IN OUR ARMED FORCES AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS AND THE PURPLE HEART EMBLEM.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1289 -- Senator Rice: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY 11, 2024, AS "LETTER CARRIERS' STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

Rep. HIXON moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 5452 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2024 DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR UPON BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:59 a.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. FORREST, adjourned in memory of Jonathan Allen, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 50:6: “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!”

Let us pray. God who made our bodies and filled us with life, fill our lungs to shout Your praises today. Protect us from all harm and care for our defenders of freedom and first responders. Grant Your blessings on our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and support to fulfill the needs of these Representatives and Staff. Protect our men and women in the service of our Country and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bill was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and enrolled for ratification:

S. 845 -- Senators Rankin, Sabb, Talley and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-108, RELATING TO PROBATE, TESTACY, AND APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS; ULTIMATE TIME LIMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS FOR AN ESTATE OF AN INDIVIDUAL REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF DEATH, TO ALLOW APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A CLAIM PURSUANT TO THE "HONORING OUR PACT ACT OF 2022".

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bill was taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 142 -- Senators Shealy, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Hutto, Jackson, Campsen, McLeod, Setzler and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING", SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION TO INCLUDE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR AND PROMOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN PROSTITUTION OF A MINOR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2020, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PENALTIES, MINOR VICTIMS AND DEFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY RAISE DURESS AND COERCION AS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO NONVIOLENT OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INCIDENT TO THE TRAFFICKING, TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY NOT BE CONVICTED FOR NONVIOLENT OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INCIDENT TO THE TRAFFICKING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM CANNOT BE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF OR BE THE SUBJECT OF A DELINQUENCY PETITION IF THE MINOR'S CONDUCT WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF OR INCIDENTAL TO OR RELATED TO TRAFFICKING; AND SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT ARE RETROACTIVE.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 p.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, April 30.

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Tuesday, April 30, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 4:3: "Know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to Him."

Let us pray. Dear Lord, be gracious to these, Your people, and hear my prayer that I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for You alone, O Lord, make us lie down in safety. We give thanks You have brought us to another day of service to these Representatives and Staff. Keep them ever in Your care. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders who serve us in good and bad times. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Keep in safety our women and men in the Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. CONNELL moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Charles Baxley, which was agreed to.

Charles Baxley

Mr. Speaker, I move to adjourn in memory of Charles Baxley. Charles was an outstanding man who did more for deepening our understanding of the Revolutionary War and how South Carolina was essential in the war. He was a scholar, an historian, a brilliant lawyer, a champion of vocational education, and a dear friend and family man.

We share our deep condolences and prayers with his family and his beloved wife, Judy, who is here with us today.

Rep. Ben Connell

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Charles Baxley.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the families and friends of the officers of the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and all affected by the recent shooting.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., April 25, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has confirmed the Governor's reappointment of:

LOCAL APPOINTMENT
Kershaw County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: July 1, 2019
Term Expiring: June 30, 2025
Vice: Jeffrey M. Tzerman

Mr. William B. Cox, Jr.
136 Hunt Trace
Camden, South Carolina 29020

Very Respectfully,
President of the Senate
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., April 25, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has confirmed the Governor's reappointment of:

LOCAL APPOINTMENT
Florence County Master-in-Equity
Term Commencing: March 1, 2024
Term Expiring: March 1, 2030

Mr. William Haigh Porter
908 Madison Avenue
Florence, South Carolina 29501

Very Respectfully,
President of the Senate
Received as information.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. HOSEY, from the Barnwell Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 971 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-100, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BARNWELL COUNTY, SO AS TO IDENTIFY THE VOTING PLACE FOR CERTAIN PRECINCTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 305 -- Senators Young, M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Turner, Fanning, Climer, Stephens, Rankin, Loftis, Garrett, Matthews, Adams, Gustafson and Sabb: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE MAY BE AWARDED ON AN INITIAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE IF THE PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS IN OR RELATED TO THE CONTENT FIELD OF THE CERTIFICATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING CERTIFICATE HOLDERS MAY ALSO RECEIVE THE SAME CREDIT FOR PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 134 -- Senators Hembree, Gustafson, Verdin, Climer and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-85 SO AS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS BY REQUIRING SCHOOL BOARDS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT PROVIDE LIVE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF SUCH MEETINGS, TO EXTEND APPLICABILITY OF THESE PROVISIONS TO THE GOVERNING BODIES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE JULY 1, 2024.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 124 -- Senators Hembree, Turner and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-1115 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM THAT WILL PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HIRE NONCERTIFIED TEACHERS IN A RATIO UP TO TEN PERCENT OF ITS ENTIRE TEACHING STAFF, TO PROVIDE ACADEMIC, EVALUATION, AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORTING AND NONCERTIFIED TEACHER REGISTRATION AND CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1188 -- Senators Tedder and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-240, RELATING TO EXPULSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIREMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WRITTEN

NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF THE PUPIL.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5480 -- Reps. Ballentine, Kilmartin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM FOR A FANTASTIC SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5481 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF PAWMETTO LIFELINE AND TO WISH THEM SUCCESS AS THEY BEGIN THE ANIMAL ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND AS THEY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE ACADEMY WITH ACCREDITED TRAINING FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ACROSS OUR GREAT STATE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5482 -- Reps. Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR BRITTANY S. PIGFORD, ARCHIVIST WITH WINTHROP UNIVERSITY'S LOUISE PETTUS ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE DURING HER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AT WINTHROP AND TO SALUTE HER FOR HER DEDICATION TO THE PRESERVATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5483 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell,

Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF GEORGE NEAL DORN, JR., OF LEXINGTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5484 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford,

Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE EAST COLUMBIA YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE AND COACHES FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC PROGRAMS' DIVISION 1 12U BOYS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5485 -- Reps. Burns, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOEY HUDSON FOR HIS LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO HIS CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND BEYOND.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5486 -- Reps. Ligon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE ROCK HILL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR CAPTURING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA GIRLS WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO APPLAUD THEM FOR ANOTHER FABULOUS SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5489 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones,

W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JANNIE MAE BRUCE OF FLORENCE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5487 -- Rep. Henegan: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF 6TH STREET IN THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE IN DARLINGTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH 5TH STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH EAST HOME AVENUE "SAMUEL L. DAVIS MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5488 -- Rep. Henegan: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF WASHINGTON STREET IN THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE IN DARLINGTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH 5TH STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH 14TH STREET "FRANKLIN HINES MEMORIAL STREET"

AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1232 -- Senator Fanning: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF FAIRFIELD STREET IN THE TOWN OF WINNSBORO IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH TRUMAN STREET TO THE ADULT CENTER FOR EDUCATION "T.E. GREENE STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1233 -- Senator Fanning: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 215 IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 34 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 213 "ELDER RICHARD BROWN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1234 -- Senator Fanning: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 21 SOUTH IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF WEST CHURCH STREET AND LONGTOWN ROAD TO THE RICHLAND

COUNTY LINE "DONALD PRIOLEAU SR. ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS STRETCH OF ROAD CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1267 -- Senator Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF HIGHWAY 17 FROM 8TH AVENUE NORTH TO STARWATCH DRIVE IN HORRY COUNTY "GEORGE RAYFORD VEREEN HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1275 -- Senators Rankin, Sabb, Talley and Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO FIX NOON ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024, AS THE TIME TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO A CERTAIN JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT, SEAT 3, AND THE SUCCESSOR WILL FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THAT OFFICE, WHICH WILL EXPIRE JULY 31, 2028.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman

Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present—121

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. NUTT a leave of absence for the day.

STATEMENT BY REP. HYDE

Rep. HYDE made a statement relative to his service in the House.

STATEMENT BY REP. TRANTHAM

Rep. TRANTHAM made a statement relative to her service in the House.

STATEMENT BY REP. HENEGAN

Rep. HENEGAN made a statement relative to her service in the House.

Rep. BERNSTEIN moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 5088 -- Reps. Alexander, Jordan, Kirby, Lowe and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF STATE ROAD 868 (MARION STREET) FROM THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 52 (COIT STREET) TO THE INTERSECTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 174 (HARRELL STREET) IN FLORENCE COUNTY "DR. VASHTI SMITH AND MARY T. WILSON WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 5089 -- Rep. Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SUMTER STREET IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH ALEXANDER STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH MCQUEEN STREET "SENATOR MAGGIE GLOVER WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:49 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. CONNELL, adjourned in memory of Charles Baxley, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Wednesday, May 1, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Acts 7:49: "'Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me,' says the Lord, 'or what is the place of my rest?'"

Let us pray. Loving God, help us to know that we are not abandoned in our time of need but blessed with overflowing love through the power of our Good Shephard. He has the power and He uses that power to care for us and to give us abundant life overflowing with goodness. Bestow Your power and love on these Representatives and Staff that they will accomplish good things for this State. Cause Your power, O Lord, to be with our defenders of freedom and first responders. May Your face shine upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort for the good of this State. Look in favor on and bless our men and women who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. MCGINNIS moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of his mother, Mary Lou McGinnis, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Harold Barron.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Corine Riley.

REGULATIONS WITHDRAWN

Document No. 5224
Agency: State Election Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 7-3-10 and 7-3-20
R.45-8, Defective and Duplicate Ballot Cards, Sealed After Tabulation
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives January 9, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration: Permanently Withdrawn

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5490 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams and Willis: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY 12 THROUGH MAY 18, 2024, AS "POLICE WEEK IN SOUTH CAROLINA" AND TO HONOR THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES AND SAFEGUARDING DEMOCRACY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5491 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DANNY VITELLO UPON BEING NAMED THE 2023 CITY OF GOOSE CREEK ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AND THE CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5492 -- Reps. Hager, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF LEON BRYANT III OF RINCON, GEORGIA, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5493 -- Rep. Hixon: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE TAKING ALL PRACTICAL STEPS TO INCREASE THE USE OF SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO ENSURE THAT THE STATE IS COMPETITIVE IN THE INDUSTRY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5494 -- Reps. McCravy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes,

Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DORA ANN WHITE OF GREENWOOD COUNTY FOR HER COMMITMENT TO HER GOD AND TO HIS CALLING ON HER LIFE.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5495 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Brittain, Crawford, Guest, Hardee, Hayes, McGinnis, Schuessler, Alexander, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH GARY GILMORE OF COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FOR HIS REMARKABLE CAREER OF NEARLY THIRTY YEARS AS BOTH

BASEBALL COACH AND MENTOR TO COUNTLESS STUDENT-ATHLETES, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS APPROACHING RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered sent to the Senate.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1268 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 315 IN JASPER COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 170 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17 "BISHOP DELORIS M. YOUNG HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1304 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF BLUFF ROAD IN RICHLAND COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH WINDY DRIVE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH PINEVIEW DRIVE "DEPUTY SHERIFF JACOB ERIC SALRIN MEMORIAL WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1306 -- Senator Turner: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GEORGE "FRANK" SHEPPARD UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS DECADES OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND BEYOND, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills and Joint Resolution were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

S. 1076 -- Senator Turner: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-219 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-15, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-130, RELATING TO LICENSE EXAMINATIONS AND BASIC AND CLASSIFIED LICENSES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 1242 -- Senators McLeod, Shealy, Matthews, Senn, Gustafson, Devine, Setzler and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-14210, RELATING TO UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2017 AND 2022 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2024 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES BY THE DEPARTMENT.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

S. 1276 -- Senators McElveen, Shealy and Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 58 OF 2023, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND OF SOUTH CAROLINA, UNTIL JUNE 1, 2026.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

S. 1285 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 259 OF 1961, RELATING TO THE HARTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE COMMISSION'S MEMBERSHIP FROM THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS, AND TO DELETE REFERENCES TO INITIAL BOARD MEMBERS.

On motion of Rep. MITCHELL, with unanimous consent, the Bill was ordered placed on the Calendar without reference.

S. 1292 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 595 OF 1992, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS IN 2024, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Referred to Edgefield Delegation

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford

Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--120

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HENEGAN a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. NUTT a leave of absence for the day.

STATEMENT BY REP. THIGPEN

Rep. THIGPEN made a statement relative to his service in the House.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. HAYES presented to the House the Lake View High School 1-A Girls Championship Varsity Basketball Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. CALHOON presented to the House the Lexington County Baseball "Blowfish" 2023 Coastal Plain League Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. WOOTEN presented to the House the Gray Collegiate Academy "War Eagles" 2-A Varsity Cheerleading Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. ROSE presented to the House the Heathwood Hall Academy "Highlanders" 4-A SCISA Championship Girls Basketball Team.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BEACH presented to the House the Powdersville High School "Patriots" 3-A Championship Boys Basketball Team.

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or

co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5438
Date:	ADD:
05/01/24	MCCRAVY

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. RIVERS a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

S. 1126--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 1126 -- Senators Kimbrell, Peeler, Rice, M. Johnson, Adams, Climer, Garrett, Cash, Young, Alexander, Reichenbach, Shealy, Grooms, Cromer, Turner, Loftis, Fanning, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Massey, Campsen, Bennett, Martin, Corbin and Verdin: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO VOTER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT ONLY A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE OF THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND UPWARDS WHO IS PROPERLY REGISTERED IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

SECTION 1. It is proposed that Section 4, Article II of the Constitution of this State be amended to read:

Section 4. ~~Every~~ Only a citizen of the United States and of this State of the age of eighteen and upwards who is properly registered is entitled to vote as provided by law.

SECTION 2. The proposed amendment must be submitted to the qualified electors at the next general election for representatives. Ballots must be provided at the various voting precincts with the following

words printed or written on the ballot:

"Must Section 4, Article II of the Constitution of this State, relating to voter qualifications, be amended so as to provide that only a citizen of the United States and of this State of the age of eighteen and upwards who is properly registered is entitled to vote as provided by law?

Yes ☐
No ☐

Those voting in favor of the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word 'Yes', and those voting against the question shall deposit a ballot with a check or cross mark in the square after the word 'No'."

Rep. JORDAN explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson

Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on legislative business during the vote on S. 1126. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Joint Resolution.

Rep. Jason Elliott

H. 5458--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5458 -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR LICENSING AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES, DESIGNATED AS

REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5264, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 109; Nays 3

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith

M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Harris	Magnuson	May

Total--3

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on legislative business during the vote on H. 5458. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Joint Resolution.

Rep. Jason Elliott

H. 5459--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5459 -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LICENSING HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONAL GENERAL INFIRMARIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5265, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
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Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
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Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose
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Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on legislative business during the vote on H. 5459. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Joint Resolution.

Rep. Jason Elliott

S. 408—AMENDED AND INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 408 -- Senators Shealy and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-250, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, DISPLAY, AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE HOUR OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING AS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-540, RELATING TO REGULATIONS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AND LICENSE RENEWAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE HOUR OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING AS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1o S. 408 (LC-408.HA0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, after the title but before the enacting words, by adding:

Whereas, South Carolina is achieving remarkable economic development success which is bringing jobs and prosperity to its citizens; and

Whereas, from January to December 2023, the State announced total capital investments of 9.22 billion dollars and over 14,000 jobs, the second largest amount in state history; and

Whereas, in 2022, the State announced 120 projects creating over 14,000 new jobs with 10.27 billion dollars in new capital investment, the largest amount in state history; and

Whereas, since 2017, the State has announced over 36.4 billion dollars in new investments and 86,378 new jobs; and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, South Carolina led the nation in population growth in 2023; and

Whereas, the rapidly expanding population and record-breaking economic development successes necessitate a strategic and forward-thinking approach to developing new energy infrastructure capable of meeting the energy needs of South Carolina's residents and supporting the continued prosperity of the State; and

Whereas, sustaining this success in economic development requires an electric system that can grow and modernize to meet the demands that a prosperous and developing economy places on it; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes that the convergence of escalating population growth, record-breaking economic success, and the aging of existing energy infrastructure has created a critical juncture, demanding immediate and decisive action to avert an impending energy crisis; and

Whereas, the urgency of addressing this situation is underscored by the interconnected challenges of meeting surging energy demand, ensuring grid reliability, and fortifying the state's resilience against potential disruptions, thereby compelling the imperative for the timely construction of new energy plants to safeguard the continued well-being and economic vitality of South Carolina; and

Whereas, in light of these facts, it is important that the General Assembly take action to ensure that generation and transmission providers are able to plan, site, and construct new and replacement generation and transmission resources in a timely and cost-effective manner, utilizing procedures that are fair, prompt, efficient, and guided by an informed Public Service Commission; and

Whereas, the General Assembly has determined that certain aspects of the current regulatory structure in South Carolina can be revised to reduce the cost, delay, and uncertainty of planning, siting, and constructing new generation and transmission resources serving customers in this State; and

Whereas, the General Assembly further finds that the current circumstances present a unique opportunity to replace or limit reliance on the Williams Generating Station operated by Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. (“DESC”) in Bushy Park, South Carolina; and the Winyah Generating Station operated South Carolina Public Service Authority (“SCPSA”) in Georgetown, South Carolina, and perhaps other units as well, through a joint venture between these utilities; and

Whereas, DESC owns the site of the retired Canadys coal units in Colleton County (the "Canadys site") which represents an environmentally well-characterized brownfield site with unique attributes, including electric transmission infrastructure on site, proximity to a major switching station interconnecting the DESC and SCPSA transmission systems serving coastal South Carolina, and reasonable proximity to natural gas supplies which can be accessed through existing natural gas rights of way; and

Whereas, modern combined cycle units provide dispatchability and operating flexibility that will allow DESC and SCPSA systems to continue to add large amounts of flexible resources to their systems without jeopardizing cost-efficient and reliable service to customers; and

Whereas, the integrated resource planning by both utilities consistently indicates the need for and benefit of additional combined cycle natural gas resources under multiple planning scenarios; and

Whereas, by pursuing replacement resources as a joint project, DESC and SCPSA can build larger, more fuel-efficient, lower-emitting units, and can reduce the capital cost per MW of these units by as much as 25% or more compared to building single, stand-alone units sized to meet their individual needs alone while at the same time reducing the environmental and land-use impact of the natural gas pipeline and transmission infrastructure required to support separate units; and

Whereas, the joint project can provide a unique opportunity to anchor the expansion of natural gas pipelines serving certain coastal counties of South Carolina where economic development is currently hampered by the lack of such supplies, thereby increasing jobs, prosperity, and public welfare in those areas and can do so with minimal environmental disruption; and

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented by the shared needs of DESC and SCPSA for replacement generation in the Charleston and Georgetown areas, the unique benefits of a partnership between them for this purpose, and the unique benefits of the Canadys site as the location for a joint resource, the General Assembly finds that these circumstances support amending the enabling act of the SCPSA to authorize it in a joint venture to develop and share in the output of one or more combined cycle natural gas units to be located at the Canadys site and encourages the utility to seek, as soon as practicable, a certificate as defined under the terms of the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act for DESC to construct and operate combined cycle natural gas units to be located at the Canadys site; and

Whereas, Duke Energy Carolinas Bad Creek Pumped Storage facility,

including ongoing uprates, is an approximate 1,640 MW energy storage facility located in Oconee County, South Carolina; and

Whereas, Duke Energy Carolina has identified the opportunity to approximately double the output of the Bad Creek Pumped Storage facility by constructing new pump turbines, generators, and a new powerhouse; and

Whereas, by increasing the generating capacity at the Bad Creek facility, Duke Energy Carolinas can approximately double its existing peak hourly storage capacity; and

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented by the potential expansion of Duke Energy Carolinas' energy storage capacity by expanding the Bad Creek facility without construction of a new reservoir, and considering the unique benefits for customers served by Duke Energy Carolinas' electrical system such an expansion represents, the General Assembly encourages the utility to complete evaluations related to expanding the Bad Creek facility to double its output; and

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented in the plans of Duke Energy Carolinas LLC and Duke Energy Progress LLC to secure approximately 7,000 MW of natural gas generation facilities for the benefit of their customers in South Carolina, the General Assembly encourages the utilities to undertake such activities as may be necessary to pursue and facilitate additional natural gas generation to serve its customers in this State; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes the potential for substantial economic and environmental benefits through the implementation of robust energy efficiency and demand side management initiatives; and

Whereas, investing in energy efficiency and demand-side management initiatives not only reduces overall energy consumption but also alleviates the strain on existing electric generation infrastructure, leading to cost savings for consumers, businesses, and the state; and

Whereas, the promotion of energy efficiency and demand-side management initiatives offers a prudent and cost-effective approach to address increasing energy demands, thereby lessening the necessity for construction of new electric generation facilities in the future, and contributing to a more sustainable and resilient energy future for South Carolina; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly acknowledges the transformative potential of advanced nuclear generation, such as small modular reactors (SMRs), understanding that their compact size addresses significant challenges associated with traditional nuclear

power, offering the promise of expedited and cost-effective plant construction, coupled with enhanced safety in operational practices, along with offering reliable carbon-free energy generation that can operate nearly 24/7; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes the strategic importance of investigating in and pursuing advanced nuclear technologies such as small modular reactors and molten salt reactors at this time, understanding that proactive engagement in research and development positions the State to capitalize on future opportunities when SMRs become economically and technologically viable; and

Whereas, the SC Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy consortium, developed in collaboration with our research universities, technical colleges, state agencies, the Savannah River National Laboratory, economic development non-profits, and private businesses, won the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration’s designation as one of the Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes establishing an Energy Policy Institute is a pivotal step towards supporting the efforts of SC Nexus and for guiding informed decision making for the state's energy future; and

Whereas, understanding the complexity of energy issues, the establishment of an Energy Policy Institute is essential to equipping the State with the necessary expertise and resources to make well informed choices, fostering a comprehensive understanding of intricate energy matters; and

Whereas, SC Nexus will assist the state as a global leader in advanced energy by developing, testing, and deploying exportable energy technologies and understanding that new manufacturers of those technologies can locate their operations at a place of their choosing, an Energy Policy Institute is integral to positioning the state strategically for economic development success by ensuring the economic benefits resulting from SC Nexus remain in South Carolina, and ensuring that energy policies align with the state's growth objectives and policy goals, while simultaneously safeguarding the interests of ratepayers and promoting a sustainable and resilient energy landscape; and

Whereas, it is imperative to direct the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) to conduct a comprehensive energy assessment and formulate a ten-year energy action plan not only to identify additional actions to take over the next decade to address the critical need to ensure an adequate and reliable power supply but also to serve as a proactive forum to

thoroughly examine unresolved issues vital to achieving economic development success within the dynamic and evolving energy sector; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly determines that comprehensive legislation is needed to promote the development of new and reliable energy infrastructure resources, fostering resilient and reliable energy infrastructure critical to the economic success of the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Amend the bill further, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 40-75-250 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-75-250. (A) If an applicant satisfies all licensure requirements as provided for in this article, the board may issue a license to the applicant. A license is a personal right and not transferable, and the issuance of a license is evidence that the person is entitled to all rights and privileges of a licensed professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, an addiction counselor, or of an associate, while the license remains current and unrestricted. However, the license is the property of the State and upon suspension or revocation immediately must be returned to the board.

(B) A person licensed under this chapter must display the license in a prominent and conspicuous place in the primary place of practice.

(C) Licenses issued under this chapter must be renewed every two years upon the payment of a renewal fee and upon the fulfillment of continuing education as determined by the board in regulation.

(D) A person licensed under this chapter must receive at least one hour of continuing education in suicide assessment, treatment, and management treatment as a portion of the total continuing education requirement for license renewal as determined by the board in regulation.

(~~D~~E) A licensee who allows the license to lapse by failing to renew the license as provided in this section may be reinstated by the board upon payment of a reinstatement fee and the current renewal fee. The board, by regulation, may impose additional requirements for reinstatement.

SECTION 2. Section 40-75-540 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-75-540. (A) The board shall promulgate regulations in accordance with Chapter 23, Title 1 (Administrative Procedures Act) establishing requirements for continuing education

which must be met by a person licensed as a licensed psycho-educational specialist. An applicant for license renewal shall present evidence satisfactory to the board that continuing education requirements have been met.

(B) A person licensed under this chapter must receive at least one hour of continuing education in suicide assessment, treatment, and management treatment as a portion of the total continuing education requirement for license renewal as determined by the board in regulation.

SECTION 3. Section 40-63-250 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-63-250. (A) If an applicant satisfies all licensure requirements required in this chapter, the board may issue a license to the applicant. A license is a personal right and not transferable, and the issuance of a license is evidence that the person is entitled to all rights and privileges of a licensed social worker while the license remains current and unrestricted. However, the license is the property of the State and upon suspension or revocation immediately must be returned to the board.

(B) A licensee under this chapter must display the license in a prominent and conspicuous place in the primary place of practice.

(C) A licensee under this chapter must indicate his or her category of licensure following his or her name or signature on all professional documents.

(D) Licenses issued under this chapter must be renewed every two years upon the payment of a renewal fee and upon the fulfillment of continuing education as determined by the board in regulation.

(E) A person licensed under this chapter must receive at least one contact hour of continuing education in suicide assessment, treatment, and management treatment as a portion of the total continuing education requirement for license renewal as determined by the board in regulation.

~~(E)~~(F) Any licensee who allows his license to lapse by failing to renew the license as provided in this section may be reinstated by the board upon satisfactory explanation by the licensee of his failure to renew his license and upon payment of a reinstatement fee and the current renewal fee to be determined by the board. If a license has lapsed for more than one year, the board may impose further educational requirements for reinstatement. If a license has lapsed for more than two years, the person must reapply for licensure. Any person practicing as a

social worker during the time that his license has lapsed has engaged in unlicensed practice and is subject to penalties provided for in Section 40-63-30.

SECTION 4.This act may be cited as the "South Carolina Energy Security Act".

SECTION 5. Section 58-3-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-20. (A) The commission is composed of ~~seven~~three members to be elected by the General Assembly in the manner prescribed by this chapter. Each member must have:

(1) a baccalaureate or more advanced degree from:

(a) a recognized institution of higher learning requiring face-to-face contact between its students and instructors prior to completion of the academic program;

(b) an institution of higher learning that has been accredited by a regional or national accrediting body; or

(c) an institution of higher learning chartered before 1962; and

(2) a background of substantial duration and an expertise in at least one of the following:

(a) energy issues;

(b) telecommunications issues;

(c) consumer protection and advocacy issues;

(d) water and wastewater issues;

(e) finance, economics, and statistics;

(f) accounting;

(g) engineering; or

(h) law.

~~(B)(1) Beginning in 2004, the members of the Public Service Commission must be elected to staggered terms. In 2004, the members representing the Second, Fourth, and Sixth Congressional Districts must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2006, and until their successors are elected and qualify. Thereafter, members representing the Second, Fourth, and Sixth Congressional Districts must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify. In 2004, the members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts and the State at large must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2008, and until their successors are elected and qualify. Thereafter, members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts and the State at large must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, members representing~~

~~the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts shall serve until the expiration of their terms, and in 2013, members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2016, and until their successors are elected and qualified.~~

~~(2) In the event there are Seven Congressional Districts, the member elected from the State at large shall serve until the expiration of his term, and in 2013, a member representing the Seventh Congressional District must be elected for a term ending on June 30, 2016, and until his successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the member representing the Seventh Congressional District must be elected to terms of four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. Upon the election and qualification of the member representing the Seventh Congressional District, the at-large member elected to satisfy the requirements of subsection (C) immediately shall cease to be a member of the commission.~~

~~(C)~~ (B)(1)The General Assembly must provide for the election of the ~~seven~~three-member commission ~~and elect its members based upon the congressional districts established by the General Assembly pursuant to the latest official United States Decennial Census. If the number of congressional districts is less than seven, additional members must be elected at large to provide for a seven-member commission. In the event the congressional districts established by the General Assembly are under review by a court for compliance with statutory or constitutional requirements, an election scheduled pursuant to this section shall not be held until a final determination is made by the courts regarding the congressional districts. The inability to hold an election due to judicial review of the congressional districts does not constitute a vacancy on the commission and the commissioners serve until their successors are elected and qualify~~. The commission members must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify.

(2) The commission members must be elected from the state at large; however, membership on the commission should reflect all segments of the population of the State, to the greatest extent possible.

~~(D)~~(C) The Governor may fill vacancies in the office of commissioner until the successor in the office for a full term or an unexpired term, as applicable, has been elected by the General Assembly. In cases where a vacancy occurs on the commission when the General Assembly is not in session, the Governor may fill the vacancy by an interim appointment. The Governor must report the

interim appointment to the General Assembly and must forward a formal appointment at its next ensuing regular session.

SECTION 6. Section 58-3-140 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-140. (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 9 of this title, the commission is vested with power and jurisdiction to supervise and regulate the rates and service of every public utility in this State and to fix just and reasonable standards, classifications, regulations, practices, and measurements of service to be furnished, imposed, or observed, and followed by every public utility in this State.

(2) The commission must promulgate regulations to establish safety, maintenance, and inspection standards for the public utilities and may assess fines for public utilities that violate these standards.

(B)(1) The commission, in conducting its analysis and making a decision in matters involving electrical utilities, must consider the economic impact to the State when fixing just and reasonable standards, classifications, regulations, practices, and measurements of service to be furnished, imposed, or observed, and followed by every electrical utility in this State.

(2) The General Assembly declares the rates, services, and operations of electrical utilities are a matter of public interest and the availability of an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of electric power and natural gas to the people and economy of South Carolina is a matter of public policy. When exercising its powers under this section, the commission must balance the public interest in determining the rates, services, and operations of electrical utilities. It is the policy of this State for the commission, in matters involving electrical utilities, to:

(a) ensure South Carolina customers have access to an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources;

(b) sustain growth in industrial and economic development by ensuring an electric generation, transmission, and distribution system that can grow and modernize to meet the demands that a prosperous and developing economy places on it;

(c) provide fair regulation of electrical utilities in the interest of the public in a manner that maintains the financial integrity of the electrical utility by assuring a sufficient and fair rate of return, supports economic development and industry retention, and provides just and reasonable rates to be established for entities providing electrical utility services to customers in this State while promoting adequate,

reliable, and economical utility service to all of the citizens and residents of this State;

(d) provide the State and the public with a well-regulated electrical utility environment;

(e) ensure that resources necessary to meet future growth through the provision of adequate, reliable electrical utility service include use of the entire spectrum of demand-side options, including but not limited to, conservation, load management, and energy efficiency programs as additional sources of energy supply and energy demand reduction;

(f) provide just and reasonable rates and charges for electrical utility services without undue preferences or advantages, or unfair or destructive competitive practices and consistent with long-term management and conservation of energy resources by avoiding wasteful, uneconomic generation and uses of energy;

(g) ensure that facilities necessary to meet future growth can be financed by the utilities operating in this State on terms which are reasonable and fair to both the customers and existing investors of such utilities, and to that end, to authorize fixing of rates in such a manner as to result in lower costs of new facilities and lower rates over the operating lives of such new facilities;

(h) recognize the important role of utilities in economic development and industry retention and the necessity for utilities to maintain the ability to finance continued investment in, and operation and maintenance of, the electric system, rapid restoration of power after major storms and outages, rate designs, and infrastructure necessary to attract and retain businesses and jobs to South Carolina, the ability to obtain financing at attractive rates, and to ensure a viable workforce for providing electricity and to attract such utility workers at market-competitive wages;

(i) seek to encourage and promote harmony between public utilities, their users, and the environment;

(j) foster the continued service of electrical utilities on a well-planned and coordinated basis that is consistent with the level of energy needed for the protection of public health and safety and for the promotion of the general welfare, economic development, and industry retention;

(k) seek to adjust the rate of growth of regulated energy supply facilities serving the State to the policy requirements of statewide economic development and industry retention;

(l) encourage the continued study and research on

new and innovative rate designs which will protect the State, the public, the ratepayers and the utilities;

(m) facilitate the construction of facilities in and the extension of natural gas service to unserved and underserved areas in order to promote the public welfare throughout the State;

(n) further the development of cleaner energy technologies on a cost-effective basis to protect the natural resources of this State, promote the health and well-being of the people of this State, and attract investments, create employment opportunities, drive economic growth, and foster innovation in this State; and

(o) accomplish regulatory processes and issue orders in a timely manner.

~~(B)~~(C) The commission must develop and publish a policy manual which must set forth guidelines for the administration of the commission. All procedures must incorporate state requirements and good management practices to ensure the efficient and economical utilization of resources.

~~(C)~~(D) The commission must facilitate access to its general rate request orders in contested matters involving more than one hundred thousand dollars by publishing an order guide which indexes and cross-references orders by subject matter and case name. The order guide must be made available for public inspection.

~~(D)~~(E) The commission must promulgate regulations to require the direct testimony of witnesses appearing on behalf of utilities and of witnesses appearing on behalf of persons having formal intervenor status, such testimony to be reduced to writing and prefiled with the commission in advance of any hearing. In contested case proceedings, the applicant seeking relief from the commission shall have the right to prefile rebuttal testimony responsive to the direct prefiled testimony of other parties. The commission may allow supplemental testimony in cases where new matters arise after the filing of direct testimony, provided that parties shall have the right to respond to such supplemental testimony. The procedural schedule for each contested case proceeding shall include dates for completion of each phase of discovery, including discovery related to the application or other initial pleading as filed, direct testimony of the applicant, direct testimony of the Office of Regulatory Staff and other parties and intervenors, rebuttal testimony of the applicant, and surrebuttal testimony but only if allowed by the commission upon motion that there is material new information for which surrebuttal testimony is required. The commission must act on a motion to allow surrebuttal testimony within three business days.

Except upon showing of exceptional circumstances or surprise, all discovery must be completed not less than ten days prior to the hearing.

(F) The commission may convene public hearings to allow electrical utility customers to address the commission as public witnesses without intervening in the proceedings and without subjecting themselves to discovery or prefiling testimony. Public witnesses may address the commission on issues related to customer service, utility operations, reliability, economic hardship, affordability, environmental concerns, or other matters that affect them. The electrical utility and the Office of Regulatory Staff shall work to investigate and resolve individual service issues raised by public witnesses.

(G) Any other provision of law notwithstanding, to the extent the commission is authorized by the General Assembly to employ an independent third-party consultant to assist the commission in its duties with respect to a matter before the commission, such consultant may only rely upon evidence introduced by a party to that proceeding into the record subject to the requirements of the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act. Further, the commission may not give any consultant employed by the commission party status in a proceeding before the commission.

~~(E)~~(H) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to repeal or modify specific exclusions from the commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Title 58 or any other title.

~~(F)~~(I) When required to be filed, tariffs must be filed with the office of the chief clerk of the commission and, on that same day, provided to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 7. Section 58-3-250(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) A copy of every final order or decision under the seal of the commission must be served by electronic service, or registered or certified mail, upon all parties to the proceeding or their attorneys. Service of every final order or decision upon a party or upon the attorney must be made by emailing a copy of the order to the party's email address provided to the commission or by mailing a copy to the party's last known address. If no email or other address is known, however, service shall be made by leaving a copy with the chief clerk of the commission. The order takes effect and becomes operative when served unless otherwise designated and continues in force either for a period designated by the commission or until changed or revoked by the commission. If, in the judgment of the commission, an order cannot be complied with within the time designated, the commission may grant

and prescribe additional time as is reasonably necessary to comply with the order and, on application and for good cause shown, may extend the time for compliance fixed in its order.

SECTION 8. Section 58-4-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-4-10. (A) There is hereby created the Office of Regulatory Staff as a separate agency of the State with the duties and organizations as hereinafter provided.

(B) Unless and until it chooses not to participate, the Office of Regulatory Staff must be considered a party of record in all filings, applications, or proceedings before the commission. The regulatory staff must represent the public interest of South Carolina before the commission. For purposes of this chapter only, "public interest" means a balancing of:

(1) the concerns of the using and consuming public with respect to public utility services, regardless of the class of customer~~.~~;

(2) economic development and job attraction and retention in South Carolina; and

(3) preservation of the financial integrity of the State's public utilities to the extent necessary to provide for the ~~of~~ continued investment in and maintenance of utility facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality utility services.

(C) The Office of Regulatory Staff is subject to the provision of Section 58-3-260 prohibiting ex parte communications with the commission, and any advice given to the commission by the regulatory staff must be given in a form, forum, and manner as may lawfully be given by any other party or person.

SECTION 9. Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-150. (A) To further advance and expand upon Executive Order 2023-18 which established the PowerSC Energy Resources and Economic Development Interagency Working Group, the Office of Regulatory Staff, in consultation with a stakeholder group that includes representatives of consumer, environmental, manufacturing, forestry, and agricultural organizations, natural gas and electrical utilities, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, and other affected state agencies, shall prepare a comprehensive South Carolina energy assessment and action plan, hereinafter referred to as "the plan". This plan must identify recommended actions over a ten-year period to ensure the availability of adequate, reliable, and economical supply of electric power and natural gas to the people and economy of South Carolina. For

purposes of this section, natural gas and electrical utilities also include any investor-owned electrical utility, a public utility as defined in Section 58-5-10, the Public Service Authority, electric cooperatives, and any consolidated political subdivision that owns or operates in this State equipment or facilities for generating, transmitting, delivering, or furnishing electricity, but does not include an entity that furnishes electricity only to itself, its residents, or tenants when such current is not resold or used by others.

(B) The Office of Regulatory Staff, in collaboration with the electrical utilities and the South Carolina Public Service Authority, shall aggregate data and analyses from their most recent integrated resource plans approved by the commission, and include any updates or associated filings and other available data in order to create a statewide comprehensive view of the availability of an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources to the people and economy of South Carolina.

(C) The plan must detail factors, and make recommendations, essential to adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources for the people and economy of South Carolina, including but not limited to:

(1) projections of energy consumption in South Carolina, including the use of fuel resources and costs of electricity and generation resources across the electrical utilities' and the South Carolina Public Service Authority's balancing authority areas used to serve the State;

(2) the adequacy of electricity generation, transmission, and distribution resources in this State to meet projections of energy consumption;

(3) the adequacy of infrastructure utilized by natural gas industries in providing fuel supply to electric generation plants or otherwise for end-use customers;

(4) the overall needs of the South Carolina electric grid and transmission system and details from the plans of each electrical utility and the South Carolina Public Service Authority to meet current and future energy needs in a cost-effective, reliable, economic, and environmental manner;

(5) an assessment of state and local impediments to expanded use of generation or distributed resources and recommendations to reduce or eliminate such impediments;

(6) how energy efficiency, demand-side management programs, and conservation initiatives across the electrical utilities' and the South Carolina Public Service Authority's balancing authority areas may be

expanded to lower bills and reduce electric consumption;

(7) details regarding potential siting of energy resource and transmission facilities in order to identify any disproportionate adverse impact of such activities on the environment, agricultural community, land use, and economically disadvantaged or minority communities;

(8) details regarding commercial and industrial consumer clean energy goals and options available to such customers to achieve these goals, including:

(a) an analysis of the barriers commercial and industrial consumers face in making such investments in this State;

(b) an analysis of any electric and natural gas regulatory barriers to the recruitment and retention of commercial and industrial customers in this State; and

(c) recommendations to address any barriers identified in items (a) and (b) in a manner that is consistent with the public interest and which is not duly impactful to nonparticipating customers as it pertains to rate and system impacts, and which is not unduly impactful to entities providing public utility services.

(D) In preparing the plan the Office of Regulatory Staff may retain an outside expert to assist with compiling this report.

(E) In addition to the information required by this section, the plan must include recommendations for legislative, regulatory, or other public and private actions to best ensure a reliable and reasonably priced energy supply in South Carolina that supports the continued growth and success of this State. In forming these recommendations, the Office of Regulatory Staff must confer with the stakeholder group to ensure the recommendations would likely achieve the intended result for the electric grid, electric generation, and natural gas resources serving South Carolina customers.

(F) The plan must be submitted to the Public Utilities Review Committee for approval.

(G) The provisions of this section are subject to funding.

SECTION 10. Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 38

South Carolina Energy Policy Institute

Section 58-38-10. This chapter is known as and may be cited as the "South Carolina Energy Policy Research and Economic Development Institute" or "EPI".

Section 58-38-20. The General Assembly finds that:

(1) It is in the public interest of South Carolina to establish an Energy Policy Research and Economic Development Institute, also

referred to as EPI, to support the efforts of the Advanced Resilient Energy Nexus, also referred to as SC Nexus, and research and propose solutions to address major challenges in the complex and evolving area of energy generation and storage.

(2) Research and documenting reliable data is essential for thoughtful consideration of the complex issues and concerns impacting energy generation and storage and the need for timely, substantive, and thorough advice from the EPI to the South Carolina General Assembly is critical to continue to position this State as a global leader.

(3) Advancement through the EPI of the broad collaboration through SC Nexus will assist the State as a global leader in advanced energy by developing, testing, and deploying exportable electricity technologies. It will also allow the State to leverage the region's dynamic and growing manufacturing base, superior research capabilities, and demonstrated record of public-private collaboration to innovate and commercialize emerging energy storage materials and manufacturing techniques, including a demonstrative microgrid implementation that integrates renewable energy and storage into the state's electricity systems.

(4) The topography of South Carolina, with its coastal plains and low country, confronts further complications. While the State possesses renewable energy resources like hydropower potential from its rivers and lakes and biomass from wood and landfill gas, the lack of sustainable energy production exacerbates the energy deficit. It is critical that South Carolina provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy.

(5) The industrial sector in South Carolina accounts for approximately one-third of the state's total energy use and heavily depends on energy consumption. Continued economic development and industry retention depends upon safe, reliable, and affordable energy generation.

(6) South Carolina will need to continue moving toward reliable power from emerging energy sources to ensure continued economic growth and secure energy for residential usage.

(7) The EPI shall collaborate across South Carolina in coordination with SC Nexus, Savannah River National Laboratory, energy utility providers, private industry, and workforce development to deliver advice on policy creation aligned with the state's distinctive needs and opportunities. EPI shall support and collaborate with SC Nexus, a consortium of public and private entities, formed within the South Carolina Department of Commerce concerning power generation, transmission, and storage.

Section 58-38-30. (A) The EPI shall be established by the University of South Carolina to serve as an expert and reliable advisory resource for state policymakers, government, and industry. This institute shall bring together a coalition of experts from various domains within the energy ecosystem, individuals and organizations specializing in innovative public policy approaches, as well as specialists from across higher education, including but not limited to, the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, and South Carolina State University. The EPI shall aid South Carolina in developing a strategic, long-term approach to address energy-related challenges and economic development opportunities for the State of South Carolina.

(B) The EPI shall be governed by a board of six members which shall provide oversight and guidance to the EPI. This board shall be composed of:

(1) Speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee;

(2) President of the Senate or his designee;

(3) Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives or his designee;

(4) Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate or his designee;

(5) Chairman of the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee of the House of Representatives or his designee; and

(6) Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate or his designee.

Section 58-38-40. (A) Annual deliverables for the EPI shall align with the goals and priorities of critical state objectives and legislative needs of South Carolina as determined by the board.

(B) The EPI shall prepare concise and informative documents that outline the key energy policy issues in South Carolina for members of the South Carolina General Assembly. These briefs shall offer evidence-based recommendations and their potential impacts to assist the legislature in decision making.

(C) The EPI shall provide in-depth research on various aspects of energy policy relevant to South Carolina, at the direction of the board.

(D) The EPI shall provide stakeholder engagement reports, including identification and engagement with relevant stakeholders in the energy sector, including industry representatives, environmental groups, consumer advocates, and community organizations. The EPI shall compile reports on stakeholder perspectives, concerns, and suggestions to aid the legislature in understanding different viewpoints.

(E) The EPI shall evaluate the economic implications of different

energy policy options, including the potential costs and benefits to the state's economy, job market, industry competitiveness, and underdeveloped communities. The EPI must use modeling techniques to estimate direct and indirect impacts on various sectors.

(F) The EPI shall develop practical framework recommendations for implementing energy policies in South Carolina, considering regulatory mechanisms, enforcement mechanisms, and coordination between different government agencies. These frameworks must address potential challenges and propose strategies for successful implementation.

(G) The EPI may host fellowships by which entities could offer the time and services of employees by which the EPI could leverage the knowledge, experience, and participation of such entities.

SECTION 11. Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-33-195. (A)(1) The General Assembly finds:

(a) The Public Service Commission, hereinafter referred to as "the commission", issued Order No. 2023-860 approving Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s integrated resource plan, and Order No. 2024-171 approving the South Carolina Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan. The commission determined these integrated resource plans represented the most reasonable and prudent means to meet each utility's energy and capacity needs as of the time each integrated resource plan was reviewed.

(b) Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s integrated resource plan identified a natural gas combined cycle unit as the optimum replacement unit for the Williams Station, which Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. intends to retire in 2030, assuming replacement capacity is available at that time. Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. proposed to locate this natural gas combined cycle unit facility at the site of its now retired Canadys coal plant, and Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. is pursuing a plan to build it jointly with the Public Service Authority under a Memorandum of Understanding, also referred to as the "Joint Resource".

replacing the Williams Station with the Joint Resource best meets the criterion of "consumer affordability and least cost" pursuant to Section 58-37-40(C)(2)(b).

(d) The commission found that the Public Service Authority's Preferred Portfolio, referred to as "Supplemental", as the preferred plan to guide the Public Service Authority's generation and transmission planning over the next three years, with updates as necessary,

represented the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting the Public Service Authority's energy and capacity needs.

(e) The commission found the Supplemental is the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements, while maintaining safe and reliable electric service.

(f) The commission determined the Public Service Authority sufficiently considered alternatives to the natural gas combined cycle unit.

(g) The commission found that the Supplemental allows the Public Service Authority to meet the electric power needs of its retail and wholesale customers reliably and affordably, reduces its carbon footprint, and adds flexibility and innovation to support a growing state economy.

(2) The General Assembly encourages Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. and the Public Service Authority to jointly complete evaluations related to the Joint Resource and to use such information as may be necessary from such evaluations to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certificate pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or authorize construction and operation of the facilities subject to this section in preference to all other pending nonemergency applications or requests. The General Assembly finds adding natural gas generation capacity at the retired Canadys coal site would advance the economy and general welfare of the State based on current conditions and information as of the effective date of this act. However, this subsection does not exempt the entities from complying with the requirements of the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act, including the requirement to seek commission approval for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity nor does this subsection limit the commission's independent decision-making authority. The entities are further encouraged to use existing rights of way to the greatest extent practicable.

(B) The General Assembly hereby encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to complete evaluations for constructing a second powerhouse using the existing reservoir at Bad Creek Pumped Hydro Station in Oconee County, South Carolina, which will approximately double the size and peak hourly capacity of the facility, and to use such information as may be necessary from such evaluations to make a filing

as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certificate pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter. The General Assembly further encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to complete evaluations as to what may be necessary to interconnect such an expansion of Bad Creek Pumped Hydro Station to the electric grid or otherwise deliver electric power from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to its customers, and to include such information as may be necessary from such evaluations in a filing to the commission pursuant to Section 58-33-110 or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or otherwise authorize construction and operation of the facilities subject to this subsection in preference of all other pending nonemergency applications or requests.

(C) The General Assembly hereby encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to complete evaluations for constructing hydrogen-capable natural gas generation or otherwise to place into service such natural gas generation within the utilities' balancing areas serving South Carolina, and to use such information from the evaluations as may be necessary to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certification pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly further encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to determine what facilities may be necessary to interconnect such natural gas generation to the electric grid or otherwise deliver electric power from the utilities to its customers, and to include such information in any filing to the commission pursuant to Section 58-33-110 or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or otherwise authorize construction or operation of the facilities subject to this subsection in preference of all other pending nonemergency applications or requests.

(D)(1) In the event any of the projects described in subsections (A), (B), or (C) are approved, the Office of Regulatory Staff, using its authority provided in Title 58, must continuously monitor the project or projects. This includes, but is not limited to, a review of the construction in progress, such as meeting projected timelines and financial projections are met. The Office of Regulatory Staff must provide monthly updates, in writing, to the commission and to the members of the General Assembly. Each electrical utility and the Public Service Authority must cooperate to the fullest extent with the Office of Regulatory Staff.

(2) The commission may, on its own motion, schedule a hearing to address concerns raised by the Office of Regulatory Staff in its written monthly review to the commission.

(3) The commission shall consider the Office of Regulatory Staff's written monthly reviews in any future matters concerning any facility described in this section.

SECTION 12. Article 1, Chapter 31, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-31-205. (A) The Public Service Authority shall have the power to jointly own, as tenants-in-common or through a limited liability company, with investor-owned electric utilities of electrical generation and transmission facilities, the power to plan, finance, acquire, own, operate, and maintain an interest in such plants and facilities necessary or incidental to the generation and transmission of electric power and the power to make plans and enter into such contracts as are necessary or convenient for the planning, financing, acquisition, construction, ownership, operation, and maintenance of such plants and facilities. However, the Public Service Authority shall own a percentage of such plants and facilities equal to the percentage of the money furnished or the value of property supplied by the Public Service Authority for the acquisition and construction of the plants and facilities. The Public Service Authority shall also own and control a like percentage of the electrical output thereof.

(B) The Public Service Authority shall be severally liable in proportion to its ownership share of such plants and facilities acquired pursuant to this section for the acts, omissions, or obligations performed, omitted, or incurred by the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities while acting as the designated agent of the Public Service Authority for the purposes of constructing, operating, or maintaining the plants and facilities, or any of them. However, the Public Service Authority shall not be otherwise liable, jointly or severally, for the acts, omissions, or obligations of other owners of the plants and facilities, nor shall any money or property of the Public Service Authority be credited or otherwise applied to the account of the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities, or be charged with any debt, lien, or mortgage as a result of any debt or obligation of the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities.

SECTION 13. Article 9, Chapter 7, Title 13 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Article 9
Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council

Section 13-7-810. There is hereby established a Nuclear Advisory Council in the ~~Department of Administration,~~ Office of Regulatory Staff, which shall be responsible to the Executive Director of the ~~Department of Administration~~ Office of Regulatory Staff and report to the Governor.

Section 13-7-820. The duties of the council, in addition to such other duties as may be requested by the Governor, shall be:

(1) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor on issues involving the use, handling, and management of the transportation, storage, or disposal of nuclear materials within South Carolina, or such use, handling, transportation, storage, or disposal of nuclear materials outside of the State which may affect the public health, welfare, safety, and environment of the citizens of South Carolina;

(2) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor regarding matters pertaining to the Atlantic Compact Commission;

(3) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor regarding the various programs of the United States Department of Energy pertaining to nuclear waste;

(4) to meet at the call of the chair or at a minimum twice a year; and

(5) to engage stakeholders and develop a strategic plan to advance the development of advanced nuclear generation including small modular reactors, molten salt reactors, and spent nuclear fuel recycling facilities to serve customers in this State in the most economical manner at the earliest reasonable time possible.

Section 13-7-830. The recommendations described in Section ~~13-7-620~~ 13-7-820 shall be made available to the General Assembly and the Governor.

Section 13-7-840. The council shall consist of ~~nine~~ten members. One at-large member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one at-large member shall be appointed by the President of the Senate. ~~Seven~~Eight members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows: two shall be actively involved in the area of environmental protection; one shall have experience in the generation of power by nuclear means; one shall have experience in the field of nuclear activities other than power generation; two shall be scientists or engineers from the faculties of institutions of higher learning in the State; and ~~one~~two shall be from the public at large; of which one shall be appointed to serve as the chairman and director of the Nuclear Advisory

Council. The terms of the members of the council appointed by the Governor shall be coterminous with that of the appointing Governor, but they shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Vacancies of the council shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

Section 13-7-850. The Governor shall designate the chairman from the membership. When on business of the council, members shall be entitled to receive such compensation as provided by law for boards and commissions.

Section 13-7-860. Staff support for the council shall be provided by the ~~Department of Administration~~Office of Regulatory Staff. The Director of the Nuclear Advisory Council must be a full-time employee of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 14. Section 37-6-604(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The~~As of July 1, 2025, the Consumer ~~Advocate shall be provided notice of any matter filed at the Public Service Commission that~~ Advocate's duties regarding intervention in matters that could impact consumers' utility rates~~, and may intervene as a party~~ and ability to advocate for the interests of consumers before the Public Service Commission and appellate courts~~ in such matters as the Consumer Advocate deems necessary and appropriate~~ are transferred to the Office of Regulatory Staff in order to promote efficiency and avoid duplication of duties.

SECTION 15. Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-33-196. Electrical utilities and the Public Service Authority are encouraged to explore the potential for deploying advanced nuclear facilities including, but not limited to, small modular nuclear facilities at suitable sites. Suitable sites may include sites of current nuclear facilities, sites where nuclear facilities have been proposed but not constructed, and other brownfield sites, such as coal-generation sites. Any utility pursuing deployment of such nuclear facilities must provide annual progress reports to the commission and the Public Utilities Review Committee; this report may be in writing or in the form of testimony in an appropriate proceeding. The utility must provide estimates of the cost of the studies including, but not limited to, planning, licensing, and project development to the commission. If the commission finds such estimated costs are reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest, such costs may be recoverable through rates as they are incurred. Nothing in this section relieves an electrical utility of the burden of filing for a certificate under this article and obtaining

appropriate approvals from the commission before commencing construction.

SECTION 16.Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-37-70. (A) It is the policy of this State to promote the development and operation of advanced nuclear facilities, including small modular nuclear reactors, in the most economical manner and at the earliest reasonable time possible. These facilities are intended to provide electricity that is reliable, resilient, secure, and free of carbon dioxide emissions, as well as promote this state's economic development and industry retention.

(B) As used in this section:

(1) "Electrical utility" has the same meaning as provided in Section 58-27-10(7) and includes the South Carolina Public Service Authority.

(2) "Site" means the geographic location of one or more small modular nuclear reactors.

(3) "Small modular nuclear reactor" means an advanced nuclear reactor that produces nuclear power and has a power capacity of up to 500 megawatts per reactor.

(C) The commission may establish a small modular nuclear reactor pilot program, if such a program is endorsed by the Nuclear Advisory Council. A pilot program must include the following requirements:

(1) any entity that holds a current license from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to construct or operate at least one existing nuclear electrical generating facility at the time of the application may apply to the commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act;

(2) a certificate may be granted if obtaining a certification of public convenience and necessity would permit the applicant to apply for, use, or leverage at least thirty percent of the construction costs of the small modular nuclear reactor by utilizing any benefits or incentives available to lower the capital or operating costs including, but not limited to, governmental funds, tax credits, grants, and loan guarantees;

(3) the costs and benefits of a small modular nuclear reactor are reasonable and prudent compared to the levelized costs of electricity generation from other resources, applying any governmental tax credits and incentives. Factors that must be considered in levelized costs include fuel factors, economic and environmental benefits, and costs associated with any relative externalities;

(4) no more than three small modular nuclear reactors may receive a permit pursuant to this pilot program.

(D) An application for this pilot program must include:

(1) if the project's location:

(a) is on or adjacent to an existing or former coal electrical generation site;

(b) is on or adjacent to an existing nuclear facility;

(c) enables coal plant retirement or emissions reduction in the electrical utility's or the South Carolina Public Service Authority's balancing area; or

(d) supports diversity in energy production, reliability, and energy security;

(2) if the project is subject to competitive procurement or solicitation for services and equipment;

(3) a demonstration that the program's costs and benefits are reasonable and prudent and in the interest of South Carolina customers; and

(4) any other information the commission may wish to include in the application.

Nothing in this subsection limits any factors that the commission may consider in its determination of an application.

(E)(1) Reasonable and prudent costs incurred for a small modular nuclear reactor approved pursuant to this section shall be recoverable. In the event an electrical utility abandons a small modular nuclear reactor approved by the commission before its commercial operation, the electrical utility must provide a fulsome accounting to the commission of the circumstances of abandonment. Capital costs may only be recovered if the commission determines that the decision to abandon was reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest; however, these costs shall not include a rate of return. The commission may impose conditions it determines to be necessary to protect customers against unreasonable construction, development, or operational risk including, but not limited to, reporting, inspection, and the potential of requiring the utility to hire an independent third-party construction monitor to evaluate the prudency of the utility's actions and associated expense during the development of the project and construction of the reactor.

(2) The commission must not allow any cost recovery related to a small modular nuclear reactor outside of a rate case.

(F)(1) In addition to the small modular nuclear facility pilot program, electrical utilities and the South Carolina Public Service Authority are encouraged to evaluate the potential for deploying nuclear

facilities at suitable sites within this State. A "suitable site" may include sites of current nuclear facilities, sites where nuclear facilities have been proposed but not constructed, and brownfield sites, such as coal generation sites.

(2) When evaluating the potential of a nuclear facility, the applicant must provide notice and annual progress reports to the Public Utilities Review Committee, the Nuclear Advisory Council, and the commission. When available, the applicant must also provide cost estimates of the studies related to a potential nuclear facility to serve customers in South Carolina. This includes, but is not limited to, planning, licensing, and project development, the anticipated timeline of an early site permit, and current possibilities or barriers to co-ownership of such facilities, and available federal benefits which may defray costs of these facilities.

(3) In the event the commission finds cost estimates pursuant to item (2) are reasonable and prudent, the costs may be recoverable through rates, even if an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity have not been filed. However, these costs shall not include a rate of return.

(G) Nothing in this section relieves an electrical utility or the South Carolina Public Service Authority of the burden of filing for a certificate pursuant to this article and obtaining appropriate approvals from the commission before commencing construction.

SECTION 17. Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 3

Energy Infrastructure Projects

Section 58-37-100. As used in this article:

(1) "Agency" means any agency, department, board, commission, or political subdivision of this State. However, it does not include the Public Service Commission, except for Sections 58-37-110 and 58-37-120.

(2) "Application" means a written request made to an agency for grant of a permit or approval of an action of matter within the agency's jurisdiction pertaining to an energy infrastructure project.

(3) "Brownfield energy site" means an existing or former electrical generating site or other existing or former industrial site.

(4) "Energy corridor" means a corridor in which a utility or the South Carolina Public Service Authority has:

(a) transmission lines with a rated voltage of at least 110 kilovolts, including the substations, switchyards, and other appurtenant

facilities associated with such lines; or

(b) high pressure natural gas transmission pipelines and the metering, compression stations, valve station, and other appurtenant facilities associated with such lines.

(5) "Energy corridor project" means an energy infrastructure project that involves the expansion of electric or natural gas delivery capacity in whole or in principal part within an existing energy corridor.

(6) "Energy infrastructure project" means the construction, placement, authorization, or removal of energy infrastructure including, but not limited to, electric transmission and generation assets, natural gas transmission assets, and all associated or appurtenant infrastructure and activities, including communications and distribution infrastructure.

(7) "Permit" means a permit, certificate, approval, registration, encroachment permit, right of way, or other form of authorization.

(8) "Person" means an individual, corporation, association, partnership, trust, agency, or the State of South Carolina.

Section 58-37-110. (A) Given the importance of sufficient, reliable, safe, and economical energy to the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of South Carolina and to the state's economic development and prosperity, the General Assembly finds that the prompt siting, permitting, and completion of energy infrastructure projects, energy corridor projects, and brownfield electrical generation projects are crucial to the welfare of the State.

(B) All state agencies are instructed to give expedited review of applications for energy infrastructure projects, to provide reasonable and constructive assistance to applicants to allow the applicants to comply with state law and regulatory requirements as expeditiously as possible, and to be guided by the policy goals established in subsection (A).

(C) All state agencies are instructed to give due weight to the reduction in the environmental, aesthetic, and socioeconomic impacts that are incurred to support the safe, reliable, and economic provision of energy to the people of South Carolina when energy infrastructure projects can be located in existing energy corridors or on brownfield energy sites, and shall consider the relative reductions in such impacts compared to greenfield projects in evaluating projects in existing energy corridors or on brownfield energy sites.

Section 58-37-120. (A) Any agency presented with an application for a permit for an energy infrastructure project shall issue a decision on the application no later than six months after the date the application is received by the agency. If the agency fails to take final action within six months of receipt of the application, the application shall be deemed

approved, and the agency shall promptly issue documentation that the applicant may reasonably request establishing that the agency has granted the relief requested.

(B) Upon receipt of an application, the agency shall promptly review it for sufficiency and shall provide the applicant with a list of all deficiencies within thirty days of receipt. The identification by the agency of deficiencies in the application shall not toll the six-month period for agency determination.

Section 58-37-130. The applicant or any person whose private rights are affected by an agency decision or action on an application for a permit for any energy infrastructure project may appeal that decision or action to the South Carolina Supreme Court. The Supreme Court shall hear these appeals as direct appeals in accordance with the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. The Court shall provide for an expedited briefing and hearing of the appeal, in preference to all other nonemergency matters on its docket, and decide such appeals on an expedited basis.

Section 58-37-140. The provisions of this article shall expire ten years after its effective date.

SECTION 18. Section 58-40-10(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) "Customer-generator" means the owner, operator, lessee, or customer-generator lessee of an electric energy generation unit which:

(1) generates or discharges electricity from a renewable energy resource, including an energy storage device configured to receive electrical charge solely from an onsite renewable energy resource;

(2) has an electrical generating system with a capacity of:

(a)(i) not more than the lesser of one thousand kilowatts (1,000 kW AC) or one hundred percent of contract demand if a nonresidential customer; or

(ii) after June 1, 2024, not more than the lesser of five thousand kilowatts (5,000kW AC) or one hundred percent of contract demand for a nonresidential customer, provided the customer-generator is on a time-of-use rate schedule and any excess energy produced by the customer-generator is credited and reset at the end of each monthly period; or

(iii) more than five thousand kilowatts (5,000kW AC) if agreed to by the customer-generator and the electrical

utility, provided that the electrical utility submits the agreement to the commission for consideration and approval if the commission finds the agreement to contain appropriate ratemaking provisions and is in the public interest; or

(b) not more than twenty kilowatts (20 kW AC) if a residential customer;

(3) is located on a single premises owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by the customer;

(4) is interconnected and operates in parallel phase and synchronization with an electrical utility and complies with the applicable interconnection standards;

(5) is intended primarily to offset part or all of the customer-generator's own electrical energy requirements; and

(6) meets all applicable safety, performance, interconnection, and reliability standards established by the commission, the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Underwriters Laboratories, the federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and any local governing authorities.

SECTION 19. Section 58-41-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-41-30. (A) The ability to utilize clean energy resources for electric power generation is important to attract prospective commercial or industrial entities to invest in South Carolina and to encourage and incent robust economic growth in the State.

(B) The commission shall be responsive to the clean energy needs of customers and the economic development and industry retention implications for the State when reviewing and approving voluntary clean energy programs. The commission shall consider updates to these voluntary renewable energy programs on an ongoing basis.

(C) Within one hundred and twenty days of the effective date of this chapter, ~~subject to subsection (F),~~ each electrical utility shall file a proposed voluntary renewable energy program for review and approval by the commission, unless as of July 1, 2024, the electrical utility already has a voluntary renewable energy program that conforms with the requirements of this section on file with the commission. The commission shall conduct a proceeding to review the program and establish reasonable terms and conditions for the program. Interested parties shall have the right to participate in the proceeding. The commission ~~may~~must periodically hold additional proceedings to ~~update the program~~ evaluate whether updates to the programs are

necessary. At a minimum, each electrical utility must submit to the commission a program for which ~~the program shall provide that~~:

(1) the participating customer shall have the right to select the renewable energy facility and negotiate with the renewable energy supplier on the price to be paid by the participating customer for the energy, capacity, and clean energy environmental attributes of the renewable energy facility and the term of such agreement so long as such terms are consistent with the voluntary renewable program service agreement as approved by the commission;

(2) the renewable energy contract and the participating customer agreement must be of equal duration;

(3) in addition to paying a retail bill calculated pursuant to the rates and tariffs that otherwise would apply to the participating customer, reduced by the amount of the generation credit, a participating customer shall reimburse the electrical utility on a monthly basis for the amount paid by the electrical utility to the renewable energy supplier pursuant to the participating customer agreement and renewable energy contract, plus an administrative fee approved by the commission; and

(4) eligible customers must be allowed to bundle their demand under a single participating customer agreement and renewable energy contract and must be eligible annually to procure an amount of capacity as approved by the commission.

(D) The commission must approve voluntary renewable energy programs, in addition to those provided for in subsection (C), where the participating customer purchases clean energy environmental attributes of new or existing renewable energy facilities owned and operated and recovered on a cost-of-service basis by the electrical utility or otherwise supplies through the execution of agreements with third parties within the utility's balancing authority area. Voluntary renewable energy programs shall also facilitate behind-the-meter options for customers and access to renewable energy resource generation.

~~(B)~~(E) The commission may approve a program that provides for options that include, but are not limited to, both variable and fixed generation credit options.

~~(C)~~(F) The commission ~~may~~ shall limit the total portion of each electrical utility's voluntary renewable energy program that is eligible for the program at a level consistent with the public interest and shall provide standard terms and conditions for the participating customer agreement and the renewable energy contract, subject to

commission review and approval.

~~(D)~~(G) A participating customer shall bear the burden of any reasonable costs associated with participating in a voluntary renewable energy program. ~~An electrical utility may not charge any nonparticipating customers for any costs incurred pursuant to the provisions of this section.~~ Purchased power costs incurred by an electrical utility as a result of subsection (C) shall be recovered in the electrical utility's fuel clause pursuant to Section 58-27-865.

~~(E)~~(H) A renewable energy facility may be located anywhere in the electrical utility's service territory within the utility's balancing authority.

~~(F) If the commission determines that an electrical utility has a voluntary renewable energy program on file with the commission as of the effective date of this chapter, that conforms with the requirements of this section, the utility is not required to make a new filing to meet the requirements of subsection (A).~~

SECTION 20. Section 58-41-10 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(17) "Energy storage facilities" means any commercially available technology that is capable of absorbing energy and storing it for a period of time for use at a later time including, but not limited to, electrochemical, thermal, and electromechanical technologies.

SECTION 21. Section 58-41-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-41-20. (A) As soon as is practicable after the effective date of this chapter, the commission shall open a docket for the purpose of establishing each electrical utility's standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary to implement this section. Within six months after the effective date of this chapter, and at least once every twenty-four months thereafter, the commission shall approve each electrical utility's standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary to implement this section. Within such proceeding the commission shall approve one or more standard form power purchase agreements for use for qualifying small power production facilities not eligible for the standard offer. Such power purchase agreements shall contain provisions, including, but not limited to, provisions for force majeure, indemnification, choice of venue, and confidentiality provisions and other such terms, but shall not be determinative of price or length of the power purchase agreement. The commission may approve multiple form

power purchase agreements to accommodate various generation technologies and other project-specific characteristics. This provision shall not restrict the right of parties to enter into power purchase agreements with terms that differ from the commission-approved form(s). Any decisions by the commission shall be just and reasonable to the ratepayers of the electrical utility, in the public interest, consistent with PURPA and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's implementing regulations and orders, and nondiscriminatory to small power producers; and shall strive to reduce the risk placed on the using and consuming public.

(1) Proceedings conducted pursuant to this section shall be separate from the electrical utilities' annual fuel cost proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 58-27-865.

(2) Proceedings shall include an opportunity for intervention, discovery, filed comments or testimony, and an evidentiary hearing.

(B) In implementing this chapter, the commission shall treat small power producers on a fair and equal footing with electrical utility-owned resources by ensuring that:

(1) rates for the purchase of energy and capacity fully and accurately reflect the electrical utility's avoided costs;

(2) power purchase agreements, including terms and conditions, are commercially reasonable and consistent with regulations and orders promulgated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission implementing PURPA; and

(3) each electrical utility's avoided cost methodology fairly accounts for costs avoided by the electrical utility or incurred by the electrical utility, including, but not limited to, energy, capacity, and ancillary services provided by or consumed by small power producers including those utilizing energy storage equipment. Avoided cost methodologies approved by the commission may account for differences in costs avoided based on the geographic location and resource type of a small power producer's qualifying small power production facility.

(C) The avoided cost rates offered by an electrical utility to a small power producer not eligible for the standard offer must be calculated based on the avoided cost methodology most recently approved by the commission. In the event that a small power producer and an electrical utility are unable to mutually agree on an avoided cost rate, the small power producer shall have the right to have any disputed issues resolved by the commission in a formal complaint proceeding. The commission may require mediation prior to a formal complaint

proceeding.

(D) A small power producer shall have the right to sell the output of its facility to the electrical utility at the avoided cost rates and pursuant to the power purchase agreement then in effect by delivering an executed notice of commitment to sell form to the electrical utility. The commission shall approve a standard notice of commitment to sell form to be used for this purpose that provides the small power producer a reasonable period of time from its submittal of the form to execute a power purchase agreement. In no event, however, shall the small power producer, as a condition of preserving the pricing and terms and conditions established by its submittal of an executed commitment to sell form to the electrical utility, be required to execute a power purchase agreement prior to receipt of a final interconnection agreement from the electrical utility.

(E)(1) Electrical utilities shall file with the commission power purchase agreements entered into pursuant to PURPA, resulting from voluntary negotiation of contracts between an electrical utility and a small power producer not eligible for the standard offer.

(2) The commission is authorized to ~~open a generic docket for the purposes of creating programs~~ approve programs proposed by electrical utilities for the competitive procurement of energy and capacity from renewable energy facilities and, at the electrical utility's option, associated co-located energy storage ~~by an electrical utility~~ within the utility's balancing authority area if the commission determines such action to be in the public interest.

(3) In establishing standard offer and form contract power purchase agreements, the commission shall consider whether such power purchase agreements should prohibit any of the following:

(a) termination of the power purchase agreement, collection of damages from small power producers, or commencement of the term of a power purchase agreement prior to commercial operation, if delays in achieving commercial operation of the small power producer's facility are due to the electrical utility's interconnection delays; or

(b) the electrical utility reducing the price paid to the small power producer based on costs incurred by the electrical utility to respond to the intermittent nature of electrical generation by the small power producer.

(F)(1) Electrical utilities, subject to approval of the commission, shall offer to enter into fixed price power purchase agreements with small power producers for the purchase of energy and

capacity at avoided cost, with commercially reasonable terms and a duration of ten years. The commission may also approve commercially reasonable fixed price power purchase agreements with a duration longer than ten years, which must contain additional terms, conditions, and/or rate structures as proposed by intervening parties and approved by the commission, including, but not limited to, a reduction in the contract price relative to the ten year avoided cost. Notwithstanding any other language to the contrary, the commission will make such a determination in proceedings conducted pursuant to subsection (A). The avoided cost rates applicable to fixed price power purchase agreements entered into pursuant to this item shall be based on the avoided cost rates and methodologies as determined by the commission pursuant to this section. The terms of this subsection apply only to those small power producers whose qualifying small power production facilities have active interconnection requests on file with the electrical utility prior to the effective date of this act. The commission may determine any other necessary terms and conditions deemed to be in the best interest of the ratepayers. This item is not intended, and shall not be construed, to abrogate small power producers' rights under PURPA that existed prior to the effective date of the act.

(2) Once an electrical utility has executed interconnection agreements and power purchase agreements with qualifying small power production facilities located in South Carolina with an aggregate nameplate capacity equal to twenty percent of the previous five-year average of the electrical utility's South Carolina retail peak load, that electrical utility shall offer to enter into fixed price power purchase agreements with small power producers for the purchase of energy and capacity at avoided cost, with the terms, conditions, rates, and terms of length for contracts as determined by the commission in a separate docket or in a proceeding conducted pursuant to subsection (A). The commission is expressly directed to consider the potential benefits of terms with a longer duration to promote the state's policy of encouraging renewable energy.

(3) Any electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and associated co-located energy storage facilities that have been approved by the commission pursuant to Section 58-41-25 that is open to qualifying small power production facilities within the electrical utility’s balancing authority area in South Carolina may competitively procure new renewable energy capacity pursuant to that competitive solicitation process as a means of complying with the Public Utility Regulatory

Policies Act. Further, the commission must establish a five-year term for energy purchased at administratively established avoided cost rates outside of competitive procurement of renewable energy resources, with the exception of voluntarily negotiated agreements to serve the public interest, for any electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and associated co-located energy storage facilities that has been approved by the commission if the commission determines that doing so will incentivize participation in the competitive procurement process.

(G) Nothing in this section prohibits the commission from adopting various avoided cost methodologies or amending those methodologies in the public interest.

(H) Unless otherwise agreed to between the electrical utility and the small power producer, a power purchase agreement entered into pursuant to PURPA may not allow curtailment of qualifying facilities in any manner that is inconsistent with PURPA or implementing regulations and orders promulgated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

~~(I) The commission is authorized to employ, through contract or otherwise, third-party consultants and experts in carrying out its duties under this section, including, but not limited to, evaluating avoided cost rates, methodologies, terms, calculations, and conditions under this section. The commission is exempt from complying with the State Procurement Code in the selection and hiring of a third-party consultant or expert authorized by this subsection. The commission shall engage, for each utility, a qualified independent third party to submit a report that includes the third party's independently derived conclusions as to that third party's opinion of each utility's calculation of avoided costs for purposes of proceedings conducted pursuant to this section. The qualified independent third party is subject to the same ex parte prohibitions contained in Chapter 3, Title 58 as all other parties. The qualified independent third party shall submit all requests for documents and information necessary to their analysis under the authority of the commission and the commission shall have full authority to compel response to the requests. The qualified independent third party's duty will be to the commission. Any conclusions based on the evidence in the record and included in the report are intended to be used by the commission along with all other evidence submitted during the proceeding to inform its ultimate decision setting the avoided costs for each electrical utility. The utilities may require confidentiality agreements with the independent third party that do not impede the third-~~

~~party analysis. The utilities shall be responsive in providing all documents, information, and items necessary for the completion of the report. The independent third party shall also include in the report a statement assessing the level of cooperation received from the utility during the development of the report and whether there were any material information requests that were not adequately fulfilled by the electrical utility. Any party to this proceeding shall be able to review the report including the confidential portions of the report upon entering into an appropriate confidentiality agreement. The commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff may not hire the same third-party consultant or expert in the same proceeding or to address the same or similar issues in different proceedings.~~

~~(J)~~ (I) Each electrical utility's avoided cost filing must be reasonably transparent so that underlying assumptions, data, and results can be independently reviewed and verified by the parties and the commission. The commission may approve any confidentiality protections necessary to allow for independent review and verification of the avoided cost filing.

SECTION 22. Chapter 41, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-41-25. (A) Unless an electrical utility makes an application pursuant to subsection (F) or (G), electrical utilities may file for commission approval of a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy facilities which may also include, at the utility's option, associated co-located energy storage facilities, also referred to as "eligible facilities", or purchase one-hundred percent of the output from such eligible facilities, including all energy, capacity, ancillary services, and environmental and renewable attributes. Eligible facilities may be located anywhere in the electrical utility's balancing authority area to meet needs for new generation and energy storage resources identified by the electrical utility's integrated resource plan and associated filings. The commission may not grant approval unless the commission finds and determines that the electrical utility satisfied the requirements of this section and the proposed program is just and reasonable and in the best interests of the electrical utility's customers.

(B) An electrical utility's competitive procurement program filed pursuant to this section must describe the solicitation process, eligibility criteria, timelines, bid evaluation methodology, and identify whether resources procured are intended to also service customer-directed, renewable energy procurement programs. The program must be designed to procure renewable energy facilities and at the utility's

election, associated co-located energy storage resources, or the output of those facilities, subject to the following requirements:

(1) renewable energy facilities, and if applicable, energy storage resources, or their output, must be procured via a competitive solicitation process open to all market participants that meet minimum stated eligibility requirements;

(2) the electrical utility shall issue public notification of its intention to issue a competitive solicitation to procure renewable energy facilities and associated co-located energy storage facilities, if applicable, at least ninety days prior to the release of the solicitation, including identifying the proposed target procurement volume, procurement process, and timeline for administering the solicitation;

(3) renewable energy facilities eligible to participate in competitive procurement are those that use renewable generation resources identified in Section 58-39-120(F), which must also satisfy that electrical utility's capacity, energy, or operational needs, as identified by the electrical utility, and take into account the required operating characteristics of the needed capacity;

(4) energy storage facilities, if included by the electrical utility in the solicitation, must be associated equipment located at the same site as the renewable energy facility;

(5) electrical utilities may seek to ensure that their procurement of eligible facilities results in a reasonable balance of ownership of eligible facilities between such utility, including its affiliates and unrelated market participants, and may offer self-developed proposals. However, if an electrical utility or its affiliate seeks to participate in the procurement, the electrical utility's program must include an independent evaluator to evaluate all bids offered and to ensure they are fairly and competitively evaluated. For purposes of this section, "independent evaluator" means an independent third party retained by the electrical utility that has no ownership in the electrical utility or a market participant and has the skills and experience necessary to oversee the solicitation process and provide the utility with an independent evaluation of all proposals for ultimate selection. At the conclusion of the solicitation, the independent evaluator shall report to the commission on the openness and fairness of the bid evaluation process and certify that the selection of proposals adhered to the evaluation methodology and requirement of the program.

(C) An electrical utility must make the following publicly available at least forty-five days prior to each competitive solicitation:

(1) pro-forma contract to inform prospective market participants

of the procurement terms and conditions for the output purchased by the electrical utility from eligible resources. The pro-forma contract must:

(a) provide for the purchase of renewable energy, capacity, and environmental and renewable attributes from renewable energy facilities owned and operated by third parties that commit to allow the procuring electrical utility rights to dispatch, operate, and control the solicited renewable energy facilities in the same manner as the electrical utility's own generating resources;

(b) include standardized and commercially reasonable requirements for contract performance security; and

(c) define limits and compensation for resource dispatch and curtailments.

In the event an electrical utility chooses to procure output from co-located storage, the pro-forma contract must also cover similar terms and conditions as specified herein for those eligible facilities.

(2) pro-forma agreements to govern the procurement of eligible facilities by the electrical utility from market participants;

(3) bid evaluation methodology that ensures all bids are treated equitably, including price and non-price evaluation criteria; and

(4) interconnection requirements, including specification of how bids without existing interconnection agreements will be treated for purposes of evaluation.

(D) After bids are submitted and evaluated, the electrical utility will elect the winning bids based upon the public evaluation methodology.

(E) An electrical utility shall file with the commission a public report summarizing the results of each competitive solicitation within thirty days of finalizing the contract with the winning bidder. The report must include, at a minimum, a summary of the bids received and an anonymized list of the project awards, including size, location, and average award price and tenor.

(F) Nothwithstanding the requirements in subsections (B) and (C), the results of all other competitive procurement programs undertaken by an electrical utility within its balancing authority area outside of South Carolina that will serve customers in the electrical utility's balancing authority area within South Carolina and are open to equal participation by eligible facilities located within South Carolina may be approved by the commission if the commission determines such programs enable economic, reliable, and safe operation of the electricity grid in a manner consistent with the public interest. For purposes of this section, "public interest" shall also include the ability of customers to subscribe to customer programs which leverage the competitively procured solar and

potential storage contemplated within this section. Any electrical utility that requests acceptance of a system-wide procurement pursuant to this section must demonstrate to the commission that the utility has adhered to subsection (D) as defined in that specific competitive procurement program and submit the post-solicitation report to the commission, as required by subsection (E).

(G) The commission may determine that a competitive procurement program within an electrical utility's balancing authority area outside of South Carolina that serves customers in the utility's area within South Carolina and is open to equal participation by eligible facilities located within South Carolina satisfies the requirements of this section.

(H) Electrical utilities are permitted to recover costs incurred pursuant to this section, including reasonable and prudent administrative costs to develop and propose procurements under this section, and if approved by the commission, the costs resulting from such procurements through rates established pursuant to Section 58-27-865 or otherwise through rates established pursuant to Section 58-27-870. If the commission denies an application made pursuant to subsection (F) or (G) of this section, and the utility continues with the procurement, then the utility must allocate all costs and benefits associated with the resources being procured away from South Carolina customers.

(I) An electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and storage facilities that has been approved by the commission pursuant to Section 58-41-25 that is open to qualifying small power production facilities located in South Carolina may utilize such programs as means to satisfy its purchase obligations for avoidable capacity from qualifying small power production facilities under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, consistent with Section 58-41-20(F)(3).

SECTION 23. A. Section 58-33-20 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(10) The term "like facility" with reference to generation facilities and without limitation, includes a facility or facilities that are proposed to provide capacity on a site currently or previously used for siting electric generation that replaces the capacity of a facility or facilities that are being retired, downrated, mothballed, or dedicated to standby or emergency service at the same site, limited to facilities no more than 300 megawatts, so long as those new facilities will provide an amount of effective load-carrying capacity that in whole or in part will serve to replace the capacity to be lost as a result of retirement, and includes associated transmission facilities needed to deliver power from that

facility to customers. A "like facility" with reference to transmission facilities, and without limitation, includes any facility that represents the rebuilding, reconductoring, paralleling, increasing voltage, adding circuits or otherwise reconfiguring of an existing transmission line or other transmission facilities including, without limitation, projects to increase the capacity of such facilities, provided such facilities are: (a) located materially within a utility right of way or corridor; (b) located materially within a new right of way or corridor; or (c) substantially located on the property of a customer, prospective customer, or the State.

B. Section 58-33-20(2)(a) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) The term "major utility facility" means:

(a) electric generating plant and associated facilities designed for, or capable of, operation at a capacity of more than seventy-five megawatts or that requires a footprint of more than one hundred twenty-five acres of land.

SECTION 24. Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Article 3

Certification of Major Utility Facilities

Section 58-33-110. (1) No person shall commence to construct a major utility facility without first having obtained a certificate issued with respect to such facility by the Commission. The replacement of an existing facility with a like facility, as determined by the Commission, shall not constitute construction of a major utility facility. Upon application for a determination by the Commission that a proposed utility facility constitutes a like facility replacement, the Commission must issue a written order approving or denying the application within sixty days of filing. If the Commission fails to issue a written order within sixty days of the application's filing, the application shall be deemed as approved. Any facility, with respect to which a certificate is required, shall be constructed, operated and maintained in conformity with the certificate and any terms, conditions and modifications contained therein. A certificate may only be issued pursuant to this chapter; provided, however, any authorization relating to a major utility facility granted under other laws administered by the Commission shall constitute a certificate if the requirements of this chapter have been complied with in the proceeding leading to the granting of such authorization.

(2) A certificate may be transferred, subject to the approval of the Commission, to a person who agrees to comply with the terms, conditions and modifications contained therein.

(3) A certificate may be amended.

(4) This chapter shall not apply to any major utility facility:

(a) the construction of which is commenced within one year after January 1, 1972; or

(b) for which, prior to January 1, 1972, an application for the approval has been made to any federal, state, regional, or local governmental agency which possesses the jurisdiction to consider the matters prescribed for finding and determination in subsection (1) of Section 58-33-160.

(c) for which, prior to January 1, 1972, a governmental agency has approved the construction of the facility and indebtedness has been incurred to finance all or part of the cost of such construction;

(d) which is a hydroelectric generating facility over which the ~~Federal Power Commission~~Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has licensing jurisdiction; or

(e) which is a transmission line or associated electrical transmission facilities constructed by the South Carolina Public Service Authority~~,~~: (i) for which construction either is commenced within one year after January 1, 2022~~,~~; ~~or~~ (ii) which is necessary to maintain system reliability in connection with the closure of the Winyah Generating Station, provided that such transmission is not for generation subject to this chapter; or (iii) which is necessary to serve an identified commercial or industrial customer to promote economic development or industry retention as determined by the South Carolina Public Service Authority and agreed to by the Office of Regulatory Staff where such agreement is documented in a letter by the Office of Regulatory Staff to the Public Utilities Review Committee and the commission.

(5) Any person intending to construct a major utility facility excluded from this chapter pursuant to subsection (4) of this section or Section 58-33-20(10) may elect to waive the exclusion by delivering notice of the waiver to the Commission. This chapter shall thereafter apply to each major utility facility identified in the notice from the date of its receipt by the Commission.

(6) The Commission shall have authority to waive the normal notice and hearing requirements of this chapter and to issue a certificate on an emergency basis if it finds that immediate construction of a major utility facility is justified by public convenience and necessity; provided, that the Public Service Commission shall notify all parties

concerned under Section 58-33-140 prior to the issuance of such certificate; provided, further, that the Commission may subsequently require a modification of the facility if, after giving due consideration to the major utility facility, available technology and the economics involved, it finds such modification necessary in order to minimize the environmental impact.

(7) The Commission shall have authority, where justified by public convenience and necessity, to grant permission to a person who has made application for a certificate under Section 58-33-120 to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging and construction.~~,~~ ~~provided, ,~~ No permission from the Commission shall be required to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging, and initial construction of any facility which constitutes a component of the preferred generation plan in an integrated resource plan or update approved by the Commission pursuant to Chapter 37 of this title, or any like facility; provided that in engaging in such clearing, excavation, dredging or construction, the person shall proceed at his own risk, and such permission shall not in any way indicate approval by the Commission of the proposed site or facility.

(8)(a) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of item (7), and not limiting the provisions above, a person may not commence construction of a major utility facility for generation in the State of South Carolina without first having made a demonstration~~ In seeking a certificate, the applicant must provide credible information demonstrating that the facility to be built has been compared to other generation options in terms of cost, reliability, schedule constraints, fuel cost and availability, transmission constraints and costs, ancillary services capabilities, current and reasonably expected future environmental costs and restrictions, that the facility supports system efficiency and reliability in light of those considerations, and any other regulatory implications deemed legally or reasonably necessary for consideration by the commission. The commission is authorized to adopt rules for such evaluation of other generation options.

(b) The ~~commission may, upon a showing of a need, require a commission-approved process that includes~~ Office of Regulatory Staff may provide to the commission a report that includes any or all of the following:

(i) ~~the~~ an assessment of an unbiased independent evaluator retained by the Office of Regulatory Staff as to reasonableness of any certificate sought under this section for new generation;

(ii) a report from the independent evaluator to the

commission regarding the transparency, completeness, and integrity of bidding processes, if any;

(iii) an assessment of whether there was a reasonable period for interested parties to review and comment on proposed requests for proposals, bid instructions, and bid evaluation criteria, if any, prior to finalization and issuance, subject to any trade secrets that could hamper future negotiations; however, the independent evaluator may access all such information;

~~(iv) independent evaluator access and review of final bid evaluation criteria and pricing information for any and all projects to be evaluated in comparison to the request for proposal bids received;~~

~~(v) access through discovery, subject to appropriate confidentiality, attorney-client privilege or trade secret restrictions, for parties to this proceeding to documents developed in preparing the certificate of public convenience and necessity application;~~

~~(vi)~~ (iv) ~~a demonstration that~~ an assessment of whether the facility is consistent with an integrated resource plan or update ~~approved by~~ previously filed with the commission or is otherwise justified by generation planning modeling comparable to that filed as part of the utility's integrated resource plan but updated with current data concerning system loads, fuel prices, environmental regulations, location-specific transmission costs, updated construction costs and updated construction timelines, updated costs of gas supply facilities, if any, and other relevant costs, schedules or inputs establishing that the facility in question supports system economy and reliability; and

~~(vii)~~ (v) an assessment detailing the treatment of utility affiliates ~~in the same manner~~ as compared to nonaffiliates participating in the request for proposal process, if any.

(9) The applicant may, but must not be required to, issue requests for proposals or otherwise conduct market procurement activities in support of the showings required pursuant to this chapter.

(10) Not withstanding any other provision in this section, an electrical utility serving customers in this state may seek a certificate of public convenience and necessity when building a major utility facility, as defined in Section 58-33-20(2), in another state but within the electrical utility's balancing area serving customers in South Carolina. In such a case, the provisions of Sections 58-33-120, 58-33-140, and 58-33-160(1)(b), (c), and (e) shall not apply, but all other requirements of this section affecting customers in this state shall apply. In addition:

(a) an applicant for a certificate shall file an application with the commission in such form as the commission may prescribe. The application must contain the following information:

(i) a description of the location and of the major utility facility to be built;

(ii) a summary of any studies which have been made by or for the applicant of the environmental impact of the major utility facility;

(iii) a statement explaining the need for the major utility facility;

(iv) any other information the applicant may consider relevant or as the commission may by regulation require. A copy of the report referred to in item (8)(b) must be filed with the commission, if ordered by the commission, and shall be available for public information.

(b) The parties to a proceeding for a certificate pursuant to this section shall include:

(i) the applicant;

(ii) the Office of Regulatory Staff; and

(iii) intervenors with standing as approved by the commission.

(c) If the commission denies an application made pursuant to this section and the utility continues to build such major utility facility, the utility must allocate all costs and benefits associated with the major utility facility away from the utility's South Carolina customers.

Section 58-33-120. (1) An applicant for a certificate shall file an application with the commission, in such form as the commission may prescribe. The application must contain the following information:

(a) a description of the location and of the major utility facility to be built;

(b) a summary of any studies which have been made by or for applicant of the environmental impact of the facility;

(c) a statement explaining the need for the facility; and

(d) any other information as the applicant may consider relevant or as the commission may by regulation ~~or order~~ require. A copy of the study referred to in item (b) above shall be filed with the commission, if ordered, and shall be available for public information.

(2) Each application shall be accompanied by proof of service of a copy of the application on the Office of Regulatory Staff, the chief executive officer of each municipality, and the head of each state and local government agency, charged with the duty of protecting the environment or of planning land use, in the area in the county in which any portion of the facility is to be located. The copy of the application shall be accompanied by a notice specifying the date on or about which the application is to be filed.

(3) Each application also must be accompanied by proof that public notice was given to persons residing in the municipalities entitled to receive notice under subsection (2) of this section, by the publication of a summary of the application, and the date on or about which it is to be filed, in newspapers of general circulation as will serve substantially to inform such persons of the application.

(4) Inadvertent failure of service on, or notice to, any of the municipalities, government agencies, or persons identified in subsections (2) and (3) of this section may be cured pursuant to orders of the commission designed to afford them adequate notice to enable their effective participation in the proceeding. In addition, the commission may, after filing, require the applicant to serve notice of the application or copies thereof, or both, upon such other persons, and file proof thereof, as the commission may deem appropriate.

(5) An application for an amendment of a certificate shall be in such form and contain such information as the commission shall prescribe. Notice of the application shall be given as set forth in subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

Section 58-33-130. (1) Upon the receipt of an application complying with Section 58-33-120, the Commission shall promptly fix a date for the commencement of a public hearing, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after the receipt, and ~~shall conclude the proceedings as expeditiously as practicable~~ complete the hearing and issue an order on the merits within one hundred eighty days of receipt of the application.

(2) The testimony presented at the hearing may be presented in writing or orally, ~~provided~~ that the Commission may make rules designed to exclude repetitive, redundant or irrelevant testimony; however, all expert testimony must be prefiled with the Commission, with responsive expert testimony of non-applicants being received with enough time for the applicant to meaningfully respond, and in no case would expert testimony be filed less than twenty days before the hearing.

~~(2)~~(3) On an application for an amendment of a

certificate, the Commission shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held on an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any significant increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of the facility; provided, that the Public Service Commission shall forward a copy of the application to all parties upon the filing of an application.

Section 58-33-140. (1) The parties to a certification proceeding shall include:

(a) the applicant;

(b) the Office of Regulatory Staff, the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism;

(c) each municipality and government agency entitled to receive service of a copy of the application under subsection (2) of Section 58-33-120 if it has filed with the commission a notice of intervention as a party within thirty days after the date it was served with a copy of the application; and

(d) any person residing in a municipality entitled to receive service of a copy of the application under subsection (2) of Section 58-33-120, any domestic nonprofit organization, formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health, or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interest, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the facility is to be located; or any other person, if such a person or organization has petitioned the commission for leave to intervene as a party, within thirty days after the date given in the published notice as the date for filing the application, and if the petition has been granted by the commission for good cause shown.

(2) Any person may make a limited appearance in the sixty days after the date given in the published notice as the date for filing the application. No person making a limited appearance shall be a party or shall have the right to present oral testimony or argument or cross-examine witnesses.

(3) The commission may, in extraordinary circumstances for good cause shown, and giving consideration to the need for timely start of construction of the facility, grant a petition for leave to intervene as a party to participate in subsequent phases of the proceeding, filed by a municipality, government agency, person, or organization which is identified in paragraphs (b) or (c) of subsection (1)

of this section, but which failed to file a timely notice of intervention or petition for leave to intervene, as the case may be.

Section 58-33-150. A record shall be made of ~~the~~any hearing and of all testimony taken and the cross-examination thereon. ~~Upon request of a party, either before or after the decision, a State agency which proposed to or does require a condition to be included in the certificate as provided for in Section 58-33-160 shall furnish for the record all factual findings, documents, studies, rules, regulations, standards, or other documentation, supporting the condition.~~ The Commission may provide for the consolidation of the representation of parties having similar interests.

Section 58-33-160. (1) The Commission shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions or modifications of the construction, operation or maintenance of the major utility facility as the Commission may deem appropriate; such conditions shall be as determined by the applicable State agency having jurisdiction or authority under statutes, rules, regulations or standards promulgated thereunder, and the conditions shall become a part of the certificate. The Commission ~~may not~~must grant a certificate for the construction, operation and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the Commission, ~~unless it shall find and determine~~if it finds and determines that the applicant has shown:

(a) The basis of the need for the facility.

(b) The nature of the probable environmental impact.

(c) That the impact of the facility upon the environment is justified, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives and other pertinent considerations.

(d) That the facilities will serve the interests of system economy and reliability, and in the case of generating facilities, will do so considering reasonably available alternatives and their associated costs, risks, and operating attributes.

(e) That there is reasonable assurance that the proposed facility will conform to applicable State and local laws and regulations issued thereunder, including any allowable variance provisions therein, except that the Commission may refuse to apply any local law or local regulation if it finds that, as applied to the proposed facility, such law or regulation is unreasonably restrictive in view of the existing technology, or of factors of cost or economics or of the needs of consumers whether located inside or outside of the directly affected

government subdivisions.

(f) That public convenience and necessity require the construction of the facility.

(2) If the Commission determines that the location of all or a part of the proposed facility should be modified, it may condition its certificate upon such modification, provided that the municipalities and persons residing therein affected by the modification shall have been given reasonable notice.

(3) A copy of the decision and any ~~opinion~~ order shall be served by the Commission upon each party.

Section 58-33-170. In rendering a decision on an application for a certificate, the Commission shall issue an ~~opinion~~order stating its reasons for the action taken. If the Commission has found that any regional or local law or regulation, which would be otherwise applicable, is unreasonably restrictive pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of Section 58-33-160, it shall state in its ~~opinion~~ order the reasons therefor.

Section 58-33-180. (A)~~(1)~~ In addition to the requirements of Articles 1, 3, 5, and 7 of Chapter 33, Title 58, a certificate for the construction of a major utility facility shall be granted only if the Public Service Authority demonstrates and proves by a preponderance of the evidence and the commission finds:

~~(a)~~(1) the construction of a major utility facility constitutes a more cost-effective means for serving direct serve and wholesale customers than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives and provides less ratepayer risk while maintaining safe and reliable electric service than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives; and

~~(b)~~(2) energy efficiency measures; demand-side management; renewable energy resource generation; available long-term power supply alternatives, or any combination thereof, would not establish or maintain a more cost-effective and reliable generation system and that the construction and operation of the facility is in the public interest.

~~(2)~~(B) Available long-term power supply alternatives may include, but are not limited to, power purchase agreements, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof.

~~(3)~~(C) The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's resource and fuel diversity, reasonably anticipated future operating costs, arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

~~(B)~~(D)The Public Service Authority shall file an estimate of construction costs in such detail as the commission may require. ~~No certificate shall be granted unless the commission has approved the estimated construction costs and made a finding that construction will be consistent with the Authority's commission-approved plan for expansion of electric generating capacity.~~

Section 58-33-185. (A) The Public Service Authority may not ~~enter into a contract for the acquisition of~~ acquire a major utility facility without approval of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, provided that the approval is required only to the extent the transaction is not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any other federal agency.

(B)(1) In acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section, the Public Service Authority must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the proposed transaction constitutes a more cost-effective means for serving direct serve and wholesale customers than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives and provides less ratepayer risk while maintaining safe and reliable electric service than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives. The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

(2) Available long-term power supply alternatives may include, but not be limited to, power purchase agreements of a different duration than proposed, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination

thereof.

(C) Application for the approval of the commission shall be made by the Public Service Authority and shall contain a concise statement of the proposed action, the reasons therefor, and such other information as may be required by the commission.

(D) Upon the receipt of an application, the commission shall promptly fix a date for the commencement of a public hearing, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after the receipt, and shall conclude the proceedings as expeditiously as practicable. The commission shall establish notice requirements and proceedings shall include an opportunity for intervention, discovery, filed comments or testimony, and an evidentiary hearing.

(E) The commission shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions or modifications as the commission may deem appropriate.

(F)(1) The commission may not grant approval unless it shall find and determine that the Public Service Authority satisfied all requirements of this section and the proposed transaction is in the best interests of the retail and wholesale customers of the Public Service Authority.

(2) The commission also may require compliance with any provision of Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 that the commission determines necessary to grant approval.

Section 58-33-190. (1) The Public Service Authority may not enter into a contract for the purchase of power with a duration longer than ten years without approval of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, provided that the approval is required only to the extent the transaction is not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any other federal agency. This section does not apply to purchases of renewable power through a commission approved competitive procurement process.

(2) The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's resource and fuel diversity, reasonably anticipated future operating costs, arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power, and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

(3) The commission may not grant approval unless it

shall find and determine that the proposed transaction is in the best interests of the retail and wholesale customers of the Public Service Authority.

SECTION 25. Section 58-37-40 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-40. (A) Electrical utilities, electric cooperatives, municipally owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority must each prepare an integrated resource plan. An integrated resource plan must be prepared and submitted at least every three years. Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring interstate natural gas companies whose rates and services are regulated only by the federal government or gas utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the commission to prepare and submit an integrated resource plan.

(1) Each electrical utility with one hundred thousand or more customer accounts and the Public Service Authority must submit its integrated resource plan to the commission. The integrated resource plan must be posted on the electrical utility's website and on the commission's website.

(2) Electric cooperatives, electric utilities with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts, and municipally owned electric utilities shall each submit an integrated resource plan to the State Energy Office. Each integrated resource plan must be posted on the State Energy Office's website. If an electric cooperative, electric utility with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts, or municipally owned utility has a website, its integrated resource plan must also be posted on its website. For distribution~~,~~ electric cooperatives that are members of a cooperative that provides wholesale service, the integrated resource plan may be coordinated and consolidated into a single plan provided that nonshared resources or programs of individual distribution cooperatives are highlighted. Where plan components listed in subsection (B)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to a distribution or wholesale cooperative or a municipally owned electric utility as a result of the cooperative or the municipally owned electric utility not owning or operating generation resources, the plan may state that fact or refer to the plan of the wholesale power generator. Where plan components listed in subsection (B)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to an electrical utility with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts as a result of its own generation resources being comprised of more than seventy-five percent renewable energy or because it purchases wholesale load balancing generation services, then the plan may state that fact or refer to the plan of the wholesale power generator. For purposes of this

section, a wholesale power generator does not include a municipally created joint agency if that joint agency receives at least seventy-five percent of its electricity from a generating facility owned in partnership with an electrical utility and that electrical utility:

(a) generally serves the area in which the joint agency's members are located; and

(b) is responsible for dispatching the capacity and output of the generated electricity.

(3) The South Carolina Public Service Authority shall submit its integrated resource plan to the commission. The Public Service Authority shall develop a public process allowing for input from all stakeholders prior to submitting the integrated resource plan. The integrated resource plan must be developed in consultation with the electric cooperatives and municipally owned electric utilities purchasing power and energy from the Public Service Authority and consider any feedback provided by retail customers and shall include the effect of demand-side management activities of the electric cooperatives and municipally owned electric utilities that directly purchase power and energy from the Public Service Authority or sell power and energy generated by the Public Service Authority. The integrated resource plan must be posted on the commission's website and on the Public Service Authority's website.

(4)(a) In addition to the requirements of Section 58-37-40(B), the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan shall include an analysis of long-term power supply alternatives and enumerate the cost of various resource portfolios over various study periods including a twenty-year study period and, by comparison on a net present value basis, identify the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements while maintaining safe and reliable electric service.

(b) In addition to the requirements of Section 58-37-40(B), the commission shall review and evaluate the Public Service Authority's analysis of long-term power supply alternatives and various resource portfolios over various study periods including a twenty-year study period and, by comparison on a net present value basis, identify the most cost-effective and lowest ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements while maintaining safe and reliable electric service. The commission's evaluation shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) evaluating the cost-effectiveness and

ratepayer-risk of self-build generation and transmission options compared with various long-term power supply alternatives, including power purchase agreements, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof. In evaluating and identifying the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio, the commission shall strive to reduce the risk to ratepayers associated with any generation and transmission options while maintaining safe and reliable electric service; and

(ii) an analysis of any potential cost savings that might accrue to ratepayers from the retirement of remaining coal generation assets.

(c) The Authority's integrated resource plan must provide the information required in Section 58-37-40(B) and must be developed in consultation with the electric cooperatives, including Central Electric Power Cooperative, and municipally owned electric utilities purchasing power and energy from the Public Service Authority, and consider any feedback provided by retail customers and shall include the effect of demand-side management activities of the electric cooperatives, including Central Electric Power Cooperative, and municipally owned electric utilities that directly purchase power and energy from the Public Service Authority or sell power and energy generated by the Public Service Authority. The Integrated Resource Plan of the South Carolina Public Service Authority shall include and evaluate at least one resource portfolio, which will reflect the closure of the Winyah Generating Station by 2028, designed to provide safe and reliable electric service while meeting a net zero carbon emission goal by the year 2050.

(B)(1) An integrated resource plan shall include all of the following:

(a) a long-term forecast of the utility's sales and peak demand under various reasonable scenarios;

(b) the type of generation technology proposed for a generation facility contained in the plan and the proposed capacity of the generation facility, including fuel cost sensitivities under various reasonable scenarios;

(c) projected energy purchased or produced by the utility from a renewable energy resource;

(d) a summary of the electrical transmission

investments planned by the utility;

(e) several resource portfolios developed with the purpose of fairly evaluating the range of demand-side, supply-side, storage, and other technologies and services available to meet the utility's service obligations. Such portfolios and evaluations must include an evaluation of low, medium, and high cases for the adoption of renewable energy and cogeneration, energy efficiency, and demand response measures, including consideration of the following:

(i) customer energy efficiency and demand response programs;

(ii) facility retirement assumptions; and

(iii) sensitivity analyses related to fuel costs, environmental regulations, and other uncertainties or risks;

(f) data regarding the utility's current generation portfolio, including the age, licensing status, and remaining estimated life of operation for each facility in the portfolio;

(g) plans for meeting current and future capacity needs with the cost estimates for all proposed resource portfolios in the plan;

(h) an analysis of the cost and reliability impacts of all reasonable options available to meet projected energy and capacity needs; ~~and~~

(i) a forecast of the utility's peak demand, details regarding the amount of peak demand reduction the utility expects to achieve, and the actions the utility proposes to take in order to achieve that peak demand reduction; and

(j) a report addressing updates to the utility's transmission plan under the utility's open-access transmission tariff pursuant to the federal jurisdiction planning process. In this report, the utility shall describe if applicable planned transmission improvements may enable specific siting of new resources or provide expected and planned impacts to other resource interconnection constraints or operations of the systems. The utility shall also describe how it evaluated alternate transmission technologies when developing solutions for identified transmission needs for interconnecting resources.

(2) An integrated resource plan may include distribution resource plans or integrated system operation plans.

(C)(1) The commission shall have a proceeding to review each electrical utility subject to subsection (A)(1) and the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan. As part of the integrated resource plan filing, the commission shall allow intervention by

interested parties. The procedural schedule shall include dates for completion of each phase of discovery, including discovery related to the integrated resource plan as filed, direct testimony of the applicant, direct testimony of the Office of Regulatory Staff and other parties and intervenors, and rebuttal testimony of the applicant. Except upon showing exceptional circumstances, all discovery shall be served in time to allow its completion, but not less than ten days prior to the hearing. The commission shall establish a procedural schedule to permit reasonable discovery after an integrated resource plan is filed in order to assist parties in obtaining evidence concerning the integrated resource plan, including the reasonableness and prudence of the plan and alternatives to the plan raised by intervening parties. No later than three hundred days after an electrical utility files an integrated resource plan, the commission shall issue a final order approving, modifying, or denying the plan filed by the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority.

(2) The commission shall approve an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan if the commission determines that the proposed integrated resource plan represents the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's energy and capacity needs as of the time the plan is reviewed. ~~To determine whether the integrated resource plan is the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting energy and capacity needs, the commission, in its discretion, shall consider whether the plan appropriately balances the following factors.~~ In reviewing an integrated resource plan, the commission shall give due consideration as to the resources and actions necessary for the utility to fulfill compliance and reliability obligations pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, the Southeastern Electric Reliability Council, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, as well as environmental requirements applicable to resources serving customers in this state. Matters related to the scope and sufficiency of an electrical utility’s demand-side plans and activities shall be considered exclusively in proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 58-37-20. In reviewing an integrated resource plan, the commission shall focus its review on the decisions which the applicant must make in the near term based on the triennial integrated resource plan under consideration at the time and shall approve a plan if it finds that the plan appropriately balances the following factors:

(a) resource adequacy and capacity to serve

anticipated peak electrical load, including the need for electric capacity and energy required to support economic development and industry retention in the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's service territory and to meet applicable planning reserve margins;

(b) consumer affordability and least reasonable cost, considering the resources needed to support economic development and industry retention, and other risks and benefits;

(c) compliance with applicable state and federal environmental regulations;

(d) power supply reliability;

(e) commodity price risks;

(f) diversity of generation supply; ~~and~~

(g) the efficiencies and optimum plans for any electrical utility system spanning state lines located within the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's balancing authority area; and

(h) other foreseeable conditions that the commission determines to be for the public's interest.

(3) In modifying or rejecting an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan, the commission shall only require revisions that are reasonably anticipated to materially change resource procurement decisions to be made on the basis of the integrated resource plan under review. If the commission modifies or rejects an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan, the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority, within sixty days after the date of the final order, shall submit a revised plan addressing concerns identified by the commission and incorporating commission-mandated revisions to the integrated resource plan to the commission for approval. Within sixty days of the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's revised filing, the Office of Regulatory Staff shall review the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's revised plan and submit a report to the commission assessing the sufficiency of the revised filing. Other parties to the integrated resource plan proceeding also may submit comments. No later than sixty days after the Office of Regulatory Staff report is filed with the commission, the commission at its discretion may determine whether to accept the revised integrated resource plan or to mandate further remedies that the commission deems appropriate.

(4) The submission, review, and acceptance of an integrated resource plan by the commission, or the inclusion of any specific resource ~~or experience~~ in an accepted integrated resource plan, shall not be determinative of the reasonableness or prudence of the

acquisition or construction of any resource or the making of any expenditure. An electrical utility shall retain the burden of proof to show that all of its investments and expenditures are reasonable and prudent when seeking cost recovery in rates.

(D)(1) An electrical utility and the Public Service Authority shall each submit annual updates to its integrated resource plan to the commission. An annual update must include an update to the electric utility's or the Public Service Authority's base planning assumptions relative to its most recently accepted integrated resource plan, including, but not limited to: energy and demand forecast, commodity fuel price inputs, renewable energy forecast, energy efficiency and demand-side management forecasts, changes to projected retirement dates of existing units, along with other inputs the commission deems to be for the public interest. The electrical utility's or Public Service Authority's annual update must describe the impact of the updated base planning assumptions on the selected resource plan.

(2) The Office of Regulatory Staff shall review each electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's annual update and submit a report within ninety days to the commission providing a recommendation concerning the reasonableness of the annual update. After reviewing the annual update and the Office of Regulatory Staff report, the commission may accept the annual update or direct the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority to make changes to the annual update that the commission determines to be in the public interest within sixty days from the submittal of the Office of Regulatory Staff's report.

(E) Intervenors shall bear their own costs of participating in proceedings before the commission.

~~(E)~~(F) The commission is authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 26. Section 58-3-260 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-260. (A) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Proceeding" means a contested case, generic proceeding, or other matter to be adjudicated, decided, or arbitrated by the commission.

(2) "Person" means a party to a proceeding pending before the commission, a member of the Office of Regulatory Staff, a representative of a party to a proceeding pending before the commission, individuals, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, elected officials of state government, and other public and elected officials.

(3) "Communication" means the transmitting of information by any mode including, but not limited to, oral, written, or electronic.

(4) "Allowable ex parte communication briefing" means any communication that is conducted pursuant to the procedure outlined in subsection (C)(6) of this section.

(5) "Communication of supplemental legal citation" means the submission, subsequent to the submission of post-hearing briefs or proposed orders in a proceeding, of statutes, regulations, judicial or administrative decisions that are enacted, promulgated, or determined after the submission of post-hearing briefs or proposed orders.

(6) "Issue" means a specific request for relief or for other action from the commission in a pending or anticipated matter, legal or regulatory arguments, and policy considerations. "Issue" does not include:

(a) general information concerning the operations, administration, planning, projects, customer service, storms or storm response, accidents, outages, or investments of an entity regulated by the commission that is not confidential and proprietary and is available to the public; or

(b) any confidential information that affects energy security, such as physical or cybersecurity matters, provided that such information is also provided to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

Any communication pursuant to subitems (a) or (b) that does not contain a specific request for relief or for other action from the commission in a pending matter or anticipated matter and is provided to the commission must be in writing and must be posted on the commission's website with any confidential information redacted.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided herein or unless required for the disposition of ex parte matters specifically authorized by law, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee shall not communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any issue that is an issue in any proceeding or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in any proceeding with any person without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate in the communication, nor shall any person communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any issue that is an issue in any proceeding or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in any proceeding with any commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate in

the communication.

(2) Commissioners must limit their consideration of matters before them to the record presented by the parties and may not rely on material not presented in the record by the parties.

(C) The following communications are exempt from the prohibitions of subsection (B) of this section:

(1) a communication concerning compliance with procedural requirements if the procedural matter is not an area of controversy in a proceeding;

(2) statements made by a commission employee who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in formulating a decision, rule, or order in a proceeding, where the statements are limited to providing publicly available information about pending proceedings;

(3) inquiries relating solely to the status of a proceeding, unless the inquiry: (a) states or implies a view as to the merits or outcome of the proceeding; (b) states or implies a preference for a particular party or which states why timing is important to a particular party; (c) indicates a view as to the date by which a proceeding should be resolved; or (d) is otherwise intended to address the merits or outcome or to influence the timing of a proceeding;

(4) a communication made by or to commission employees that concerns judicial review of a matter that has been decided by the commission and is no longer within the commission's jurisdiction; however, if the matter is remanded to the commission for further action, the provisions of this section shall apply during the period of the remand;

(5) where circumstances require, ex parte communications for scheduling, administrative purposes, or emergencies that do not deal with substantive matters or issues on the merits are authorized provided:

(a) the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee reasonably believes that no party will gain a procedural or tactical advantage as a result of the ex parte communication; and

(b) the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee makes provision promptly to notify all other parties of the substance of the ex parte communication and, where possible, allows an opportunity to respond;

(6)(a) subject to the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 30, communications, directly or indirectly, regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in

a proceeding for the purposes of an allowable ex parte communication briefing if:

~~(i) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee attends the briefing and files a written certification, within seventy-two hours of the briefing, attaching copies of all statements and all other matters filed by all persons pursuant to subsubitems (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this subsection, with the chief clerk of the commission that such briefing was conducted in compliance with the provisions of this section and that each party, person, commissioner, or commission employee present has complied with the reporting and certification requirements of subsubitems (ii), (iii), and (iv); and within twenty-four hours of the submission by the executive director, the commission posts on its web site the written certification, statements, and other matters filed by the executive director;~~

~~(ii) each party, person, commissioner, and commission employee present files a written, certified statement with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff within forty-eight hours of the briefing accurately summarizing the discussions in full and attaching copies of any written materials utilized, referenced, or distributed;~~

~~(iii) each party, person, commissioner, and commission employee present, within forty-eight hours of the briefing, files a certification with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff that~~

(i) in the course of such briefing, no commissioner or commission employee shall make any~~no~~ commitment, predetermination, or prediction of any commissioner's action as to any ultimate or penultimate issue or any commission employee's opinion or recommendation as to any ultimate or penultimate issue in any proceeding, ~~was requested by any person or party~~ nor shall any person request any commitment, predetermination, or prediction ~~was~~to be given by any commissioner or commission employee as to any commission action or commission employee opinion or recommendation on any ultimate or penultimate issue;

(ii) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee must attend the briefing and certify that the commissioners and commission employees complied with the provisions in subitem (i);

~~(iv)~~(iii) each commissioner or commission employee present at the allowable ex parte communication briefing grants to every other party or person requesting an allowable ex parte

communication briefing on the same or similar matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding, similar access and a reasonable opportunity to communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding under the provisions of subsection (C)(6) of this section and files a written, certified statement with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff within forty-eight hours of the briefing stating that the commissioner or commission employee will comply with this provision;

~~(v)~~(iv) the commission ~~posts~~ must post on its website, at least five business days prior to the proposed briefing, a notice of each request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing that includes the date and time of the proposed briefing, the name of the person or party who requested the briefing, the name of each commissioner and commission employee whom the person or party has requested to brief, and the subject matter to be discussed at the briefing;

(v) the commission must post on its website within three business days after the briefing, all nonconfidential materials and documents provided to the commission as part of the ex parte briefing and a statement signed by the chief clerk of the commission that the provisions of this subsection have been followed, including the justification for actions taken to preserve the confidentiality of any confidential information provided to the commission;

(vi) the person or party initially seeking the briefing ~~requests~~must request the briefing with sufficient notice, as required in subsubitem ~~(v)~~(iv), to allow the initial briefing to be held at least twenty business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding at which the matter that is the subject of the briefing is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, and the initial briefing must be held at least twenty business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding; and

(vii) any person or party desiring to have a briefing on the same or similar matter as provided for in subsubitem (vi) shall be entitled to request ~~requests~~ a briefing so long as the request is made with sufficient time for notice, as required in subsubitem ~~(v)~~(iv), to allow the briefing to be held at least ten business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding at which the matter that is the subject of the briefing is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, and any such briefing must be held at least ten business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding;

~~(b) any person or party may object to the~~

~~attendance of the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff at an allowable ex parte communication briefing on the grounds of bias or a conflict of interest on the part of the executive director. Any such objection must be made in writing and must be filed with the executive director no later than twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled briefing. If the objecting person or party and the executive director agree upon a neutral person, that person shall serve in the executive director's stead and shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the executive director contained in subsubitem (i) and the executive director shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii). The costs of such person's services shall be charged to the party requesting the briefing and may be an allowable cost of the proceedings. If the objecting person or party and the executive director cannot agree upon a neutral person, the objecting person or party shall petition the Administrative Law Court for the appointment of a neutral person to serve in the executive director's stead, and the petition shall be given priority over all other matters within the jurisdiction of the Administrative Law Court. In the petition, the objecting party shall set forth the specific grounds supporting the objecting person's or party's allegation of bias or conflict on the part of the executive director and shall generally describe the matters to be discussed at the briefing. It shall not be sufficient grounds that the executive director is or is likely to be a party to a proceeding. The executive director shall be given an opportunity to respond. Part of the executive director's response shall include recommendations as to the experience required of the person to act in his stead. Upon a showing of actual bias or conflict of interest, the administrative law judge shall designate a person to act in the executive director's stead and that person shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the executive director contained in subsubitem (i) and the executive director shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii). Such person must have the expertise to act in the executive director's stead. The decision of the administrative law judge shall be considered interlocutory and not immediately appealable and may be appealed with the final order of the commission. The costs of such person's services shall be charged to the party requesting the briefing and may be an allowable cost of the proceedings;~~

~~(c) should the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff desire to conduct an allowable ex parte communication briefing, the chief clerk of the commission shall appoint a neutral person who shall serve in the executive director's stead and that person shall~~

~~comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff contained in subsubitem (i). The Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii);~~

~~(d)~~(b) nothing in subsection (C)(6) of this section requires any commissioner or commission employee to grant a request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing, except as provided in subsection (C)(6)(a)~~(iv)~~(iii) of this section;

(7) a communication of supplemental legal citation if the party files copies of such documents, without comment or argument, with the chief clerk of the commission and simultaneously provides copies to all parties of record;

(8) subject to the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 30, communications between and among commissioners regarding matters pending before the commission; provided, further, that any commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee may receive aid from commission employees if the commission employees providing aid do not:

(a) receive ex parte communications of a type that the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee would be prohibited from receiving; or

(b) furnish, augment, diminish, or modify the evidence in the record.

(D) If before serving in a proceeding, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee receives an ex parte communication of a type that may not properly be received while serving, the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee must disclose the communication in the following manner: a commissioner, hearing officer, or a commission employee who receives an ex parte communication in violation of this section must promptly after receipt of the communication or, in the case of a communication prior to a filing, as soon as it is known to relate to a filing, place on the record of the matter all written and electronic communications received, all written and electronic responses to the communications, and a memorandum stating the substance of all oral communications received, all responses made, and the identity of each person from whom the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee, as appropriate, received an ex parte communication and must advise all parties that these matters have been placed on the record. Within ten days after receipt of notice of the ex parte communication, any party who desires to rebut the

contents of the communication must request and shall be granted the opportunity to rebut the contents. Parties affected by a violation may agree to a resolution of any claim regarding such violation, including the waiver of a hearing and the waiver of the obligation to report violations under subsection (I) of this section.

(E) Any person who makes an inadvertent ex parte communication must, as soon as it is known to relate to an issue in a proceeding, disclose the communication by placing on the record of the matter the communication made, if written or electronic, or a memorandum stating the substance of an inadvertent oral communication, and the identity of each person to whom the inadvertent ex parte communication was made or given. Within ten days after receipt of notice of the ex parte communication, any party who desires to rebut the contents of the communication must request and shall be granted the opportunity to rebut the contents. If no party rebuts the inadvertence of the ex parte communication within ten days after notice of the ex parte communication, the ex parte communication shall be presumed inadvertent. Parties affected by a violation may agree to a resolution of any claim regarding such violation, and the provisions of subsection (J) of this section shall not apply.

(F) If necessary to eliminate the effect of an ex parte communication received in violation of this section, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee who receives the communication may be disqualified by the commission, and the portions of the record pertaining to the communication may be sealed by protective order.

(G) Nothing in this section alters or amends Section 1-23-320(i).

(H) Nothing in this section prevents a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee from:

(1) attending educational seminars sponsored by state, regional, or national organizations and seminars not affiliated with any utility regulated by the commission; however, the provisions of this section shall apply to any communications that take place outside any formal sessions of any seminars or group presentations; or

(2) conducting a site visit of a utility facility under construction or attending educational tours of utility plants or other facilities provided:

(a) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee also attends the site visit or educational tour;

(b) a summary of the discussion is produced and posted on the commission's website, along with copies of any written materials utilized, referenced, or distributed; and

(c) each party, person, commission, and commission employee who participated in the site visit or educational tour, within forty-eight hours of the site visit or educational tour, files a certification with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff that no commitment, predetermination, or prediction of any commissioner's action as to any ultimate or penultimate issue or any commission employee's opinion or recommendation as to any ultimate or penultimate issue in any proceeding was requested by any person or party, nor any commitment, predetermination, or prediction was given by any commissioner or commission employee as to any commission action or commission employee opinion or recommendation on any ultimate or penultimate issue.

(I) Subject to any privilege under Rule 501 of the South Carolina Rules of Evidence, any commissioner, hearing officer, commission employee, party, or any other person must report any wilful violation of this section on the part of a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee to the review committee.

(J) Any commissioner, hearing officer, commission employee, or person who wilfully violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months. If a commissioner wilfully communicates with any party or person or if any person or party wilfully communicates with a commissioner regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding less than ten business days prior to the scheduled hearing on the merits, during the hearing or after the hearing but prior to the issuance of a final order, including an order on rehearing, in a proceeding where such facts, law, or other matter is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, the commissioner shall be removed from office. If a hearing officer or commission employee wilfully communicates with any party or person or any party or person wilfully communicates with a hearing officer or commission employee regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding less than ten days prior to the scheduled hearing on the merits, during the hearing or after the hearing but prior to the issuance of a final order, including an order on rehearing, in a proceeding where such facts, law, or other matter is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, the hearing

officer or commission employee shall be terminated from employment by the commission. For purposes of this section: (1) "wilful" means an act done voluntarily and intentionally with the specific intent to do something the law forbids, or with specific intent to fail to do something the law requires to be done, that is to say with bad purpose either to disobey or disregard the law, and (2) a violation of the provisions of this section must be proved by clear and convincing evidence before a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee can be removed from office or terminated from employment.

SECTION 27. Section 58-3-270(E) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(E) The administrative law judge assigned to the ex parte communication complaint proceeding by the Administrative Law Court may issue an order tolling any deadlines imposed by any state statute for a decision by the commission on the proceeding that is the subject of the ex parte communication complaint but only to the extent that the allegations of the complaint are verified and if found to be true would indicate that the proceeding was prejudiced to the extent that the commission is unable to consider the matter in the proceeding impartially. The administrative law judge assigned to the ex parte communication complaint proceeding by the Administrative Law Court must conduct a hearing and must issue a decision within sixty days after the complaint is filed.

SECTION 28. The General Assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(1) the economic and financial well-being of South Carolina and its citizens depends upon continued economic development and industry retention and opportunities for job attraction and retention; and

(2) the cost of electricity and the availability of clean energy sources for electricity are important factors in the decision for a commercial and industrial entity to locate, expand, or maintain their existing establishments in South Carolina; and

(3) competitive electric rates, terms, and conditions, and the ability to utilize clean energy sources for electric power generation are necessary to attract prospective commercial or industrial entities to invest in South Carolina and to encourage and incent robust economic development growth and industry retention in this State; and

(4) electrical utilities are critical economic development and industry retention partners for South Carolina by offering affordable power that has helped to attract jobs and

associated development.

Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 43

Economic Development Rates

Section 58-43-10. Unless otherwise specified, for purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Public Service Commission.

(2) "Contract" has the same meaning as the term is used in Section 58-27-980.

(3) "Electrical utility" has the same meaning as provided in Section 58-27-10(7).

(4) "Marginal cost" means the electrical utility's marginal cost for producing energy.

(5) "Qualifying customer" means either:

(a) an existing commercial or industrial customer with a combined firm and interruptible contract demand greater than 20 megawatts that agrees to a new or extended electric service contract with a term of five years of more; or

(b) a commercial or industrial customer that agrees to locate its operations in South Carolina or expand its existing establishment, and such location or expansion results in the minimum of:

(i) 500 kilowatts at one point of delivery;

(ii) fifty new employees; and

(iii) capital investment for $400,000 following the electrical utility's approval for service.

(6) "Rate proposal" means a written document that identifies the rates, terms, and conditions for electric service offered by an electrical utility to a prospective customer.

(7) "Renewable energy facility" means a solar array or other facility constructed by or on behalf of a qualifying customer for the exclusive purpose of supplementing electrical power generation from a renewable energy source for its economic development location, expansion, or retention.

(8) "Transformational customer" means a commercial or industrial customer that agrees to locate its operations in South Carolina or expand its existing establishment, and such location or expansion results in the addition of a minimum of:

(a) 50 megawatts at one point of delivery;

(b) 500 new employees;

(c) capital investment of $100,000,000 following the electrical utility's approval for service; and

(d) who is designated by the South Carolina Department of Commerce as a business which will bring substantial benefit to the economy of South Carolina and its citizens, such that it is in the public interest to have such transformational customer located in this State.

Section 58-43-20. (A) When considering whether the rates, terms, and conditions negotiated with economic development prospects are just and reasonable, the commission shall give full weight and consideration to the economic development benefits to the electrical utility's customers that result from prospective commercial or industrial entities locating or expanding their activities in South Carolina.

(B) Nothwithstanding any other provision of law, an electrical utility may provide the South Carolina Department of Commerce or a prospective qualifying customer or transformational customer with a rate proposal containing terms and conditions to incentivize the prospective customer to make capital investments and employ additional workforce in the electrical utility's service territory. The rate proposal initially provided by an electrical utility may differ from the final contract, rate, terms, and conditions with the qualifying customer or transformational customer.

(C) An electrical utility may offer special rates, terms, and conditions to a qualifying customer or transformational customer, including rates that are lower than the rates that the customer otherwise would be charged. The agreement with the customer must be for a term not exceeding ten years and the electrical utility may offer the customer interruptible and real-time pricing options and riders for other clean energy attributes which may support the qualifying customer's or transformational customer's needs. However, rates for qualifying customers may not be lower than the electrical utility's marginal cost of providing service to the customer and rates for transformational customers may not be lower than twenty-five percent less than the electrical utility's marginal cost of providing service to the customer.

(D) Rates, terms, and conditions negotiated with qualifying and transformational customers shall be deemed just and reasonable if:

(1) for qualifying customers, the terms of this section are met;

(2) for transformational customers, the commission determines that:

(a) the economic development rate offered significantly impacts the customer's decision to locate or expand in South Carolina;

(b) the financial value realized by the electrical utility's system from the transformational customer being on the electrical utility's system for ten years is greater than or equal to the financial value of the

rate incentive given to the transformational customer;

(c) measures have been taken to avoid or reduce cross-customer class subsidization; and

(d) the consequences of offering the economic development rate are beneficial to the system as a whole considering all customer classes.

The commission must either approve or deny an application pursuant to this section within sixty days.

(E) Nothing in this chapter shall otherwise restrict the commission's authority to regulate rates and charges or review contracts entered into pursuant to this section or to otherwise supervise the operations of electrical utilities.

(F) The construction of a proposed renewable energy facility by or on behalf of a qualifying customer to support electric power generation at its location must comply with federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.

(G) Consistent with federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, the electrical utility may expedite interconnection of a proposed renewable energy facility to be constructed by a qualifying or transformational customer to support electrical power generation at its location where high-quality and reliable electric service are not adversely impacted.

(H) In the event a qualifying customer or transformational customer leaves this State or terminates its operations in this State during the ten-year contract period, such customer must reimburse the electrical utility and its customers the difference between standard rates and the rates paid during the term of the agreement between the electrical utility and its customers.

(I) For facilities designated as high priority sites by the South Carolina Department of Commerce, an electrical utility may enter into agreements to provide energy infrastructure to such sites if the South Carolina Department of Commerce determines it will increase the probability of attracting transformational customers to this State. Costs of such infrastructure shall be accounted for and recorded as an element of rate base for inclusion in general rates by the electrical utility provided the commission finds such costs are reasonable and prudent and shall not include a rate of return until the facilities are placed into service for a customer.

(J) An electrical utility shall not be required to adjust its cost of service in a rate proceeding as a result of a rate, agreement, or infrastructure provided pursuant to this section in any matter that would

impute revenue at a level higher than received by the electrical utility from a qualifying customer or transformational customer or would otherwise reduce the electrical utility's revenue as a result of entering into contracts with qualifying customers or transformational customers pursuant to this section.

(K) If an electrical utility offers special rates, terms, and conditions to a qualifying customer or a transformational customer, any electrical utility in South Carolina may also offer all directly competing existing customers in its service territory in this State with similar special rates, terms, and conditions at the time the agreement is entered into with the qualifying customer or transformational customer to the extent the directly competing existing customer is able to substantiate its status as a directly competing existing customer. For purposes of this section, customers are "directly competing" if they make the same end-product, or offer the same service, for the same general group of customers. Customers that only produce component parts of the same end-product are not directly competing customers.

SECTION 29. Sections 58-33-310 and 58-33-320 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 58-33-310. Any party may appeal, in accordance with Section 1-23-380, from all or any portion of any final order or decision of the commission, including conditions of the certificate required by a state agency under Section 58-33-160 as provided by Section 58-27-2310. ~~Any appeals may be called up for trial out of their order by either party.~~ Any final order on the merits issued pursuant to this chapter shall be immediately appealable to the Supreme Court of South Carolina, without petition for rehearing or reconsideration. The Supreme Court shall provide for expedited briefing and hearing of the appeal in preference to all other nonemergency matters. The commission must not be a party to an appeal.

Section 58-33-320. Except as expressly set forth in Section 58-33-310, no court of this State shall have jurisdiction to hear or determine any issue, case, or controversy concerning any matter which was or could have been determined in a proceeding before the commission under this chapter or to stop or delay the construction, operation, or maintenance of a major utility facility, except to enforce compliance with this chapter or the provisions of a certificate issued hereunder, and any such action shall be brought only by the Office of Regulatory Staff. Provided, however, that subject to Section 58-33-175, nothing herein contained shall be construed to abrogate or suspend the right of any individual or corporation not a party to maintain any action

which he might otherwise have been entitled.

SECTION 30. Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-160. (A)(1) The Office of Regulatory Staff must conduct a study to evaluate the potential costs and benefits of the various administrator models for energy efficiency programs and other demand-side management programs funded by, or potentially funded by, electrical utilities in this State. This study must be conducted on each electrical utility in this State. For purposes of this section, administrator models for energy efficiency programs shall include the following models: utility administrator, state or government agency administrator, an independent third-party administrator, and a hybrid administrator.

(2) For purposes of this section only, "electrical utility" means an investor-owned electrical utility that serves more than 100,000 customers in this State.

(B) This study must consider which administrator model would most meaningfully improve programs offered by the electrical utility.

(C) The study must also evaluate which administrator model offers the best opportunities to increase cost and energy savings, improve the quality of services rendered, reduce ratepayer costs, or more effectively serve low-income customers, within a program portfolio that is cost effective overall, as compared to similar program administration by individual electrical utilities, or to increase the cost effectiveness of energy efficiency program portfolios. This study must consider, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) whether third-party administration subject to a pay for performance contract and independent third-party evaluation, measurement, and verification could reduce administrative costs, as compared to separate administration of energy efficiency programs by individual electrical utilities;

(2) whether a system benefit charge or other funding or financing mechanism would more efficiently, effectively, and fairly fund energy efficiency and other demand-side management programs through an administrator;

(3) which administrator model provides the best mechanism to increase ratepayer energy savings in the case of electrical utilities that have experienced lower historical performance in terms of annual and cumulative energy savings as a percentage of retail sales;

(4) which administrator model provides the best mechanism to increase ratepayer energy savings in the case of electrical utilities that have experienced high historical performance in terms of annual and

cumulative energy savings as a percentage of retail sales;

(5) the legal and practical implications of implementing the various administrator models for an electrical utility with a multistate balancing authority area;

(6) which administrator model could most enhance an electrical utility's delivery of nonenergy benefits, such as resiliency, reliability, health, economic development, industry retention, energy security, and pollution reduction; and

(7) which administrator model could most effectively pursue nonratepayer funding including, but not limited to, federal, state, or local governmental support, as a means of either reducing reliance of ratepayer funds or increasing the scope, reach, or effectiveness of energy efficiency and demand-side management programs.

(D) This study must be conducted with public input from stakeholders through written comments and at least one public forum.

(E) The Office of Regulatory Staff is authorized to retain the services of an expert or consultant with expertise and experience in the successful implementation of energy efficiency administrator programs. The Office of Regulatory Staff is exempt from the procurement code for the purposes of retaining services for this study.

(F) The provisions of this section are subject to funding. However, the Office of Regulatory Staff must initiate the study within one year from receipt of necessary funding and complete its report within six months. Upon completion of this study, the Office of Regulatory Staff must provide its report to the General Assembly and the commission. This report may include a recommendation as to which administrator model should be established for each electrical utility, draft legislation, and requirements that should be established.

SECTION 31. Section 58-37-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-10. As used in this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1) "Demand-side activity" or "demand-side management program" means a program conducted or proposed by a producer, supplier, or distributor of energy for the reduction or more efficient use of energy requirements of the producer's, supplier's, or distributor's customers, through measures, including, but not limited to, conservation and energy efficiency, load management, cogeneration, and renewable energy technologies.

(2) "Integrated resource plan" means a plan which contains the demand and energy forecast for at least a fifteen-year period, contains the supplier's or producer's program for meeting the

requirements shown in its forecast in an economic and reliable manner, including both demand-side and supply-side options, with a brief description and summary cost-benefit analysis, if available, of each option which was considered, including those not selected, sets forth the supplier's or producer's assumptions and conclusions with respect to the effect of the plan on the cost and reliability of energy service, and describes the external environmental and economic consequences of the plan to the extent practicable. For electrical utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, this definition must be interpreted in a manner consistent with the integrated resource planning requirements pursuant to Section 58-37-40 and any process adopted by the commission. For electric cooperatives subject to the regulations of the Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~Utilities Service, this definition must be interpreted in a manner consistent with any integrated resource planning process prescribed by Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~ Utilities Service regulations.

(3) "Cost-effective" means that the net present value of benefits of a program or portfolio exceeds the net present value of the costs of the program or portfolio. A cost-effective program or portfolio must pass any two of the following tests:

(a) utility cost test;

(b) total resource cost test;

(c) participant cost test; or

(d) ratepayer impact measure test.

In evaluating the cost-effectiveness of a program or portfolio, a utility or program administrator must present the results of all four tests. In calculating cost-effectiveness, a utility must use a standard utility practice for determining the percentage of energy savings that would or would not have been achieved through customer adoption of an efficiency behavior or technology without any incentive allowed pursuant to this chapter to install and utilize the technology as part of the associated demand-side management program. The utility must designate the expected useful life of the measure and evaluate the costs and benefits of the measures over their useful lives in the program application based on industry-accepted standards. Further, in calculating the cost-effectiveness, the commission must consider the efficiencies and scale of programs that are or may be available across a utility's balancing area, even if that balancing area extends outside of the State.

(4) "Demand-side management pilot program" means a demand-side management program that is of limited scope, cost, and duration and that is intended to determine whether a new or substantially

revised program or technology would be cost-effective.

SECTION 32. Section 58-37-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-20. (A) The General Assembly declares that expanding utility investment in and customer access to cost-effective demand-side management programs will result in more efficient use of existing resources, promote lower energy costs, mitigate the increasing need for new generation and associated resources, and assist customers in managing their electricity usage to better control their electric bill, and is therefore in the public interest.

(B) The commission may approve any program filed by a public utility if the program is found to be cost-effective. Furthermore, the commission may, in its discretion, approve any program filed by a public utility that is not cost-effective, so long as the proposed demand-side management program is targeted to low-income customers, provided that the public utility's portfolio of demand-side management programs is cost-effective as a whole.

(C) The South Carolina Public Service Commission ~~may~~ must adopt procedures that ~~encourage~~ require electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the commission to plan for and invest in all reasonable, prudent, and available energy efficiency and demand-side resources that are cost-effective energy efficient technologies and energy conservation programs in an amount to be determined by the commission. If an electrical utility fails to meet the requirements of this section as determined by the commission, the commission is authorized to appoint a third-party administrator to carry out the residential low-income energy efficiency duties pursuant to this section on behalf of the electrical utility if the commission determines that having such a third-party administrator is in the public interest and consistent with law. Upon notice and hearings that the commission may require, the commission may issue rules, regulations, or orders pursuant to this chapter to implement applicable programs and measures under this section. If adopted, these procedures must: provide incentives and cost recovery for energy suppliers and distributors who invest in energy supply and end-use technologies that are cost-effective, environmentally acceptable, and reduce energy consumption or system or local coincident peak demand; allow energy suppliers and distributors to recover costs and obtain a reasonable rate of return on their investment in qualified demand-side management programs sufficient to make these programs at least as financially attractive as construction of new generating facilities; require the Public Service Commission to establish rates and

charges that ensure that the net income of an electrical or gas utility regulated by the commission after implementation of specific cost-effective energy conservation measures is at least as high as the net income would have been if the energy conservation measures had not been implemented. ~~For purposes of this section only, the term "demand-side activity" means a program conducted by an electrical utility or public utility providing gas services for the reduction or more efficient use of energy requirements of the utility or its customers including, but not limited to, utility transmission and distribution system efficiency, customer conservation and efficiency, load management, cogeneration, and renewable energy technologies.~~

(D) Each investor-owned electrical utility must submit an annual report to the commission describing the demand-side management programs implemented by the electrical utility in the previous year, provided the program has been operational for a reasonable period of time, as well as the results of such programs. The commission may require certain information including, but not limited to:

(1) achieved savings levels from the utility's portfolio of programs in the prior year, reported as a percentage of the utility's annual sales;

(2) program expenditures, including incentive payments;

(3) peak demand and energy savings impacts and the techniques used to estimate those impacts;

(4) avoided costs and the techniques used to estimate those costs;

(5) estimated cost-effectiveness of the demand-side management programs;

(6) a description of economic benefits of the demand-side management programs;

(7) the number of customers eligible to opt out of the electrical utility's demand-side management programs, the percentage of those customers that opted out in the previous year, and the annual sales associated with those opt out customers; and

(8) any other information required by the commission.

(E) To ensure prudent investments by an electrical utility in energy efficiency and demand response, as compared to potential investments in generation, transmission, distribution, and other supply related utility equipment and resources, the commission must

review each investor-owned electrical utility's portfolio of demand-side management programs on at least a triennial basis to align the review of that utility's integrated resource plan pursuant to Section 58-37-40. The commission is authorized to order modifications to an electrical utility's demand-side management portfolio, including program budgets, if the commission determines that doing so is in the public interest.

(F) The provisions of subsections (C), (D), and (E) do not apply to an electrical utility that serves less than 100,000 customers in this State.

SECTION 33. Section 58-37-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-30. (A) The South Carolina Public Service Commission must report annually to the General Assembly on available data regarding the past, on-going, and projected status of demand-side ~~activities~~management programs and purchase of power from qualifying facilities, as defined in the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, by electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

(B) Electric cooperatives providing resale or retail services, municipally-owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority shall report annually to the State Energy Office on available data regarding the past, on-going, and projected status of demand-side ~~activities~~management programs and purchase of power from qualifying facilities. For electric cooperatives, submission to the State Energy Office of a report on demand-side ~~activities~~management programs in a format complying with then current Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~ Utilities Service regulations constitutes compliance with this subsection. An electric cooperative providing resale services may submit a report in conjunction with and on behalf of any electric cooperative which purchases electric power and energy from it. The State Energy Office must compile and submit this information annually to the General Assembly.

(C) The State Energy Office may provide forms for the reports required by this section to the Public Service Commission and to electric cooperatives, municipally-owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority. The office shall strive to minimize differing formats for reports, taking into account the reporting requirements of other state and federal agencies. For electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the commission, the reporting form must be in a format acceptable to the commission.

SECTION 34. Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by

adding:

Section 58-37-35. (A) An electrical utility may propose programs and customer incentives to encourage or promote demand-side management programs whereby a customer uses a customer-sited distributed energy resource, as defined in Section 58-39-120(C), or combination of such resources, to: (1) reduce the customer's electric consumption or demand from the electric grid, or (2) beneficially shape the customer's electric consumption or demand in a manner that reduces the customer's contribution to the electrical utility's system or local coincidental peak demand, subject to the associated load to utility management for reliability or economic purposes, or reduce future electrical utility system costs to serve its customers. Programs authorized pursuant to this section may also include distributed energy resources that draw additional power from the electric grid including, but not limited to, electric heat pumps with programmable or utility controlled thermostats, electric heat pump water heaters controlled through utility programs, smart home panels, advanced inverters, and energy storage devices located on the customer's side of the meter, provided that any programs or customer incentives otherwise meet the requirements of this section. These programs may also include a combination of resources, including renewable energy microgrids, to provide economic benefits to the utility system or to help address specific transmission or distribution issues that would otherwise require significant capital investment.

(B) In evaluating a program or customer incentive proposed pursuant to this section to ensure reasonableness, promotion of the public interest, and consistency with the objectives of Sections 58-27-845 and 58-37-20, the commission must apply the procedure approved pursuant to Section 58-37-20. An electrical utility must use standard utility practices for determining the percentage of customers that would or would not have adopted a distributed energy resource without any incentive allowed under this section to install and utilize the distributed energy resource as part of the associated demand-side management program. The electrical utility must designate the expected useful life of the distributed energy resource and evaluate the costs and benefits of demand-side measures over their useful lives in the program application based on industry-accepted standards. All initial program costs, benefits, and participation assumptions used in the electrical utility's cost-effectiveness evaluations must be reviewed by the commission to ensure the electrical utility has presented a reasonable basis for its calculation. Electrical utilities must update the cost-effectiveness analysis based on the actual program costs, benefits, and participation as

soon as practicably possible based on standard evaluation, measurement, and verification protocols, and the electrical utility's cost recovery must be reconciled accordingly.

(C) For demand-side programs or customer incentives proposed in this section, the electrical utility may recover costs through the procedures in Section 58-37-20. The prohibition in Section 58-40-20(I) against recovery of lost revenues associated with distributed energy resources pursuant to Chapter 39, Title 58 is inapplicable to recovery of net loss revenues associated with a distributed energy resource that is installed as a result of a demand-side program incentive pursuant to this section or Section 58-37-20.

(D) The commission may approve any program filed pursuant to this section if the commission finds the program to be cost-effective pursuant to Section 58-37-10(3). For any demand-side programs or customer incentives submitted under this section with projected annual customer incentive amounts less than five million dollars per year for each of the first two program years, the commission must issue an order as expeditiously as practicable on the written submissions of the electrical utility but may require an evidentiary hearing where novel or complex issues of fact require special review by the commission. Nothing in this section prevents the commission from ordering an electrical utility to modify or terminate a program approved pursuant to this section based on the results of standard evaluation, measurement, and verification protocols.

(E) The Energy Office must develop and publish materials intended to inform and educate the public regarding programs available to a customer pursuant to this section. The Energy Office must maintain a list of approved vendors who are qualified and in good standing to provide services associated with these programs.

SECTION 35. Section 58-37-50 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-50. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Electricity provider" means an electric cooperative, an investor-owned electric utility, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, or a municipality or municipal board or commission of public works that owns and operates an electric utility system.

(2) "Natural gas provider" means an investor-owned natural gas utility or publicly owned natural gas provider.

(3) "Meter conservation charge" means the charge placed on a customer's account by which electricity providers and natural gas providers recover the costs, including financing costs, of energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(4) “Notice of meter conservation charge” means the written notice by which subsequent purchasers or tenants will be given notice that they will be required to pay a meter conservation charge.

(5) “Customer” means a homeowner or tenant receiving electricity or natural gas as a retail customer.

(6) “Community action agency” means a nonprofit eleemosynary corporation created pursuant to Chapter 45, Title 43 providing, among other things, weatherization services to a homeowner or tenant.

(B) Electricity providers and natural gas providers may enter into written agreements with customers and landlords of customers for the financing of the purchase price and installation costs of energy efficiency and conservation measures. These agreements may provide that the costs must be recovered by a meter conservation charge on the customer's electricity or natural gas account, provided that the electricity providers and natural gas providers comply with the provisions of this section. A failure to pay the meter conservation charge may be treated by the electricity provider or natural gas provider as a failure to pay the electricity or natural gas account, and the electricity provider or natural gas provider may disconnect electricity or natural gas service for nonpayment of the meter conservation charge, provided the electricity provider or natural gas provider complies with the provisions of Article 25, Chapter 31, Title 5; Article 17, Chapter 11, Title 6; Article 17, Chapter 49, Title 33; Article 11, Chapter 5, Title 58; Article 21, Chapter 27, Title 58; Article 5, Chapter 31, Title 58; and any applicable rules, regulations, or ordinances relating to disconnections.

(C) Any agreement permitted by subsection (B) must state plainly the interest rate to be charged to finance the costs of the energy efficiency and conservation measures. The interest rate must be a fixed rate over the term of the agreement and must not exceed four percent above the stated yield for one-year treasury bills as published by the Federal Reserve ~~at the time the agreement is entered~~on the first business day of the calendar year in which the agreement is entered. An electrical utility entering into such an agreement whose rates are regulated by the commission must fix the interest rate over the term of the agreement to not exceed such utility’s weighted average cost of equity and long-term debt as most recently approved by the commission at the time the agreement is entered. Any indebtedness created under the provisions of this section may be paid in full at any time before it is due without penalty.

(D) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may

recover the costs, including financing costs, of these measures from its members or customers directly benefiting from the installation of the energy efficiency and conservation measures. Recovery may be through a meter conservation charge to the account of the member or customer and any such charge must be shown by a separate line item on the account. A utility entering into such agreement whose rates are regulated by the commission shall recover all reasonable and prudent incremental costs incurred to implement agreements for financing and installing energy-efficiency and conservation measures in base rates. Incremental costs may include, but are not limited to, billing system upgrades, overhead, incremental labor, and all other expenses properly considered to be associated with ensuring the ongoing premise bill savings are realized from offering during the terms of such agreements.

(E) An electricity provider or natural gas provider shall assume no liability for the installation, operation, or maintenance of energy efficiency and conservation measures when the measures are performed by a third party, and shall not provide any warranty as to the merchantability of the measures or the fitness for a particular purpose of the measures, and no action may be maintained against the electricity provider or natural gas provider relating to the failure of the measures. An electricity provider or natural gas provider shall assume no liability for energy audits performed by third parties and shall provide no warranty relating to any energy audit done by any third party. Nothing in this section may be construed to limit any rights or remedies of utility customers and landlords of utility customers against other parties to a transaction involving the purchase and installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(F) Before entering into an agreement contemplated by this section, the electricity provider or natural gas provider shall cause to be performed an energy audit on the residence considered for the energy efficiency measures. The energy audit must be conducted by an energy auditor certified by the Building Performance Institute or similar organization. The audit must provide an estimate of the costs of the proposed energy efficiency and conservation measures and the expected savings associated with the measures, and it must recommend measures appropriately sized for the specific use contemplated. An agreement entered following completion of an energy audit shall specify the measures to be completed and the contractor responsible for completion of the measures. The choice of a contractor to perform the work must be made by the owner of the residence. Upon request, the electricity provider or natural gas provider must provide the owner of the residence

with a list of contractors qualified to do the work. Upon completion of the work, it must be inspected by an energy auditor certified by the Building Performance Institute or similar organization. Any work that is determined to have been done improperly or to be inappropriately sized for the intended use must be remedied by the responsible contractor. Until the work has been remedied, funds due to the contractor must be held in escrow by the electricity provider or natural gas provider.

(G) An electricity provider or natural gas provider that enters into an agreement as provided in this section may recover the costs, including financing costs, of energy efficiency and conservation measures from subsequent purchasers of the residence in which the measures are installed, provided the electricity provider or natural gas provider gives record notice that the residence is subject to the agreement. Notice must be given, at the expense of the filer, by filing a notice of meter conservation charge with the appropriate office for the county in which the residence is located, pursuant to Section 30-5-10. The notice of meter conservation charge does not constitute a lien on the property but is intended to give a purchaser of the residence notice that the residence is subject to a meter conservation charge. Notice is deemed to have been given if a search of the property records of the county discloses the existence of the charge and informs a prospective purchaser: (1) how to ascertain the amount of the charge and the length of time it is expected to remain in effect, and (2) of his obligation to notify a tenant if the purchaser leases the property as provided in subsection (H)(3).

(H) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may enter into agreements for the installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures and the recovery of the costs, including financing costs, of the measures with respect to rental properties by filing a notice of meter conservation charge as provided in subsection (G) and by complying with the provisions of this subsection:

(1) The energy audit required by subsection (F) must be conducted and the results provided to both the landlord and the tenant living in the rental property at the time the agreement is entered.

(2) If both the landlord and tenant agree, the electricity provider or natural gas provider may recover the costs of the energy efficiency and conservation measures, including financing costs, through a meter conservation charge on the account associated with the rental property occupied by the tenant. The agreement must provide notice to the landlord of the provisions contained in item (3).

(3) With respect to a subsequent tenant occupying a

rental unit benefiting from the installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures, the electricity provider or natural gas provider may continue to recover the costs, including financing costs, of the measures through a meter conservation charge on the account associated with the rental property occupied by the tenant. With respect to a subsequent tenant, the landlord must give a written notice of meter conservation charge in the same manner as required by Section 27-40-240. If the landlord fails to give the subsequent tenant the required notice of meter conservation charge, the tenant may deduct from his rent, for no more than one-half of the term of the rental agreement, the amount of the meter conservation charge paid to the electricity provider or natural gas provider.

(I) Agreements entered pursuant to the provisions of this section are exempt from the provisions of the South Carolina Consumer Protection Code, Title 37 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

(J) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may contract with third parties to perform functions permitted under this section, including the financing of the costs of energy efficiency and conservation measures. A third party must comply with all applicable provisions of this section. When an electricity or natural gas provider contracts with a third party to perform administrative or financing functions under this subsection, the liability of the third party is limited in the same manner as an electricity provider or natural gas provider is under subsection (E).

(K) The provisions of this section apply only to energy efficiency and conservation measures for a residence already occupied ~~at~~before the time the measures are taken. ~~The procedures allowed by this section may not be used with respect to a new residence or a residence under construction.~~ The provisions of this section may not be used to implement energy efficiency or conservation measures that result in the replacement of natural gas appliances or equipment with electric appliances or equipment, or that result in the replacement of electric appliances or equipment with natural gas appliances or equipment, unless (1) the customer who seeks to install the energy efficiency or conservation measure is being provided electric and natural gas service by the same provider, or (2) an electric appliance used for home heating is being replaced by an appliance that operates primarily on electricity but which has the capability of also operating on a secondary fuel source.

(L) Electricity providers or natural gas providers may offer their customers other types of financing agreements available by law, instead of the option established in this section, for the types of

energy efficiency or conservation measures described in this section.

(M)(1) An electricity provider or natural gas provider must not obtain funding from the following federal programs to provide loans provided by this section:

(a) the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), created by Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 and codified as Chapter 94, Title 42 of the United States Code, as amended by the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1984, the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1986, the Augustus F. Hawkins Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1990, the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993, the Low Income Home Energy Amendments of 1994, the Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998, and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which is administered and funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services on the federal level and administered locally by community action agencies;

(b) the Weatherization Assistance Program, created by Title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act of 1976 and codified as Part A, Subchapter III, Chapter 81, Title 42 of the United States Code, amended by the National Energy Conservation Policy Act, the Energy Security Act, the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1984, and the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 and administered and funded by the United States Department of Energy on the federal level and administered locally by community action agencies.

(2) Nothing in this section changes the exclusive administration of these programs by local community action agencies through the South Carolina Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity pursuant to its authority pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 45, Title 43, the Community Economic Opportunity Act of 1983.

(3) Nothing in this subsection prevents a customer or member of an electricity provider or natural gas provider from obtaining services under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program or the Weatherization Assistance Program.

SECTION 36. Article 1, Chapter 31, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-31-215. (A) The Public Service Authority, in consultation with the South Carolina Department of Commerce, shall have the authority to serve as an anchor subscriber of incremental natural gas and pipeline capacity needed in the future by the State to recruit new transformational projects or to assist in the expansion of transformational

projects as identified by the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

(B) The Public Service Authority is authorized to act on behalf of the State, to aid natural gas pipeline construction companies and natural gas shippers in obtaining approval for incremental capacity and delivery to this State to support economic growth. The Public Service Authority is authorized to demonstrate market support in required filings including, but not limited to, binding precedent agreements, and to make other attestations in furtherance of satisfaction of the application requirements of federal law and regulations. This subsection is subject to available funding.

(C) There is hereby established the "Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund" to be held in an operating account by the Public Service Authority to further the provisions of this section and other energy investment needs. Subject to the approval of the Joint Bond Review Committee, the Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund may be funded by the amount required to be paid to the State pursuant to Section 58-31-110 less the annual costs billed by the Office of Regulatory Staff and the South Carolina Public Service Commission. The South Carolina Department of Commerce shall report, at least once annually and no later than September first, to the Joint Bond Review Committee as to the level and need for funding to advance the provisions of this section. Unless sufficient funding is allocated to the Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund and such action is approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee, the Public Service Authority shall not execute a binding precedent agreement on behalf of the State pursuant to this section. In no event shall the costs associated with serving as an anchor affect the rates and charges for electric or water service for the Public Service Authority's customers.

(D) The South Carolina Department of Commerce, with input from the Public Service Authority, is authorized to resell natural gas pipeline capacity rights procured pursuant to this section subject to a plan approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee. The proceeds of any sales of natural gas pipeline capacity rights must be deposited in the general fund of the State.

(E) When the Public Service Authority enters into a binding agreement on behalf of the State, the Office of Regulatory Staff, in representing the public interest and in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, is directed to make such filings supporting required federal regulatory approvals.

(F) The provisions of this section do not alter, amend, expand, or reduce, any other authority granted to the Public Service Authority in

this chapter to enter into any agreements necessary for the provision of electric service.

SECTION 37. A. Section 58-3-70 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-70. ~~The chairman and members of the commission shall receive annual salaries payable in the same manner as the salaries of other state officers are paid.~~ The commission members shall receive a salary in an amount equal to ninety-seven and one-half percent of the salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court. Each commissioner must devote full time to his duties as a commissioner and must not engage in any other employment, business, profession, or vocation during the normal business hours of the commission.

B. This section is effective beginning with the fiscal year immediately following the Public Service Commission election for the reconstituted three-member commission.

SECTION 38. Chapter 41, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-41-50. (A) The General Assembly encourages electrical utilities to explore cost effective, efficient bulk power solutions, particularly during periods of constrained capacity, for non-residential customers with electric loads in excess of 25 megawatts.

(B)(1) An electrical utility may file a proposed agreement regarding co-located resources between the utility and a customer with an electric load in excess of 25 megawatts for the commission's consideration. The proposed agreement must contain at least one of the following requirements:

(a) co-location of electric generation or storage on the customer's property provides bulk system benefits for all customers and benefits for the host customer;

(b) co-location of renewable electric generation resources on the customer's property provides bulk system benefits for all customers and the renewable attributes associated with such generation can be allocated to the host customer;

(c) co-location of electric generation on the customer's property would result in permitting and siting efficiencies to enable electric generation to come online earlier than otherwise could occur; or

(d) co-location of electric generation resources on the customer's property could be utilized as resiliency resources to serve the electric grid in times of need.

(2) In the filing with the commission, the electrical utility must include a description of:

(a) how the resource helps to serve resource needs identified in the electrical utility's most recent integrated resource plan filing;

(b) credit and ratepayer protections included in the agreement;

(c) the contractual terms that preserves the electrical utility's operation of resources; and

(d) how costs and benefits associated with the agreement would be allocated among the customer who is a party to the agreement and other customers in the electrical utility's balancing area.

(C) The commission must give a proposed agreement filed pursuant to this section expedited consideration. The commission may approve the proposed agreement if the commission finds:

(1) the proposed program was voluntarily agreed upon by the electrical utility and the customer,

(2) the filing meets the requirements of this section; and

(3) the proposed agreement is in the public interest.

(D) For purposes of this section, "co-located" or "co-location" includes electric generation and associated facilities on a customer's site as well as any location where the connection to the electrical utility is in such proximity to the customer's site that enables resilient power supply to support the development of power supply to meet the customer's needs. An agreement regarding co-location may also include potential co-ownership of the electric generation and associate facilities by the electrical utility and the customer.

(E) Notwithstanding opportunities for co-located resources, the General Assembly also encourages electrical utilities to continue to facilitate service to new electric loads in excess of 50 megawatts and to require operational and financial performance requirements for such customers to receive service pursuant to tariffed electrical utility rates or contracts approved by the commission, and to ensure appropriate protections and risk mitigation for the protection of the electrical utility's existing customers. The electrical utility may meet these objectives by: (1) filing form contracts with the commission; (2) tariff offerings or services regulations filed with the commission; or (3) performance and credit policies reviewed by the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 39. Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-15. (A) As of July 1, 2025, there is hereby created within the Office of Regulatory Staff a division that must be separate and apart from all other divisions within the Office of Regulatory Staff and titled the Division of Consumer Advocacy.

(B) The duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Division of

Consumer Advocacy in the Department of Consumer Affairs related to appearances before the commission are hereby transferred to the Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Office of Regulatory Staff on July 1, 2025. All appropriations and full-time equivalent positions of the Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Department of Consumer Affairs that are devoted solely to advocating on behalf of consumers before the commission shall be transferred to the Office of Regulatory Staff on July 1, 2025.

(C) The Division of Consumer Advocacy shall have the ability to represent residential utility consumers in matters before the commission and appellate courts.

(D) The Division of Consumer Advocacy shall consist of a Residential Utility Consumer Advocate and other personnel as may be necessary in order for the division to represent residential utility consumers in matters before the commission and appellate courts. The Residential Utility Consumer Advocate must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years practice experience and must be appointed in the same manner as the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff pursuant to the procedure set forth in Section 58-4-30.

(E) To the extent necessary to carry out its responsibilities, the Division of Consumer Advocacy may hire third-party consultants as the Residential Utility Consumer Advocate may consider necessary to assist the Division of Consumer Advocacy in its participation in proceedings before the commission and appellate courts.

(F) The Division of Consumer Advocacy is exempt from the State Procurement Code in the hiring of third-party consultants. However, the Division of Consumer Advocacy must not hire the same third-party consultant hired by the Office of Regulatory Staff or the commission.

(G) The Office of Regulatory Staff shall provide such administrative support to the Division of Consumer Advocacy as the division may require in the performance of its duties including financial management, human resources management, information technology, procurement services, and logistical support. The Office of Regulatory Staff shall not provide to the Division of Consumer Advocacy, and the Division of Consumer Advocacy shall not require of the Office Regulatory Staff, legal representation, technical, economic, or auditing assistance regarding any matter pending before the Public Service Commission when providing such assistance would create a conflict of interest.

SECTION 40. (A) To foster economic development

and future jobs in this State resulting from the supply chains associated with the same while supporting the significant and growing energy and capacity needs of the State, enhance grid resiliency, and maintain reliability, the General Assembly finds that the State of South Carolina should take steps necessary to encourage the development of a diverse mix of long-lead, clean generation resources that may include advanced small modular reactors, biomass as defined in Section 12-63-20(B)(2) of the S.C. Code, hydrogen-capable resources, and the Carolina Long Bay Project, and should preserve the option of efficiency development of such long-lead resources with timely actions to establish or maintain eligibility for or capture available tax or other financial incentives or address operational needs.

(B) For an electrical utility to capture available tax or other financial or operational incentives for South Carolina ratepayers in a timely manner, the commission may find that actions by an electrical utility in pursuit of the directives in Section 58-37-35(A) are in the public interest, provided that the commission determines that such proposed actions are in the public interest and reasonably balance economic development and industry retention benefits, capacity expansion benefits, resource adequacy and diversification, emissions reduction levels, and potential risks, costs, and benefits to ratepayers and otherwise comply with all other legal requirements applicable to the electrical utility's proposed action. For the South Carolina Public Service Authority, the Office of Regulatory Staff, and the Public Service Authority's board of directors shall apply the same principles described in this subsection in evaluating and approving actions proposed by the management of the Public Service Authority to achieve the objectives of this section.

SECTION 41. All reasonable and prudent costs incurred by an electrical utility necessary to effectuate this act, that are not precluded from recovery by other provisions of this act and that do not have a recovery mechanism otherwise specified in this act or established by state law, shall be deferred for commission consideration of recovery in any proceeding initiated pursuant to Section 58-27-870, and allowed for recovery if the commission determines the costs are reasonable and prudent.

SECTION 42. An electrical utility, including the Public Service Authority, may not offer a tariff, rider, or rate proposal for a reduced electric rate, nor any other form of incentive that would result in a reduced electric rate to a data center until July 1, 2034. For purposes of this section, "data center" means any facility that primarily

contains electronic equipment used to process, store, and transmit digital information which may be (a) a free-standing structure; or (b) a facility within a larger structure, that uses environmental control equipment to maintain the proper conditions for the operation of electronic equipment.

SECTION 43. Section 58-40-10(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) "Renewable energy resource" means solar photovoltaic and solar thermal resources, wind resources, hydroelectric resources, geothermal resources, tidal and wave energy resources, recycling resources, hydrogen fuel derived from renewable resources, combined heat and power derived from renewable resources, and biomass resources as defined in Section 12-63-20(B)(2).

SECTION 44. The General Assembly finds that the sections presented in this act constitute one subject as required by Section 17, Article III of the South Carolina Constitution, in particular finding that each change and each topic relates directly to or in conjunction with other sections to the subject of the regulation of electrical utilities, the provision of electricity, and economic development as clearly enumerated in the title. The General Assembly further finds that a common purpose or relationship exists among the sections, representing a potential plurality but not disunity of topics, notwithstanding that reasonable minds might differ in identifying more than one topic contained in the act.

SECTION 45. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 46. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. However, SECTIONS 1, 2, and 3 apply to license renewal cycles ending after 2025.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT spoke against the amendment.

Rep. OTT continued speaking.

Rep. PENDARVIS moved to table the amendment.

Rep. HIOTT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 33; Nays 77

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Calhoon
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliard
Guffey	Hart	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
McCabe	McDaniel	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Wetmore	Wooten

Total--33

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gilliam	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson

May	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	White	Whitmire
Willis	Yow	

Total--77

So, the House refused to table the amendment.

Rep. HART spoke against the amendment.

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON spoke against the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 62; Nays 48

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Bannister	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gilliam	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	Jordan	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Murphy

Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Thayer	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wheeler	Whitmire
Willis	Yow	

Total--62

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Calhoon	Caskey	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Cromer	Dillard
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliard
Guffey	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	May
McCabe	McDaniel	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	O'Neal
Ott	Pace	Pendarvis
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Trantham
Wetmore	Williams	Wooten

Total--48

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Pace proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to S. 408 (LC-408.PH0019H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X.A. Chapter 63, Title 40 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 40-63-245. A social worker licensed pursuant to this chapter may use their clinical judgement when providing treatment to a patient with gender dysmorphia. A complaint based on a non-affirmative treatment may not be grounds for disciplinary action by the licensing

board pursuant to Section 40-63-110

B. Chapter 75, Title 40 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 40-75-226. A professional counselor licensed pursuant to this chapter may use their clinical judgement when providing treatment to a patient with gender dysmorphia. A complaint based on a non-affirmative treatment may not be grounds for disciplinary action by the licensing board pursuant to Section 40-75-110.

C. This Section takes effect upon approval by the Governor and applies to license renewal cycles ending after 2025.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. STAVRINAKIS raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 3 was not germane to S. 408.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* POPE stated that Amendment No. 3 concerned limiting disciplinary actions against social workers and professional counselors while the bill concerned requirements for licensure and training of social workers and professional counselors. He stated that the amendment went beyond the scope of the bill, and he sustained the point of order. The amendment was ruled out of order.

Motion to appeal Ruling of the Speaker *Pro Tempore* Tabled

Rep. CROMER appealed the Ruling of the Speaker *Pro Tempore* and the SPEAKER was called to the Chair to act as Presiding Officer.

Rep. STAVRINAKIS moved to table motion to appeal the ruling of the Speaker *Pro Tempore*.

Rep. STAVRINAKIS demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 93; Nays 17

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Ott	Pendarvis
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--93

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Trantham	White	

Total--17

So, the motion to appeal the Ruling of the Speaker *Pro Tempore* was tabled.

Further proceedings were interrupted by the time expiring on the uncontested calendar. the pending question being the consideration of amendments.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. STAVRINAKIS moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 1005 -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1320, RELATING TO MOTOR RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE WILLIAM C. BOWEN, SO AS TO PROHIBIT BOATS, WATERCRAFTS, OR OTHER TYPES OF VESSELS POWERED BY AN OUTDRIVE OR INBOARD MOTOR HAVING AN ENGINE AUTOMOTIVE HORSEPOWER RATING IN EXCESS OF TWO HUNDRED HORSEPOWER AND THAT PERSONAL WATERCRAFT MAY NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED NINETY HORSEPOWER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1350, RELATING TO WATER SKIING AND TOWING RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE WILLIAM C. BOWEN, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, SPECIALTY PROPCRAFT, OR VESSELS IN EXCESS OF IDLE SPEED WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FEET OF A WHARF, DOCK, BULKHEAD, OR PIER OR WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF A MOORED OR ANCHORED VESSEL OR PERSON IN THE WATER.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 1051 -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING

FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1330, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE H. TAYLOR BLALOCK, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HUNTING OF WATERFOWL FOR FIVE YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-675, RELATING TO NONGAME FISHING DEVICES OR GEAR PERMITTED IN CERTAIN BODIES OF WATER, SO AS TO PERMIT HOOP NETS IN THE CONGAREE RIVER AND THE UPPER REACH OF THE SANTEE RIVER.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 903 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 5 OF BILL 91 OF 2021, RELATING TO FLOUNDER CATCH LIMITS, SO AS TO REPEAL THE SUNSET CLAUSE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. HIXON, from the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 955 -- Senators Campsen and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-400 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING THE LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-325, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE COMMERCIAL TRAP LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-350, RELATING TO THE TRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSES, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE FROM THE GENERAL TRANSFER PROHIBITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-360, RELATING TO LICENSES TO ENGAGE IN SHEDDING PEELER CRABS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT AN APPLICANT'S OR LICENSEE'S BUSINESS PREMISES BE CAPABLE OF PEELER

SHEDDING OPERATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-545, RELATING TO TRAPS FOR TAKING BLUE CRAB, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MATERIAL, DIMENSIONS, AND ESCAPE VENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRAPS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1302 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A RECREATIONAL LIMIT OF ONE-HALF BUSHEL OF BLUE CRABS PER PERSON PER DAY NOT TO EXCEED ONE BUSHEL PER BOAT; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1345 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CRAB TRAPS IN THE WATERS OF THIS STATE FROM JANUARY 16 THROUGH JANUARY 29 OF EACH YEAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-330, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT LIMITS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TRAPS THAT MAY BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES FROM TWO TO TEN WITH A RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-540, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING LICENSES SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COST OF THE RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 1046 -- Senators Hembree, Climer, M. Johnson, Peeler, Corbin, Cromer, Shealy, Grooms, Bennett, Gambrell, Loftis, Rice, Gustafson, Martin, Verdin, Turner, Kimbrell, Reichenbach, Cash, Harpootlian, McLeod and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-10, RELATING TO JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS, INITIAL TERMS, AND SUBSEQUENT TERMS, TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT, EXCEPT THOSE FIRST APPOINTED, THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SENATE PRESIDENT, THE SENATE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND THE HOUSE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO NOMINEE MAY BE A FAMILY MEMBER OF A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT

SELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-20, RELATING TO INVESTIGATION BY COMMISSION AND PUBLICATION OF VACANCIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-30, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND EXECUTIVE SESSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS BE LIVE STREAMED; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-70, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DUAL OFFICES, PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR, AND PLEDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FLOOR PRIVILEGES AND PROHIBITIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND ESTABLISHING SET TIMES FOR THE RELEASE OF REPORTS AND THE SEEKING OF PLEDGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FORMAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT OF QUALIFICATIONS SHALL OCCUR NO EARLIER THAN TWELVE DAYS AFTER NOMINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO NOMINATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SHALL BE RELEASED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE A MAJORITY VOTE OF EACH HOUSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERMS AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FULL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OF THE COUNTY THE MAGISTRATE WILL SERVE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1001 -- Senator Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-430,

RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF INMATE LABOR IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO INMATE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM MAY EARN LESS THAN THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 841 -- Senators Alexander and Senn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENBILLING THE "PROSECUTORS PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION BILL" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 30 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE CURRENT AND FORMER PROSECUTORS HAVE THE OPTION OF MAKING PERSONAL CONTBILL INFORMATION HELD BY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE, TO PROVIDE LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED PROCEDURES FOR EXERCISING THIS OPTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION SHALL CREATE A FORM FOR USE BY PROSECUTORS WHEN REQUESTING NONDISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL CONTBILL INFORMATION, AND TO SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FORM.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 1 -- Senators Alexander, Turner, Senn, Young, Gustafson, Peeler, Setzler, Rankin, Adams, Bennett, Climer, Campsen and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DRUG-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO

ADD DRUG-INDUCED HOMICIDE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-190, RELATING TO SCHEDULE I DRUGS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-RELATED SUBSTANCES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 112 -- Senators Allen, Hembree and Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 34-11-90, RELATING TO JURISDICTION FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING CHECKS AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A METHOD TO EXPUNGE CONVICTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 17-22-910, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR EXPUNGEMENT, SO AS TO ADD MULTIPLE MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES OF CHECK FRAUD TO THOSE OFFENSES ELIGIBLE FOR EXPUNGEMENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 17-1-43, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DESTRUCTION OF ARREST RECORDS OF PERSONS MADE AS A RESULT OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 954 -- Senators Hembree, Senn and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 947 -- Senators Hembree, Senn, McLeod and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO ALLOW SENTENCING FOR THE CRIME OF KIDNAPPING AND OTHER CRIMES.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. W. NEWTON, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 1166 -- Senators Tedder, Stephens and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS THAT OCCURRED BEFORE THE ENBILLMENT OF THE S.C. CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION BILL OF 2024, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THIS BILL, TO PROVIDE THE DISMISSAL OF THESE CHARGES DOES NOT MANDATE THE DISMISSAL OF OTHER RELATED CHARGES OR MAY SERVE AS A BASIS OR SUPPORT FOR CIVIL BILLIONS DUE TO THE ARREST.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 207 -- Senator Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 22 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 57 SO AS TO CREATE THE PIEDMONT GATEWAY SCENIC BYWAY AND TO IDENTIFY THE THREE SEGMENTS THAT COMPRISE THE BYWAY.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 968 -- Senators Peeler and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSES OR PERMITS, SO AS TO ALLOW APPLICANTS TO VOLUNTARILY DISCLOSE THEIR BLOOD TYPES, ALLOW THEIR BLOOD TYPES TO BE DISCLOSED ON DRIVER'S LICENSES AND PERMITS, AND TO PROVIDE NO CAUSE OF BILLION MAY ARISE NOR LIABILITY BE IMPOSED ON CERTAIN PERSONS WHEN INACCURATE BLOOD TYPES ARE INDICATED ON DRIVER'S LICENSES AND PERMITS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 974 -- Senator Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 59-104-20, 59-149-10, AND 59-150-370, ALL RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION" FOR PURPOSES OF THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS, THE LEGISLATIVE INCENTIVES FOR FUTURE EXCELLENCE (LIFE) SCHOLARSHIPS, AND THE SC HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO ADD NOT FOR PROFIT INSTITUTIONS ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITING COMMISSION OF CAREER SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES TO THE DEFINITION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. ERICKSON, from the Committee on Education and Public Works, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 125 -- Senators Hembree, Turner, Young, Setzler, Fanning and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-15, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL LIFE SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS MAJORS, SO AS TO EXTEND STIPEND AVAILABILITY TO EDUCATION MAJORS, TO DEFINE EDUCATION MAJORS AND REDEFINE SCIENCE AND

MATHEMATICS MAJORS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND OTHER REVISIONS, TO PROVIDE EDUCATION MAJOR STIPEND RECIPIENTS MUST CONTRBILLUALLY AGREE TO TEACH IN SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CERTAIN PERIODS OF TIME, AND TO PROVIDE GRANDFATHER PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN EXISTING STIPEND RECIPIENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-25, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS MAJORS, SO AS TO EXTEND STIPEND AVAILABILITY TO EDUCATION MAJORS, TO DEFINE EDUCATION MAJORS AND REDEFINE SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS MAJORS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND OTHER REVISIONS, TO PROVIDE EDUCATION MAJOR STIPEND RECIPIENTS MUST CONTRBILLUALLY AGREE TO TEACH IN SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CERTAIN PERIODS OF TIME, AND TO PROVIDE GRANDFATHER PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN EXISTING STIPEND RECIPIENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-50, RELATING TO LIFE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE BILL TEST AS AN OPTION FOR ELIGIBILITY, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL DETERMINE THE MINIMUM QUALIFYING BILL SCORE, TO PROVIDE THIS MINIMUM QUALIFYING SCORE MUST BE THE EQUIVALENT OF THE MINIMUM QUALIFYING SAT SCORE, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION PERIODICALLY SHALL ADJUST THESE MINIMUM QUALIFYING SCORES COMMENSURATE WITH SCORING SCALE ADJUSTMENTS MADE BY THE TESTING PROVIDER, AND TO PROVIDE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES MUST CONSIDER THE MINIMUM SCORING REQUIREMENT IN EFFECT AT THE TIME A TEST IS TAKEN WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL SATISFIES THE MINIMUM SCORING REQUIREMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-20, RELATING TO THE DURATION OF PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WHO USE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND ELIGIBLE TWO YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL RECEIVE A MAXIMUM OF FOUR CONTINUOUS SEMESTERS AND MAY CONTINUE TO USE SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND AN ELIGIBLE FOUR YEAR INSTITUTION, SUBJECT TO THE

MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTERS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5465 -- Rep. Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF ASHBY ROAD IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH IRBY STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH DOUGLAS STREET "DR. JAMES DUCKETT HAMMOND, JR. MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5479 -- Rep. Hosey: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 278 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 300 IN BARNWELL COUNTY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 301 IN ALLENDALE COUNTY "VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" IN HONOR OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED IN OUR ARMED FORCES AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS AND THE PURPLE HEART EMBLEM.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5499 -- Reps. Bailey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley,

Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO JEAN BOSEMAN FOR HER FAITHFUL SERVICE FOR A THIRD OF A CENTURY ON BEHALF OF FAIR ELECTIONS AND FOR HER DEVOTION TO THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN NORTH MYRTLE BEACH.

The Resolution was adopted.

S. 408--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of amendments:

S. 408 -- Senators Shealy and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-250, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, DISPLAY, AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE HOUR OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING AS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-540, RELATING TO REGULATIONS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AND LICENSE RENEWAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE HOUR OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING AS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT.

Rep. Cromer proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to S. 408 (LC-408.VR0020H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 40-75-250(D) and inserting:

(D) A person licensed under this chapter must receive at least one hour of continuing education in suicide assessment, treatment, and management treatment, which may be completed virtually, as a portion of the total continuing education requirement for license renewal as determined by the board in regulation.

(~~D~~E) A licensee who allows the license to lapse by failing to renew the license as provided in this section may be reinstated by the board upon payment of a reinstatement fee and the current renewal fee. The board, by regulation, may impose additional requirements for reinstatement.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 40-75-540(B) and inserting:

(B) A person licensed under this chapter must receive at least one hour of continuing education in suicide assessment, treatment, and management treatment, which may be completed virtually, as a portion of the total continuing education requirement for license renewal as determined by the board in regulation.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 40-63-250(E) and inserting:

(E) A person licensed under this chapter must receive at least one contact hour of continuing education in suicide assessment, treatment, and management treatment, which may be completed virtually, as a portion of the total continuing education requirement for license renewal as determined by the board in regulation.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CROMER explained the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos

Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	White	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bradley	Caskey	Felder
Gibson	Gilliam	J. E. Johnson
Ligon	Long	Sandifer
Whitmire	Yow	

Total--11

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. GUFFEY spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 9

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Cobb-Hunter	Garvin	Gilliard
Henderson-Myers	J. L. Johnson	King
McDaniel	Pendarvis	Spann-Wilder

Total--9

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 728--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 728 -- Senator Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197(A)(3), RELATING TO THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION OF "FIREFIGHTER" SHALL INCLUDE NON-RESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHO WORK IN THE STATE.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Thursday, May 2, which was agreed to.

S. 962--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 962 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-71-2330, RELATING TO DUTIES OF PHARMACY SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT PHARMACY SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS MUST ACT AS FIDUCIARIES TO PHARMACIES.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 962 (LC-962.HA0001H), which was

adopted:

Amend the bill, after the title but before the enacting words, by adding:

Whereas, South Carolina is achieving remarkable economic development success which is bringing jobs and prosperity to its citizens; and

Whereas, from January to December 2023, the State announced total capital investments of 9.22 billion dollars and over 14,000 jobs, the second largest amount in state history; and

Whereas, in 2022, the State announced 120 projects creating over 14,000 new jobs with 10.27 billion dollars in new capital investment, the largest amount in state history; and

Whereas, since 2017, the State has announced over 36.4 billion dollars in new investments and 86,378 new jobs; and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, South Carolina led the nation in population growth in 2023; and

Whereas, the rapidly expanding population and record-breaking economic development successes necessitate a strategic and forward-thinking approach to developing new energy infrastructure capable of meeting the energy needs of South Carolina's residents and supporting the continued prosperity of the State; and

Whereas, sustaining this success in economic development requires an electric system that can grow and modernize to meet the demands that a prosperous and developing economy places on it; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes that the convergence of escalating population growth, record-breaking economic success, and the aging of existing energy infrastructure has created a critical juncture, demanding immediate and decisive action to avert an impending energy crisis; and

Whereas, the urgency of addressing this situation is underscored by the interconnected challenges of meeting surging energy demand, ensuring grid reliability, and fortifying the state's resilience against potential disruptions, thereby compelling the imperative for the timely construction of new energy plants to safeguard the continued well-being and economic vitality of South Carolina; and

Whereas, in light of these facts, it is important that the General Assembly take action to ensure that generation and transmission providers are able to plan, site, and construct new and replacement generation and transmission resources in a timely and cost-effective manner, utilizing procedures that are fair, prompt, efficient, and guided by an informed Public Service Commission; and

Whereas, the General Assembly has determined that certain aspects

of the current regulatory structure in South Carolina can be revised to reduce the cost, delay, and uncertainty of planning, siting, and constructing new generation and transmission resources serving customers in this State; and

Whereas, the General Assembly further finds that the current circumstances present a unique opportunity to replace or limit reliance on the Williams Generating Station operated by Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC") in Bushy Park, South Carolina; and the Winyah Generating Station operated South Carolina Public Service Authority ("SCPSA") in Georgetown, South Carolina, and perhaps other units as well, through a joint venture between these utilities; and

Whereas, DESC owns the site of the retired Canadys coal units in Colleton County (the "Canadys site") which represents an environmentally well-characterized brownfield site with unique attributes, including electric transmission infrastructure on site, proximity to a major switching station interconnecting the DESC and SCPSA transmission systems serving coastal South Carolina, and reasonable proximity to natural gas supplies which can be accessed through existing natural gas rights of way; and

Whereas, modern combined cycle units provide dispatchability and operating flexibility that will allow DESC and SCPSA systems to continue to add large amounts of flexible resources to their systems without jeopardizing cost-efficient and reliable service to customers; and

Whereas, the integrated resource planning by both utilities consistently indicates the need for and benefit of additional combined cycle natural gas resources under multiple planning scenarios; and

Whereas, by pursuing replacement resources as a joint project, DESC and SCPSA can build larger, more fuel-efficient, lower-emitting units, and can reduce the capital cost per MW of these units by as much as 25% or more compared to building single, stand-alone units sized to meet their individual needs alone while at the same time reducing the environmental and land-use impact of the natural gas pipeline and transmission infrastructure required to support separate units; and

Whereas, the joint project can provide a unique opportunity to anchor the expansion of natural gas pipelines serving certain coastal counties of South Carolina where economic development is currently hampered by the lack of such supplies, thereby increasing jobs, prosperity, and public welfare in those areas and can do so with minimal environmental disruption; and

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented by the shared needs of DESC and SCPSA for replacement generation in the Charleston

and Georgetown areas, the unique benefits of a partnership between them for this purpose, and the unique benefits of the Canadys site as the location for a joint resource, the General Assembly finds that these circumstances support amending the enabling act of the SCPSA to authorize it in a joint venture to develop and share in the output of one or more combined cycle natural gas units to be located at the Canadys site and encourages the utility to seek, as soon as practicable, a certificate as defined under the terms of the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act for DESC to construct and operate combined cycle natural gas units to be located at the Canadys site; and

Whereas, Duke Energy Carolinas Bad Creek Pumped Storage facility, including ongoing uprates, is an approximate 1,640 MW energy storage facility located in Oconee County, South Carolina; and

Whereas, Duke Energy Carolina has identified the opportunity to approximately double the output of the Bad Creek Pumped Storage facility by constructing new pump turbines, generators, and a new powerhouse; and

Whereas, by increasing the generating capacity at the Bad Creek facility, Duke Energy Carolinas can approximately double its existing peak hourly storage capacity; and

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented by the potential expansion of Duke Energy Carolinas' energy storage capacity by expanding the Bad Creek facility without construction of a new reservoir, and considering the unique benefits for customers served by Duke Energy Carolinas' electrical system such an expansion represents, the General Assembly encourages the utility to complete evaluations related to expanding the Bad Creek facility to double its output; and

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented in the plans of Duke Energy Carolinas LLC and Duke Energy Progress LLC to secure approximately 7,000 MW of natural gas generation facilities for the benefit of their customers in South Carolina, the General Assembly encourages the utilities to undertake such activities as may be necessary to pursue and facilitate additional natural gas generation to serve its customers in this State; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes the potential for substantial economic and environmental benefits through the implementation of robust energy efficiency and demand side management initiatives; and

Whereas, investing in energy efficiency and demand-side management initiatives not only reduces overall energy consumption but also alleviates the strain on existing electric generation infrastructure,

leading to cost savings for consumers, businesses, and the state; and

Whereas, the promotion of energy efficiency and demand-side management initiatives offers a prudent and cost-effective approach to address increasing energy demands, thereby lessening the necessity for construction of new electric generation facilities in the future, and contributing to a more sustainable and resilient energy future for South Carolina; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly acknowledges the transformative potential of advanced nuclear generation, such as small modular reactors (SMRs), understanding that their compact size addresses significant challenges associated with traditional nuclear power, offering the promise of expedited and cost-effective plant construction, coupled with enhanced safety in operational practices, along with offering reliable carbon-free energy generation that can operate nearly 24/7; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes the strategic importance of investigating in and pursuing advanced nuclear technologies such as small modular reactors and molten salt reactors at this time, understanding that proactive engagement in research and development positions the State to capitalize on future opportunities when SMRs become economically and technologically viable; and

Whereas, the SC Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy consortium, developed in collaboration with our research universities, technical colleges, state agencies, the Savannah River National Laboratory, economic development non-profits, and private businesses, won the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration’s designation as one of the Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes establishing an Energy Policy Institute is a pivotal step towards supporting the efforts of SC Nexus and for guiding informed decision making for the state's energy future; and

Whereas, understanding the complexity of energy issues, the establishment of an Energy Policy Institute is essential to equipping the State with the necessary expertise and resources to make well informed choices, fostering a comprehensive understanding of intricate energy matters; and

Whereas, SC Nexus will assist the state as a global leader in advanced energy by developing, testing, and deploying exportable energy technologies and understanding that new manufacturers of those technologies can locate their operations at a place of their choosing, an

Energy Policy Institute is integral to positioning the state strategically for economic development success by ensuring the economic benefits resulting from SC Nexus remain in South Carolina, and ensuring that energy policies align with the state's growth objectives and policy goals, while simultaneously safeguarding the interests of ratepayers and promoting a sustainable and resilient energy landscape; and

Whereas, it is imperative to direct the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) to conduct a comprehensive energy assessment and formulate a ten-year energy action plan not only to identify additional actions to take over the next decade to address the critical need to ensure an adequate and reliable power supply but also to serve as a proactive forum to thoroughly examine unresolved issues vital to achieving economic development success within the dynamic and evolving energy sector; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly determines that comprehensive legislation is needed to promote the development of new and reliable energy infrastructure resources, fostering resilient and reliable energy infrastructure critical to the economic success of the State of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Amend the bill further, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 38-71-2330(A)(1) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(1) ~~act as a fiduciary to a pharmacy and~~ perform its duties to a pharmacy exercising good faith and fair dealing;

SECTION 2. This act may be cited as the "South Carolina Energy Security Act".

SECTION 3. Section 58-3-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-20. (A) The commission is composed of ~~seven~~three members to be elected by the General Assembly in the manner prescribed by this chapter. Each member must have:

(1) a baccalaureate or more advanced degree from:

(a) a recognized institution of higher learning requiring face-to-face contact between its students and instructors prior to completion of the academic program;

(b) an institution of higher learning that has been accredited by a regional or national accrediting body; or

(c) an institution of higher learning chartered before 1962; and

(2) a background of substantial duration and an

expertise in at least one of the following:

(a) energy issues;

(b) telecommunications issues;

(c) consumer protection and advocacy issues;

(d) water and wastewater issues;

(e) finance, economics, and statistics;

(f) accounting;

(g) engineering; or

(h) law.

~~(B)(1) Beginning in 2004, the members of the Public Service Commission must be elected to staggered terms. In 2004, the members representing the Second, Fourth, and Sixth Congressional Districts must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2006, and until their successors are elected and qualify. Thereafter, members representing the Second, Fourth, and Sixth Congressional Districts must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify. In 2004, the members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts and the State at large must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2008, and until their successors are elected and qualify. Thereafter, members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts and the State at large must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts shall serve until the expiration of their terms, and in 2013, members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2016, and until their successors are elected and qualified.~~

~~(2) In the event there are Seven Congressional Districts, the member elected from the State at large shall serve until the expiration of his term, and in 2013, a member representing the Seventh Congressional District must be elected for a term ending on June 30, 2016, and until his successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the member representing the Seventh Congressional District must be elected to terms of four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. Upon the election and qualification of the member representing the Seventh Congressional District, the at-large member elected to satisfy the requirements of subsection (C) immediately shall cease to be a member of the commission.~~

~~(C)~~ (B)(1)The General Assembly must provide for the election of the ~~seven~~three-member commission ~~and elect its members based upon the congressional districts established by the General~~

~~Assembly pursuant to the latest official United States Decennial Census. If the number of congressional districts is less than seven, additional members must be elected at large to provide for a seven-member commission. In the event the congressional districts established by the General Assembly are under review by a court for compliance with statutory or constitutional requirements, an election scheduled pursuant to this section shall not be held until a final determination is made by the courts regarding the congressional districts. The inability to hold an election due to judicial review of the congressional districts does not constitute a vacancy on the commission and the commissioners serve until their successors are elected and qualify~~. The commission members must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify.

(2) The commission members must be elected from the state at large; however, membership on the commission should reflect all segments of the population of the State, to the greatest extent possible.

~~(D)~~(C) The Governor may fill vacancies in the office of commissioner until the successor in the office for a full term or an unexpired term, as applicable, has been elected by the General Assembly. In cases where a vacancy occurs on the commission when the General Assembly is not in session, the Governor may fill the vacancy by an interim appointment. The Governor must report the interim appointment to the General Assembly and must forward a formal appointment at its next ensuing regular session.

SECTION 4. Section 58-3-140 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-140. (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 9 of this title, the commission is vested with power and jurisdiction to supervise and regulate the rates and service of every public utility in this State and to fix just and reasonable standards, classifications, regulations, practices, and measurements of service to be furnished, imposed, or observed, and followed by every public utility in this State.

(2) The commission must promulgate regulations to establish safety, maintenance, and inspection standards for the public utilities and may assess fines for public utilities that violate these standards.

(B)(1) The commission, in conducting its analysis and making a decision in matters involving electrical utilities, must consider the economic impact to the State when fixing just and reasonable standards, classifications, regulations, practices, and measurements of

service to be furnished, imposed, or observed, and followed by every electrical utility in this State.

(2) The General Assembly declares the rates, services, and operations of electrical utilities are a matter of public interest and the availability of an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of electric power and natural gas to the people and economy of South Carolina is a matter of public policy. When exercising its powers under this section, the commission must balance the public interest in determining the rates, services, and operations of electrical utilities. It is the policy of this State for the commission, in matters involving electrical utilities, to:

(a) ensure South Carolina customers have access to an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources;

(b) sustain growth in industrial and economic development by ensuring an electric generation, transmission, and distribution system that can grow and modernize to meet the demands that a prosperous and developing economy places on it;

(c) provide fair regulation of electrical utilities in the interest of the public in a manner that maintains the financial integrity of the electrical utility by assuring a sufficient and fair rate of return, supports economic development and industry retention, and provides just and reasonable rates to be established for entities providing electrical utility services to customers in this State while promoting adequate, reliable, and economical utility service to all of the citizens and residents of this State;

(d) provide the State and the public with a well-regulated electrical utility environment;

(e) ensure that resources necessary to meet future growth through the provision of adequate, reliable electrical utility service include use of the entire spectrum of demand-side options, including but not limited to, conservation, load management, and energy efficiency programs as additional sources of energy supply and energy demand reduction;

(f) provide just and reasonable rates and charges for electrical utility services without undue preferences or advantages, or unfair or destructive competitive practices and consistent with long-term management and conservation of energy resources by avoiding wasteful, uneconomic generation and uses of energy;

(g) ensuresure that facilities necessary to meet future growth can be financed by the utilities operating in this State on terms which are reasonable and fair to both the customers and existing

investors of such utilities, and to that end, to authorize fixing of rates in such a manner as to result in lower costs of new facilities and lower rates over the operating lives of such new facilities;

(h) recognize the important role of utilities in economic development and industry retention and the necessity for utilities to maintain the ability to finance continued investment in, and operation and maintenance of, the electric system, rapid restoration of power after major storms and outages, rate designs, and infrastructure necessary to attract and retain businesses and jobs to South Carolina, the ability to obtain financing at attractive rates, and to ensure a viable workforce for providing electricity and to attract such utility workers at market-competitive wages;

(i) seek to encourage and promote harmony between public utilities, their users, and the environment;

(j) foster the continued service of electrical utilities on a well-planned and coordinated basis that is consistent with the level of energy needed for the protection of public health and safety and for the promotion of the general welfare, economic development, and industry retention;

(k) seek to adjust the rate of growth of regulated energy supply facilities serving the State to the policy requirements of statewide economic development and industry retention;

(l) encourage the continued study and research on new and innovative rate designs which will protect the State, the public, the ratepayers and the utilities;

(m) facilitate the construction of facilities in and the extension of natural gas service to unserved and underserved areas in order to promote the public welfare throughout the State;

(n) further the development of cleaner energy technologies on a cost-effective basis to protect the natural resources of this State, promote the health and well-being of the people of this State, and attract investments, create employment opportunities, drive economic growth, and foster innovation in this State; and

(o) accomplish regulatory processes and issue orders in a timely manner.

~~(B)~~(C) The commission must develop and publish a policy manual which must set forth guidelines for the administration of the commission. All procedures must incorporate state requirements and good management practices to ensure the efficient and economical utilization of resources.

~~(C)~~(D) The commission must facilitate access to its

general rate request orders in contested matters involving more than one hundred thousand dollars by publishing an order guide which indexes and cross-references orders by subject matter and case name. The order guide must be made available for public inspection.

~~(D)~~(E) The commission must promulgate regulations to require the direct testimony of witnesses appearing on behalf of utilities and of witnesses appearing on behalf of persons having formal intervenor status, such testimony to be reduced to writing and prefiled with the commission in advance of any hearing. In contested case proceedings, the applicant seeking relief from the commission shall have the right to prefile rebuttal testimony responsive to the direct prefiled testimony of other parties. The commission may allow supplemental testimony in cases where new matters arise after the filing of direct testimony, provided that parties shall have the right to respond to such supplemental testimony. The procedural schedule for each contested case proceeding shall include dates for completion of each phase of discovery, including discovery related to the application or other initial pleading as filed, direct testimony of the applicant, direct testimony of the Office of Regulatory Staff and other parties and intervenors, rebuttal testimony of the applicant, and surrebuttal testimony but only if allowed by the commission upon motion that there is material new information for which surrebuttal testimony is required. The commission must act on a motion to allow surrebuttal testimony within three business days. Except upon showing of exceptional circumstances or surprise, all discovery must be completed not less than ten days prior to the hearing.

(F) The commission may convene public hearings to allow electrical utility customers to address the commission as public witnesses without intervening in the proceedings and without subjecting themselves to discovery or prefiling testimony. Public witnesses may address the commission on issues related to customer service, utility operations, reliability, economic hardship, affordability, environmental concerns, or other matters that affect them. The electrical utility and the Office of Regulatory Staff shall work to investigate and resolve individual service issues raised by public witnesses.

(G) Any other provision of law notwithstanding, to the extent the commission is authorized by the General Assembly to employ an independent third-party consultant to assist the commission in its duties with respect to a matter before the commission, such consultant may only rely upon evidence introduced by a party to that proceeding into the record subject to the requirements of the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act. Further, the commission may not give

any consultant employed by the commission party status in a proceeding before the commission.

~~(E)~~(H) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to repeal or modify specific exclusions from the commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Title 58 or any other title.

~~(F)~~(I) When required to be filed, tariffs must be filed with the office of the chief clerk of the commission and, on that same day, provided to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 5. Section 58-3-250(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) A copy of every final order or decision under the seal of the commission must be served by electronic service, or registered or certified mail, upon all parties to the proceeding or their attorneys. Service of every final order or decision upon a party or upon the attorney must be made by emailing a copy of the order to the party's email address provided to the commission or by mailing a copy to the party's last known address. If no email or other address is known, however, service shall be made by leaving a copy with the chief clerk of the commission. The order takes effect and becomes operative when served unless otherwise designated and continues in force either for a period designated by the commission or until changed or revoked by the commission. If, in the judgment of the commission, an order cannot be complied with within the time designated, the commission may grant and prescribe additional time as is reasonably necessary to comply with the order and, on application and for good cause shown, may extend the time for compliance fixed in its order.

SECTION 6. Section 58-4-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-4-10. (A) There is hereby created the Office of Regulatory Staff as a separate agency of the State with the duties and organizations as hereinafter provided.

(B) Unless and until it chooses not to participate, the Office of Regulatory Staff must be considered a party of record in all filings, applications, or proceedings before the commission. The regulatory staff must represent the public interest of South Carolina before the commission. For purposes of this chapter only, "public interest" means a balancing of:

(1) the concerns of the using and consuming public with respect to public utility services, regardless of the class of customer~~.~~;

(2) economic development and job attraction and retention in South Carolina; and

(3) preservation of the financial integrity of the State's public utilities to the extent necessary to provide for the ~~of~~ continued investment in and maintenance of utility facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality utility services.

(C) The Office of Regulatory Staff is subject to the provision of Section 58-3-260 prohibiting ex parte communications with the commission, and any advice given to the commission by the regulatory staff must be given in a form, forum, and manner as may lawfully be given by any other party or person.

SECTION 7. Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-150. (A) To further advance and expand upon Executive Order 2023-18 which established the PowerSC Energy Resources and Economic Development Interagency Working Group, the Office of Regulatory Staff, in consultation with a stakeholder group that includes representatives of consumer, environmental, manufacturing, forestry, and agricultural organizations, natural gas and electrical utilities, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, and other affected state agencies, shall prepare a comprehensive South Carolina energy assessment and action plan, hereinafter referred to as "the plan". This plan must identify recommended actions over a ten-year period to ensure the availability of adequate, reliable, and economical supply of electric power and natural gas to the people and economy of South Carolina. For purposes of this section, natural gas and electrical utilities also include any investor-owned electrical utility, a public utility as defined in Section 58-5-10, the Public Service Authority, electric cooperatives, and any consolidated political subdivision that owns or operates in this State equipment or facilities for generating, transmitting, delivering, or furnishing electricity, but does not include an entity that furnishes electricity only to itself, its residents, or tenants when such current is not resold or used by others.

(B) The Office of Regulatory Staff, in collaboration with the electrical utilities and the South Carolina Public Service Authority, shall aggregate data and analyses from their most recent integrated resource plans approved by the commission, and include any updates or associated filings and other available data in order to create a statewide comprehensive view of the availability of an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources to the people and economy of South Carolina.

(C) The plan must detail factors, and make recommendations, essential to adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy

resources for the people and economy of South Carolina, including but not limited to:

(1) projections of energy consumption in South Carolina, including the use of fuel resources and costs of electricity and generation resources across the electrical utilities' and the South Carolina Public Service Authority's balancing authority areas used to serve the State;

(2) the adequacy of electricity generation, transmission, and distribution resources in this State to meet projections of energy consumption;

(3) the adequacy of infrastructure utilized by natural gas industries in providing fuel supply to electric generation plants or otherwise for end-use customers;

(4) the overall needs of the South Carolina electric grid and transmission system and details from the plans of each electrical utility and the South Carolina Public Service Authority to meet current and future energy needs in a cost-effective, reliable, economic, and environmental manner;

(5) an assessment of state and local impediments to expanded use of generation or distributed resources and recommendations to reduce or eliminate such impediments;

(6) how energy efficiency, demand-side management programs, and conservation initiatives across the electrical utilities' and the South Carolina Public Service Authority's balancing authority areas may be expanded to lower bills and reduce electric consumption;

(7) details regarding potential siting of energy resource and transmission facilities in order to identify any disproportionate adverse impact of such activities on the environment, agricultural community, land use, and economically disadvantaged or minority communities;

(8) details regarding commercial and industrial consumer clean energy goals and options available to such customers to achieve these goals, including:

(a) an analysis of the barriers commercial and industrial consumers face in making such investments in this State;

(b) an analysis of any electric and natural gas regulatory barriers to the recruitment and retention of commercial and industrial customers in this State; and

(c) recommendations to address any barriers identified in items (a) and (b) in a manner that is consistent with the public interest and which is not duly impactful to nonparticipating customers as it pertains to rate and system impacts, and which is not unduly impactful to entities providing public utility services.

(D) In preparing the plan the Office of Regulatory Staff may retain an outside expert to assist with compiling this report.

(E) In addition to the information required by this section, the plan must include recommendations for legislative, regulatory, or other public and private actions to best ensure a reliable and reasonably priced energy supply in South Carolina that supports the continued growth and success of this State. In forming these recommendations, the Office of Regulatory Staff must confer with the stakeholder group to ensure the recommendations would likely achieve the intended result for the electric grid, electric generation, and natural gas resources serving South Carolina customers.

(F) The plan must be submitted to the Public Utilities Review Committee for approval.

(G) The provisions of this section are subject to funding.

SECTION 8. Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 38

South Carolina Energy Policy Institute

Section 58-38-10. This chapter is known as and may be cited as the "South Carolina Energy Policy Research and Economic Development Institute" or "EPI".

Section 58-38-20. The General Assembly finds that:

(1) It is in the public interest of South Carolina to establish an Energy Policy Research and Economic Development Institute, also referred to as EPI, to support the efforts of the Advanced Resilient Energy Nexus, also referred to as SC Nexus, and research and propose solutions to address major challenges in the complex and evolving area of energy generation and storage.

(2) Research and documenting reliable data is essential for thoughtful consideration of the complex issues and concerns impacting energy generation and storage and the need for timely, substantive, and thorough advice from the EPI to the South Carolina General Assembly is critical to continue to position this State as a global leader.

(3) Advancement through the EPI of the broad collaboration through SC Nexus will assist the State as a global leader in advanced energy by developing, testing, and deploying exportable electricity technologies. It will also allow the State to leverage the region's dynamic and growing manufacturing base, superior research capabilities, and demonstrated record of public-private collaboration to innovate and commercialize emerging energy storage materials and manufacturing techniques, including a demonstrative microgrid implementation that integrates renewable energy and storage into the state's electricity

systems.

(4) The topography of South Carolina, with its coastal plains and low country, confronts further complications. While the State possesses renewable energy resources like hydropower potential from its rivers and lakes and biomass from wood and landfill gas, the lack of sustainable energy production exacerbates the energy deficit. It is critical that South Carolina provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy.

(5) The industrial sector in South Carolina accounts for approximately one-third of the state's total energy use and heavily depends on energy consumption. Continued economic development and industry retention depends upon safe, reliable, and affordable energy generation.

(6) South Carolina will need to continue moving toward reliable power from emerging energy sources to ensure continued economic growth and secure energy for residential usage.

(7) The EPI shall collaborate across South Carolina in coordination with SC Nexus, Savannah River National Laboratory, energy utility providers, private industry, and workforce development to deliver advice on policy creation aligned with the state's distinctive needs and opportunities. EPI shall support and collaborate with SC Nexus, a consortium of public and private entities, formed within the South Carolina Department of Commerce concerning power generation, transmission, and storage.

Section 58-38-30. (A) The EPI shall be established by the University of South Carolina to serve as an expert and reliable advisory resource for state policymakers, government, and industry. This institute shall bring together a coalition of experts from various domains within the energy ecosystem, individuals and organizations specializing in innovatiVE public policy approaches, as well as specialists from across higher education, including but not limited to, the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, and South Carolina State University. The EPI shall aid South Carolina in developing a strategic, long-term approach to address energy-related challenges and economic development opportunities for the State of South Carolina.

(B) The EPI shall be governed by a board of six members which shall provide oversight and guidance to the EPI. This board shall be composed of:

(1) Speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee;

(2) President of the Senate or his designee;

(3) Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives or his designee;

(4) Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate or his designee;

(5) Chairman of the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee of the House of Representatives or his designee; and

(6) Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate or his designee.

Section 58-38-40. (A) Annual deliverables for the EPI shall align with the goals and priorities of critical state objectives and legislative needs of South Carolina as determined by the board.

(B) The EPI shall prepare concise and informative documents that outline the key energy policy issues in South Carolina for members of the South Carolina General Assembly. These briefs shall offer evidence-based recommendations and their potential impacts to assist the legislature in decision making.

(C) The EPI shall provide in-depth research on various aspects of energy policy relevant to South Carolina, at the direction of the board.

(D) The EPI shall provide stakeholder engagement reports, including identification and engagement with relevant stakeholders in the energy sector, including industry representatives, environmental groups, consumer advocates, and community organizations. The EPI shall compile reports on stakeholder perspectives, concerns, and suggestions to aid the legislature in understanding different viewpoints.

(E) The EPI shall evaluate the economic implications of different energy policy options, including the potential costs and benefits to the state's economy, job market, industry competitiveness, and underdeveloped communities. The EPI must use modeling techniques to estimate direct and indirect impacts on various sectors.

(F) The EPI shall develop practical framework recommendations for implementing energy policies in South Carolina, considering regulatory mechanisms, enforcement mechanisms, and coordination between different government agencies. These frameworks must address potential challenges and propose strategies for successful implementation.

(G) The EPI may host fellowships by which entities could offer the time and services of employees by which the EPI could leverage the knowledge, experience, and participation of such entities.

SECTION 9. Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-33-195. (A)(1) The General Assembly finds:

(a) The Public Service Commission, hereinafter referred to as "the commission", issued Order No. 2023-860 approving Dominion

Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s integrated resource plan, and Order No. 2024-171 approving the South Carolina Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan. The commission determined these integrated resource plans represented the most reasonable and prudent means to meet each utility's energy and capacity needs as of the time each integrated resource plan was reviewed.

(b) Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s integrated resource plan identified a natural gas combined cycle unit as the optimum replacement unit for the Williams Station, which Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. intends to retire in 2030, assuming replacement capacity is available at that time. Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. proposed to locate this natural gas combined cycle unit facility at the site of its now retired Canadys coal plant, and Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. is pursuing a plan to build it jointly with the Public Service Authority under a Memorandum of Understanding, also referred to as the "Joint Resource".

(c) The commission found that Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s Reference Build Plan replacing the Williams Station with the Joint Resource best meets the criterion of "consumer affordability and least cost" pursuant to Section 58-37-40(C)(2)(b).

(d) The commission found that the Public Service Authority's Preferred Portfolio, referred to as "Supplemental", as the preferred plan to guide the Public Service Authority's generation and transmission planning over the next three years, with updates as necessary, represented the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting the Public Service Authority's energy and capacity needs.

(e) The commission found the Supplemental is the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements, while maintaining safe and reliable electric service.

(f) The commission determined the Public Service Authority sufficiently considered alternatives to the natural gas combined cycle unit.

(g) The commission found that the Supplemental allows the Public Service Authority to meet the electric power needs of its retail and wholesale customers reliably and affordably, reduces its carbon footprint, and adds flexibility and innovation to support a growing state economy.

(2) The General Assembly encourages Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. and the Public Service Authority to jointly complete evaluations related to the Joint Resource and to use such information as

may be necessary from such evaluations to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certificate pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or authorize construction and operation of the facilities subject to this section in preference to all other pending nonemergency applications or requests. The General Assembly finds adding natural gas generation capacity at the retired Canadys coal site would advance the economy and general welfare of the State based on current conditions and information as of the effective date of this act. However, this subsection does not exempt the entities from complying with the requirements of the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act, including the requirement to seek commission approval for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity nor does this subsection limit the commission's independent decision-making authority. The entities are further encouraged to use existing rights of way to the greatest extent practicable.

(B) The General Assembly hereby encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to complete evaluations for constructing a second powerhouse using the existing reservoir at Bad Creek Pumped Hydro Station in Oconee County, South Carolina, which will approximately double the size and peak hourly capacity of the facility, and to use such information as may be necessary from such evaluations to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certificate pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter. The General Assembly further encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to complete evaluations as to what may be necessary to interconnect such an expansion of Bad Creek Pumped Hydro Station to the electric grid or otherwise deliver electric power from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to its customers, and to include such information as may be necessary from such evaluations in a filing to the commission pursuant to Section 58-33-110 or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or otherwise authorize construction and operation of the facilities subject to this subsection in preference of all other pending nonemergency applications or requests.

(C) The General Assembly hereby encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to complete evaluations for constructing hydrogen-capable natural gas generation or otherwise to place into service such natural gas generation within the utilities'

balancing areas serving South Carolina, and to use such information from the evaluations as may be necessary to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certification pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly further encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to determine what facilities may be necessary to interconnect such natural gas generation to the electric grid or otherwise deliver electric power from the utilities to its customers, and to include such information in any filing to the commission pursuant to Section 58-33-110 or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or otherwise authorize construction or operation of the facilities subject to this subsection in preference of all other pending nonemergency applications or requests.

(D)(1) In the event any of the projects described in subsections (A), (B), or (C) are approved, the Office of Regulatory Staff, using its authority provided in Title 58, must continuously monitor the project or projects. This includes, but is not limited to, a review of the construction in progress, such as meeting projected timelines and financial projections are met. The Office of Regulatory Staff must provide monthly updates, in writing, to the commission and to the members of the General Assembly. Each electrical utility and the Public Service Authority must cooperate to the fullest extent with the Office of Regulatory Staff.

(2) The commission may, on its own motion, schedule a hearing to address concerns raised by the Office of Regulatory Staff in its written monthly review to the commission.

(3) The commission shall consider the Office of Regulatory Staff's written monthly reviews in any future matters concerning any facility described in this section.

SECTION 10. Article 1, Chapter 31, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-31-205. (A) The Public Service Authority shall have the power to jointly own, as tenants-in-common or through a limited liability company, with investor-owned electric utilities of electrical generation and transmission facilities, the power to plan, finance, acquire, own, operate, and maintain an interest in such plants and facilities necessary or incidental to the generation and transmission of electric power and the power to make plans and enter into such contracts as are necessary or convenient for the planning, financing, acquisition, construction, ownership, operation, and maintenance of such plants and facilities.

However, the Public Service Authority shall own a percentage of such plants and facilities equal to the percentage of the money furnished or the value of property supplied by the Public Service Authority for the acquisition and construction of the plants and facilities. The Public Service Authority shall also own and control a like percentage of the electrical output thereof.

(B) The Public Service Authority shall be severally liable in proportion to its ownership share of such plants and facilities acquired pursuant to this section for the acts, omissions, or obligations performed, omitted, or incurred by the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities while acting as the designated agent of the Public Service Authority for the purposes of constructing, operating, or maintaining the plants and facilities, or any of them. However, the Public Service Authority shall not be otherwise liable, jointly or severally, for the acts, omissions, or obligations of other owners of the plants and facilities, nor shall any money or property of the Public Service Authority be credited or otherwise applied to the account of the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities, or be charged with any debt, lien, or mortgage as a result of any debt or obligation of the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities.

SECTION 11. Article 9, Chapter 7, Title 13 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Article 9

Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council

Section 13-7-810. There is hereby established a Nuclear Advisory Council in the ~~Department of Administration,~~ Office of Regulatory Staff, which shall be responsible to the Executive Director of the ~~Department of Administration~~ Office of Regulatory Staff and report to the Governor.

Section 13-7-820. The duties of the council, in addition to such other duties as may be requested by the Governor, shall be:

(1) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor on issues involving the use, handling, and management of the transportation, storage, or disposal of nuclear materials within South Carolina, or such use, handling, transportation, storage, or disposal of nuclear materials outside of the State which may affect the public health, welfare, safety, and environment of the citizens of South Carolina;

(2) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor regarding matters pertaining to the Atlantic Compact Commission;

(3) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor regarding the various programs of the United States Department of Energy pertaining to nuclear waste;

(4) to meet at the call of the chair or at a minimum twice a year; and

(5) to engage stakeholders and develop a strategic plan to advance the development of advanced nuclear generation including small modular reactors, molten salt reactors, and spent nuclear fuel recycling facilities to serve customers in this State in the most economical manner at the earliest reasonable time possible.

Section 13-7-830. The recommendations described in Section ~~13-7-620~~ 13-7-820 shall be made available to the General Assembly and the Governor.

Section 13-7-840. The council shall consist of ~~nine~~ten members. One at-large member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one at-large member shall be appointed by the President of the Senate. ~~Seven~~Eight members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows: two shall be actively involved in the area of environmental protection; one shall have experience in the generation of power by nuclear means; one shall have experience in the field of nuclear activities other than power generation; two shall be scientists or engineers from the faculties of institutions of higher learning in the State; and ~~one~~two shall be from the public at large; of which one shall be appointed to serve as the chairman and director of the Nuclear Advisory Council. The terms of the members of the council appointed by the Governor shall be coterminous with that of the appointing Governor, but they shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Vacancies of the council shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

Section 13-7-850. The Governor shall designate the chairman from the membership. When on business of the council, members shall be entitled to receive such compensation as provided by law for boards and commissions.

Section 13-7-860. Staff support for the council shall be provided by the ~~Department of Administration~~Office of Regulatory Staff. The Director of the Nuclear Advisory Council must be a full-time employee of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 12. Section 37-6-604(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The~~As of July 1, 2025, the Consumer ~~Advocate shall be provided notice of any matter filed at the Public Service Commission that~~ Advocate's duties regarding intervention in matters

that could impact consumers' utility rates~~, and may intervene as a party~~ and ability to advocate for the interests of consumers before the Public Service Commission and appellate courts~~ in such matters as the Consumer Advocate deems necessary and appropriate~~ are transferred to the Office of Regulatory Staff in order to promote efficiency and avoid duplication of duties.

SECTION 13. Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-33-196. Electrical utilities and the Public Service Authority are encouraged to explore the potential for deploying advanced nuclear facilities including, but not limited to, small modular nuclear facilities at suitable sites. Suitable sites may include sites of current nuclear facilities, sites where nuclear facilities have been proposed but not constructed, and other brownfield sites, such as coal-generation sites. Any utility pursuing deployment of such nuclear facilities must provide annual progress reports to the commission and the Public Utilities Review Committee; this report may be in writing or in the form of testimony in an appropriate proceeding. The utility must provide estimates of the cost of the studies including, but not limited to, planning, licensing, and project development to the commission. If the commission finds such estimated costs are reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest, such costs may be recoverable through rates as they are incurred. Nothing in this section relieves an electrical utility of the burden of filing for a certificate under this article and obtaining appropriate approvals from the commission before commencing construction.

SECTION 14. Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-37-70. (A) It is the policy of this State to promote the development and operation of advanced nuclear facilities, including small modular nuclear reactors, in the most economical manner and at the earliest reasonable time possible. These facilities are intended to provide electricity that is reliable, resilient, secure, and free of carbon dioxide emissions, as well as promote this state's economic development and industry retention.

(B) As used in this section:

(1) "Electrical utility" has the same meaning as provided in Section 58-27-10(7) and includes the South Carolina Public Service Authority.

(2) "Site" means the geographic location of one or more small modular nuclear reactors.

(3) “Small modular nuclear reactor” means an advanced nuclear reactor that produces nuclear power and has a power capacity of up to 500 megawatts per reactor.

(C) The commission may establish a small modular nuclear reactor pilot program, if such a program is endorsed by the Nuclear Advisory Council. A pilot program must include the following requirements:

(1) any entity that holds a current license from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to construct or operate at least one existing nuclear electrical generating facility at the time of the application may apply to the commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act;

(2) a certificate may be granted if obtaining a certification of public convenience and necessity would permit the applicant to apply for, use, or leverage at least thirty percent of the construction costs of the small modular nuclear reactor by utilizing any benefits or incentives available to lower the capital or operating costs including, but not limited to, governmental funds, tax credits, grants, and loan guarantees;

(3) the costs and benefits of a small modular nuclear reactor are reasonable and prudent compared to the levelized costs of electricity generation from other resources, applying any governmental tax credits and incentives. Factors that must be considered in levelized costs include fuel factors, economic and environmental benefits, and costs associated with any relative externalities;

(4) no more than three small modular nuclear reactors may receive a permit pursuant to this pilot program.

(D) An application for this pilot program must include:

(1) if the project’s location:

(a) is on or adjacent to an existing or former coal electrical generation site;

(b) is on or adjacent to an existing nuclear facility;

(c) enables coal plant retirement or emissions reduction in the electrical utility’s or the South Carolina Public Service Authority’s balancing area; or

(d) supports diversity in energy production, reliability, and energy security;

(2) if the project is subject to competitive procurement or solicitation for services and equipment;

(3) a demonstration that the program’s costs and benefits are reasonable and prudent and in the interest of South Carolina customers; and

(4) any other information the commission may wish to include in the application.

Nothing in this subsection limits any factors that the commission may consider in its determination of an application.

(E)(1) Reasonable and prudent costs incurred for a small modular nuclear reactor approved pursuant to this section shall be recoverable. In the event an electrical utility abandons a small modular nuclear reactor approved by the commission before its commercial operation, the electrical utility must provide a fulsome accounting to the commission of the circumstances of abandonment. Capital costs may only be recovered if the commission determines that the decision to abandon was reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest; however, these costs shall not include a rate of return. The commission may impose conditions it determines to be necessary to protect customers against unreasonable construction, development, or operational risk including, but not limited to, reporting, inspection, and the potential of requiring the utility to hire an independent third-party construction monitor to evaluate the prudency of the utility's actions and associated expense during the development of the project and construction of the reactor.

(2) The commission must not allow any cost recovery related to a small modular nuclear reactor outside of a rate case.

(F)(1) In addition to the small modular nuclear facility pilot program, electrical utilities and the South Carolina Public Service Authority are encouraged to evaluate the potential for deploying nuclear facilities at suitable sites within this State. A "suitable site" may include sites of current nuclear facilities, sites where nuclear facilities have been proposed but not constructed, and brownfield sites, such as coal generation sites.

(2) When evaluating the potential of a nuclear facility, the applicant must provide notice and annual progress reports to the Public Utilities Review Committee, the Nuclear Advisory Council, and the commission. When available, the applicant must also provide cost estimates of the studies related to a potential nuclear facility to serve customers in South Carolina. This includes, but is not limited to, planning, licensing, and project development, the anticipated timeline of an early site permit, and current possibilities or barriers to co-ownership of such facilities, and available federal benefits which may defray costs of these facilities.

(3) In the event the commission finds cost estimates pursuant to item (2) are reasonable and prudent, the costs may be recoverable through rates, even if an application for a certificate of environmental

compatibility and public convenience and necessity have not been filed. However, these costs shall not include a rate of return.

(G) Nothing in this section relieves an electrical utility or the South Carolina Public Service Authority of the burden of filing for a certificate pursuant to this article and obtaining appropriate approvals from the commission before commencing construction.

SECTION 15. Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 3

Energy Infrastructure Projects

Section 58-37-100. As used in this article:

(1) "Agency" means any agency, department, board, commission, or political subdivision of this State. However, it does not include the Public Service Commission, except for Sections 58-37-110 and 58-37-120.

(2) "Application" means a written request made to an agency for grant of a permit or approval of an action of matter within the agency's jurisdiction pertaining to an energy infrastructure project.

(3) "Brownfield energy site" means an existing or former electrical generating site or other existing or former industrial site.

(4) "Energy corridor" means a corridor in which a utility or the South Carolina Public Service Authority has:

(a) transmission lines with a rated voltage of at least 110 kilovolts, including the substations, switchyards, and other appurtenant facilities associated with such lines; or

(b) high pressure natural gas transmission pipelines and the metering, compression stations, valve station, and other appurtenant facilities associated with such lines.

(5) "Energy corridor project" means an energy infrastructure project that involves the expansion of electric or natural gas delivery capacity in whole or in principal part within an existing energy corridor.

(6) "Energy infrastructure project" means the construction, placement, authorization, or removal of energy infrastructure including, but not limited to, electric transmission and generation assets, natural gas transmission assets, and all associated or appurtenant infrastructure and activities, including communications and distribution infrastructure.

(7) "Permit" means a permit, certificate, approval, registration, encroachment permit, right of way, or other form of authorization.

(8) "Person" means an individual, corporation, association, partnership, trust, agency, or the State of South Carolina.

Section 58-37-110. (A) Given the importance of sufficient, reliable,

safe, and economical energy to the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of South Carolina and to the state's economic development and prosperity, the General Assembly finds that the prompt siting, permitting, and completion of energy infrastructure projects, energy corridor projects, and brownfield electrical generation projects are crucial to the welfare of the State.

(B) All state agencies are instructed to give expedited review of applications for energy infrastructure projects, to provide reasonable and constructive assistance to applicants to allow the applicants to comply with state law and regulatory requirements as expeditiously as possible, and to be guided by the policy goals established in subsection (A).

(C) All state agencies are instructed to give due weight to the reduction in the environmental, aesthetic, and socioeconomic impacts that are incurred to support the safe, reliable, and economic provision of energy to the people of South Carolina when energy infrastructure projects can be located in existing energy corridors or on brownfield energy sites, and shall consider the relative reductions in such impacts compared to greenfield projects in evaluating projects in existing energy corridors or on brownfield energy sites.

Section 58-37-120. (A) Any agency presented with an application for a permit for an energy infrastructure project shall issue a decision on the application no later than six months after the date the application is received by the agency. If the agency fails to take final action within six months of receipt of the application, the application shall be deemed approved, and the agency shall promptly issue documentation that the applicant may reasonably request establishing that the agency has granted the relief requested.

(B) Upon receipt of an application, the agency shall promptly review it for sufficiency and shall provide the applicant with a list of all deficiencies within thirty days of receipt. The identification by the agency of deficiencies in the application shall not toll the six-month period for agency determination.

Section 58-37-130. The applicant or any person whose private rights are affected by an agency decision or action on an application for a permit for any energy infrastructure project may appeal that decision or action to the South Carolina Supreme Court. The Supreme Court shall hear these appeals as direct appeals in accordance with the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. The Court shall provide for an expedited briefing and hearing of the appeal, in preference to all other nonemergency matters on its docket, and decide such appeals on an expedited basis.

Section 58-37-140. The provisions of this article shall expire ten years after its effective date.

SECTION 16. Section 58-40-10(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) "Customer-generator" means the owner, operator, lessee, or customer-generator lessee of an electric energy generation unit which:

(1) generates or discharges electricity from a renewable energy resource, including an energy storage device configured to receive electrical charge solely from an onsite renewable energy resource;

(2) has an electrical generating system with a capacity of:

(a)(i) not more than the lesser of one thousand kilowatts (1,000 kW AC) or one hundred percent of contract demand if a nonresidential customer; or

(ii) after June 1, 2024, not more than the lesser of five thousand kilowatts (5,000kW AC) or one hundred percent of contract demand for a nonresidential customer, provided the customer-generator is on a time-of-use rate schedule and any excess energy produced by the customer-generator is credited and reset at the end of each monthly period; or

(iii) more than five thousand kilowatts (5,000kW AC) if agreed to by the customer-generator and the electrical utility, provided that the electrical utility submits the agreement to the commission for consideration and approval if the commission finds the agreement to contain appropriate ratemaking provisions and is in the public interest; or

(b) not more than twenty kilowatts (20 kW AC) if a residential customer;

(3) is located on a single premises owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by the customer;

(4) is interconnected and operates in parallel phase and synchronization with an electrical utility and complies with the applicable interconnection standards;

(5) is intended primarily to offset part or all of the customer-generator's own electrical energy requirements; and

(6) meets all applicable safety, performance, interconnection, and reliability standards established by the commission, the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Underwriters

Laboratories, the federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and any local governing authorities.

SECTION 17. Section 58-41-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-41-30. (A) The ability to utilize clean energy resources for electric power generation is important to attract prospective commercial or industrial entities to invest in South Carolina and to encourage and incent robust economic growth in the State.

(B) The commission shall be responsive to the clean energy needs of customers and the economic development and industry retention implications for the State when reviewing and approving voluntary clean energy programs. The commission shall consider updates to these voluntary renewable energy programs on an ongoing basis.

(C) Within one hundred and twenty days of the effective date of this chapter, ~~subject to subsection (F),~~ each electrical utility shall file a proposed voluntary renewable energy program for review and approval by the commission, unless as of July 1, 2024, the electrical utility already has a voluntary renewable energy program that conforms with the requirements of this section on file with the commission. The commission shall conduct a proceeding to review the program and establish reasonable terms and conditions for the program. Interested parties shall have the right to participate in the proceeding. The commission ~~may~~must periodically hold additional proceedings to ~~update the program~~ evaluate whether updates to the programs are necessary. At a minimum, each electrical utility must submit to the commission a program for which ~~the program shall provide that~~:

(1) the participating customer shall have the right to select the renewable energy facility and negotiate with the renewable energy supplier on the price to be paid by the participating customer for the energy, capacity, and clean energy environmental attributes of the renewable energy facility and the term of such agreement so long as such terms are consistent with the voluntary renewable program service agreement as approved by the commission;

(2) the renewable energy contract and the participating customer agreement must be of equal duration;

(3) in addition to paying a retail bill calculated pursuant to the rates and tariffs that otherwise would apply to the participating customer, reduced by the amount of the generation credit, a participating customer shall reimburse the electrical utility on a monthly basis for the amount paid by the electrical utility to the renewable energy supplier pursuant to the participating customer

agreement and renewable energy contract, plus an administrative fee approved by the commission; and

(4) eligible customers must be allowed to bundle their demand under a single participating customer agreement and renewable energy contract and must be eligible annually to procure an amount of capacity as approved by the commission.

(D) The commission must approve voluntary renewable energy programs, in addition to those provided for in subsection (C), where the participating customer purchases clean energy environmental attributes of new or existing renewable energy facilities owned and operated and recovered on a cost-of-service basis by the electrical utility or otherwise supplies through the execution of agreements with third parties within the utility's balancing authority area. Voluntary renewable energy programs shall also facilitate behind-the-meter options for customers and access to renewable energy resource generation.

~~(B)~~(E) The commission may approve a program that provides for options that include, but are not limited to, both variable and fixed generation credit options.

~~(C)~~(F) The commission ~~may~~ shall limit the total portion of each electrical utility's voluntary renewable energy program that is eligible for the program at a level consistent with the public interest and shall provide standard terms and conditions for the participating customer agreement and the renewable energy contract, subject to commission review and approval.

~~(D)~~(G) A participating customer shall bear the burden of any reasonable costs associated with participating in a voluntary renewable energy program. ~~An electrical utility may not charge any nonparticipating customers for any costs incurred pursuant to the provisions of this section.~~ Purchased power costs incurred by an electrical utility as a result of subsection (C) shall be recovered in the electrical utility's fuel clause pursuant to Section 58-27-865.

~~(E)~~(H) A renewable energy facility may be located anywhere in the electrical utility's service territory within the utility's balancing authority.

~~(F) If the commission determines that an electrical utility has a voluntary renewable energy program on file with the commission as of the effective date of this chapter, that conforms with the requirements of this section, the utility is not required to make a new filing to meet the requirements of subsection (A).~~

SECTION 18. Section 58-41-10 of the S.C. Code is amended by

adding:

(17) “Energy storage facilities” means any commercially available technology that is capable of absorbing energy and storing it for a period of time for use at a later time including, but not limited to, electrochemical, thermal, and electromechanical technologies.

SECTION 19. Section 58-41-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-41-20. (A) As soon as is practicable after the effective date of this chapter, the commission shall open a docket for the purpose of establishing each electrical utility's standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary to implement this section. Within six months after the effective date of this chapter, and at least once every twenty-four months thereafter, the commission shall approve each electrical utility's standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary to implement this section. Within such proceeding the commission shall approve one or more standard form power purchase agreements for use for qualifying small power production facilities not eligible for the standard offer. Such power purchase agreements shall contain provisions, including, but not limited to, provisions for force majeure, indemnification, choice of venue, and confidentiality provisions and other such terms, but shall not be determinative of price or length of the power purchase agreement. The commission may approve multiple form power purchase agreements to accommodate various generation technologies and other project-specific characteristics. This provision shall not restrict the right of parties to enter into power purchase agreements with terms that differ from the commission-approved form(s). Any decisions by the commission shall be just and reasonable to the ratepayers of the electrical utility, in the public interest, consistent with PURPA and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's implementing regulations and orders, and nondiscriminatory to small power producers; and shall strive to reduce the risk placed on the using and consuming public.

(1) Proceedings conducted pursuant to this section shall be separate from the electrical utilities' annual fuel cost proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 58-27-865.

(2) Proceedings shall include an opportunity for intervention, discovery, filed comments or testimony, and an evidentiary hearing.

(B) In implementing this chapter, the commission shall

treat small power producers on a fair and equal footing with electrical utility-owned resources by ensuring that:

(1) rates for the purchase of energy and capacity fully and accurately reflect the electrical utility's avoided costs;

(2) power purchase agreements, including terms and conditions, are commercially reasonable and consistent with regulations and orders promulgated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission implementing PURPA; and

(3) each electrical utility's avoided cost methodology fairly accounts for costs avoided by the electrical utility or incurred by the electrical utility, including, but not limited to, energy, capacity, and ancillary services provided by or consumed by small power producers including those utilizing energy storage equipment. Avoided cost methodologies approved by the commission may account for differences in costs avoided based on the geographic location and resource type of a small power producer's qualifying small power production facility.

(C) The avoided cost rates offered by an electrical utility to a small power producer not eligible for the standard offer must be calculated based on the avoided cost methodology most recently approved by the commission. In the event that a small power producer and an electrical utility are unable to mutually agree on an avoided cost rate, the small power producer shall have the right to have any disputed issues resolved by the commission in a formal complaint proceeding. The commission may require mediation prior to a formal complaint proceeding.

(D) A small power producer shall have the right to sell the output of its facility to the electrical utility at the avoided cost rates and pursuant to the power purchase agreement then in effect by delivering an executed notice of commitment to sell form to the electrical utility. The commission shall approve a standard notice of commitment to sell form to be used for this purpose that provides the small power producer a reasonable period of time from its submittal of the form to execute a power purchase agreement. In no event, however, shall the small power producer, as a condition of preserving the pricing and terms and conditions established by its submittal of an executed commitment to sell form to the electrical utility, be required to execute a power purchase agreement prior to receipt of a final interconnection agreement from the electrical utility.

(E)(1) Electrical utilities shall file with the commission power purchase agreements entered into pursuant to PURPA, resulting from voluntary negotiation of contracts between an electrical utility and

a small power producer not eligible for the standard offer.

(2) The commission is authorized to ~~open a generic docket for the purposes of creating programs~~ approve programs proposed by electrical utilities for the competitive procurement of energy and capacity from renewable energy facilities and, at the electrical utility's option, associated co-located energy storage ~~by an electrical utility~~ within the utility's balancing authority area if the commission determines such action to be in the public interest.

(3) In establishing standard offer and form contract power purchase agreements, the commission shall consider whether such power purchase agreements should prohibit any of the following:

(a) termination of the power purchase agreement, collection of damages from small power producers, or commencement of the term of a power purchase agreement prior to commercial operation, if delays in achieving commercial operation of the small power producer's facility are due to the electrical utility's interconnection delays; or

(b) the electrical utility reducing the price paid to the small power producer based on costs incurred by the electrical utility to respond to the intermittent nature of electrical generation by the small power producer.

(F)(1) Electrical utilities, subject to approval of the commission, shall offer to enter into fixed price power purchase agreements with small power producers for the purchase of energy and capacity at avoided cost, with commercially reasonable terms and a duration of ten years. The commission may also approve commercially reasonable fixed price power purchase agreements with a duration longer than ten years, which must contain additional terms, conditions, and/or rate structures as proposed by intervening parties and approved by the commission, including, but not limited to, a reduction in the contract price relative to the ten year avoided cost. Notwithstanding any other language to the contrary, the commission will make such a determination in proceedings conducted pursuant to subsection (A). The avoided cost rates applicable to fixed price power purchase agreements entered into pursuant to this item shall be based on the avoided cost rates and methodologies as determined by the commission pursuant to this section. The terms of this subsection apply only to those small power producers whose qualifying small power production facilities have active interconnection requests on file with the electrical utility prior to the effective date of this act. The commission may determine any other necessary terms and conditions deemed to be in the best interest of the

ratepayers. This item is not intended, and shall not be construed, to abrogate small power producers' rights under PURPA that existed prior to the effective date of the act.

(2) Once an electrical utility has executed interconnection agreements and power purchase agreements with qualifying small power production facilities located in South Carolina with an aggregate nameplate capacity equal to twenty percent of the previous five-year average of the electrical utility's South Carolina retail peak load, that electrical utility shall offer to enter into fixed price power purchase agreements with small power producers for the purchase of energy and capacity at avoided cost, with the terms, conditions, rates, and terms of length for contracts as determined by the commission in a separate docket or in a proceeding conducted pursuant to subsection (A). The commission is expressly directed to consider the potential benefits of terms with a longer duration to promote the state's policy of encouraging renewable energy.

(3) Any electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and associated co-located energy storage facilities that have been approved by the commission pursuant to Section 58-41-25 that is open to qualifying small power production facilities within the electrical utility's balancing authority area in South Carolina may competitively procure new renewable energy capacity pursuant to that competitive solicitation process as a means of complying with the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. Further, the commission must establish a five-year term for energy purchased at administratively established avoided cost rates outside of competitive procurement of renewable energy resources, with the exception of voluntarily negotiated agreements to serve the public interest, for any electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and associated co-located energy storage facilities that has been approved by the commission if the commission determines that doing so will incentivize participation in the competitive procurement process.

(G) Nothing in this section prohibits the commission from adopting various avoided cost methodologies or amending those methodologies in the public interest.

(H) Unless otherwise agreed to between the electrical utility and the small power producer, a power purchase agreement entered into pursuant to PURPA may not allow curtailment of qualifying facilities in any manner that is inconsistent with PURPA or implementing regulations and orders promulgated by the Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission.

~~(I) The commission is authorized to employ, through contract or otherwise, third-party consultants and experts in carrying out its duties under this section, including, but not limited to, evaluating avoided cost rates, methodologies, terms, calculations, and conditions under this section. The commission is exempt from complying with the State Procurement Code in the selection and hiring of a third-party consultant or expert authorized by this subsection. The commission shall engage, for each utility, a qualified independent third party to submit a report that includes the third party's independently derived conclusions as to that third party's opinion of each utility's calculation of avoided costs for purposes of proceedings conducted pursuant to this section. The qualified independent third party is subject to the same ex parte prohibitions contained in Chapter 3, Title 58 as all other parties. The qualified independent third party shall submit all requests for documents and information necessary to their analysis under the authority of the commission and the commission shall have full authority to compel response to the requests. The qualified independent third party's duty will be to the commission. Any conclusions based on the evidence in the record and included in the report are intended to be used by the commission along with all other evidence submitted during the proceeding to inform its ultimate decision setting the avoided costs for each electrical utility. The utilities may require confidentiality agreements with the independent third party that do not impede the third-party analysis. The utilities shall be responsive in providing all documents, information, and items necessary for the completion of the report. The independent third party shall also include in the report a statement assessing the level of cooperation received from the utility during the development of the report and whether there were any material information requests that were not adequately fulfilled by the electrical utility. Any party to this proceeding shall be able to review the report including the confidential portions of the report upon entering into an appropriate confidentiality agreement. The commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff may not hire the same third-party consultant or expert in the same proceeding or to address the same or similar issues in different proceedings.~~

~~(J)~~ (I) Each electrical utility's avoided cost filing must be reasonably transparent so that underlying assumptions, data, and results can be independently reviewed and verified by the parties and the commission. The commission may approve any confidentiality protections necessary to allow for independent review and verification

of the avoided cost filing.

SECTION 20. Chapter 41, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-41-25. (A) Unless an electrical utility makes an application pursuant to subsection (F) or (G), electrical utilities may file for commission approval of a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy facilities which may also include, at the utility's option, associated co-located energy storage facilities, also referred to as "eligible facilities", or purchase one-hundred percent of the output from such eligible facilities, including all energy, capacity, ancillary services, and environmental and renewable attributes. Eligible facilities may be located anywhere in the electrical utility's balancing authority area to meet needs for new generation and energy storage resources identified by the electrical utility's integrated resource plan and associated filings. The commission may not grant approval unless the commission finds and determines that the electrical utility satisfied the requirements of this section and the proposed program is just and reasonable and in the best interests of the electrical utility's customers.

(B) An electrical utility's competitive procurement program filed pursuant to this section must describe the solicitation process, eligibility criteria, timelines, bid evaluation methodology, and identify whether resources procured are intended to also service customer-directed, renewable energy procurement programs. The program must be designed to procure renewable energy facilities and at the utility's election, associated co-located energy storage resources, or the output of those facilities, subject to the following requirements:

(1) renewable energy facilities, and if applicable, energy storage resources, or their output, must be procured via a competitive solicitation process open to all market participants that meet minimum stated eligibility requirements;

(2) the electrical utility shall issue public notification of its intention to issue a competitive solicitation to procure renewable energy facilities and associated co-located energy storage facilities, if applicable, at least ninety days prior to the release of the solicitation, including identifying the proposed target procurement volume, procurement process, and timeline for administering the solicitation;

(3) renewable energy facilities eligible to participate in competitive procurement are those that use renewable generation resources identified in Section 58-39-120(F), which must also satisfy that electrical utility's capacity, energy, or operational needs, as identified by the electrical utility, and take into account the required

operating characteristics of the needed capacity;

(4) energy storage facilities, if included by the electrical utility in the solicitation, must be associated equipment located at the same site as the renewable energy facility;

(5) electrical utilities may seek to ensure that their procurement of eligible facilities results in a reasonable balance of ownership of eligible facilities between such utility, including its affiliates and unrelated market participants, and may offer self-developed proposals. However, if an electrical utility or its affiliate seeks to participate in the procurement, the electrical utility's program must include an independent evaluator to evaluate all bids offered and to ensure they are fairly and competitively evaluated. For purposes of this section, "independent evaluator" means an independent third party retained by the electrical utility that has no ownership in the electrical utility or a market participant and has the skills and experience necessary to oversee the solicitation process and provide the utility with an independent evaluation of all proposals for ultimate selection. At the conclusion of the solicitation, the independent evaluator shall report to the commission on the openness and fairness of the bid evaluation process and certify that the selection of proposals adhered to the evaluation methodology and requirement of the program.

(C) An electrical utility must make the following publicly available at least forty-five days prior to each competitive solicitation:

(1) pro-forma contract to inform prospective market participants of the procurement terms and conditions for the output purchased by the electrical utility from eligible resources. The pro-forma contract must:

(a) provide for the purchase of renewable energy, capacity, and environmental and renewable attributes from renewable energy facilities owned and operated by third parties that commit to allow the procuring electrical utility rights to dispatch, operate, and control the solicited renewable energy facilities in the same manner as the electrical utility's own generating resources;

(b) include standardized and commercially reasonable requirements for contract performance security; and

(c) define limits and compensation for resource dispatch and curtailments.

In the event an electrical utility chooses to procure output from co-located storage, the pro-forma contract must also cover similar terms and conditions as specified herein for those eligible facilities.

(2) pro-forma agreements to govern the procurement of eligible facilities by the electrical utility from market participants;

(3) bid evaluation methodology that ensures all bids are treated equitably, including price and non-price evaluation criteria; and

(4) interconnection requirements, including specification of how bids without existing interconnection agreements will be treated for purposes of evaluation.

(D) After bids are submitted and evaluated, the electrical utility will elect the winning bids based upon the public evaluation methodology.

(E) An electrical utility shall file with the commission a public report summarizing the results of each competitive solicitation within thirty days of finalizing the contract with the winning bidder. The report must include, at a minimum, a summary of the bids received and an anonymized list of the project awards, including size, location, and average award price and tenor.

(F) Nothwithstanding the requirements in subsections (B) and (C), the results of all other competitive procurement programs undertaken by an electrical utility within its balancing authority area outside of South Carolina that will serve customers in the electrical utility's balancing authority area within South Carolina and are open to equal participation by eligible facilities located within South Carolina may be approved by the commission if the commission determines such programs enable economic, reliable, and safe operation of the electricity grid in a manner consistent with the public interest. For purposes of this section, "public interest" shall also include the ability of customers to subscribe to customer programs which leverage the competitively procured solar and potential storage contemplated within this section. Any electrical utility that requests acceptance of a system-wide procurement pursuant to this section must demonstrate to the commission that the utility has adhered to subsection (D) as defined in that specific competitive procurement program and submit the posts solicitation report to the commission, as required by subsection (E).

(G) The commission may determine that a competitive procurement program within an electrical utility's balancing authority area outside of South Carolina that serves customers in the utility's area within South Carolina and is open to equal participation by eligible facilities located within South Carolina satisfies the requirements of this section.

(H) Electrical utilities are permitted to recover costs incurred pursuant to this section, including reasonable and prudent administrative costs to develop and propose procurements under this section, and if approved by the commission, the costs resulting from such procurements through rates established pursuant to Section 58-27-865 or otherwise through rates established pursuant to Section 58-27-870. If the

commission denies an application made pursuant to subsection (F) or (G) of this section, and the utility continues with the procurement, then the utility must allocate all costs and benefits associated with the resources being procured away from South Carolina customers.

(I) An electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and storage facilities that has been approved by the commission pursuant to Section 58-41-25 that is open to qualifying small power production facilities located in South Carolina may utilize such programs as means to satisfy its purchase obligations for avoidable capacity from qualifying small power production facilities under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, consistent with Section 58-41-20(F)(3).

SECTION 21. A. Section 58-33-20 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(10) The term "like facility" with reference to generation facilities and without limitation, includes a facility or facilities that are proposed to provide capacity on a site currently or previously used for siting electric generation that replaces the capacity of a facility or facilities that are being retired, downrated, mothballed, or dedicated to standby or emergency service at the same site, limited to facilities no more than 300 megawatts, so long as those new facilities will provide an amount of effective load-carrying capacity that in whole or in part will serve to replace the capacity to be lost as a result of retirement, and includes associated transmission facilities needed to deliver power from that facility to customers. A "like facility" with reference to transmission facilities, and without limitation, includes any facility that represents the rebuilding, reconductoring, paralleling, increasing voltage, adding circuits or otherwise reconfiguring of an existing transmission line or other transmission facilities including, without limitation, projects to increase the capacity of such facilities, provided such facilities are: (a) located materially within a utility right of way or corridor; (b) located materially within a new right of way or corridor; or (c) substantially located on the property of a customer, prospective customer, or the State.

B. Section 58-33-20(2)(a) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) The term "major utility facility" means:

(a) electric generating plant and associated facilities designed for, or capable of, operation at a capacity of more than seventy-five megawatts or that requires a footprint of more than one hundred twenty-five acres of land.

SECTION 22. Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Article 3

Certification of Major Utility Facilities

Section 58-33-110. (1) No person shall commence to construct a major utility facility without first having obtained a certificate issued with respect to such facility by the Commission. The replacement of an existing facility with a like facility, as determined by the Commission, shall not constitute construction of a major utility facility. Upon application for a determination by the Commission that a proposed utility facility constitutes a like facility replacement, the Commission must issue a written order approving or denying the application within sixty days of filing. If the Commission fails to issue a written order within sixty days of the application's filing, the application shall be deemed as approved. Any facility, with respect to which a certificate is required, shall be constructed, operated and maintained in conformity with the certificate and any terms, conditions and modifications contained therein. A certificate may only be issued pursuant to this chapter; provided, however, any authorization relating to a major utility facility granted under other laws administered by the Commission shall constitute a certificate if the requirements of this chapter have been complied with in the proceeding leading to the granting of such authorization.

(2) A certificate may be transferred, subject to the approval of the Commission, to a person who agrees to comply with the terms, conditions and modifications contained therein.

(3) A certificate may be amended.

(4) This chapter shall not apply to any major utility facility:

(a) the construction of which is commenced within one year after January 1, 1972; or

(b) for which, prior to January 1, 1972, an application for the approval has been made to any federal, state, regional, or local governmental agency which possesses the jurisdiction to consider the matters prescribed for finding and determination in subsection (1) of Section 58-33-160.

(c) for which, prior to January 1, 1972, a governmental agency has approved the construction of the facility and indebtedness has been incurred to finance all or part of the cost of such construction;

(d) which is a hydroelectric generating facility over which the ~~Federal Power Commission~~Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has licensing jurisdiction; or

(e) which is a transmission line or associated electrical transmission facilities constructed by the South Carolina Public Service Authority~~,~~: (i) for which construction either is commenced within one year after January 1, 2022~~,~~; ~~or~~ (ii) which is necessary to maintain system reliability in connection with the closure of the Winyah Generating Station, provided that such transmission is not for generation subject to this chapter; or (iii) which is necessary to serve an identified commercial or industrial customer to promote economic development or industry retention as determined by the South Carolina Public Service Authority and agreed to by the Office of Regulatory Staff where such agreement is documented in a letter by the Office of Regulatory Staff to the Public Utilities Review Committee and the commission.

(5) Any person intending to construct a major utility facility excluded from this chapter pursuant to subsection (4) of this section or Section 58-33-20(10) may elect to waive the exclusion by delivering notice of the waiver to the Commission. This chapter shall thereafter apply to each major utility facility identified in the notice from the date of its receipt by the Commission.

(6) The Commission shall have authority to waive the normal notice and hearing requirements of this chapter and to issue a certificate on an emergency basis if it finds that immediate construction of a major utility facility is justified by public convenience and necessity; provided, that the Public Service Commission shall notify all parties concerned under Section 58-33-140 prior to the issuance of such certificate; provided, further, that the Commission may subsequently require a modification of the facility if, after giving due consideration to the major utility facility, available technology and the economics involved, it finds such modification necessary in order to minimize the environmental impact.

(7) The Commission shall have authority, where justified by public convenience and necessity, to grant permission to a person who has made application for a certificate under Section 58-33-120 to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging and construction.~~,~~ ~~provided, ,~~ No permission from the Commission shall be required to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging, and initial construction of any facility which constitutes a component of the preferred generation plan in an integrated resource plan or update approved by the Commission pursuant to Chapter 37 of this title, or any like facility; provided that in engaging in such clearing, excavation, dredging or construction, the person shall proceed at his own risk, and

such permission shall not in any way indicate approval by the Commission of the proposed site or facility.

(8)(a) ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of item (7), and not limiting the provisions above, a person may not commence construction of a major utility facility for generation in the State of South Carolina without first having made a demonstration~~ In seeking a certificate, the applicant must provide credible information demonstrating that the facility to be built has been compared to other generation options in terms of cost, reliability, schedule constraints, fuel cost and availability, transmission constraints and costs, ancillary services capabilities, current and reasonably expected future environmental costs and restrictions, that the facility supports system efficiency and reliability in light of those considerations, and any other regulatory implications deemed legally or reasonably necessary for consideration by the commission. The commission is authorized to adopt rules for such evaluation of other generation options.

(b) The ~~commission may, upon a showing of a need, require a commission-approved process that includes~~ Office of Regulatory Staff may provide to the commission a report that includes any or all of the following:

(i) ~~the~~ an assessment of an unbiased independent evaluator retained by the Office of Regulatory Staff as to reasonableness of any certificate sought under this section for new generation;

(ii) a report from the independent evaluator to the commission regarding the transparency, completeness, and integrity of bidding processes, if any;

(iii) an assessment of whether there was a reasonable period for interested parties to review and comment on proposed requests for proposals, bid instructions, and bid evaluation criteria, if any, prior to finalization and issuance, subject to any trade secrets that could hamper future negotiations; however, the independent evaluator may access all such information;

~~(iv) independent evaluator access and review of final bid evaluation criteria and pricing information for any and all projects to be evaluated in comparison to the request for proposal bids received;~~

~~(v) access through discovery, subject to appropriate confidentiality, attorney-client privilege or trade secret restrictions, for parties to this proceeding to documents developed in preparing the certificate of public convenience and necessity application;~~

~~(vi)~~ (iv) ~~a demonstration that~~ an assessment of

whether the facility is consistent with an integrated resource plan or update ~~approved by~~ previously filed with the commission or is otherwise justified by generation planning modeling comparable to that filed as part of the utility's integrated resource plan but updated with current data concerning system loads, fuel prices, environmental regulations, location-specific transmission costs, updated construction costs and updated construction timelines, updated costs of gas supply facilities, if any, and other relevant costs, schedules or inputs establishing that the facility in question supports system economy and reliability; and

~~(vii)~~ (v) an assessment detailing the treatment of utility affiliates ~~in the same manner~~ as compared to nonaffiliates participating in the request for proposal process, if any.

(9) The applicant may, but must not be required to, issue requests for proposals or otherwise conduct market procurement activities in support of the showings required pursuant to this chapter.

(10) Not withstanding any other provision in this section, an electrical utility serving customers in this state may seek a certificate of public convenience and necessity when building a major utility facility, as defined in Section 58-33-20(2), in another state but within the electrical utility's balancing area serving customers in South Carolina. In such a case, the provisions of Sections 58-33-120, 58-33-140, and 58-33-160(1)(b), (c), and (e) shall not apply, but all other requirements of this section affecting customers in this state shall apply. In addition:

(a) an applicant for a certificate shall file an application with the commission in such form as the commission may prescribe. The application must contain the following information:

(i) a description of the location and of the major utility facility to be built;

(ii) a summary of any studies which have been made by or for the applicant of the environmental impact of the major utility facility;

(iii) a statement explaining the need for the major utility facility;

(iv) any other information the applicant may consider relevant or as the commission may by regulation require. A copy of the report referred to in item (8)(b) must be filed with the commission, if ordered by the commission, and shall be available for public information.

(b) The parties to a proceeding for a certificate pursuant to this section shall include:

(i) the applicant;

(ii) the Office of Regulatory Staff; and

(iii) intervenors with standing as approved by the commission.

(c) If the commission denies an application made pursuant to this section and the utility continues to build such major utility facility, the utility must allocate all costs and benefits associated with the major utility facility away from the utility's South Carolina customers.

Section 58-33-120. (1) An applicant for a certificate shall file an application with the commission, in such form as the commission may prescribe. The application must contain the following information:

(a) a description of the location and of the major utility facility to be built;

(b) a summary of any studies which have been made by or for applicant of the environmental impact of the facility;

(c) a statement explaining the need for the facility; and

(d) any other information as the applicant may consider relevant or as the commission may by regulation ~~or order~~ require. A copy of the study referred to in item (b) above shall be filed with the commission, if ordered, and shall be available for public information.

(2) Each application shall be accompanied by proof of service of a copy of the application on the Office of Regulatory Staff, the chief executive officer of each municipality, and the head of each state and local government agency, charged with the duty of protecting the environment or of planning land use, in the area in the county in which any portion of the facility is to be located. The copy of the application shall be accompanied by a notice specifying the date on or about which the application is to be filed.

(3) Each application also must be accompanied by proof that public notice was given to persons residing in the municipalities entitled to receive notice under subsection (2) of this section, by the publication of a summary of the application, and the date on or about which it is to be filed, in newspapers of general circulation as will serve substantially to inform such persons of the application.

(4) Inadvertent failure of service on, or notice to, any of the municipalities, government agencies, or persons identified in subsections (2) and (3) of this section may be cured pursuant to orders

of the commission designed to afford them adequate notice to enable their effective participation in the proceeding. In addition, the commission may, after filing, require the applicant to serve notice of the application or copies thereof, or both, upon such other persons, and file proof thereof, as the commission may deem appropriate.

(5) An application for an amendment of a certificate shall be in such form and contain such information as the commission shall prescribe. Notice of the application shall be given as set forth in subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

Section 58-33-130. (1) Upon the receipt of an application complying with Section 58-33-120, the Commission shall promptly fix a date for the commencement of a public hearing, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after the receipt, and ~~shall conclude the proceedings as expeditiously as practicable~~ complete the hearing and issue an order on the merits within one hundred eighty days of receipt of the application.

(2) The testimony presented at the hearing may be presented in writing or orally, provided that the Commission may make rules designed to exclude repetitive, redundant or irrelevant testimony; however, all expert testimony must be prefiled with the Commission, with responsive expert testimony of non-applicants being received with enough time for the applicant to meaningfully respond, and in no case would expert testimony be filed less than twenty days before the hearing.

~~(2)~~(3) On an application for an amendment of a certificate, the Commission shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held on an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any significant increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of the facility; provided, that the Public Service Commission shall forward a copy of the application to all parties upon the filing of an application.

Section 58-33-140. (1) The parties to a certification proceeding shall include:

(a) the applicant;

(b) the Office of Regulatory Staff, the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism;

(c) each municipality and government agency entitled to receive service of a copy of the application under subsection (2) of Section 58-33-120 if it has filed with the commission a notice of intervention as a party within thirty days after the date it was served with

a copy of the application; and

(d) any person residing in a municipality entitled to receive service of a copy of the application under subsection (2) of Section 58-33-120, any domestic nonprofit organization, formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health, or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interest, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the facility is to be located; or any other person, if such a person or organization has petitioned the commission for leave to intervene as a party, within thirty days after the date given in the published notice as the date for filing the application, and if the petition has been granted by the commission for good cause shown.

(2) Any person may make a limited appearance in the sixty days after the date given in the published notice as the date for filing the application. No person making a limited appearance shall be a party or shall have the right to present oral testimony or argument or cross-examine witnesses.

(3) The commission may, in extraordinary circumstances for good cause shown, and giving consideration to the need for timely start of construction of the facility, grant a petition for leave to intervene as a party to participate in subsequent phases of the proceeding, filed by a municipality, government agency, person, or organization which is identified in paragraphs (b) or (c) of subsection (1) of this section, but which failed to file a timely notice of intervention or petition for leave to intervene, as the case may be.

Section 58-33-150. A record shall be made of ~~the~~any hearing and of all testimony taken and the cross-examination thereon. ~~Upon request of a party, either before or after the decision, a State agency which proposes to or does require a condition to be included in the certificate as provided for in Section 58-33-160 shall furnish for the record all factual findings, documents, studies, rules, regulations, standards, or other documentation, supporting the condition.~~ The Commission may provide for the consolidation of the representation of parties having similar interests.

Section 58-33-160. (1) The Commission shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions or modifications of the construction, operation or maintenance of the major utility facility as the Commission may deem appropriate; such conditions shall be as determined by the applicable State agency having jurisdiction or

authority under statutes, rules, regulations or standards promulgated thereunder, and the conditions shall become a part of the certificate. The Commission ~~may not~~must grant a certificate for the construction, operation and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the Commission, ~~unless it shall find and determine~~if it finds and determines that the applicant has shown:

(a) The basis of the need for the facility.

(b) The nature of the probable environmental impact.

(c) That the impact of the facility upon the environment is justified, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives and other pertinent considerations.

(d) That the facilities will serve the interests of system economy and reliability, and in the case of generating facilities, will do so considering reasonably available alternatives and their associated costs, risks, and operating attributes.

(e) That there is reasonable assurance that the proposed facility will conform to applicable State and local laws and regulations issued thereunder, including any allowable variance provisions therein, except that the Commission may refuse to apply any local law or local regulation if it finds that, as applied to the proposed facility, such law or regulation is unreasonably restrictive in view of the existing technology, or of factors of cost or economics or of the needs of consumers whether located inside or outside of the directly affected government subdivisions.

(f) That public convenience and necessity require the construction of the facility.

(2) If the Commission determines that the location of all or a part of the proposed facility should be modified, it may condition its certificate upon such modification, provided that the municipalities and persons residing therein affected by the modification shall have been given reasonable notice.

(3) A copy of the decision and any ~~opinion~~ order shall be served by the Commission upon each party.

Section 58-33-170. In rendering a decision on an application for a certificate, the Commission shall issue an ~~opinion~~order stating its reasons for the action taken. If the Commission has found that any regional or local law or regulation, which would be otherwise applicable, is unreasonably restrictive pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of Section 58-33-160, it shall state in its ~~opinion~~ order the reasons therefor.

Section 58-33-180. (A)~~(1)~~ In addition to the requirements of Articles 1, 3, 5, and 7 of Chapter 33, Title 58, a certificate for the construction of a major utility facility shall be granted only if the Public Service Authority demonstrates and proves by a preponderance of the evidence and the commission finds:

~~(a)~~(1) the construction of a major utility facility constitutes a more cost-effective means for serving direct serve and wholesale customers than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives and provides less ratepayer risk while maintaining safe and reliable electric service than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives; and

~~(b)~~(2) energy efficiency measures; demand-side management; renewable energy resource generation; available long-term power supply alternatives, or any combination thereof, would not establish or maintain a more cost-effective and reliable generation system and that the construction and operation of the facility is in the public interest.

~~(2)~~(B) Available long-term power supply alternatives may include, but are not limited to, power purchase agreements, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof.

~~(3)~~(C) The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's resource and fuel diversity, reasonably anticipated future operating costs, arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

~~(B)~~(D)The Public Service Authority shall file an estimate of construction costs in such detail as the commission may require. ~~No certificate shall be granted unless the commission has approved the estimated construction costs and made a finding that construction will be consistent with the Authority's commission-approved plan for expansion of electric generating capacity.~~

Section 58-33-185. (A) The Public Service Authority may not ~~enter into a contract for the acquisition of~~ acquire a major utility facility without approval of the Public Service Commission of South

Carolina, provided that the approval is required only to the extent the transaction is not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any other federal agency.

(B)(1) In acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section, the Public Service Authority must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the proposed transaction constitutes a more cost-effective means for serving direct serve and wholesale customers than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives and provides less ratepayer risk while maintaining safe and reliable electric service than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives. The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

(2) Available long-term power supply alternatives may include, but not be limited to, power purchase agreements of a different duration than proposed, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof.

(C) Application for the approval of the commission shall be made by the Public Service Authority and shall contain a concise statement of the proposed action, the reasons therefor, and such other information as may be required by the commission.

(D) Upon the receipt of an application, the commission shall promptly fix a date for the commencement of a public hearing, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after the receipt, and shall conclude the proceedings as expeditiously as practicable. The commission shall establish notice requirements and proceedings shall include an opportunity for intervention, discovery, filed comments or testimony, and an evidentiary hearing.

(E) The commission shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions or modifications as the commission may deem appropriate.

(F)(1) The commission may not grant approval unless

it shall find and determine that the Public Service Authority satisfied all requirements of this section and the proposed transaction is in the best interests of the retail and wholesale customers of the Public Service Authority.

(2) The commission also may require compliance with any provision of Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 that the commission determines necessary to grant approval.

Section 58-33-190. (1) The Public Service Authority may not enter into a contract for the purchase of power with a duration longer than ten years without approval of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, provided that the approval is required only to the extent the transaction is not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any other federal agency. This section does not apply to purchases of renewable power through a commission approved competitive procurement process.

(2) The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's resource and fuel diversity, reasonably anticipated future operating costs, arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power, and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

(3) The commission may not grant approval unless it shall find and determine that the proposed transaction is in the best interests of the retail and wholesale customers of the Public Service Authority.

SECTION 23. Section 58-37-40 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-40. (A) Electrical utilities, electric cooperatives, municipally owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority must each prepare an integrated resource plan. An integrated resource plan must be prepared and submitted at least every three years. Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring interstate natural gas companies whose rates and services are regulated only by the federal government or gas utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the commission to prepare and submit an integrated resource plan.

(1) Each electrical utility with one hundred thousand or more customer accounts and the Public Service Authority must submit its integrated resource plan to the commission. The integrated resource plan must be posted on the electrical utility's website and on the

commission's website.

(2) Electric cooperatives, electric utilities with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts, and municipally owned electric utilities shall each submit an integrated resource plan to the State Energy Office. Each integrated resource plan must be posted on the State Energy Office's website. If an electric cooperative, electric utility with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts, or municipally owned utility has a website, its integrated resource plan must also be posted on its website. For distribution~~,~~ electric cooperatives that are members of a cooperative that provides wholesale service, the integrated resource plan may be coordinated and consolidated into a single plan provided that nonshared resources or programs of individual distribution cooperatives are highlighted. Where plan components listed in subsection (B)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to a distribution or wholesale cooperative or a municipally owned electric utility as a result of the cooperative or the municipally owned electric utility not owning or operating generation resources, the plan may state that fact or refer to the plan of the wholesale power generator. Where plan components listed in subsection (B)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to an electrical utility with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts as a result of its own generation resources being comprised of more than seventy-five percent renewable energy or because it purchases wholesale load balancing generation services, then the plan may state that fact or refer to the plan of the wholesale power generator. For purposes of this section, a wholesale power generator does not include a municipally created joint agency if that joint agency receives at least seventy-five percent of its electricity from a generating facility owned in partnership with an electrical utility and that electrical utility:

(a) generally serves the area in which the joint agency's members are located; and

(b) is responsible for dispatching the capacity and output of the generated electricity.

(3) The South Carolina Public Service Authority shall submit its integrated resource plan to the commission. The Public Service Authority shall develop a public process allowing for input from all stakeholders prior to submitting the integrated resource plan. The integrated resource plan must be developed in consultation with the electric cooperatives and municipally owned electric utilities purchasing power and energy from the Public Service Authority and consider any feedback provided by retail customers and shall include the effect of demand-side management activities of the electric cooperatives and

municipally owned electric utilities that directly purchase power and energy from the Public Service Authority or sell power and energy generated by the Public Service Authority. The integrated resource plan must be posted on the commission's website and on the Public Service Authority's website.

(4)(a) In addition to the requirements of Section 58-37-40(B), the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan shall include an analysis of long-term power supply alternatives and enumerate the cost of various resource portfolios over various study periods including a twenty-year study period and, by comparison on a net present value basis, identify the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements while maintaining safe and reliable electric service.

(b) In addition to the requirements of Section 58-37-40(B), the commission shall review and evaluate the Public Service Authority's analysis of long-term power supply alternatives and various resource portfolios over various study periods including a twenty-year study period and, by comparison on a net present value basis, identify the most cost-effective and lowest ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements while maintaining safe and reliable electric service. The commission's evaluation shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) evaluating the cost-effectiveness and ratepayer-risk of self-build generation and transmission options compared with various long-term power supply alternatives, including power purchase agreements, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof. In evaluating and identifying the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio, the commission shall strive to reduce the risk to ratepayers associated with any generation and transmission options while maintaining safe and reliable electric service; and

(ii) an analysis of any potential cost savings that might accrue to ratepayers from the retirement of remaining coal generation assets.

(c) The Authority's integrated resource plan must provide the information required in Section 58-37-40(B) and must be developed in consultation with the electric cooperatives, including

Central Electric Power Cooperative, and municipally owned electric utilities purchasing power and energy from the Public Service Authority, and consider any feedback provided by retail customers and shall include the effect of demand-side management activities of the electric cooperatives, including Central Electric Power Cooperative, and municipally owned electric utilities that directly purchase power and energy from the Public Service Authority or sell power and energy generated by the Public Service Authority. The Integrated Resource Plan of the South Carolina Public Service Authority shall include and evaluate at least one resource portfolio, which will reflect the closure of the Winyah Generating Station by 2028, designed to provide safe and reliable electric service while meeting a net zero carbon emission goal by the year 2050.

(B)(1) An integrated resource plan shall include all of the following:

(a) a long-term forecast of the utility's sales and peak demand under various reasonable scenarios;

(b) the type of generation technology proposed for a generation facility contained in the plan and the proposed capacity of the generation facility, including fuel cost sensitivities under various reasonable scenarios;

(c) projected energy purchased or produced by the utility from a renewable energy resource;

(d) a summary of the electrical transmission investments planned by the utility;

(e) several resource portfolios developed with the purpose of fairly evaluating the range of demand-side, supply-side, storage, and other technologies and services available to meet the utility's service obligations. Such portfolios and evaluations must include an evaluation of low, medium, and high cases for the adoption of renewable energy and cogeneration, energy efficiency, and demand response measures, including consideration of the following:

(i) customer energy efficiency and demand response programs;

(ii) facility retirement assumptions; and

(iii) sensitivity analyses related to fuel costs, environmental regulations, and other uncertainties or risks;

(f) data regarding the utility's current generation portfolio, including the age, licensing status, and remaining estimated life of operation for each facility in the portfolio;

(g) plans for meeting current and future capacity

needs with the cost estimates for all proposed resource portfolios in the plan;

(h) an analysis of the cost and reliability impacts of all reasonable options available to meet projected energy and capacity needs; ~~and~~

(i) a forecast of the utility's peak demand, details regarding the amount of peak demand reduction the utility expects to achieve, and the actions the utility proposes to take in order to achieve that peak demand reduction; and

(j) a report addressing updates to the utility's transmission plan under the utility's open-access transmission tariff pursuant to the federal jurisdiction planning process. In this report, the utility shall describe if applicable planned transmission improvements may enable specific siting of new resources or provide expected and planned impacts to other resource interconnection constraints or operations of the systems. The utility shall also describe how it evaluated alternate transmission technologies when developing solutions for identified transmission needs for interconnecting resources.

(2) An integrated resource plan may include distribution resource plans or integrated system operation plans.

(C)(1) The commission shall have a proceeding to review each electrical utility subject to subsection (A)(1) and the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan. As part of the integrated resource plan filing, the commission shall allow intervention by interested parties. The procedural schedule shall include dates for completion of each phase of discovery, including discovery related to the integrated resource plan as filed, direct testimony of the applicant, direct testimony of the Office of Regulatory Staff and other parties and intervenors, and rebuttal testimony of the applicant. Except upon showing exceptional circumstances, all discovery shall be served in time to allow its completion, but not less than ten days prior to the hearing. The commission shall establish a procedural schedule to permit reasonable discovery after an integrated resource plan is filed in order to assist parties in obtaining evidence concerning the integrated resource plan, including the reasonableness and prudence of the plan and alternatives to the plan raised by intervening parties. No later than three hundred days after an electrical utility files an integrated resource plan, the commission shall issue a final order approving, modifying, or denying the plan filed by the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority.

(2) The commission shall approve an electrical

utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan if the commission determines that the proposed integrated resource plan represents the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's energy and capacity needs as of the time the plan is reviewed. ~~To determine whether the integrated resource plan is the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting energy and capacity needs, the commission, in its discretion, shall consider whether the plan appropriately balances the following factors.~~ In reviewing an integrated resource plan, the commission shall give due consideration as to the resources and actions necessary for the utility to fulfill compliance and reliability obligations pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, the Southeastern Electric Reliability Council, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, as well as environmental requirements applicable to resources serving customers in this state. Matters related to the scope and sufficiency of an electrical utility's demand-side plans and activities shall be considered exclusively in proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 58-37-20. In reviewing an integrated resource plan, the commission shall focus its review on the decisions which the applicant must make in the near term based on the triennial integrated resource plan under consideration at the time and shall approve a plan if it finds that the plan appropriately balances the following factors:

(a) resource adequacy and capacity to serve anticipated peak electrical load, including the need for electric capacity and energy required to support economic development and industry retention in the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's service territory and to meet applicable planning reserve margins;

(b) consumer affordability and least reasonable cost, considering the resources needed to support economic development and industry retention, and other risks and benefits;

(c) compliance with applicable state and federal environmental regulations;

(d) power supply reliability;

(e) commodity price risks;

(f) diversity of generation supply; ~~and~~

(g) the efficiencies and optimum plans for any electrical utility system spanning state lines located within the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's balancing authority area; and

(h) other foreseeable conditions that the commission determines to be for the public's interest.

(3) In modifying or rejecting an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan, the commission shall only require revisions that are reasonably anticipated to materially change resource procurement decisions to be made on the basis of the integrated resource plan under review. If the commission modifies or rejects an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan, the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority, within sixty days after the date of the final order, shall submit a revised plan addressing concerns identified by the commission and incorporating commission-mandated revisions to the integrated resource plan to the commission for approval. Within sixty days of the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's revised filing, the Office of Regulatory Staff shall review the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's revised plan and submit a report to the commission assessing the sufficiency of the revised filing. Other parties to the integrated resource plan proceeding also may submit comments. No later than sixty days after the Office of Regulatory Staff report is filed with the commission, the commission at its discretion may determine whether to accept the revised integrated resource plan or to mandate further remedies that the commission deems appropriate.

(4) The submission, review, and acceptance of an integrated resource plan by the commission, or the inclusion of any specific resource ~~or experience~~ in an accepted integrated resource plan, shall not be determinative of the reasonableness or prudence of the acquisition or construction of any resource or the making of any expenditure. An electrical utility shall retain the burden of proof to show that all of its investments and expenditures are reasonable and prudent when seeking cost recovery in rates.

(D)(1) An electrical utility and the Public Service Authority shall each submit annual updates to its integrated resource plan to the commission. An annual update must include an update to the electric utility's or the Public Service Authority's base planning assumptions relative to its most recently accepted integrated resource plan, including, but not limited to: energy and demand forecast, commodity fuel price inputs, renewable energy forecast, energy efficiency and demand-side management forecasts, changes to projected retirement dates of existing units, along with other inputs the commission deems to be for the public interest. The electrical utility's or Public Service Authority's annual update must describe the impact of the updated base planning assumptions on the selected resource plan.

(2) The Office of Regulatory Staff shall review each

electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's annual update and submit a report within ninety days to the commission providing a recommendation concerning the reasonableness of the annual update. After reviewing the annual update and the Office of Regulatory Staff report, the commission may accept the annual update or direct the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority to make changes to the annual update that the commission determines to be in the public interest within sixty days from the submittal of the Office of Regulatory Staff's report.

(E) Intervenors shall bear their own costs of participating in proceedings before the commission.

~~(E)~~(F) The commission is authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 24. Section 58-3-260 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-260. (A) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Proceeding" means a contested case, generic proceeding, or other matter to be adjudicated, decided, or arbitrated by the commission.

(2) "Person" means a party to a proceeding pending before the commission, a member of the Office of Regulatory Staff, a representative of a party to a proceeding pending before the commission, individuals, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, elected officials of state government, and other public and elected officials.

(3) "Communication" means the transmitting of information by any mode including, but not limited to, oral, written, or electronic.

(4) "Allowable ex parte communication briefing" means any communication that is conducted pursuant to the procedure outlined in subsection (C)(6) of this section.

(5) "Communication of supplemental legal citation" means the submission, subsequent to the submission of post-hearing briefs or proposed orders in a proceeding, of statutes, regulations, judicial or administrative decisions that are enacted, promulgated, or determined after the submission of post-hearing briefs or proposed orders.

(6) "Issue" means a specific request for relief or for other action from the commission in a pending or anticipated matter, legal or regulatory arguments, and policy considerations. "Issue" does not include:

(a) general information concerning the operations,

administration, planning, projects, customer service, storms or storm response, accidents, outages, or investments of an entity regulated by the commission that is not confidential and proprietary and is available to the public; or

(b) any confidential information that affects energy security, such as physical or cybersecurity matters, provided that such information is also provided to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

Any communication pursuant to subitems (a) or (b) that does not contain a specific request for relief or for other action from the commission in a pending matter or anticipated matter and is provided to the commission must be in writing and must be posted on the commission's website with any confidential information redacted.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided herein or unless required for the disposition of ex parte matters specifically authorized by law, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee shall not communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any issue that is an issue in any proceeding or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in any proceeding with any person without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate in the communication, nor shall any person communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any issue that is an issue in any proceeding or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in any proceeding with any commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate in the communication.

(2) Commissioners must limit their consideration of matters before them to the record presented by the parties and may not rely on material not presented in the record by the parties.

(C) The following communications are exempt from the prohibitions of subsection (B) of this section:

(1) a communication concerning compliance with procedural requirements if the procedural matter is not an area of controversy in a proceeding;

(2) statements made by a commission employee who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in formulating a decision, rule, or order in a proceeding, where the statements are limited to providing publicly available information about pending proceedings;

(3) inquiries relating solely to the status of a proceeding, unless the inquiry: (a) states or implies a view as to the merits or outcome of the proceeding; (b) states or implies a preference for a particular party or which states why timing is important to a

particular party; (c) indicates a view as to the date by which a proceeding should be resolved; or (d) is otherwise intended to address the merits or outcome or to influence the timing of a proceeding;

(4) a communication made by or to commission employees that concerns judicial review of a matter that has been decided by the commission and is no longer within the commission's jurisdiction; however, if the matter is remanded to the commission for further action, the provisions of this section shall apply during the period of the remand;

(5) where circumstances require, ex parte communications for scheduling, administrative purposes, or emergencies that do not deal with substantive matters or issues on the merits are authorized provided:

(a) the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee reasonably believes that no party will gain a procedural or tactical advantage as a result of the ex parte communication; and

(b) the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee makes provision promptly to notify all other parties of the substance of the ex parte communication and, where possible, allows an opportunity to respond;

(6)(a) subject to the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 30, communications, directly or indirectly, regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding for the purposes of an allowable ex parte communication briefing if:

~~(i) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee attends the briefing and files a written certification, within seventy-two hours of the briefing, attaching copies of all statements and all other matters filed by all persons pursuant to subsubitems (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this subsection, with the chief clerk of the commission that such briefing was conducted in compliance with the provisions of this section and that each party, person, commissioner, or commission employee present has complied with the reporting and certification requirements of subsubitems (ii), (iii), and (iv); and within twenty-four hours of the submission by the executive director, the commission posts on its web site the written certification, statements, and other matters filed by the executive director;~~

~~(ii) each party, person, commissioner, and commission employee present files a written, certified statement with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff within forty-~~

~~eight hours of the briefing accurately summarizing the discussions in full and attaching copies of any written materials utilized, referenced, or distributed;~~

~~(iii) each party, person, commissioner, and commission employee present, within forty-eight hours of the briefing, files a certification with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff that~~

(i) in the course of such briefing, no commissioner or commission employee shall make any~~no~~ commitment, predetermination, or prediction of any commissioner's action as to any ultimate or penultimate issue or any commission employee's opinion or recommendation as to any ultimate or penultimate issue in any proceeding~~,~~ ~~was requested by any person or party~~ nor shall any person request any commitment, predetermination, or prediction ~~was~~to be given by any commissioner or commission employee as to any commission action or commission employee opinion or recommendation on any ultimate or penultimate issue;

(ii) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee must attend the briefing and certify that the commissioners and commission employees complied with the provisions in subitem (i);

~~(iv)~~(iii) each commissioner or commission employee present at the allowable ex parte communication briefing grants to every other party or person requesting an allowable ex parte communication briefing on the same or similar matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding, similar access and a reasonable opportunity to communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding under the provisions of subsection (C)(6) of this section and files a written, certified statement with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff within forty-eight hours of the briefing stating that the commissioner or commission employee will comply with this provision;

~~(v)~~(iv) the commission ~~posts~~ must post on its website, at least five business days prior to the proposed briefing, a notice of each request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing that includes the date and time of the proposed briefing, the name of the person or party who requested the briefing, the name of each commissioner and commission employee whom the person or party has requested to brief, and the subject matter to be discussed at the briefing;

(v) the commission must post on its website

within three business days after the briefing, all nonconfidential materials and documents provided to the commission as part of the ex parte briefing and a statement signed by the chief clerk of the commission that the provisions of this subsection have been followed, including the justification for actions taken to preserve the confidentiality of any confidential information provided to the commission;

(vi) the person or party initially seeking the briefing ~~requests~~must request the briefing with sufficient notice, as required in subsubitem ~~(v)~~(iv), to allow the initial briefing to be held at least twenty business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding at which the matter that is the subject of the briefing is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, and the initial briefing must be held at least twenty business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding; and

(vii) any person or party desiring to have a briefing on the same or similar matter as provided for in subsubitem (vi) shall be entitled to request ~~requests~~ a briefing so long as the request is made with sufficient time for notice, as required in subsubitem ~~(v)~~(iv), to allow the briefing to be held at least ten business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding at which the matter that is the subject of the briefing is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, and any such briefing must be held at least ten business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding;

~~(b) any person or party may object to the attendance of the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff at an allowable ex parte communication briefing on the grounds of bias or a conflict of interest on the part of the executive director. Any such objection must be made in writing and must be filed with the executive director no later than twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled briefing. If the objecting person or party and the executive director agree upon a neutral person, that person shall serve in the executive director's stead and shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the executive director contained in subsubitem (i) and the executive director shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii). The costs of such person's services shall be charged to the party requesting the briefing and may be an allowable cost of the proceedings. If the objecting person or party and the executive director cannot agree upon a neutral person, the objecting person or party shall petition the Administrative Law Court for the appointment of a neutral person to serve in the executive director's stead, and the petition shall be given priority over all other matters within the jurisdiction of the~~

~~Administrative Law Court. In the petition, the objecting party shall set forth the specific grounds supporting the objecting person's or party's allegation of bias or conflict on the part of the executive director and shall generally describe the matters to be discussed at the briefing. It shall not be sufficient grounds that the executive director is or is likely to be a party to a proceeding. The executive director shall be given an opportunity to respond. Part of the executive director's response shall include recommendations as to the experience required of the person to act in his stead. Upon a showing of actual bias or conflict of interest, the administrative law judge shall designate a person to act in the executive director's stead and that person shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the executive director contained in subsubitem (i) and the executive director shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii). Such person must have the expertise to act in the executive director's stead. The decision of the administrative law judge shall be considered interlocutory and not immediately appealable and may be appealed with the final order of the commission. The costs of such person's services shall be charged to the party requesting the briefing and may be an allowable cost of the proceedings;~~

~~(c) should the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff desire to conduct an allowable ex parte communication briefing, the chief clerk of the commission shall appoint a neutral person who shall serve in the executive director's stead and that person shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff contained in subsubitem (i). The Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii);~~

~~(d)~~(b) nothing in subsection (C)(6) of this section requires any commissioner or commission employee to grant a request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing, except as provided in subsection (C)(6)(a)~~(iv)~~(iii) of this section;

(7) a communication of supplemental legal citation if the party files copies of such documents, without comment or argument, with the chief clerk of the commission and simultaneously provides copies to all parties of record;

(8) subject to the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 30, communications between and among commissioners regarding matters pending before the commission; provided, further, that any commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee may receive aid

from commission employees if the commission employees providing aid do not:

(a) receive ex parte communications of a type that the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee would be prohibited from receiving; or

(b) furnish, augment, diminish, or modify the evidence in the record.

(D) If before serving in a proceeding, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee receives an ex parte communication of a type that may not properly be received while serving, the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee must disclose the communication in the following manner: a commissioner, hearing officer, or a commission employee who receives an ex parte communication in violation of this section must promptly after receipt of the communication or, in the case of a communication prior to a filing, as soon as it is known to relate to a filing, place on the record of the matter all written and electronic communications received, all written and electronic responses to the communications, and a memorandum stating the substance of all oral communications received, all responses made, and the identity of each person from whom the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee, as appropriate, received an ex parte communication and must advise all parties that these matters have been placed on the record. Within ten days after receipt of notice of the ex parte communication, any party who desires to rebut the contents of the communication must request and shall be granted the opportunity to rebut the contents. Parties affected by a violation may agree to a resolution of any claim regarding such violation, including the waiver of a hearing and the waiver of the obligation to report violations under subsection (I) of this section.

(E) Any person who makes an inadvertent ex parte communication must, as soon as it is known to relate to an issue in a proceeding, disclose the communication by placing on the record of the matter the communication made, if written or electronic, or a memorandum stating the substance of an inadvertent oral communication, and the identity of each person to whom the inadvertent ex parte communication was made or given. Within ten days after receipt of notice of the ex parte communication, any party who desires to rebut the contents of the communication must request and shall be granted the opportunity to rebut the contents. If no party rebuts the inadvertence of the ex parte communication within ten days after notice of the ex parte communication, the ex parte communication shall be presumed

inadvertent. Parties affected by a violation may agree to a resolution of any claim regarding such violation, and the provisions of subsection (J) of this section shall not apply.

(F) If necessary to eliminate the effect of an ex parte communication received in violation of this section, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee who receives the communication may be disqualified by the commission, and the portions of the record pertaining to the communication may be sealed by protective order.

(G) Nothing in this section alters or amends Section 1-23-320(i).

(H) Nothing in this section prevents a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee from:

(1) attending educational seminars sponsored by state, regional, or national organizations and seminars not affiliated with any utility regulated by the commission; however, the provisions of this section shall apply to any communications that take place outside any formal sessions of any seminars or group presentations; or

(2) conducting a site visit of a utility facility under construction or attending educational tours of utility plants or other facilities provided:

(a) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee also attends the site visit or educational tour;

(b) a summary of the discussion is produced and posted on the commission's website, along with copies of any written materials utilized, referenced, or distributed; and

(c) each party, person, commission, and commission employee who participated in the site visit or educational tour, within forty-eight hours of the site visit or educational tour, files a certification with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff that no commitment, predetermination, or prediction of any commissioner's action as to any ultimate or penultimate issue or any commission employee's opinion or recommendation as to any ultimate or penultimate issue in any proceeding was requested by any person or party, nor any commitment, predetermination, or prediction was given by any commissioner or commission employee as to any commission action or commission employee opinion or recommendation on any ultimate or penultimate issue.

(I) Subject to any privilege under Rule 501 of the South Carolina Rules of Evidence, any commissioner, hearing officer,

commission employee, party, or any other person must report any wilful violation of this section on the part of a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee to the review committee.

(J) Any commissioner, hearing officer, commission employee, or person who wilfully violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months. If a commissioner wilfully communicates with any party or person or if any person or party wilfully communicates with a commissioner regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding less than ten business days prior to the scheduled hearing on the merits, during the hearing or after the hearing but prior to the issuance of a final order, including an order on rehearing, in a proceeding where such facts, law, or other matter is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, the commissioner shall be removed from office. If a hearing officer or commission employee wilfully communicates with any party or person or any party or person wilfully communicates with a hearing officer or commission employee regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding less than ten days prior to the scheduled hearing on the merits, during the hearing or after the hearing but prior to the issuance of a final order, including an order on rehearing, in a proceeding where such facts, law, or other matter is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, the hearing officer or commission employee shall be terminated from employment by the commission. For purposes of this section: (1) "wilful" means an act done voluntarily and intentionally with the specific intent to do something the law forbids, or with specific intent to fail to do something the law requires to be done, that is to say with bad purpose either to disobey or disregard the law, and (2) a violation of the provisions of this section must be proved by clear and convincing evidence before a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee can be removed from office or terminated from employment.

SECTION 25. Section 58-3-270(E) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(E) The administrative law judge assigned to the ex parte communication complaint proceeding by the Administrative Law Court may issue an order tolling any deadlines imposed by any state statute for a decision by the commission on the proceeding that is the subject of the ex parte communication complaint but only to the extent that the allegations of the complaint are verified and if found to be true

would indicate that the proceeding was prejudiced to the extent that the commission is unable to consider the matter in the proceeding impartially. The administrative law judge assigned to the ex parte communication complaint proceeding by the Administrative Law Court must conduct a hearing and must issue a decision within sixty days after the complaint is filed.

SECTION 26. The General Assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(1) the economic and financial well-being of South Carolina and its citizens depends upon continued economic development and industry retention and opportunities for job attraction and retention; and

(2) the cost of electricity and the availability of clean energy sources for electricity are important factors in the decision for a commercial and industrial entity to locate, expand, or maintain their existing establishments in South Carolina; and

(3) competitive electric rates, terms, and conditions, and the ability to utilize clean energy sources for electric power generation are necessary to attract prospective commercial or industrial entities to invest in South Carolina and to encourage and incent robust economic development growth and industry retention in this State; and

(4) electrical utilities are critical economic development and industry retention partners for South Carolina by offering affordable power that has helped to attract jobs and associated development.

Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 43

Economic Development Rates

Section 58-43-10. Unless otherwise specified, for purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Public Service Commission.

(2) "Contract" has the same meaning as the term is used in Section 58-27-980.

(3) "Electrical utility" has the same meaning as provided in Section 58-27-10(7).

(4) "Marginal cost" means the electrical utility's marginal cost for producing energy.

(5) "Qualifying customer" means either:

(a) an existing commercial or industrial customer with a combined firm and interruptible contract demand greater than 20 megawatts that agrees to a new or extended electric service contract with

a term of five years of more; or

(b) a commercial or industrial customer that agrees to locate its operations in South Carolina or expand its existing establishment, and such location or expansion results in the minimum of:

(i) 500 kilowatts at one point of delivery;

(ii) fifty new employees; and

(iii) capital investment for $400,000 following the electrical utility's approval for service.

(6) "Rate proposal" means a written document that identifies the rates, terms, and conditions for electric service offered by an electrical utility to a prospective customer.

(7) "Renewable energy facility" means a solar array or other facility constructed by or on behalf of a qualifying customer for the exclusive purpose of supplementing electrical power generation from a renewable energy source for its economic development location, expansion, or retention.

(8) "Transformational customer" means a commercial or industrial customer that agrees to locate its operations in South Carolina or expand its existing establishment, and such location or expansion results in the addition of a minimum of:

(a) 50 megawatts at one point of delivery;

(b) 500 new employees;

(c) capital investment of $100,000,000 following the electrical utility's approval for service; and

(d) who is designated by the South Carolina Department of Commerce as a business which will bring substantial benefit to the economy of South Carolina and its citizens, such that it is in the public interest to have such transformational customer located in this State.

Section 58-43-20. (A) When considering whether the rates, terms, and conditions negotiated with economic development prospects are just and reasonable, the commission shall give full weight and consideration to the economic development benefits to the electrical utility's customers that result from prospective commercial or industrial entities locating or expanding their activities in South Carolina.

(B) Nothwithstanding any other provision of law, an electrical utility may provide the South Carolina Department of Commerce or a prospective qualifying customer or transformational customer with a rate proposal containing terms and conditions to incentivize the prospective customer to make capital investments and employ additional workforce in the electrical utility's service territory. The rate proposal initially provided by an electrical utility may differ from the final contract, rate,

terms, and conditions with the qualifying customer or transformational customer.

(C) An electrical utility may offer special rates, terms, and conditions to a qualifying customer or transformational customer, including rates that are lower than the rates that the customer otherwise would be charged. The agreement with the customer must be for a term not exceeding ten years and the electrical utility may offer the customer interruptible and real-time pricing options and riders for other clean energy attributes which may support the qualifying customer's or transformational customer's needs. However, rates for qualifying customers may not be lower than the electrical utility's marginal cost of providing service to the customer and rates for transformational customers may not be lower than twenty-five percent less than the electrical utility's marginal cost of providing service to the customer.

(D) Rates, terms, and conditions negotiated with qualifying and transformational customers shall be deemed just and reasonable if:

(1) for qualifying customers, the terms of this section are met;

(2) for transformational customers, the commission determines that:

(a) the economic development rate offered significantly impacts the customer's decision to locate or expand in South Carolina;

(b) the financial value realized by the electrical utility's system from the transformational customer being on the electrical utility's system for ten years is greater than or equal to the financial value of the rate incentive given to the transformational customer;

(c) measures have been taken to avoid or reduce cross-customer class subsidization; and

(d) the consequences of offering the economic development rate are beneficial to the system as a whole considering all customer classes.

The commission must either approve or deny an application pursuant to this section within sixty days.

(E) Nothing in this chapter shall otherwise restrict the commission's authority to regulate rates and charges or review contracts entered into pursuant to this section or to otherwise supervise the operations of electrical utilities.

(F) The construction of a proposed renewable energy facility by or on behalf of a qualifying customer to support electric power generation at its location must comply with federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.

(G) Consistent with federal, state, and local laws and ordinances,

the electrical utility may expedite interconnection of a proposed renewable energy facility to be constructed by a qualifying or transformational customer to support electrical power generation at its location where high-quality and reliable electric service are not adversely impacted.

(H) In the event a qualifying customer or transformational customer leaves this State or terminates its operations in this State during the ten-year contract period, such customer must reimburse the electrical utility and its customers the difference between standard rates and the rates paid during the term of the agreement between the electrical utility and its customers.

(I) For facilities designated as high priority sites by the South Carolina Department of Commerce, an electrical utility may enter into agreements to provide energy infrastructure to such sites if the South Carolina Department of Commerce determines it will increase the probability of attracting transformational customers to this State. Costs of such infrastructure shall be accounted for and recorded as an element of rate base for inclusion in general rates by the electrical utility provided the commission finds such costs are reasonable and prudent and shall not include a rate of return until the facilities are placed into service for a customer.

(J) An electrical utility shall not be required to adjust its cost of service in a rate proceeding as a result of a rate, agreement, or infrastructure provided pursuant to this section in any matter that would impute revenue at a level higher than received by the electrical utility from a qualifying customer or transformational customer or would otherwise reduce the electrical utility's revenue as a result of entering into contracts with qualifying customers or transformational customers pursuant to this section.

(K) If an electrical utility offers special rates, terms, and conditions to a qualifying customer or a transformational customer, any electrical utility in South Carolina may also offer all directly competing existing customers in its service territory in this State with similar special rates, terms, and conditions at the time the agreement is entered into with the qualifying customer or transformational customer to the extent the directly competing existing customer is able to substantiate its status as a directly competing existing customer. For purposes of this section, customers are "directly competing" if they make the same end-product, or offer the same service, for the same general group of customers. Customers that only produce component parts of the same end-product are not directly competing customers.

SECTION 27. Sections 58-33-310 and 58-33-320 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 58-33-310. Any party may appeal, in accordance with Section 1-23-380, from all or any portion of any final order or decision of the commission, including conditions of the certificate required by a state agency under Section 58-33-160 as provided by Section 58-27-2310. ~~Any appeals may be called up for trial out of their order by either party.~~ Any final order on the merits issued pursuant to this chapter shall be immediately appealable to the Supreme Court of South Carolina, without petition for rehearing or reconsideration. The Supreme Court shall provide for expedited briefing and hearing of the appeal in preference to all other nonemergency matters. The commission must not be a party to an appeal.

Section 58-33-320. Except as expressly set forth in Section 58-33-310, no court of this State shall have jurisdiction to hear or determine any issue, case, or controversy concerning any matter which was or could have been determined in a proceeding before the commission under this chapter or to stop or delay the construction, operation, or maintenance of a major utility facility, except to enforce compliance with this chapter or the provisions of a certificate issued hereunder, and any such action shall be brought only by the Office of Regulatory Staff. Provided, however, that subject to Section 58-33-175, nothing herein contained shall be construed to abrogate or suspend the right of any individual or corporation not a party to maintain any action which he might otherwise have been entitled.

SECTION 28. Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-160. (A)(1) The Office of Regulatory Staff must conduct a study to evaluate the potential costs and benefits of the various administrator models for energy efficiency programs and other demand-side management programs funded by, or potentially funded by, electrical utilities in this State. This study must be conducted on each electrical utility in this State. For purposes of this section, administrator models for energy efficiency programs shall include the following models: utility administrator, state or government agency administrator, an independent third-party administrator, and a hybrid administrator.

(2) For purposes of this section only, "electrical utility" means an investor-owned electrical utility that serves more than 100,000 customers in this State.

(B) This study must consider which administrator model would most meaningfully improve programs offered by the electrical utility.

(C) The study must also evaluate which administrator model offers the best opportunities to increase cost and energy savings, improve the quality of services rendered, reduce ratepayer costs, or more effectively serve low-income customers, within a program portfolio that is cost effective overall, as compared to similar program administration by individual electrical utilities, or to increase the cost effectiveness of energy efficiency program portfolios. This study must consider, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) whether third-party administration subject to a pay for performance contract and independent third-party evaluation, measurement, and verification could reduce administrative costs, as compared to separate administration of energy efficiency programs by individual electrical utilities;

(2) whether a system benefit charge or other funding or financing mechanism would more efficiently, effectively, and fairly fund energy efficiency and other demand-side management programs through an administrator;

(3) which administrator model provides the best mechanism to increase ratepayer energy savings in the case of electrical utilities that have experienced lower historical performance in terms of annual and cumulative energy savings as a percentage of retail sales;

(4) which administrator model provides the best mechanism to increase ratepayer energy savings in the case of electrical utilities that have experienced high historical performance in terms of annual and cumulative energy savings as a percentage of retail sales;

(5) the legal and practical implications of implementing the various administrator models for an electrical utility with a multistate balancing authority area;

(6) which administrator model could most enhance an electrical utility's delivery of nonenergy benefits, such as resiliency, reliability, health, economic development, industry retention, energy security, and pollution reduction; and

(7) which administrator model could most effectively pursue nonratepayer funding including, but not limited to, federal, state, or local governmental support, as a means of either reducing reliance of ratepayer funds or increasing the scope, reach, or effectiveness of energy efficiency and demand-side management programs.

(D) This study must be conducted with public input from stakeholders through written comments and at least one public forum.

(E) The Office of Regulatory Staff is authorized to retain the services of an expert or consultant with expertise and experience in the

successful implementation of energy efficiency administrator programs. The Office of Regulatory Staff is exempt from the procurement code for the purposes of retaining services for this study.

(F) The provisions of this section are subject to funding. However, the Office of Regulatory Staff must initiate the study within one year from receipt of necessary funding and complete its report within six months. Upon completion of this study, the Office of Regulatory Staff must provide its report to the General Assembly and the commission. This report may include a recommendation as to which administrator model should be established for each electrical utility, draft legislation, and requirements that should be established.

SECTION 29. Section 58-37-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-10. As used in this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1) "Demand-side activity" or "demand-side management program" means a program conducted or proposed by a producer, supplier, or distributor of energy for the reduction or more efficient use of energy requirements of the producer's, supplier's, or distributor's customers, through measures, including, but not limited to, conservation and energy efficiency, load management, cogeneration, and renewable energy technologies.

(2) "Integrated resource plan" means a plan which contains the demand and energy forecast for at least a fifteen-year period, contains the supplier's or producer's program for meeting the requirements shown in its forecast in an economic and reliable manner, including both demand-side and supply-side options, with a brief description and summary cost-benefit analysis, if available, of each option which was considered, including those not selected, sets forth the supplier's or producer's assumptions and conclusions with respect to the effect of the plan on the cost and reliability of energy service, and describes the external environmental and economic consequences of the plan to the extent practicable. For electrical utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, this definition must be interpreted in a manner consistent with the integrated resource planning requirements pursuant to Section 58-37-40 and any process adopted by the commission. For electric cooperatives subject to the regulations of the Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~Utilities Service, this definition must be interpreted in a manner consistent with any integrated resource planning process prescribed by Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~ Utilities Service regulations.

(3) "Cost-effective" means that the net present value of

benefits of a program or portfolio exceeds the net present value of the costs of the program or portfolio. A cost-effective program or portfolio must pass any two of the following tests:

(a) utility cost test;

(b) total resource cost test;

(c) participant cost test; or

(d) ratepayer impact measure test.

In evaluating the cost-effectiveness of a program or portfolio, a utility or program administrator must present the results of all four tests. In calculating cost-effectiveness, a utility must use a standard utility practice for determining the percentage of energy savings that would or would not have been achieved through customer adoption of an efficiency behavior or technology without any incentive allowed pursuant to this chapter to install and utilize the technology as part of the associated demand-side management program. The utility must designate the expected useful life of the measure and evaluate the costs and benefits of the measures over their useful lives in the program application based on industry-accepted standards. Further, in calculating the cost-effectiveness, the commission must consider the efficiencies and scale of programs that are or may be available across a utility's balancing area, even if that balancing area extends outside of the State.

(4) "Demand-side management pilot program" means a demand-side management program that is of limited scope, cost, and duration and that is intended to determine whether a new or substantially revised program or technology would be cost-effective.

SECTION 30. Section 58-37-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-20. (A) The General Assembly declares that expanding utility investment in and customer access to cost-effective demand-side management programs will result in more efficient use of existing resources, promote lower energy costs, mitigate the increasing need for new generation and associated resources, and assist customers in managing their electricity usage to better control their electric bill, and is therefore in the public interest.

(B) The commission may approve any program filed by a public utility if the program is found to be cost-effective. Furthermore, the commission may, in its discretion, approve any program filed by a public utility that is not cost-effective, so long as the proposed demand-side management program is targeted to low-income customers, provided that the public utility's portfolio of demand-side management programs is cost-effective as a whole.

(C) The South Carolina Public Service Commission

~~may~~ must adopt procedures that ~~encourage~~ require electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the commission to plan for and invest in all reasonable, prudent, and available energy efficiency and demand-side resources that are cost-effective energy efficient technologies and energy conservation programs in an amount to be determined by the commission. If an electrical utility fails to meet the requirements of this section as determined by the commission, the commission is authorized to appoint a third-party administrator to carry out the residential low-income energy efficiency duties pursuant to this section on behalf of the electrical utility if the commission determines that having such a third-party administrator is in the public interest and consistent with law. Upon notice and hearings that the commission may require, the commission may issue rules, regulations, or orders pursuant to this chapter to implement applicable programs and measures under this section. If adopted, these procedures must: provide incentives and cost recovery for energy suppliers and distributors who invest in energy supply and end-use technologies that are cost-effective, environmentally acceptable, and reduce energy consumption or system or local coincident peak demand; allow energy suppliers and distributors to recover costs and obtain a reasonable rate of return on their investment in qualified demand-side management programs sufficient to make these programs at least as financially attractive as construction of new generating facilities; require the Public Service Commission to establish rates and charges that ensure that the net income of an electrical or gas utility regulated by the commission after implementation of specific cost-effective energy conservation measures is at least as high as the net income would have been if the energy conservation measures had not been implemented. ~~For purposes of this section only, the term "demand-side activity" means a program conducted by an electrical utility or public utility providing gas services for the reduction or more efficient use of energy requirements of the utility or its customers including, but not limited to, utility transmission and distribution system efficiency, customer conservation and efficiency, load management, cogeneration, and renewable energy technologies.~~

(D) Each investor-owned electrical utility must submit an annual report to the commission describing the demand-side management programs implemented by the electrical utility in the previous year, provided the program has been operational for a reasonable period of time, as well as the results of such programs. The commission may require certain information including, but not limited

to:

(1) achieved savings levels from the utility's portfolio of programs in the prior year, reported as a percentage of the utility's annual sales;

(2) program expenditures, including incentive payments;

(3) peak demand and energy savings impacts and the techniques used to estimate those impacts;

(4) avoided costs and the techniques used to estimate those costs;

(5) estimated cost-effectiveness of the demand-side management programs;

(6) a description of economic benefits of the demand-side management programs;

(7) the number of customers eligible to opt out of the electrical utility's demand-side management programs, the percentage of those customers that opted out in the previous year, and the annual sales associated with those opt out customers; and

(8) any other information required by the commission.

(E) To ensure prudent investments by an electrical utility in energy efficiency and demand response, as compared to potential investments in generation, transmission, distribution, and other supply related utility equipment and resources, the commission must review each investor-owned electrical utility's portfolio of demand-side management programs on at least a triennial basis to align the review of that utility's integrated resource plan pursuant to Section 58-37-40. The commission is authorized to order modifications to an electrical utility's demand-side management portfolio, including program budgets, if the commission determines that doing so is in the public interest.

(F) The provisions of subsections (C), (D), and (E) do not apply to an electrical utility that serves less than 100,000 customers in this State.

SECTION 31. Section 58-37-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-30. (A) The South Carolina Public Service Commission must report annually to the General Assembly on available data regarding the past, on-going, and projected status of demand-side ~~activities~~management programs and purchase of power from qualifying facilities, as defined in the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, by electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

(B) Electric cooperatives providing resale or retail services, municipally-owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority shall report annually to the State Energy Office on available data regarding the past, on-going, and projected status of demand-side ~~activities~~management programs and purchase of power from qualifying facilities. For electric cooperatives, submission to the State Energy Office of a report on demand-side ~~activities~~management programs in a format complying with then current Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~ Utilities Service regulations constitutes compliance with this subsection. An electric cooperative providing resale services may submit a report in conjunction with and on behalf of any electric cooperative which purchases electric power and energy from it. The State Energy Office must compile and submit this information annually to the General Assembly.

(C) The State Energy Office may provide forms for the reports required by this section to the Public Service Commission and to electric cooperatives, municipally-owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority. The office shall strive to minimize differing formats for reports, taking into account the reporting requirements of other state and federal agencies. For electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the commission, the reporting form must be in a format acceptable to the commission.

SECTION 32. Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-37-35. (A) An electrical utility may propose programs and customer incentives to encourage or promote demand-side management programs whereby a customer uses a customer-sited distributed energy resource, as defined in Section 58-39-120(C), or combination of such resources, to: (1) reduce the customer's electric consumption or demand from the electric grid, or (2) beneficially shape the customer's electric consumption or demand in a manner that reduces the customer's contribution to the electrical utility's system or local coincidental peak demand, subject to the associated load to utility management for reliability or economic purposes, or reduce future electrical utility system costs to serve its customers. Programs authorized pursuant to this section may also include distributed energy resources that draw additional power from the electric grid including, but not limited to, electric heat pumps with programmable or utility controlled thermostats, electric heat pump water heaters controlled through utility programs, smart home panels, advanced inverters, and energy storage

devices located on the customer's side of the meter, provided that any programs or customer incentives otherwise meet the requirements of this section. These programs may also include a combination of resources, including renewable energy microgrids, to provide economic benefits to the utility system or to help address specific transmission or distribution issues that would otherwise require significant capital investment.

(B) In evaluating a program or customer incentive proposed pursuant to this section to ensure reasonableness, promotion of the public interest, and consistency with the objectives of Sections 58-27-845 and 58-37-20, the commission must apply the procedure approved pursuant to Section 58-37-20. An electrical utility must use standard utility practices for determining the percentage of customers that would or would not have adopted a distributed energy resource without any incentive allowed under this section to install and utilize the distributed energy resource as part of the associated demand-side management program. The electrical utility must designate the expected useful life of the distributed energy resource and evaluate the costs and benefits of demand-side measures over their useful lives in the program application based on industry-accepted standards. All initial program costs, benefits, and participation assumptions used in the electrical utility's cost-effectiveness evaluations must be reviewed by the commission to ensure the electrical utility has presented a reasonable basis for its calculation. Electrical utilities must update the cost-effectiveness analysis based on the actual program costs, benefits, and participation as soon as practicably possible based on standard evaluation, measurement, and verification protocols, and the electrical utility's cost recovery must be reconciled accordingly.

(C) For demand-side programs or customer incentives proposed in this section, the electrical utility may recover costs through the procedures in Section 58-37-20. The prohibition in Section 58-40-20(I) against recovery of loss revenues associated with distributed energy resources pursuant to Chapter 39, Title 58 is inapplicable to recovery of net lost revenues associated with a distributed energy resource that is installed as a result of a demand-side program incentive pursuant to this section or Section 58-37-20.

(D) The commission may approve any program filed pursuant to this section if the commission finds the program to be cost-effective pursuant to Section 58-37-10(3). For any demand-side programs or customer incentives submitted under this section with projected annual customer incentive amounts less than five million dollars per year for each of the first two program years, the commission must issue an order

as expeditiously as practicable on the written submissions of the electrical utility but may require an evidentiary hearing where novel or complex issues of fact require special review by the commission. Nothing in this section prevents the commission from ordering an electrical utility to modify or terminate a program approved pursuant to this section based on the results of standard evaluation, measurement, and verification protocols.

(E) The Energy Office must develop and publish materials intended to inform and educate the public regarding programs available to a customer pursuant to this section. The Energy Office must maintain a list of approved vendors who are qualified and in good standing to provide services associated with these programs.

SECTION 33. Section 58-37-50 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-50. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Electricity provider" means an electric cooperative, an investor-owned electric utility, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, or a municipality or municipal board or commission of public works that owns and operates an electric utility system.

(2) "Natural gas provider" means an investor-owned natural gas utility or publicly owned natural gas provider.

(3) "Meter conservation charge" means the charge placed on a customer's account by which electricity providers and natural gas providers recover the costs, including financing costs, of energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(4) "Notice of meter conservation charge" means the written notice by which subsequent purchasers or tenants will be given notice that they will be required to pay a meter conservation charge.

(5) "Customer" means a homeowner or tenant receiving electricity or natural gas as a retail customer.

(6) "Community action agency" means a nonprofit eleemosynary corporation created pursuant to Chapter 45, Title 43 providing, among other things, weatherization services to a homeowner or tenant.

(B) Electricity providers and natural gas providers may enter into written agreements with customers and landlords of customers for the financing of the purchase price and installation costs of energy efficiency and conservation measures. These agreements may provide that the costs must be recovered by a meter conservation charge on the customer's electricity or natural gas account, provided that the electricity providers and natural gas providers comply with the provisions of this section. A failure to pay the meter conservation charge may be treated

by the electricity provider or natural gas provider as a failure to pay the electricity or natural gas account, and the electricity provider or natural gas provider may disconnect electricity or natural gas service for nonpayment of the meter conservation charge, provided the electricity provider or natural gas provider complies with the provisions of Article 25, Chapter 31, Title 5; Article 17, Chapter 11, Title 6; Article 17, Chapter 49, Title 33; Article 11, Chapter 5, Title 58; Article 21, Chapter 27, Title 58; Article 5, Chapter 31, Title 58; and any applicable rules, regulations, or ordinances relating to disconnections.

(C) Any agreement permitted by subsection (B) must state plainly the interest rate to be charged to finance the costs of the energy efficiency and conservation measures. The interest rate must be a fixed rate over the term of the agreement and must not exceed four percent above the stated yield for one-year treasury bills as published by the Federal Reserve ~~at the time the agreement is entered~~on the first business day of the calendar year in which the agreement is entered. An electrical utility entering into such an agreement whose rates are regulated by the commission must fix the interest rate over the term of the agreement to not exceed such utility's weighted average cost of equity and long-term debt as most recently approved by the commission at the time the agreement is entered. Any indebtedness created under the provisions of this section may be paid in full at any time before it is due without penalty.

(D) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may recover the costs, including financing costs, of these measures from its members or customers directly benefiting from the installation of the energy efficiency and conservation measures. Recovery may be through a meter conservation charge to the account of the member or customer and any such charge must be shown by a separate line item on the account. A utility entering into such agreement whose rates are regulated by the commission shall recover all reasonable and prudent incremental costs incurred to implement agreements for financing and installing energy-efficiency and conservation measures in base rates. Incremental costs may include, but are not limited to, billing system upgrades, overhead, incremental labor, and all other expenses properly considered to be associated with ensuring the ongoing premise bill savings are realized from offering during the terms of such agreements.

(E) An electricity provider or natural gas provider shall assume no liability for the installation, operation, or maintenance of energy efficiency and conservation measures when the measures are performed by a third party, and shall not provide any warranty as to the

merchantability of the measures or the fitness for a particular purpose of the measures, and no action may be maintained against the electricity provider or natural gas provider relating to the failure of the measures. An electricity provider or natural gas provider shall assume no liability for energy audits performed by third parties and shall provide no warranty relating to any energy audit done by any third party. Nothing in this section may be construed to limit any rights or remedies of utility customers and landlords of utility customers against other parties to a transaction involving the purchase and installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(F) Before entering into an agreement contemplated by this section, the electricity provider or natural gas provider shall cause to be performed an energy audit on the residence considered for the energy efficiency measures. The energy audit must be conducted by an energy auditor certified by the Building Performance Institute or similar organization. The audit must provide an estimate of the costs of the proposed energy efficiency and conservation measures and the expected savings associated with the measures, and it must recommend measures appropriately sized for the specific use contemplated. An agreement entered following completion of an energy audit shall specify the measures to be completed and the contractor responsible for completion of the measures. The choice of a contractor to perform the work must be made by the owner of the residence. Upon request, the electricity provider or natural gas provider must provide the owner of the residence with a list of contractors qualified to do the work. Upon completion of the work, it must be inspected by an energy auditor certified by the Building Performance Institute or similar organization. Any work that is determined to have been done improperly or to be inappropriately sized for the intended use must be remedied by the responsible contractor. Until the work has been remedied, funds due to the contractor must be held in escrow by the electricity provider or natural gas provider.

(G) An electricity provider or natural gas provider that enters into an agreement as provided in this section may recover the costs, including financing costs, of energy efficiency and conservation measures from subsequent purchasers of the residence in which the measures are installed, provided the electricity provider or natural gas provider gives record notice that the residence is subject to the agreement. Notice must be given, at the expense of the filer, by filing a notice of meter conservation charge with the appropriate office for the county in which the residence is located, pursuant to Section 30-5-10. The notice of meter conservation charge does not constitute a lien on the

property but is intended to give a purchaser of the residence notice that the residence is subject to a meter conservation charge. Notice is deemed to have been given if a search of the property records of the county discloses the existence of the charge and informs a prospective purchaser: (1) how to ascertain the amount of the charge and the length of time it is expected to remain in effect, and (2) of his obligation to notify a tenant if the purchaser leases the property as provided in subsection (H)(3).

(H) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may enter into agreements for the installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures and the recovery of the costs, including financing costs, of the measures with respect to rental properties by filing a notice of meter conservation charge as provided in subsection (G) and by complying with the provisions of this subsection:

(1) The energy audit required by subsection (F) must be conducted and the results provided to both the landlord and the tenant living in the rental property at the time the agreement is entered.

(2) If both the landlord and tenant agree, the electricity provider or natural gas provider may recover the costs of the energy efficiency and conservation measures, including financing costs, through a meter conservation charge on the account associated with the rental property occupied by the tenant. The agreement must provide notice to the landlord of the provisions contained in item (3).

(3) With respect to a subsequent tenant occupying a rental unit benefiting from the installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures, the electricity provider or natural gas provider may continue to recover the costs, including financing costs, of the measures through a meter conservation charge on the account associated with the rental property occupied by the tenant. With respect to a subsequent tenant, the landlord must give a written notice of meter conservation charge in the same manner as required by Section 27-40-240. If the landlord fails to give the subsequent tenant the required notice of meter conservation charge, the tenant may deduct from his rent, for no more than one-half of the term of the rental agreement, the amount of the meter conservation charge paid to the electricity provider or natural gas provider.

(I) Agreements entered pursuant to the provisions of this section are exempt from the provisions of the South Carolina Consumer Protection Code, Title 37 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

(J) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may contract with third parties to perform functions permitted under this

section, including the financing of the costs of energy efficiency and conservation measures. A third party must comply with all applicable provisions of this section. When an electricity or natural gas provider contracts with a third party to perform administrative or financing functions under this subsection, the liability of the third party is limited in the same manner as an electricity provider or natural gas provider is under subsection (E).

(K) The provisions of this section apply only to energy efficiency and conservation measures for a residence already occupied ~~at~~before the time the measures are taken. ~~The procedures allowed by this section may not be used with respect to a new residence or a residence under construction.~~ The provisions of this section may not be used to implement energy efficiency or conservation measures that result in the replacement of natural gas appliances or equipment with electric appliances or equipment, or that result in the replacement of electric appliances or equipment with natural gas appliances or equipment, unless (1) the customer who seeks to install the energy efficiency or conservation measure is being provided electric and natural gas service by the same provider, or (2) an electric appliance used for home heating is being replaced by an appliance that operates primarily on electricity but which has the capability of also operating on a secondary fuel source.

(L) Electricity providers or natural gas providers may offer their customers other types of financing agreements available by law, instead of the option established in this section, for the types of energy efficiency or conservation measures described in this section.

(M)(1) An electricity provider or natural gas provider must not obtain funding from the following federal programs to provide loans provided by this section:

(a) the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), created by Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 and codified as Chapter 94, Title 42 of the United States Code, as amended by the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1984, the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1986, the Augustus F. Hawkins Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1990, the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993, the Low Income Home Energy Amendments of 1994, the Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998, and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which is administered and funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services on the federal level and administered locally by community action agencies;

(b) the Weatherization Assistance Program,

created by Title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act of 1976 and codified as Part A, Subchapter III, Chapter 81, Title 42 of the United States Code, amended by the National Energy Conservation Policy Act, the Energy Security Act, the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1984, and the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 and administered and funded by the United States Department of Energy on the federal level and administered locally by community action agencies.

(2) Nothing in this section changes the exclusive administration of these programs by local community action agencies through the South Carolina Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity pursuant to its authority pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 45, Title 43, the Community Economic Opportunity Act of 1983.

(3) Nothing in this subsection prevents a customer or member of an electricity provider or natural gas provider from obtaining services under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program or the Weatherization Assistance Program.

SECTION 34. Article 1, Chapter 31, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-31-215. (A) The Public Service Authority, in consultation with the South Carolina Department of Commerce, shall have the authority to serve as an anchor subscriber of incremental natural gas and pipeline capacity needed in the future by the State to recruit new transformational projects or to assist in the expansion of transformational projects as identified by the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

(B) The Public Service Authority is authorized to act on behalf of the State, to aid natural gas pipeline construction companies and natural gas shippers in obtaining approval for incremental capacity and delivery to this State to support economic growth. The Public Service Authority is authorized to demonstrate market support in required filings including, but not limited to, binding precedent agreements, and to make other attestations in furtherance of satisfaction of the application requirements of federal law and regulations. This subsection is subject to available funding.

(C) There is hereby established the “Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund” to be held in an operating account by the Public Service Authority to further the provisions of this section and other energy investment needs. Subject to the approval of the Joint Bond Review Committee, the Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund may be funded by the amount required to be paid to the State pursuant to Section 58-31-110 less the annual costs billed by the Office

of Regulatory Staff and the South Carolina Public Service Commission. The South Carolina Department of Commerce shall report, at least once annually and no later than September first, to the Joint Bond Review Committee as to the level and need for funding to advance the provisions of this section. Unless sufficient funding is allocated to the Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund and such action is approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee, the Public Service Authority shall not execute a binding precedent agreement on behalf of the State pursuant to this section. In no event shall the costs associated with serving as an anchor affect the rates and charges for electric or water service for the Public Service Authority's customers.

(D) The South Carolina Department of Commerce, with input from the Public Service Authority, is authorized to resell natural gas pipeline capacity rights procured pursuant to this section subject to a plan approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee. The proceeds of any sales of natural gas pipeline capacity rights must be deposited in the general fund of the State.

(E) When the Public Service Authority enters into a binding agreement on behalf of the State, the Office of Regulatory Staff, in representing the public interest and in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, is directed to make such filings supporting required federal regulatory approvals.

(F) The provisions of this section do not alter, amend, expand, or reduce, any other authority granted to the Public Service Authority in this chapter to enter into any agreements necessary for the provision of electric service.

SECTION 35. A. Section 58-3-70 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-70. ~~The chairman and members of the commission shall receive annual salaries payable in the same manner as the salaries of other state officers are paid.~~ The commission members shall receive a salary in an amount equal to ninety-seven and one-half percent of the salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court. Each commissioner must devote full time to his duties as a commissioner and must not engage in any other employment, business, profession, or vocation during the normal business hours of the commission.

B. This section is effective beginning with the fiscal year immediately following the Public Service Commission election for the reconstituted three-member commission.

SECTION 36. Chapter 41, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-41-50. (A) The General Assembly encourages electrical utilities to explore cost effective, efficient bulk power solutions, particularly during periods of constrained capacity, for non-residential customers with electric loads in excess of 25 megawatts.

(B)(1) An electrical utility may file a proposed agreement regarding co-located resources between the utility and a customer with an electric load in excess of 25 megawatts for the commission's consideration. The proposed agreement must contain at least one of the following requirements:

(a) co-location of electric generation or storage on the customer's property provides bulk system benefits for all customers and benefits for the host customer;

(b) co-location of renewable electric generation resources on the customer's property provides bulk system benefits for all customers and the renewable attributes associated with such generation can be allocated to the host customer;

(c) co-location of electric generation on the customer's property would result in permitting and siting efficiencies to enable electric generation to come online earlier than otherwise could occur; or

(d) co-location of electric generation resources on the customer's property could be utilized as resiliency resources to serve the electric grid in times of need.

(2) In the filing with the commission, the electrical utility must include a description of:

(a) how the resource helps to serve resource needs identified in the electrical utility's most recent integrated resource plan filing;

(b) credit and ratepayer protections included in the agreement;

(c) the contractual terms that preserves the electrical utility's operation of resources; and

(d) how costs and benefits associated with the agreement would be allocated among the customer who is a party to the agreement and other customers in the electrical utility's balancing area.

(C) The commission must give a proposed agreement filed pursuant to this section expedited consideration. The commission may approve the proposed agreement if the commission finds:

(1) the proposed program was voluntarily agreed upon by the electrical utility and the customer,

(2) the filing meets the requirements of this section; and

(3) the proposed agreement is in the public interest.

(D) For purposes of this section, "co-located" or "co-location" includes electric generation and associated facilities on a customer's site

as well as any location where the connection to the electrical utility is in such proximity to the customer's site that enables resilient power supply to support the development of power supply to meet the customer's needs. An agreement regarding co-location may also include potential co-ownership of the electric generation and associate facilities by the electrical utility and the customer.

(E) Notwithstanding opportunities for co-located resources, the General Assembly also encourages electrical utilities to continue to facilitate service to new electric loads in excess of 50 megawatts and to require operational and financial performance requirements for such customers to receive service pursuant to tariffed electrical utility rates or contracts approved by the commission, and to ensure appropriate protections and risk mitigation for the protection of the electrical utility's existing customers. The electrical utility may meet these objectives by: (1) filing form contracts with the commission; (2) tariff offerings or services regulations filed with the commission; or (3) performance and credit policies reviewed by the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 37. Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-15. (A) As of July 1, 2025, there is hereby created within the Office of Regulatory Staff a division that must be separate and apart from all other divisions within the Office of Regulatory Staff and titled the Division of Consumer Advocacy.

(B) The duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Department of Consumer Affairs related to appearances before the commission are hereby transferred to the Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Office of Regulatory Staff on July 1, 2025. All appropriations and full-time equivalent positions of the Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Department of Consumer Affairs that are devoted solely to advocating on behalf of consumers before the commission shall be transferred to the Office of Regulatory Staff on July 1, 2025.

(C) The Division of Consumer Advocacy shall have the ability to represent residential utility consumers in matters before the commission and appellate courts.

(D) The Division of Consumer Advocacy shall consist of a Residential Utility Consumer Advocate and other personnel as may be necessary in order for the division to represent residential utility consumers in matters before the commission and appellate courts. The Residential Utility Consumer Advocate must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years practice

experience and must be appointed in the same manner as the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff pursuant to the procedure set forth in Section 58-4-30.

(E) To the extent necessary to carry out its responsibilities, the Division of Consumer Advocacy may hire third-party consultants as the Residential Utility Consumer Advocate may consider necessary to assist the Division of Consumer Advocacy in its participation in proceedings before the commission and appellate courts.

(F) The Division of Consumer Advocacy is exempt from the State Procurement Code in the hiring of third-party consultants. However, the Division of Consumer Advocacy must not hire the same third-party consultant hired by the Office of Regulatory Staff or the commission.

(G) The Office of Regulatory Staff shall provide such administrative support to the Division of Consumer Advocacy as the division may require in the performance of its duties including financial management, human resources management, information technology, procurement services, and logistical support. The Office of Regulatory Staff shall not provide to the Division of Consumer Advocacy, and the Division of Consumer Advocacy shall not require of the Office Regulatory Staff, legal representation, technical, economic, or auditing assistance regarding any matter pending before the Public Service Commission when providing such assistance would create a conflict of interest.

SECTION 38. (A) To foster economic development and future jobs in this State resulting from the supply chains associated with the same while supporting the significant and growing energy and capacity needs of the State, enhance grid resiliency, and maintain reliability, the General Assembly finds that the State of South Carolina should take steps necessary to encourage the development of a diverse mix of long-lead, clean generation resources that may include advanced small modular reactors, biomass as defined in Section 12-63-20(B)(2) of the S.C. Code, hydrogen-capable resources, and the Carolina Long Bay Project, and should preserve the option of efficiency development of such long-lead resources with timely actions to establish or maintain eligibility for or capture available tax or other financial incentives or address operational needs.

(B) For an electrical utility to capture available tax or other financial or operational incentives for South Carolina ratepayers in a timely manner, the commission may find that actions by an electrical utility in pursuit of the directives in Section 58-37-35(A) are in the public interest, provided that the commission

determines that such proposed actions are in the public interest and reasonably balance economic development and industry retention benefits, capacity expansion benefits, resource adequacy and diversification, emissions reduction levels, and potential risks, costs, and benefits to ratepayers and otherwise comply with all other legal requirements applicable to the electrical utility's proposed action. For the South Carolina Public Service Authority, the Office of Regulatory Staff, and the Public Service Authority's board of directors shall apply the same principles described in this subsection in evaluating and approving actions proposed by the management of the Public Service Authority to achieve the objectives of this section.

SECTION 39. All reasonable and prudent costs incurred by an electrical utility necessary to effectuate this act, that are not precluded from recovery by other provisions of this act and that do not have a recovery mechanism otherwise specified in this act or established by state law, shall be deferred for commission consideration of recovery in any proceeding initiated pursuant to Section 58-27-870, and allowed for recovery if the commission determines the costs are reasonable and prudent.

SECTION 40. An electrical utility, including the Public Service Authority, may not offer a tariff, rider, or rate proposal for a reduced electric rate, nor any other form of incentive that would result in a reduced electric rate to a data center until July 1, 2034. For purposes of this section, "data center" means any facility that primarily contains electronic equipment used to process, store, and transmit digital information which may be (a) a free-standing structure; or (b) a facility within a larger structure, that uses environmental control equipment to maintain the proper conditions for the operation of electronic equipment.

SECTION 41. Section 58-40-10(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) "Renewable energy resource" means solar photovoltaic and solar thermal resources, wind resources, hydroelectric resources, geothermal resources, tidal and wave energy resources, recycling resources, hydrogen fuel derived from renewable resources, combined heat and power derived from renewable resources, and biomass resources as defined in Section 12-63-20(B)(2).

SECTION 42. The General Assembly finds that the sections presented in this act constitute one subject as required by Section 17, Article III of the South Carolina Constitution, in particular finding that each change and each topic relates directly to or in conjunction with other sections to the subject of the regulation of

electrical utilities, the provision of electricity, and economic development as clearly enumerated in the title. The General Assembly further finds that a common purpose or relationship exists among the sections, representing a potential plurality but not disunity of topics, notwithstanding that reasonable minds might differ in identifying more than one topic contained in the act.

SECTION 43. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 44. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BLACKWELL explained the amendment.

Rep. WETMORE demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 81; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Howard	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan

Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
Weeks	West	White
Whitmire	Willis	Yow

Total--81

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Bernstein	Calhoon
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Harris
Hart	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
McCabe	McDaniel	Moss
Ott	Pendarvis	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Trantham	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams	Wooten	

Total--32

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. BLACKWELL explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 5

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Cobb-Hunter	Garvin
J. L. Johnson	King	

Total--5

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 1031--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1031 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 35, RELATING TO ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM FINANCIAL CRIME, STANDARDIZE THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING, AND MODERNIZE SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE FUNDS ARE PROTECTED IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE AND COMPETITIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 1031 (LC-1031.HA0005H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, after the title but before the enacting words, by adding:

Whereas, South Carolina is achieving remarkable economic development success which is bringing jobs and prosperity to its citizens; and

Whereas, from January to December 2023, the state announced total capital investments of 9.22 billion dollars and over 14,000 jobs, the second largest amount in state history; and

Whereas, in 2022, the state announced 120 projects creating over 14,000 new jobs with 10.27 billion dollars in new capital investment, the largest amount in state history; and

Whereas, since 2017, the state has announced over 36.4 billion dollars in new investments and 86,378 new jobs; and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, South Carolina led the nation in population growth in 2023; and

Whereas, the rapidly expanding population and record breaking

economic development successes necessitate a strategic and forward-thinking approach to developing new energy infrastructure capable of meeting the energy needs of South Carolina's residents and supporting the continued prosperity of the state; and

Whereas, sustaining this success in economic development requires an electric system that can grow and modernize to meet the demands that a prosperous and developing economy places on it; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes that the convergence of escalating population growth, record-breaking economic success, and the aging of existing energy infrastructure has created a critical juncture, demanding immediate and decisive action to avert an impending energy crisis; and

Whereas, the urgency of addressing this situation is underscored by the interconnected challenges of meeting surging energy demand, ensuring grid reliability, and fortifying the state's resilience against potential disruptions, thereby compelling the imperative for the timely construction of new energy plants to safeguard the continued well-being and economic vitality of South Carolina; and

Whereas, in light of these facts, it is important that the General Assembly take action to ensure that generation and transmission providers are able to plan, site, and construct new and replacement generation and transmission resources in a timely and cost-effective manner, utilizing procedures that are fair, prompt, efficient, and guided by an informed Public Service Commission; and

Whereas, the General Assembly has determined that certain aspects of the current regulatory structure in South Carolina can be revised to reduce the cost, delay, and uncertainty of planning, siting, and constructing new generation and transmission resources serving customers in this state; and

Whereas, the General Assembly further finds that the current circumstances present a unique opportunity to replace or limit reliance on the Williams Generating Station operated by Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. (“DESC”) in Bushy Park, South Carolina; and the Winyah Generating Station operated South Carolina Public Service Authority (“SCPSA”) in Georgetown, South Carolina, and perhaps other units as well, through a joint venture between these utilities; and

Whereas, DESC owns the site of the retired Canadys coal units in Colleton County (the “Canadys site”) which represent an environmentally well characterized brownfield site with unique attributes, including electric transmission infrastructure on site, proximity to a major switching station interconnecting the DESC and

SCPSA transmission systems serving coastal South Carolina, and reasonable proximity to natural gas supplies which can be accessed through existing natural gas rights of way; and

Whereas, modern combined cycle units provide dispatchability and operating flexibility that will allow DESC and SCPSA systems to continue to add large amounts of flexible resources to their systems without jeopardizing cost-efficient and reliable service to customers; and

Whereas, the integrated resource planning by both utilities consistently indicates the need for and benefit of additional combined cycle natural gas resources under multiple planning scenarios; and

Whereas, by pursuing replacement resources as a joint project, DESC and SCPSA can build larger, more fuel efficient, lower emitting units, and can reduce the capital cost per MW of these units by as much as 25% or more compared to building single, stand-alone units sized to meet their individual needs alone while at the same time reducing the environmental and land-use impact of the natural gas pipeline and transmission infrastructure required to support separate units; and

Whereas, the joint project can provide a unique opportunity to anchor the expansion of natural gas pipelines serving certain coastal counties of South Carolina where economic development is currently hampered by the lack of such supplies, thereby increasing jobs, prosperity and public welfare in those areas and can do so with minimal environmental disruption; and

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented by the shared needs of DESC and SCPSA for replacement generation in the Charleston and Georgetown areas, the unique benefits of a partnership between them for this purpose, and the unique benefits of the Canadys site as the location for a joint resource, the General Assembly finds that these circumstances support amending the enabling act of the SCPSA to authorize it in a joint venture to develop and share in the output of one or more combined cycle natural gas units to be located at the Canadys site and encourages the utility to seek, as soon as practicable, a certificate as defined under the terms of the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act for DESC to construct and operate combined cycle natural gas units to be located at the Canadys site; and

Whereas, Duke Energy Carolinas Bad Creek Pumped Storage facility, including ongoing uprates, is an approximate 1,640 MW energy storage facility located in Oconee County South Carolina; and

Whereas, Duke Energy Carolina has identified the opportunity to approximately double the output of the Bad Creek Pumped Storage facility by constructing new pump turbines, generators, and a new

powerhouse; and

Whereas, by increasing the generating capacity at the Bad Creek facility, Duke Energy Carolinas can approximately double its existing peak hourly storage capacity; and

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented by the potential expansion of Duke Energy Carolinas' energy storage capacity by expanding the Bad Creek facility without construction of a new reservoir, and considering the unique benefits for customers served by Duke Energy Carolinas' electrical system such an expansion represents, the General Assembly encourages the utility to complete evaluations related to expanding the Bad Creek facility to double its output; and

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented in the plans of Duke Energy Carolinas LLC and Duke Energy Progress LLC to secure approximately 7,000 MW of natural gas generation facilities for the benefit of their customers in South Carolina, the General Assembly encourages the utilities to undertake such activities as may be necessary to pursue and facilitate additional natural gas generation to serve its customers in this state; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes the potential for substantial economic and environmental benefits through the implementation of robust energy efficiency and demand side management initiatives; and

Whereas, investing in energy efficiency and demand side management initiatives not only reduces overall energy consumption but also alleviates the strain on existing electric generation infrastructure, leading to cost savings for consumers, businesses, and the state; and

Whereas, the promotion of energy efficiency and demand side management initiatives offers a prudent and cost effective approach to address increasing energy demands, thereby lessening the necessity for construction of new electric generation facilities in the future, and contributing to a more sustainable and resilient energy future for South Carolina; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly acknowledges the transformative potential of advanced nuclear generation, such as small modular reactors (SMRs), understanding that their compact size addresses significant challenges associated with traditional nuclear power, offering the promise of expedited and cost-effective plant construction, coupled with enhanced safety in operational practices, along with offering reliable carbon-free energy generation that can operate nearly 24/7; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes the

strategic importance of investigating in and pursuing advanced nuclear technologies such as small modular reactors and molten salt reactors at this time, understanding that proactive engagement in research and development positions the state to capitalize on future opportunities when SMRs become economically and technologically viable; and

Whereas, the SC Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy consortium, developed in collaboration with our research universities, technical colleges, state agencies, the Savannah River National Laboratory, economic development non-profits, and private businesses, won the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration's designation as one of the Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes establishing an Energy Policy Institute is a pivotal step towards supporting the efforts of SC Nexus and for guiding informed decision making for the state's energy future; and

Whereas, understanding the complexity of energy issues, the establishment of an Energy Policy Institute is essential to equipping the state with the necessary expertise and resources to make well informed choices, fostering a comprehensive understanding of intricate energy matters; and

Whereas, SC Nexus will assist the state as a global leader in advanced energy by developing, testing, and deploying exportable energy technologies and understanding that new manufactures of those technologies can locate their operations at a place of their choosing, an Energy Policy Institute is integral to positioning the state strategically for economic development success by ensuring the economic benefits resulting from SC Nexus remain in South Carolina, and ensuring that energy policies align with the state's growth objectives and policy goals, while simultaneously safeguarding the interests of ratepayers and promoting a sustainable and resilient energy landscape; and

Whereas, it is imperative to direct the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) to conduct a comprehensive energy assessment and formulate a ten year energy action plan not only to identify additional actions to take over the next decade to address the critical need to ensure an adequate and reliable power supply but also to serve as a proactive forum to thoroughly examine unresolved issues vital to achieving economic development success within the dynamic and evolving energy sector; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly determines that comprehensive legislation is needed to promote the development of new

and reliable energy infrastructure resources, fostering resilient and reliable energy infrastructure critical to the economic success of the state of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Amend the bill further, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Title 35 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

CHAPTER 11

South Carolina ~~Anti-Money Laundering~~Uniform Money Services Act

Article 1

General Provisions

Section 35-11-100. This chapter may be cited as the "South Carolina ~~Anti-Money Laundering~~ Uniform Money Services Act".

Section 35-11-105. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Acting in concert" means persons knowingly acting together with a common goal of jointly acquiring control of a licensee whether or not pursuant to an express agreement.

~~(1)~~(2) "Applicant" means a person that files an application for a license pursuant to this act.

~~(2)~~(3) "Authorized delegate" means a person a licensee designates to provide money services on behalf of the licensee.

~~(3) "Bank" means an institution organized under federal or state law which:~~

~~(a) accepts demand deposits or deposits that the depositor may use for payment to third parties and which engages in the business of making commercial loans; or~~

~~(b) engages in credit card operations and maintains only one office that accepts deposits, does not accept demand deposits or deposits that the depositor may use for payments to third parties, does not accept a savings or time deposit less than one hundred thousand dollars, and does not engage in the business of making commercial loans.~~

(4) "Average daily money transmission liability" means the amount of the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations in this State at the end of each day in a given period of time, added together, and divided by the total number of days in the given period of time. For purposes of calculating average daily money transmission liability under this chapter for any licensee required to do so, the given period of time must be the quarters ending March thirty-first, June thirtieth, September thirtieth, and December thirty-first.

(5) "Bank Secrecy Act" means the Bank Secrecy Act,

31 U.S.C. Section 5311, et seq., and its implementing regulations, as amended and recodified from time to time.

(6) "Closed loop stored value" means stored value that is redeemable by the issuer only for goods or services provided by the issuer or its affiliate or franchisees of the issuer or its affiliate, except to the extent required by applicable law to be redeemable in cash for its cash value.

~~(4)~~(7) "Commissioner" means the South Carolina Attorney General.

~~(5)~~(8)(a) "Control" means:

~~(a)~~(i) ~~ownership of, or~~ the power to vote, directly or indirectly, at least twenty-five percent of ~~a class of voting securities~~ the outstanding voting shares or voting interests of a licensee or person in control of a licensee;

~~(b)~~(ii) the power to elect or appoint a majority of key individuals or executive officers, managers, directors, trustees, or other persons exercising managerial authority of a licensee or person in control of a licensee; or

~~(c)~~(iii) the power to exercise directly or indirectly, a controlling influence over the management or policies of a licensee or person in control of a licensee.

(b)(i) A person is presumed to exercise a controlling influence when the person holds the power to vote, directly or indirectly, at least ten percent of the outstanding voting shares or voting interests of a licensee or person in control of a licensee.

(ii) A person presumed to exercise a controlling influence as defined by this subitem can rebut the presumption of control if the person is a passive investor.

(c) For purposes of determining the percentage of a person controlled by any other person, the person's interest must be aggregated with the interest of any other immediate family member, including the person's spouse, parents, children, siblings, mothers- and fathers-in-law, sons- and daughters-in-law, brothers- and sisters-in-law, and any other person who shares such person's home.

~~(6)~~(9) "Currency exchange" means receipt of revenues from the exchange of money of one government for money of another government.

(10) "Eligible rating" means a credit rating of any of the three highest rating categories provided by an eligible rating service, whereby each category may include rating modifiers such as "plus" or "minus" for S&P, or the equivalent for any other eligible rating service.

Long-term credit ratings are considered to be eligible if the rating is equal to A- or higher by S&P, or the equivalent from any other eligible rating service. Short-term credit ratings are deemed eligible if the rating is equal to or higher than A-2 or SP-2 by S&P, or the equivalent from any other eligible rating service. In the event that ratings differ among eligible rating services, the highest rating shall apply when determining whether a security bears an eligible rating.

(11) "Eligible rating service" means any Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO) as defined by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and any other organization designated by the Commissioner by rule or order.

~~(7)~~(12) "Executive officer" means a president, chairperson of the executive committee, chief financial officer, responsible individual, or other individual who performs similar functions.

(13) "Federally insured depository financial institution" means a bank, credit union, savings and loan association, trust company, savings association, savings bank, industrial bank, or industrial loan company organized under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States, when such bank, credit union, savings and loan association, trust company, savings association, savings bank, industrial bank, or industrial loan company has federally insured deposits.

(14) "In this State" means at a physical location within this State for a transaction requested in person. For a transaction requested electronically or by phone, the provider of the money transmission may determine if the person requesting the transaction is "in this State" by relying on other information provided by the person regarding the location of the individual's residential address or a business entity's principal place of business or other physical address location, and any records associated with the person that the provider of money transmission may have that indicate such location including, but not limited, to an address associated with an account.

(15) "Individual" means a natural person.

(16) "Key individual" means any individual ultimately responsible for establishing or directing policies and procedures of the licensee, such as an executive officer, manager, director, or trustee.

~~(8)~~(17) "Licensee" means a person licensed pursuant to this act.

(18) "Material litigation" means litigation, that according to United States generally accepted accounting principles, is

significant to a person's financial health and would be required to be disclosed in the person's annual audited financial statements, report to shareholders, or similar records.

~~(9)~~(19) "Monetary value" means a medium of exchange, whether or not redeemable in money.

~~(10)~~(20) "Money" means a medium of exchange that is authorized or adopted by the United States or a foreign government. The term includes a monetary unit of account established by an intergovernmental organization or by agreement between two or more governments.

~~(11)~~(21) "Money services" means money transmission or currency exchange.

~~(12)~~(22)(a) "Money transmission" means any of the following:

(i) selling or issuing payment instruments to a person located in this State~~,~~;

(ii) selling or issuing stored value to a person located in this State~~,~~; or

(iii) receiving money ~~or monetary value~~ for transmission in this State.

(b) The term does not include the provision solely of delivery, online or telecommunications services, or network access.

(23) "MSB accredited state" means a state agency that is accredited by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and Money Transmitter Regulators Association for money transmission licensing and supervision.

(24) "Multistate licensing process" means any agreement entered into by and among state regulators relating to coordinated processing of applications for money transmission licenses, applications for the acquisition of control of a licensee, control determinations, or notice and information requirements for a change of key individuals.

(25) "NMLS" means the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry developed by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators and owned and operated by the State Regulatory Registry, LLC, or any successor or affiliated entity, for the licensing and registration of persons in financial services industries.

~~(13)~~(26) "Outstanding money transmission obligation"~~, with respect to a payment instrument, means issued or sold by or for the licensee and reported as sold but not yet paid by or for the~~

~~licensee~~ is established and extinguished in accordance with applicable state law and means:

(a) any payment instrument or stored value issued or sold by the licensee to a person located in the United States or reported as sold by an authorized delegate of the licensee to a person that is located in the United States that has not yet been paid or refunded by or for the licensee, or escheated in accordance with applicable abandoned property laws; or

(b) any money received for transmission by the licensee or an authorized delegate in the United States from a person located in the United States that has not been received by the payee or refunded to the sender or escheated in accordance with applicable abandoned property laws.

(c) For purposes of this subsection, "in the United States" includes, to the extent applicable, a person in any state, territory, or possession of the United States; the District of Columbia; the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; or a U.S. military installation that is located in a foreign country.

(27) "Passive investor" means a person that:

(a) does not have the power to elect a majority of key individuals or executive officers, managers, directors, trustees, or other persons exercising managerial authority of a person in control of a licensee;

(b) is not employed by and does not have any managerial duties of the licensee or person in control of a licensee;

(c) does not have the power to exercise, directly or indirectly, a controlling influence over the management or policies of a licensee or person in control of a licensee; and

(d) either:

(i) attests to subitems (a), (b), and (c), in a form and in a medium prescribed by the Commissioner; or

(ii) commits to the passivity characteristics of subitems (a), (b), and (c), in a written document.

~~(14)~~(28) "Payment instrument" means a written or electronic check, draft, money order, traveler's check, or other written or electronic instrument for the transmission or payment of money or monetary value, whether or not negotiable. The term does not include ~~a credit card voucher, letter of credit, or instrument that is redeemable by the issuer in goods or services.~~ stored value or any instrument that (A) is redeemable by the issuer only for goods or services provided by the issuer or its affiliate or franchisees of the issuer or its affiliate, except to

the extent required by applicable law to be redeemable in cash for its cash value; or (B) not sold to the public but issued and distributed as part of a loyalty, rewards, or promotional program.

(29) "Payroll processing services" means delivering wages or salaries on behalf of employers to employees or facilitating thepayment of payroll taxes to state and federal agencies, making payments relating to employee benefit plans, making distributions of other authorized deductions from wages or salaries, transmitting other funds on behalf of an employer in connection with transactions related to employees, an employer performing payroll processing services on its own behalf or on behalf of its affiliate, or a professional employment organization subject to regulation under other applicable state law.

~~(15)~~(30) "Person" means an individual, corporation, ~~business trust, estate,~~ trust, general partnership, limited partnership, limited-liability company, association, joint ~~venture~~stock corporation, ~~government, governmental subdivision, agency or instrumentality, public corporation, or another legal or commercial entity~~ or other corporate entity identified by the Commissioner.

~~(16)~~(31) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

~~(17)~~(32) ~~"Responsible individual" means an individual who is employed by a licensee and has principal managerial authority over the provision of money services by the licensee in this State.~~ "Receiving money for transmission" or "money received for transmission" means receiving money or monetary value in the United States for transmission within or outside the United States by electronic or other means.

~~(18)~~(33) "State" means a state, ~~of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or a~~ territory, or ~~insular~~ possession ~~subject to the jurisdiction~~ of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

~~(19)~~(34) "Stored value" means monetary value ~~that is evidenced by an electronic record.~~representing a claim against the issuer evidenced by an electronic or digital record, and that is intended and accepted for use as a means of redemption for money or monetary value, or payment for goods or services. The term includes, but is not limited to, "prepaid access" as defined by 31 C.F.R. Section 1010.100, as amended or recodified from time to time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term "stored value" does not include a payment instrument or closed loop stored value, or stored value not sold to the public but issued and

distributed as part of a loyalty, rewards, or promotional program.

(35) "Tangible net worth" means the aggregate assets of a licensee excluding all intangible assets, less liabilities, as determined in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

~~(20)~~(36) "Unsafe or unsound practice" means a practice or conduct by a person licensed to engage in money transmission or an authorized delegate of such a person, which creates the likelihood of material loss, insolvency, or dissipation of the licensee's assets, or otherwise materially prejudices the interests of its customers.

Section 35-11-110. (A) This chapter does not apply to:

(1) the United States or a department, agency, or instrumentality ~~of the United States~~thereof, or its agent;

(2) money transmission by the United States Postal Service or by ~~a contractor on behalf~~ an agent of the United States Postal Service;

(3) a state, county, city, or ~~another~~ any other governmental agency or governmental subdivision or instrumentality of a state, or its agent;

(4) ~~a bank, bank holding company, office of an international banking corporation, branch of a foreign bank, corporation organized pursuant to the Bank Service Corporation Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 1861-1867 (Supp. V 1999), or corporation organized under the Edge Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 611-633 (1994 & Supp. V 1999), under the laws of a state or the United States if it does not issue, sell, or provide payment instruments or stored value through an authorized delegate who is not such a person~~a federally insured depository financial institution, bank holding company, office of an international banking corporation, foreign bank that establishes a federal branch pursuant to the International Bank Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 3102, as amended or recodified from time to time, corporation organized pursuant to the Bank Service Corporation Act, 12 U.S.C. Sections 1861-1867, as amended or recodified from time to time, or corporation organized under the Edge Act, 12 U.S.C. Sections 611-633, as amended or recodified from time to time;

(5) electronic funds transfer of governmental benefits for a federal, state, county, or governmental agency by a contractor on behalf of the United States or a department, agency, or instrumentality ~~of the United States~~thereof, or on behalf of a state or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality ~~of a state~~thereof;

(6) a board of trade designated as a contract market under the federal Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. Section 1-25 ~~(1994)~~ as amended or recodified from time to time, or a person that, in the ordinary course of business, provides clearance and settlement services for a board of trade to the extent of its operation as or for a board of trade;

(7) a registered futures commission merchant under the federal commodities laws to the extent of its operation as a futures commission merchant;

~~(8) a person who provides clearance or settlement services pursuant to a registration as a clearing agency or an exemption from that registration granted under the federal securities laws to the extent of its operation as a provider of clearance or settlement services;~~

~~(9)~~(8) an operator of a payment system to the extent that it provides processing, clearing, or settlement services, between or among persons ~~excluded~~ exempted by this section, in connection with wire transfers, credit card transactions, debit card transactions, stored-value transactions, automated clearing house transfers, or similar funds transfers;

~~(10)~~(9) a person registered as a securities broker-dealer under federal or state securities laws to the extent of his operation as a securities broker-dealer; ~~or~~

~~(11)~~(10) ~~a credit union regulated and insured by the National Credit Union Association.~~an individual employed by a licensee, authorized delegate, or any person exempted from the licensing requirements of this chapter when acting within the scope of employment and under the supervision of the licensee, authorized delegate, or exempted person as an employee and not as an independent contractor;

(11) a person expressly appointed as a third-party service provider to, or agent of, an entity exempt under Section 35-11-110 (A)(4), solely to the extent that:

(a) such service provider or agent is engaging in money transmission on behalf of and pursuant to a written agreement with the exempt entity that sets forth the specific functions that the service provider or agent is to perform; and

(b) the exempt entity assumes all risk of loss and all legal responsibility for satisfying the outstanding money transmission obligations owed to purchasers and holders of the outstanding money transmission obligations upon receipt of the purchaser's or holder's money or monetary value by the service provider or agent;

(12) a person appointed as an agent of a payee to collect and process a payment from a payor to the payee for goods or services, other than money transmission itself, provided to the payor by the payee, provided that:

(a) there exists a written agreement between the payee and the agent directing the agent to collect and process payments from payors on the payee's behalf;

(b) the payee holds the agent out to the public as accepting payments for goods or services on the payee's behalf; and

(c) payment for the goods and services is treated as received by the payee upon receipt by the agent so that the payor's obligation is extinguished and there is no risk of loss to the payor if the agent fails to remit the funds to the payee;

(13) a person that acts as an intermediary by processing payments between an entity that has directly incurred an outstanding money transmission obligation to a sender, and the sender's designated recipient, provided that the entity:

(a) is properly licensed or exempt from licensing requirements under this chapter;

(b) provides a receipt, electronic record, or other written confirmation to the sender identifying the entity as the provider of money transmission in the transaction; and

(c) bears sole responsibility to satisfy the outstanding money transmission obligation to the sender, including the obligation to make the sender whole in connection with any failure to transmit the funds to the sender's designated recipient; or

(14) a person exempt by regulation or order if the Commissioner finds such exemption to be in the public interest and that the regulation of such person is not necessary for the purposes of this chapter.

(15) payroll processing services.

(B) The Commissioner may require that a person claiming to be exempt from licensing pursuant to this section provide information and documentation to the Commissioner demonstrating that it qualifies for any claimed exemption.

Article 2

Money Transmission Licenses

Section 35-11-200. (A) A person may not engage in the business of money transmission or advertise, solicit, or hold himself out as providing money transmission unless the person is:

(1) licensed under this ~~chapter or approved to engage~~

~~in money transmission pursuant to Section 35-11-210~~article;

(2) an authorized delegate of a person licensed pursuant to this article; or

(3) ~~an authorized delegate of a person approved to engage in money transmission pursuant to Section 35-11-210~~exempted under Section 35-11-110.

(B) A license issued pursuant to this chapter is not transferable or assignable.

Section 35-11-205. (A) ~~In this section, "material litigation" means litigation that according to generally accepted accounting principles is significant to an applicant's or a licensee's financial health and would be required to be disclosed in the applicant's or licensee's annual audited financial statements, report to shareholders, or similar records.~~

~~(B)~~ A person applying for a license pursuant to this article shall do so in a form and in a medium prescribed by the ~~commissioner~~Commissioner. Each form must contain content as set forth by regulation, order, instruction, or procedure of the Commissioner and may be changed or updated by the Commissioner in accordance with applicable law in order to carry out the purposes of this chapter and maintain consistency with NMLS licensing standards and practices. The application must state or contain:

(1) the legal name, residential and business addresses of the applicant, and any fictitious or trade name used by the applicant in conducting its business;

(2) a list of any criminal convictions of the applicant and any material litigation in which the applicant has been involved in the ten-year period next preceding the submission of the application;

(3) a description of any money services previously provided by the applicant and the money services that the applicant seeks to provide in this State;

(4) a list of the applicant's proposed authorized delegates and the locations in this State where the applicant and the applicant's authorized delegates propose to engage in money transmission or provide other money services;

(5) a list of other states in which the applicant is licensed to engage in money transmission or provide other money services and any license revocations, suspensions, or other disciplinary action taken against the applicant in another state;

(6) information concerning a bankruptcy or receivership proceeding affecting the licensee or a person in control of a

licensee;

(7) a sample form of contract for authorized delegates, if applicable~~, and~~;

(8) a sample form of payment instrument~~ or instrument upon which stored value is recorded~~, if applicable;

~~(8)~~(9) the name and address of any ~~bank~~ federally insured depository financial institution through which the ~~applicant's payment instruments and stored value will be paid~~applicant plans to conduct money transmission; and

~~(9) a description of the source of money and credit to be used by the applicant to provide money services; and~~

(10) other information the commissioner reasonably requires with respect to the applicant.

~~(C)~~(B) If an applicant is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other legal entity, the applicant also shall provide:

(1) the date of the applicant's incorporation or formation and state or country of incorporation or formation;

(2) if applicable, a certificate of good standing from this State and the state or country in which the applicant is incorporated or formed;

(3) a brief description of the structure or organization of the applicant, including a parent entity or subsidiary of the applicant, and whether a parent entity or subsidiary is publicly traded;

(4) the legal name, a fictitious or trade name, all business and residential addresses, and the employment, in the ten-year period next preceding the submission of the application of each executive officer, manager, director, or person who has control of the applicant;

(5) a list of criminal convictions and material litigation in which an executive officer, a manager, director, or person in control of, the applicant has been involved in the ten-year period next preceding the submission of the application;

(6) a copy of the applicant's audited financial statements for the most recent fiscal year and, if available, for the two-year period next preceding the submission of the application or, if determined to be acceptable to the Commissioner, certified unaudited financial statements for the most recent fiscal year or other period acceptable to the Commissioner;

(7) a ~~copy of the applicant's unconsolidated financial statements for the current fiscal year, whether audited or not, and, if~~

~~available, for the two-year period next preceding the submission of the application~~certified copy of unaudited financial statements of the applicant for the most recent fiscal quarter;

(8) if the applicant is publicly traded, a copy of the most recent report filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 of the federal Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. Section 78m ~~(1994 & Supp. V 1999)~~as amended or recodified from time to time;

(9) if the applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of a:

(a) corporation publicly traded in the United States, a copy of audited financial statements for the parent corporation for the most recent fiscal year or a copy of the parent corporation's most recent report filed pursuant to Section 13 of the federal Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. Section 78m ~~(1994 & Supp. V 1999)~~as amended or recodified from time to time; or

(b) corporation publicly traded outside the United States, a copy of similar documentation filed with the regulator of the parent corporation's domicile outside the United States;

(10) ~~if the applicant has a registered agent in this State,~~ the name and address of the applicant's registered agent in this State; and

(11) other information the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner reasonably requires with respect to the applicant.

~~(D)~~(C) A nonrefundable application fee of one thousand five hundred dollars and a license fee of ~~seven hundred fifty~~one thousand six hundred dollars must accompany an application for a license pursuant to this article. The license fee must be refunded if the application is denied.

~~(E)~~(D) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may waive one or more requirements of subsections ~~(B)~~(A) and ~~(C)~~(B) or permit an applicant to submit other information in lieu of the required information.

Section 35-11-210. (A) ~~A person who is licensed to engage in money transmission in at least one other state, with the approval of the commissioner and in accordance with this section, may engage in money transmission and currency exchange in this State without being licensed pursuant to Section 35-11-205 if the:~~

~~(1) state in which the person is licensed has enacted the Uniform Money Services Act or the commissioner determines that the money transmission laws of that state are substantially similar to those imposed by the law of this State;~~

~~(2) person submits to, and in the form required by, the commissioner:~~

~~(a) in a record, an application for approval to engage in money transmission and currency exchange in this State without being licensed pursuant to Section 35-11-205;~~

~~(b) a nonrefundable fee of one thousand dollars; and~~

~~(c) a certification of license history in the other state.~~

~~(B) When an application for approval pursuant this section is complete, the commissioner shall promptly notify the applicant in a record, of the date on which the request was determined to be complete and:~~

~~(1) the commissioner shall approve or deny the request within one hundred twenty days after that date; or~~

~~(2) if the request is not approved or denied within one hundred twenty days after that date the:~~

~~(a) request is approved; and~~

~~(b) approval takes effect as of the first business day after expiration of the one hundred twenty-day period.~~

~~(C) A person who engages in money transmission and currency exchange in this State pursuant to this section shall comply with the requirements of, and is subject to the sanctions provided in this chapter, as if the person were licensed pursuant to Section 35-11-220.~~ Any individual in control of a licensee or applicant, any individual that seeks to acquire control of a licensee, and each key individual shall furnish to the Commissioner through NMLS the following items:

(1) the individual's fingerprints for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Commissioner for purposes of a national criminal history background check unless the person currently resides outside of the United States and has resided outside of the United States for the last ten years; and

(2) personal history and experience in a form and in a medium prescribed by the Commissioner, to obtain the following:

(a) an independent credit report from a consumer reporting agency unless the individual does not have a Social Security number, in which case, this requirement must be waived;

(b) information related to any criminal convictions or pending charges; and

(c) information related to any regulatory or administrative action and any civil litigation involving claims of fraud,

misrepresentation, conversion, mismanagement of funds, breach of fiduciary duty, or breach of contract.

(B) If the individual has resided outside of the United States at any time in the last ten years, the individual also shall provide an investigative background report prepared by an independent search firm that meets the following requirements:

(1) at a minimum, the search firm shall:

(a) demonstrate that it has sufficient knowledge, resources, and employs accepted and reasonable methodologies to conduct the research of the background report; and

(b) not be affiliated with or have an interest with the individual it is researching;

(2) at a minimum, the investigative background report must be written in the English language and must contain the following:

(a) if available in the individual's current jurisdiction of residency, a comprehensive credit report, or any equivalent information obtained or generated by the independent search firm to accomplish such report, including a search of the court data in the countries, provinces, states, cities, towns, and contiguous areas where the individual resided and worked;

(b) criminal records information for the past ten years including, but not limited to, felonies, misdemeanors, or similar convictions for violations of law in the countries, provinces, states, cities, towns, and contiguous areas where the individual resided and worked;

(c) employment history;

(d) media history, including an electronic search of national and local publications, wire services, and business applications; and

(e) financial services-related regulatory history including, but not limited to, money transmission, securities, banking, insurance, and mortgage-related industries.

Section 35-11-215. (A) ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection (B),~~An applicant for a money transmission license must provide, and a licensee at all times must maintain, security consisting of a surety bond, letter of credit, or other similar security in a form acceptable to the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner~~in the amount of fifty thousand dollars plus ten thousand dollars for each location, not exceeding a total addition of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, must accompany an application for a license~~.

(B) ~~Security must be in a form satisfactory to the commissioner and payable to the State for the benefit of a claimant against the licensee to secure the faithful performance of the obligations of the licensee with respect to money transmission.~~The amount of the required security must be:

(1) the greater of one hundred thousand dollars or an amount equal to one hundred percent of the licensee's average daily money transmission liability in this State calculated for the most recently completed three-month period, up to a maximum of five hundred thousand dollars; or

(2) in the event that the licensee's tangible net worth exceeds ten percent of total assets, the licensee shall maintain a surety bond of one hundred thousand dollars.

(C) ~~The aggregate liability on a surety bond may not exceed the principal sum of the bond. A claimant against a licensee may maintain an action on the bond, or the commissioner may maintain an action on behalf of the claimant.~~ A licensee that maintains a bond in the maximum amount provided for in Section 35-11-215(B)(1) or (2) may not be required to calculate its average daily money transmission liability for purposes of this section.

(D) ~~A surety bond must cover claims for so long as the commissioner specifies, but for at least five years after the licensee ceases to provide money services in this State. However, the commissioner may permit the amount of security to be reduced or eliminated before the expiration of that time to the extent the amount of the licensee's payment instruments or stored value obligations outstanding in this State is reduced. The commissioner may permit a licensee to substitute another form of security acceptable to the commissioner for the security effective at the time the licensee ceases to provide money services in this State.~~A licensee may exceed the maximum required bond amount pursuant to Section 35-11-605(A)(5).

~~(E) In lieu of the security prescribed in this section, an applicant for a license or a licensee may provide security in a form prescribed by the commissioner.~~

~~(F) The commissioner may increase the amount of security required to a maximum of one million dollars if the financial condition of a licensee so requires, as evidenced by reduction of net worth, financial losses, or other relevant criteria.~~

Section 35-11-220. (A) When an application for an original license is filed and considered complete pursuant to this article, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall investigate the applicant's

financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, character, and general fitness. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may conduct an on-site investigation of the applicant, the reasonable cost of which the applicant must pay. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall issue a license to an applicant pursuant to this article if the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner finds that all of the following conditions have been fulfilled:

(1) the applicant has complied with Sections 35-11-205, 35-11-215, and 35-11-230; and

(2) the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, competence, character, and general fitness of the applicant; and the competence, experience, character, and general fitness of the executive officers, managers, directors, and persons in control of the applicant indicate that it is in the interest of the public to permit the applicant to engage in money transmission.

(B) When an application for an original license pursuant to this article is complete, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner promptly shall notify the applicant in a record of the date on which the application was determined to be complete and:

(1) the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall approve or deny the application within one hundred twenty days after that date; or

(2) if the application is not approved or denied within one hundred twenty days after that date the:

(a) application is considered approved; and

(b) ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall issue the license pursuant to this article, to take effect as of the first business day after expiration of the one hundred twenty-day period.

(C) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may for good cause extend the application period.

(D) A determination by the Commissioner that an application is complete and is accepted for processing means only that the application, on its face, appears to include all of the items, including the Criminal Background Check response from the FBI, and addresses all of the matters that are required, and is not an assessment of the substance of the application or of the sufficiency of the information provided.

(E) The Commissioner shall issue a formal written notice of the denial of a license application. The Commissioner shall set forth in the notice of denial the specific reasons for the denial of the application. An applicant whose application is denied by the

~~commissioner~~ Commissioner pursuant to this ~~article~~ section may ~~appeal~~request a hearing, within thirty days after receipt of the written notice of the denial~~, from the denial and request a hearing~~ pursuant to Section 35-11-710.

(F) The initial license term begins on the day the application is approved. The license expires on December thirty-first of the year in which the license term began, unless the initial license date is between November first and December thirty-first, in which instance the initial license term runs through December thirty-first of the following year.

Section 35-11-225. (A) A ~~person licensed pursuant to this article shall pay an annual renewal fee of seven hundred fifty dollars no later than thirty days before the anniversary of the issuance of the license or, if the last day is not a business day, on the next business day.~~license issued under this chapter must be renewed annually.

(1) An annual renewal fee of one thousand six hundred dollars must be paid no more than sixty days before the license expiration.

(2) The renewal term must be for a period of one year and begins on January first of each year after the initial license term and expires on December thirty-first of the year the renewal term begins.

(B) A licensee under this article shall submit a renewal report with the renewal fee, in a form and in a medium prescribed by the ~~commissioner~~Commissioner. The renewal report must state or contain~~:~~

~~(1) a copy of the licensee's most recent audited annual financial statement or, if the licensee is a wholly owned subsidiary of another corporation, the most recent audited consolidated annual financial statement of the parent corporation or the licensee's most recent audited consolidated annual financial statement;~~

~~(2) the number and monetary amount of payment instruments and stored value sold by the licensee in this State which have not been included in a renewal report, and the monetary amount of payment instruments and stored value currently outstanding;~~

~~(3)~~ a description of each material change in information submitted by the licensee in its original license application which has not been reported to the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner on a required report~~;~~

~~(4) a list of the licensee's permissible investments and a certification that the licensee continues to maintain permissible investments pursuant to the requirements set forth in Sections 35-11-600 and 35-11-605;~~

~~(5) proof that the licensee continues to maintain adequate security as required by Section 35-11-215; and~~

~~(6) a list of the locations in this State where the licensee or an authorized delegate of the licensee engages in money transmission or provides other money services~~.

(C) ~~If a licensee does not file a renewal report or pay its renewal fee by the renewal date or an extension of time granted by the commissioner, the commissioner shall send the licensee a notice of suspension. Unless the licensee files the report and pays the renewal fee before expiration of ten days after the notice is sent, the licensee's license is suspended ten days after the commissioner sends the notice of suspension. The suspension must be lifted if, within twenty days after its license is suspended, the licensee:~~

~~(1) files the report and pays the renewal fee; and~~

~~(2) pays one hundred dollars for each day after suspension that the commissioner did not receive the renewal report and the renewal fee.~~

~~(D)~~ The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner for good cause may grant an extension of the renewal date.

(D) The Commissioner is authorized and encouraged to utilize NMLS to process license renewals provided that such functionality is consistent with this section.

Section 35-11-230. ~~A person licensed pursuant to this article shall maintain a net worth of at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.~~(A) A licensee under this chapter shall maintain at all times a tangible net worth of the greater of one hundred thousand dollars or three percent of total assets for the first one hundred million dollars, two percent of additional assets for one hundred million dollars to one billion dollars, and one half of one percent of additional assets for over one billion dollars.

(B) Tangible net worth must be demonstrated at initial application by the applicant's most recent audited or unaudited financial statements pursuant to Section 35-11-205(B)(6).

(C) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the Commissioner shall have the authority, for good cause shown, to exempt, in whole or in part, from the requirements of this section any applicant or licensee.

Section 35-11-235. (A) If a licensee does not continue to meet the qualifications or satisfy the requirements that apply to an applicant for a new money transmission license, the Commissioner may suspend or

revoke the licensee's license pursuant to Section 35-11-700 or 35-11-710 or other applicable state law for such suspension or revocation.

(B) An applicant for a money transmission license must demonstrate that it meets or will meet, and a money transmission licensee must at all times meet, the requirements in Sections 35-11-215, 35-11-230 and 35-11-600 of this chapter.

Article 3

Currency Exchange Licenses

Section 35-11-300. (A) A person may not engage in currency exchange or advertise, solicit, or hold himself out as providing currency exchange for which the person receives revenues equal or greater than five percent of total revenues unless the person is:

(1) licensed pursuant to this ~~chapter~~article;

(2) licensed for money transmission pursuant to Article 2~~, or approved to engage in money transmission pursuant to Section 35-11-210~~; or

(3) an authorized delegate of a person licensed pursuant to Article 2~~; or~~.

~~(4) an authorized delegate of a person approved to engage in money transmission pursuant to Section 35-11-210.~~

(B) A license issued pursuant to this chapter is not transferable or assignable.

Section 35-11-305. (A) A person applying for a license pursuant to this article shall do so in a form and in a medium prescribed by the ~~commissioner~~Commissioner. The application shall state or contain:

(1) the legal name and residential and business addresses of the applicant, if the applicant is an individual or, if the applicant is not an individual, the name of each partner, executive officer, manager, and director;

(2) the location of the principal office of the applicant;

(3) complete addresses of other locations in this State where the applicant proposes to engage in currency exchange, including all limited stations and mobile locations; and

~~(4) a description of the source of money and credit to be used by the applicant to engage in currency exchange; and~~

~~(5)~~(4) other information the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner reasonably requires with respect to the applicant, but not more than the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may require pursuant to Article 2.

(B) A nonrefundable application fee of one thousand five hundred dollars and a license fee of ~~seven hundred fifty~~one thousand six hundred dollars must accompany an application for a license pursuant to this article. The license fee must be refunded if the application is denied.

(C) The Commissioner may waive one or more requirements of subsection (A) or permit an applicant to submit other information in lieu of the required information.

Section 35-11-310. (A) When a person applies for a license pursuant to this article, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall investigate the applicant's financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, character, and general fitness. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may conduct an on-site investigation of the applicant, the reasonable cost of which the applicant must pay. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall issue a license to an applicant pursuant to this article if the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner finds that all of the following conditions have been fulfilled:

(1) the applicant has complied with Section 35-11-305; and

(2) the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, competence, character, and general fitness of the applicant; and the competence, experience, character, and general fitness of the executive officers, managers, directors, and persons in control of the applicant indicate that it is in the interest of the public to permit the applicant to engage in currency exchange.

(B) When an application for an original license pursuant to this article is complete, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner promptly shall notify the applicant in a record of the date on which the application was determined to be complete and:

(1) the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall approve or deny the application within one hundred twenty days after that date; or

(2) if the application is not approved or denied within one hundred twenty days after that date the:

(a) application is considered approved; and

(b) ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall issue the license pursuant to this article, to take effect as of the first business day after expiration of the period.

(C) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may for good cause extend the application period.

(D) The Commissioner shall issue a formal written

notice of the denial of a license. The Commissioner shall set forth in the notice of denial the specific reasons for the denial of the application. An applicant whose application is denied a license by the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner pursuant to this article may ~~appeal~~request a hearing, within thirty days after receipt of the written notice of the denial pursuant to Section 35-11-710~~, from the denial and request a hearing~~.

Section 35-11-315. (A) ~~A person licensed pursuant to this article shall pay a biennial renewal fee of seven hundred fifty dollars no later than thirty days before each biennial anniversary of the issuance of the license or, if the last day is not a business day, on the next business day.~~ All licenses issued pursuant to this article expire on December thirty-first of each year. A person licensed pursuant to this article shall pay a renewal fee of one thousand six hundred dollars on or before December first of each year.

(B) A person licensed pursuant to this article shall submit a renewal report with the renewal fee, in a form and in a medium prescribed by the ~~commissioner~~Commissioner. The renewal report must state or contain a:

(1) description of each material change in information submitted by the licensee in its original license application which has not been reported to the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner on a required report; and

(2) list of the locations in this State where the licensee or an authorized delegate of the licensee engages in currency exchange, including limited stations and mobile locations.

~~(C) If a licensee does not file a renewal report and pay its renewal fee by the renewal date or an extension of time granted by the commissioner, the commissioner shall send the licensee a notice of suspension. Unless the licensee files the report and pays the renewal fee before expiration of ten days after the notice is sent, the licensee's license is suspended ten days after the commissioner sends the notice of suspension.~~

~~(D)~~(C) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner for good cause may grant an extension of the renewal date.

Article 4

Authorized Delegates

Section 35-11-400. (A) In this section, "remit" means to make direct payments of money to a licensee or its representative authorized to receive money or to deposit money in a bank in an account specified by the licensee.

(B) ~~A contract between a licensee and an authorized~~

~~delegate must require the authorized delegate to operate in full compliance with this chapter. For such contracts initiated on or after the effective date of this act, the licensee shall provide to each authorized delegate information sufficient for compliance with this chapter.~~Before a licensee is authorized to conduct business through an authorized delegate or allows a person to act as the licensee's authorized delegate, the licensee must:

(1) adopt, and update as necessary, written policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the licensee's authorized delegates comply with applicable state and federal law;

(2) enter into a written contract that complies with Section 35-11-400(D); and

(3) conduct a reasonable risk-based background investigation sufficient for the licensee to determine whether the authorized delegate has complied and will likely comply with applicable state and federal law.

(C) ~~An authorized delegate shall remit all money owing to the licensee in accordance with the terms of the contract between the licensee and the authorized delegate.~~An authorized delegate must operate in full compliance with this chapter.

(D) ~~If a license is suspended or revoked or a licensee does not renew its license, the commissioner shall notify all authorized delegates of the licensee whose names are in a record filed with the commissioner of the suspension, revocation, or nonrenewal. After notice is sent or publication is made, an authorized delegate shall immediately cease to provide money services as a delegate of the licensee.~~ The written contract required by Section 35-11-400(B) must be signed by the licensee and the authorized delegate and, at a minimum, must:

(1) appoint the person signing the contract as the licensee's authorized delegate with the authority to conduct money transmission on behalf of the licensee;

(2) set forth the nature and scope of the relationship between the licensee and the authorized delegate and the respective rights and responsibilities of the parties;

(3) require the authorized delegate to agree to fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to money transmission, including this chapter and regulations implementing this chapter, relevant provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act and the USA Patriot Act;

(4) require the authorized delegate to remit and handle money and monetary value in accordance with the terms of the

contract between the licensee and the authorized delegate;

(5) impose a trust on money and monetary value net of fees received for money transmission for the benefit of the licensee;

(6) require the authorized delegate to prepare and maintain records as required by this chapter or regulations implementing this chapter, or as reasonably requested by the Commissioner;

(7) acknowledge that the authorized delegate consents to examination or investigation by the Commissioner;

(8) state that the licensee is subject to regulation by the Commissioner and that, as part of that regulation, the Commissioner may suspend or revoke an authorized delegate designation or require the licensee to terminate an authorized delegate designation; and

(9) acknowledge receipt of the written policies and procedures required under Section 35-11-400(B)(1).

(E) ~~An authorized delegate may not provide money services outside the scope of activity permissible under the contract between the authorized delegate and the licensee, except activity in which the authorized delegate is authorized to engage in pursuant to Article 2 of this chapter. An authorized delegate of a licensee holds in trust for the benefit of the licensee all money net of fees received from money transmission.~~If the licensee's license is suspended, revoked, surrendered, or expired, the licensee must, within five business days, provide documentation to the Commissioner that the licensee has notified all applicable authorized delegates of the licensee whose names are in a record filed with the Commissioner of the suspension, revocation, surrender, or expiration of a license. Upon suspension, revocation, surrender, or expiration of a license, applicable authorized delegates shall immediately cease to provide money transmission as an authorized delegate of the licensee.

(F) An authorized delegate of a licensee holds in trust for the benefit of the licensee all money net of fees received from money transmission. If any authorized delegate commingles any funds received from money transmission with any other funds or property owned or controlled by the authorized delegate, all commingled funds and other property shall be considered held in trust in favor of the licensee in an amount equal to the amount of money net of fees received from money transmission.

~~(F)~~(G) An authorized delegate may not use a subdelegate to conduct money services on behalf of a licensee.

Section 35-11-405. A person may not provide money services on behalf of a person not licensed pursuant to this chapter or not

exempt pursuant to Section 35-11-110. A person that engages in that activity provides money services to the same extent as if the person were a licensee and is jointly and severally liable with the unlicensed or nonexempt person.

Article 5

Examinations, Reports, and Records

Section 35-11-500. (A) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may conduct an ~~annual~~ examination or investigation of a licensee or of any of the licensee's authorized delegates ~~on a forty-five day notice in a record to the licensee~~or otherwise take independent action authorized by this chapter or by a rule or order issued under this chapter as reasonably necessary or appropriate to administer and enforce this chapter, regulations implementing this chapter, and other applicable law, including the Bank Secrecy Act and the USA Patriot Act. The Commissioner may:

(1) conduct an examination either on-site or off-site as the Commissioner may reasonably require;

(2) conduct an examination in conjunction with an examination conducted by representatives of other state agencies or agencies of another state or of the federal government;

(3) accept the examination report of another state agency or an agency of another state or of the federal government, or a report prepared by an independent accounting firm, which on being accepted is considered for all purposes as an official report of the Commissioner; and

(4) summon and examine under oath a key individual or employee of a licensee or authorized delegate and require the person to produce records regarding any matter related to the condition and business of the licensee or authorized delegate.

(B) ~~The commissioner may examine a licensee or its authorized delegate, at any time, without notice, if the commissioner has reason to believe that the licensee or authorized delegate is engaging in an unsafe or unsound practice or has violated or is violating this chapter or a rule adopted or an order issued pursuant to this chapter.~~ A licensee or authorized delegate shall provide, and the Commissioner shall have full and complete access to, all records the Commissioner may reasonably require to conduct a complete examination. The records must be provided at the location and in the format specified by the Commissioner, provided, the Commissioner may utilize multistate record production standards and examination procedures when such standards will reasonably achieve the requirements of this section.

(C) If the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner concludes that an ~~on-site~~ examination is necessary pursuant to subsection (A), the licensee shall pay the reasonable cost of the examination.

(D) Information obtained during an examination pursuant to this chapter may be disclosed only as provided in Section 35-11-530.

Section 35-11-505. ~~The commissioner may consult and cooperate with other state money services regulators in enforcing and administering this act. They jointly may pursue examinations and take other official action that they are otherwise empowered to take.~~(A) To efficiently and effectively administer and enforce this chapter and to minimize regulatory burden, the Commissioner is authorized and encouraged to participate in multistate supervisory processes established between states and coordinated through the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, Money Transmitter Regulators Association, and affiliates and successors thereof for all licensees that hold licenses in this State and other states. As a participant in multistate supervision, the Commissioner shall:

(1) cooperate, coordinate, and share information with other state and federal regulators in accordance with Section 35-11-530;

(2) enter into written cooperation, coordination, or information-sharing contracts or agreements with organizations the membership of which is made up of state or federal governmental agencies; and

(3) cooperate, coordinate, and share information with organizations the membership of which is made up of state or federal governmental agencies, provided that the organizations agree in writing to maintain the confidentiality and security of the shared information in accordance with Section 35-11-530.

(B) The Commissioner may not waive, and nothing in this section constitutes a waiver of, the Commissioner's authority to conduct an examination or investigation or otherwise take independent action authorized by this chapter, or a rule adopted or order issued under this chapter, to enforce compliance with applicable state or federal law.

(C) A joint examination or investigation, or acceptance of an examination or investigation report, does not waive an examination assessment provided for in this chapter.

Section 35-11-510. (A) A licensee shall file with the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner within fifteen business days any material changes in information provided in a licensee's application as prescribed

by the ~~commissioner~~Commissioner.

(B) ~~A licensee shall file with the commissioner within forty-five days after the end of each fiscal quarter a current list of all authorized delegates, and locations in this State where the licensee or an authorized delegate of the licensee provides money services, including limited stations and mobile locations. The licensee shall state the name and street address of each location and authorized delegate.~~ Each licensee shall submit a report of authorized delegates within forty-five days of the end of the calendar quarter. The Commissioner is authorized and encouraged to utilize NMLS for the submission of the report required by this subsection provided that such functionality is consistent with the requirements of this subsection. The authorized delegate report must include, at a minimum, each authorized delegate's:

(1) company legal name;

(2) taxpayer employer identification number;

(3) principal provider identifier;

(4) physical address;

(5) mailing address;

(6) any business conducted in other states;

(7) any fictitious or trade name;

(8) contact person's name, phone number, and email;

(9) start date as licensee's authorized delegate;

(10) end date acting as licensee's authorized delegate, if applicable; and

(11) any other information the Commissioner reasonably requires with respect to the authorized delegate.

(C) A licensee shall file a report with the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner within ~~three~~ one business ~~days~~ day after the licensee has reason to know of the occurrence of any of the following events:

(1) the filing of a petition by or against the licensee under the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. Section 101-110 ~~(1994 & Supp. V 1999)~~as amended or recodified from time to time, for bankruptcy or reorganization;

(2) the filing of a petition by or against the licensee for receivership, the commencement of another judicial or administrative proceeding for its dissolution or reorganization, or the making of a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or

(3) the commencement of a proceeding to revoke or suspend its license in a state or country in which the licensee engages in business or is licensed~~;~~.

~~(4) the cancellation or other impairment of the~~

~~licensee's bond or other security;~~

(D) A licensee shall file a report with the Commissioner within three business days after the licensee has reason to know of the occurrence of any of the following events:

~~(5)~~(1) a charge or conviction of the licensee or of ~~an executive officer, manager, director,~~a key individual or person in control of the licensee for a felony; or

~~(6)~~(2) a charge or conviction of an authorized delegate for a felony.

(E) Each licensee shall submit a report of condition within forty-five days of the end of the calendar quarter, or within any extended time as the Commissioner may prescribe. The report of condition must include:

(1) financial information at the licensee level;

(2) nationwide and state-specific money transmission transaction information in every jurisdiction in the United States where the licensee is licensed to engage in money transmission;

(3) permissible investments report;

(4) transaction destination country reporting for money received for transmission, if applicable, which shall only be included in a report of condition submitted within forty-five days of the end of the fourth calendar quarter; and

(5) any other information the Commissioner reasonably requires with respect to the licensee. The Commissioner is authorized and encouraged to utilize NMLS for the submission of the report required by this subsection and is authorized to change or update as necessary the requirements of this subsection to carry out the purposes of this chapter and maintain consistency with NMLS reporting.

(F) Each licensee, within ninety days after the end of each fiscal year, or within any extended time as the Commissioner may prescribe, shall file with the Commissioner:

(1) an audited financial statement of the licensee for the fiscal year prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles, prepared by an independent certified public accountant or independent public accountant who is satisfactory to the Commissioner, which must include or be accompanied by a certificate of opinion of the independent certified public accountant or independent public accountant that is satisfactory in form and content to the Commissioner. If the certificate or opinion is qualified, the Commissioner may order the licensee to take any action as the Commissioner may find necessary to enable the independent or certified

public accountant or independent public accountant to remove the qualification; and

(2) any other information as the Commissioner may reasonably require.

Section 35-11-515. (A) ~~A licensee shall:~~

~~(1) give the commissioner notice in a record of a proposed change of control within fifteen days after learning of the proposed change of control;~~

~~(2) request approval of the acquisition; and~~

~~(3) submit a nonrefundable fee of one thousand dollars with the notice.~~

~~(B) After review of a request for approval pursuant to subsection (A), the commissioner may require the licensee to provide additional information concerning the proposed persons in control of the licensee. The additional information must be limited to the same types required of the licensee or persons in control of the licensee as part of its original license or renewal application.~~

~~(C) The commissioner shall approve a request for change of control pursuant to subsection (A) if, after investigation, the commissioner determines that the person or group of persons requesting approval has the competence, experience, character, and general fitness to operate the licensee or person in control of the licensee in a lawful and proper manner and that the public interest will not be jeopardized by the change of control.~~

~~(D) When an application for a change of control pursuant to this article is complete, the commissioner shall notify the licensee in a record of the date on which the request was determined to be complete and:~~

~~(1) the commissioner shall approve or deny the request within one hundred twenty days after that date; or~~

~~(2) if the request is not approved or denied within one hundred twenty days after that date:~~

~~(a) the request is considered approved; and~~

~~(b) the commissioner shall permit the change of control under this section to take effect as of the first business day after expiration of the period.~~

~~(E) The commissioner, by rule of order, may exempt a person from any of the requirements of subsection (A)(2) and (3) if it is in the public interest to do so.~~

~~(F) Subsection (A) does not apply to a public offering of securities.~~

~~(G) Before filing a request for approval to acquire control of a licensee or person in control of a licensee, a person may request in a record a determination from the commissioner as to whether the person would be considered a person in control of a licensee upon consummation of a proposed transaction. If the commissioner determines that the person would not be a person in control of a licensee, the commissioner shall enter an order to that effect and the proposed person and transaction is not subject to the requirements of subsections (A) through (C).~~Any person, or group of persons acting in concert, seeking to acquire control of a licensee shall obtain the written approval of the Commissioner prior to acquiring control. An individual is not deemed to acquire control of a licensee and is not subject to these acquisition of control provisions when that individual becomes a key individual in the ordinary course of business.

(B) A person, or group of persons acting in concert, seeking to acquire control of a licensee, in cooperation with the licensee, shall:

(1) submit an application in a form and in a medium prescribed by the Commissioner; and

(2) submit a nonrefundable fee of one thousand dollars with the request for approval.

(C) Upon request, the Commissioner may permit a licensee or the person, or group of persons acting in concert, to submit some or all information required by the Commissioner pursuant to Section 35-11-515(B)(1) without using NMLS.

(D) The application required by Section 35-11-515(B)(1) must include information required by Section 35-11-210 for any new key individuals that have not previously completed the requirements of Section 35-11-210 for a licensee.

(E) When an application for acquisition of control under this section appears to include all the items and addresses all of the matters that are required, the application must be considered complete and the Commissioner shall promptly notify the applicant in a record of the date on which the application was determined to be complete and:

(1) the Commissioner shall approve or deny the application within sixty days after the completion date; or

(2) if the application is not approved or denied within sixty days after the completion date:

(a) the application is approved;

(b) the person, or group of persons acting in

concert, are not prohibited from acquiring control; and

(c) the Commissioner may for good cause extend the application period.

(F) A determination by the Commissioner that an application is complete and is accepted for processing means only that the application, on its face, appears to include all of the items and address all of the matters that are required, and is not an assessment of the substance of the application or of the sufficiency of the information provided.

(G) When an application is filed and considered complete under subsection (E), the Commissioner shall investigate the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, character, and general fitness of the person, or group of persons acting in concert, seeking to acquire control. The Commissioner shall approve an acquisition of control pursuant to this section if the Commissioner finds that all of the following conditions have been fulfilled:

(1) the requirements of subsections (B) and (D) have been met, as applicable; and

(2) the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, competence, character, and general fitness of the person, or group of persons acting in concert, seeking to acquire control; and the competence, experience, character, and general fitness of the key individuals and persons that would be in control of the licensee after the acquisition of control indicate that it is in the interest of the public to permit the person, or group of persons acting in concert, to control the licensee.

(H) The Commissioner shall issue a formal written notice of the denial of an application to acquire control within thirty days of the decision to deny the application. The Commissioner shall set forth in the notice of denial the specific reasons for the denial of the application. An applicant whose application is denied by the Commissioner under this section may request a hearing within thirty days after receipt of the written notice of the denial pursuant to Section 35-11-710.

(I) The requirements of subsections (A) and (B) do not apply to any of the following:

(1) a person that acts as a proxy for the sole purpose of voting at a designated meeting of the shareholders or holders of voting shares or voting interests of a licensee or a person in control of a licensee;

(2) a person that acquires control of a licensee by devise or descent;

(3) a person that acquires control of a licensee as a personal representative, custodian, guardian, conservator, or trustee, or as an officer appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction or by operation of law;

(4) a person that is exempt under Section 35-11-110(A)(4);

(5) a person that the Commissioner determines is not subject to subsection (A) based on the public interest;

(6) a public offering of securities of a licensee or a person in control of a licensee; or

(7) an internal reorganization of a person in control of the licensee where the ultimate person in control of the licensee remains the same.

(J) Persons in subsection (I)(2), (3), (4), (6), and (7), in cooperation with the licensee, shall notify the Commissioner within fifteen days after the acquisition of control.

(K)(1) The requirements of subsections (A) and (B) do not apply to a person that has complied with and received approval to engage in money transmission under this chapter or was identified as a person in control in a prior application filed with and approved by the Commissioner or by an MSB-accredited state pursuant to a multistate licensing process, provided that:

(a) the person has not had a license revoked or suspended or controlled a licensee that has had a license revoked or suspended while the person was in control of the licensee in the previous five years;

(b) if the person is a licensee, the person is well managed and has received at least a satisfactory rating for compliance at its most recent examination by an MSB-accredited state if such rating was given;

(c) the licensee to be acquired is projected to meet the requirements of Sections 35-11-215, 35-11-230, and 35-11-600 after the acquisition of control is completed, and if the person acquiring control is a licensee, that licensee is also projected to meet the requirements of Sections 35-11-215, 35-11-230, and 35-11-600 after the acquisition of control is completed;

(d) the licensee to be acquired will not implement any material changes to its business plan as a result of the acquisition of control, and if the person acquiring control is a licensee, that licensee also will not implement any material changes to its business plan as a result of the acquisition of control; and

(e) the person provides notice of the acquisition in cooperation with the licensee and attests to subsection (K)(1)(a), (b), (c), and (d) in a form and in a medium prescribed by the Commissioner.

(2) If the notice is not disapproved within thirty days after the date on which the notice was determined to be complete, the notice is deemed approved.

(L) Before filing an application for approval to acquire control of a licensee a person may request in writing a determination from the Commissioner as to whether the person would be considered a person in control of a licensee upon consummation of a proposed transaction. If the Commissioner determines that the person would not be a person in control of a licensee, the proposed person and transaction is not subject to the requirements of subsections(A) and (B).

(M)(1) A licensee adding or replacing any key individual shall:

(a) provide notice in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner within fifteen days after the effective date of the key individual's appointment; and

(b) provide information as required by Section 35-11-210 within forty-five days of the effective date.

(2) Within ninety days of the date on which the notice provided pursuant to item (1) was determined to be complete, the Commissioner may issue a notice of disapproval of a key individual if the competence, experience, character, or integrity of the individual would not be in the best interest of the public or the customers of the licensee to permit the individual to be a key individual of such licensee.

(3) A notice of disapproval must contain a statement of the basis for disapproval and must be sent to the licensee and the disapproved individual. A licensee may request a hearing regarding a notice of disapproval, within thirty days after receipt of such notice of disapproval pursuant to Section 35-11-710.

(4) If the notice provided pursuant to item (1) is not disapproved within ninety days after the date on which the notice was determined to be complete, the key individual is deemed approved.

Section 35-11-520. (A) A licensee shall maintain the following records for determining its compliance with this ~~act~~ chapter for at least three years:

(1) a record of each ~~payment instrument or stored value~~outstanding money transmission obligation sold;

(2) a general ledger posted at least monthly containing all asset, liability, capital, income, and expense accounts;

(3) bank statements and bank reconciliation records;

(4) records of outstanding ~~payment instruments and stored value~~money transmission obligations;

(5) records of each~~ payment instrument and stored value~~money transmission obligation paid within the three-year period;

(6) a list of the last known names and addresses of all of the licensee's authorized delegates; and

(7) other records the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner reasonably requires by rule.

(B) The items specified in subsection (A) may be maintained in any form of record.

(C) Records may be maintained outside this State if they are made accessible to the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner on a seven business-day notice that is sent in a record.

(D) All records maintained by the licensee as required in subsections (A) through (C) are open to inspection by the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner pursuant to Section 35-11-500.

Section 35-11-525. (A) A licensee and an authorized delegate shall file with the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner all reports required by federal currency reporting, record keeping, and suspicious transaction reporting requirements as set forth in ~~31 U.S.C. Section 5311 (1994), 31 C.F.R. Section 103 (2000)~~the Bank Secrecy Act and other federal and state laws pertaining to money laundering.

(B) The timely filing of a complete and accurate report required pursuant to subsection (A) with the appropriate federal agency is in compliance with the requirements of subsection (A), unless the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner notifies the licensee that reports of this type are not being regularly and comprehensively transmitted by the federal agency to the ~~commissioner~~Commissioner.

Section 35-11-530. (A) ~~Unless otherwise specified in this section, all information filed with the Securities Commissioner shall be available for public inspection pursuant to rules promulgated by the commissioner consistent with state and federal law governing the disclosure of public information.~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection (B), all information or reports obtained by the Commissioner from an applicant, licensee, or authorized delegate, and all information contained in or related to an examination, investigation, operating report, or condition report prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of the Commissioner, or financial statements, balance sheets, or authorized delegate information, are confidential and are not subject to disclosure

under Section 30-4-10, et seq.

(B) ~~Except for reasonably segregable portions of information and records that by law would routinely be made available to a party other than an agency in litigation with the commissioner, the commissioner shall not publish or make available:~~

~~(1) information contained in reports, summaries, analyses, letters, or memoranda arising out of, in anticipation of, or in connection with an investigation, examination, or inspection of the books and records of a person;~~

~~(2) interagency or intra-agency memoranda or letters, including without limitation:~~

~~(a) records that reflect discussions between or consideration by the commissioner or members of the commissioner's staff, or both, of an action taken or proposed to be taken by the commissioner or by a member of the commissioner's staff; and~~

~~(b) reports, summaries, analyses, conclusions, or any other work product of the commissioner or of attorneys, accountants, analysts, or other members of the commissioner's staff, prepared in the course of an:~~

~~(i) inspection of the books or records of a person whose affairs are regulated by the commissioner; or~~

~~(ii) examination, investigation, or litigation conducted by or on behalf of the commissioner;~~

~~(3) personnel files, medical files, and similar files if disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, including without limitation:~~

~~(a) information concerning all employees of the South Carolina Securities Division and all persons subject to regulation by the division; and~~

~~(b) personal information reported to the commissioner under the division's rules concerning registration about employees of applicants, licensees, or their agents;~~

~~(4)(a) investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes to the extent that production of the records would:~~

~~(i) interfere with enforcement proceedings;~~

~~(ii) deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication; or~~

~~(iii) disclose the identity of a confidential source;~~

~~(b) the commissioner also may withhold investigatory records that would:~~

~~(i) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;~~

~~(ii) disclose investigative techniques and procedures; or~~

~~(iii) endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel;~~

~~(c) as used in this section, "investigatory records" includes:~~

~~(i) all documents, records, transcripts, correspondence, and related memoranda and work products concerning examinations and other investigations and related litigation as authorized by law that pertain to or may disclose the possible violation by a person of a provision of the statutes or rules administered by the commissioner; and~~

~~(ii) all written communications from or to a person confidentially complaining or otherwise furnishing information about a possible violation, as well as all correspondence and memoranda in connection with the confidential complaint or information;~~

~~(5) information contained in or related to examinations, operating reports, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions, check issuers, money transmitters, money services providers, or money service businesses;~~

~~(6)(a) financial records of an applicant, licensee, or the agent of an applicant or licensee obtained during or as a result of an examination by the commissioner;~~

~~(b) when a record is required to be filed pursuant to this article with the commissioner as part of an application for license, annual renewal, or otherwise, the record, including financial statements prepared by certified public accountants, must be public information unless sections of the information are bound separately and are marked "confidential" by the applicant, licensee, or agent upon filing;~~

~~(c) information pursuant to subitem (b) bound separately and marked "confidential" must be considered nonpublic until ten days after the commissioner has given the applicant, licensee, or agent notice that an order will be entered finding the material public information.~~

~~(d) an applicant, licensee, or agent may seek an injunction from the Richland County Circuit Court ordering the commissioner to withhold the information as nonpublic pending a final order from a court of competent jurisdiction if the order of the~~

~~commissioner pursuant to subitem (c) is appealed under applicable law;~~

~~(7) trade secrets obtained from a person; or~~

~~(8) another record that is required to be closed to the public and is not considered open to public inspection under other law.~~The Commissioner may disclose information not otherwise subject to disclosure under subsection (A) to representatives of state or federal agencies who promise in a record that they will maintain the confidentiality of the information or where the Commissioner finds that the release is reasonably necessary for the protection and interest of the public in accordance with Section 30-4-10, et seq.

~~(C) The commissioner may disclose information not otherwise subject to disclosure pursuant to subsection (A) to representatives of state or federal agencies who promise in a record that they will maintain the confidentiality of the information; or the commissioner finds that the release is reasonably necessary for the protection of the public and in the interests of justice, and the licensee has been given previous notice by the commissioner of the commissioner's intent to release the information.~~

~~(D)~~(C) This section does not prohibit the commissioner from disclosing to the public a list of persons licensed under this chapter or the aggregated financial data concerning those licensees.

(D) Information contained in the records of the Commissioner that is not confidential and may be made available to the public either on the Commissioner's website, upon receipt by the Commissioner of a written request, or in NMLS must include:

(1) the name, business address, telephone number, and unique identifier of a licensee;

(2) the business address of a licensee's registered agent for service;

(3) the name, business address, and telephone number of all authorized delegates;

(4) the terms of or a copy of any bond filed by a licensee, provided that confidential information including, but not limited to, prices and fees for such bond is redacted;

(5) copies of any nonconfidential final orders of the Commissioner relating to any violation of this chapter or regulations implementing this chapter; and

(6) imposition of an administrative fine or penalty under this chapter.

Section 35-11-535. (A) Every licensee shall forward all money received for transmission in accordance with the terms of the agreement

between the licensee and the sender unless the licensee has a reasonable belief or a reasonable basis to believe that the sender may be a victim of fraud or that a crime or violation of law, rule, or regulation has occurred, is occurring, or may occur.

(B) If a licensee fails to forward money received for transmission in accordance with this section, the licensee must respond to inquiries by the sender with the reason for the failure unless providing a response would violate a state or federal law, rule, or regulation.

Section 35-11-540. (A) This section does not apply to:

(1) money received for transmission subject to the federal Remittance Rule, 12 C.F.R. Part 1005, Subpart B, as amended or recodified from time to time; or

(2) money received for transmission pursuant to a written agreement between the licensee and payee to process payments for goods or services provided by the payee.

(B) Every licensee shall refund to the sender within ten days of receipt of the sender's written request for a refund of any and all money received for transmission unless any of the following occurs:

(1) the money has been forwarded within ten days of the date on which the money was received for transmission;

(2) instructions have been given committing an equivalent amount of money to the person designated by the sender within ten days of the date on which the money was received for transmission;

(3) the agreement between the licensee and the sender instructs the licensee to forward the money at a time that is beyond ten days of the date on which the money was received for transmission. If funds have not yet been forwarded in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the licensee and the sender, the licensee shall issue a refund in accordance with the other provisions of this section;

(4) the refund is requested for a transaction that the licensee has not completed based on a reasonable belief or a reasonable basis to believe that a crime or violation of law, rule, or regulation has occurred, is occurring, or may occur; or

(5) the refund request does not enable the licensee to:

(a) identify the sender's name and address or telephone number; or

(b) identify the particular transaction to be refunded in the event the sender has multiple transactions outstanding.

Section 35-11-545. (A) This section does not apply to:

(1) money received for transmission subject to the federal Remittance Rule, 12 C.F.R. Part 1005, Subpart B, as amended or

recodified from time to time;

(2) money received for transmission that is not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes;

(3) money received for transmission pursuant to a written agreement between the licensee and payee to process payments for goods or services provided by the payee; or

(4) payroll processing services.

(B) For purposes of this article, "receipt" means a paper receipt, electronic record, or other written confirmation. For a transaction conducted in person, the receipt may be provided electronically if the sender requests or agrees to receive an electronic receipt. For a transaction conducted electronically or by phone, a receipt may be provided electronically. All electronic receipts shall be provided in a retainable form.

(C) Every licensee or its authorized delegate shall provide the sender a receipt for money received for transmission.

(1) The receipt must contain the following information, as applicable:

(a) the name of the sender;

(b) the name of the designated recipient;

(c) the date of the transaction;

(d) the unique transaction or identification number;

(e) the name of the licensee, NMLS Unique ID, the licensee's business address, and the licensee's customer service telephone number;

(f) the amount of the transaction in United States dollars;

(g) any fee charged by the licensee to the sender for the transaction; and

(h) any taxes collected by the licensee from the sender for the transaction.

(2) The receipt required by this section shall be in English and in the language principally used by the licensee or authorized delegate to advertise, solicit, or negotiate, either orally or in writing, for a transaction conducted in person, electronically or by phone, if other than English.

Section 35-11-550. Every licensee or authorized delegate shall include on a receipt or disclose on the licensee's website or mobile application the name and phone number of the South Carolina Office of Attorney General and a statement that the licensee's customers can contact the Commissioner with complaints about the licensee's money transmission services.

Article 6

Permissible Investments

Section 35-11-600. (A) A licensee shall maintain at all times permissible investments that have a market value computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles of not less than the aggregate amount of all of its outstanding ~~payment instruments and store-value obligations issued or sold in all states and money transmitted from all states by the licensee~~money transmission obligation.

(B) Except for permissible investments enumerated in Section 35-11-605(A), ~~The commissioner~~the Commissioner, with respect to ~~a~~ any licensee, may, by rule or order, limit the extent to which a ~~type of~~ specific investment maintained by a licensee within a class of permissible investments may be considered a permissible investment, ~~except for money and certificates of deposit issued by a bank. The commissioner by rule may prescribe or by order allow other types of investments that the commissioner determines to have a safety substantially equivalent to other permissible investments~~if the specific investment represents undue risk to customers, not reflected in the market value of the investments.

(C) Permissible investments, even if commingled with other assets of the licensee, are held in trust for the benefit of the purchasers and holders of the licensee's ~~outstanding payment instruments and stored value~~money transmission obligations in the event of ~~bankruptcy or receivership of the licensee~~ insolvency, the filing of a petition by or against the licensee under the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. Section 101-110, as amended or recodified from time to time, for bankruptcy or reorganization, the filing of a petition by or against the licensee for receivership, the commencement of any other judicial or administrative proceeding for its dissolution or reorganization, or in the event of an action by a creditor against the licensee who is not a beneficiary of this statutory trust. No permissible investments impressed with a trust pursuant to this section may be subject to attachment, levy of execution, or sequestration by order of any court, except for a beneficiary of this statutory trust.

(D) Upon the establishment of a statutory trust in accordance with subsection (C) or when any funds are drawn on a letter of credit pursuant to Section 35-11-605(A)(4), the Commissioner shall notify the applicable regulator of each state in which the licensee is licensed to engage in money transmission, if any, of the establishment of the trust or the funds drawn on the letter of credit, as applicable. Notice is deemed satisfied if performed pursuant to a multistate agreement or through NMLS. Funds drawn on a letter of credit, and any other permissible investments held in trust for the benefit of the purchasers

and holders of the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations, are deemed held in trust for the benefit of such purchasers and holders on a pro rata and equitable basis in accordance with statutes pursuant to which permissible investments are required to be held in this State, and other states, as applicable. Any statutory trust established hereunder must be terminated upon extinguishment of all of the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations.

(E) The Commissioner, by regulation or by order, may allow other types of investments that the Commissioner determines are of sufficient liquidity and quality to be a permissible investment. The Commissioner is authorized to participate in efforts with other state regulators to determine that other types of investments are of sufficient liquidity and quality to be a permissible investment.

Section 35-11-605. (A) ~~Except to the extent otherwise limited by the commissioner pursuant to Section 35-11-600, the~~The following investments are permissible pursuant to Section 35-11-600:

(1)~~ cash, a certificate of deposit, or senior debt obligation of an insured depositary institution, as defined in Section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 1813 (1994 & Supp. V 1999)~~cash , including demand deposits, savings deposits, and funds in such accounts held for the benefit of the licensee's customers in a federally insured depository financial institution, and cash equivalents including ACH items in transit to the licensee and ACH items or international wires in transit to a payee, cash in transit via armored car, cash in smart safes, cash in licensee-owned locations, debit card or credit card-funded transmission receivables owed by any bank, or money market mutual funds rated "AAA" by S&P, or the equivalent from any eligible rating service;

(2) ~~banker's acceptance or bill of exchange that is eligible for purchase upon endorsement by a member bank of the Federal Reserve System and is eligible for purchase by a Federal Reserve Bank~~certificates of deposit or senior debt obligations of an insured depository institution, as defined in Section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 1813, as amended or recodified from time to time, or as defined under the federal Credit Union Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 1781, as amended or recodified from time to time;

(3) ~~an investment bearing a rating of one of the three highest grades as defined by a nationally recognized organization that rates securities~~an obligation of the United States or a commission, agency, or instrumentality thereof; an obligation that is guaranteed fully as to principal and interest by the United States; or an obligation of a

state or a governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof;

(4) ~~an investment security that is an obligation of the United States or a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States; an investment in an obligation that is guaranteed fully as to principal and interest by the United States; or an investment in an obligation of a State or a governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of a state~~ the full drawable amount of an irrevocable standby letter of credit for which the stated beneficiary is the Commissioner that stipulates that the beneficiary need only draw a sight draft under the letter of credit and present it to obtain funds up to the letter of credit amount within seven days of presentation of the items required by subsection (A)(4)(c).

(a) The letter of credit must:

(i) be issued by a federally insured depository financial institution, a foreign bank that is authorized under federal law to maintain a federal agency or federal branch office in a state or states, or a foreign bank that is authorized under state law to maintain a branch in a state that bears an eligible rating or whose parent company bears an eligible rating and is regulated, supervised, and examined by United States federal or state authorities having regulatory authority over banks, credit unions, and trust companies;

(ii) be irrevocable, unconditional, and indicate that it is not subject to any condition or qualifications outside of the letter of credit;

(iii) not contain reference to any other agreements, documents, or entities, or otherwise provide for any security interest in the licensee; and

(iv) contain an issue date and expiration date, and expressly provide for automatic extension, without a written amendment, for an additional period of one year from the present or each future expiration date, unless the issuer of the letter of credit notifies the Commissioner in writing by certified or registered mail or courier mail or other receipted means, at least sixty days prior to any expiration date, that the irrevocable letter of credit will not be extended.

(b) In the event of any notice of expiration or nonextension of a letter of credit issued under subsection (A)(4)(a)(iv), the licensee is required to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, fifteen days prior to expiration, that the licensee maintains and will maintain permissible investments in accordance with Section 35-11-600(A) upon the expiration of the letter of credit. If the licensee is not able to do so, the Commissioner may draw on the letter

of credit in an amount up to the amount necessary to meet the licensee's requirements to maintain permissible investments in accordance with Section 35-11-600(A). Any such draw must be offset against the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations. The drawn funds must be held in trust by the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designated agent, to the extent authorized by law, as agent for the benefit of the purchasers and holders of the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations.

(c) The letter of credit must provide that the issuer of the letter of credit will honor, at sight, a presentation made by the beneficiary to the issuer of the following documents on or prior to the expiration date of the letter of credit:

(i) the original letter of credit, including any amendments; and

(ii) a written statement from the beneficiary stating that any of the following events have occurred:

(A) the filing of a petition by or against the licensee under the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. Section 101-110, as amended or recodified from time to time, for bankruptcy or reorganization;

(B) the filing of a petition by or against the licensee for receivership, or the commencement of any other judicial or administrative proceeding for its dissolution or reorganization;

(C) the seizure of assets of a licensee by a commissioner pursuant to an emergency order issued in accordance with applicable law, on the basis of an action, violation, or condition that has caused or is likely to cause the insolvency of the licensee; or

(D) the beneficiary has received notice of expiration or nonextension of a letter of credit and the licensee failed to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the beneficiary that the licensee will maintain permissible investments in accordance with Section 35-11-600(A) upon the expiration or nonextension of the letter of credit.

(d) The Commissioner may designate an agent to serve on the Commissioner's behalf as beneficiary to a letter of credit so long as the agent and letter of credit meet requirements established by the Commissioner. The Commissioner's agent may serve as agent for multiple licensing authorities for a single irrevocable letter of credit if the proceeds of the drawable amount for the purposes of this section are assigned to the Commissioner.

(e) The Commissioner is authorized and encouraged to participate in multistate processes designed to facilitate

the issuance and administration of letters of credit including, but not limited to, services provided by the NMLS and State Regulatory Registry, LLC; and

(5) ~~receivables that are payable to a licensee from its authorized delegates, in the ordinary course of business, pursuant to contracts that are not past due or doubtful of collection if the aggregate amount of receivables under this item does not exceed twenty percent of the total permissible investments of a licensee and the licensee does not hold at one time receivables under this item in any one person aggregating more than ten percent of the licensee's total permissible investments; and~~

~~(6) a share or a certificate issued by an open-end management investment company that is registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. Section 80a-1-64 (1994 & Supp. V 1999), and whose portfolio is restricted by the management company's investment policy to investments specified in items (1) through (4).~~ one hundred percent of the surety bond or deposit provided for under Section 35-11-215 that exceeds the average daily money transmission liability in this State.

(B) Unless permitted by the Commissioner by regulation or order to exceed the limit as set forth herein, ~~The~~ the following investments are permissible pursuant to Section 35-11-600, but only to the extent specified:

(1) ~~an interest-bearing bill, note, bond, or debenture of a person whose equity shares are traded on a national securities exchange or on a national over-the-counter market, if the aggregate of investments under this item does not exceed twenty percent of the total permissible investments of a licensee and the licensee does not at one time hold investments under this item in any one person aggregating more than ten percent of the licensee's total permissible investments~~receivables that are payable to a licensee from its authorized delegates in the ordinary course of business that are less than seven days old, up to fifty percent of the aggregate value of the licensee's total permissible investments;

(2) ~~a share of a person traded on a national securities exchange or a national over-the-counter market or a share or a certificate issued by an open-end management investment company that is registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. Section 80a-1-64 (1994 & Supp. V 1999), and whose portfolio is restricted by~~

~~the management company's investment policy to shares of a person traded on a national securities exchange or a national over-the-counter market, if the aggregate of investments under this item does not exceed twenty percent of the total permissible investments of a licensee and the licensee does not at one time hold investments in any one person aggregating more than ten percent of the licensee's total permissible investments~~of the receivables permissible under item (1), receivables that are payable to a licensee from a single authorized delegate in the ordinary course of business may not exceed ten percent of the aggregate value of the licensee's total permissible investments;

(3) ~~a demand borrowing agreement made to a corporation or a subsidiary of a corporation whose securities are traded on a national securities exchange if the aggregate of the amount of principal and interest outstanding under demand borrowing agreements under this item does not exceed twenty percent of the total permissible investments of a licensee and the licensee does not at one time hold principal and interest outstanding under demand borrowing agreements under this item with any one person aggregating more than ten percent of the licensee's total permissible investments~~the following investments are permissible up to twenty percent for each category and combined up to fifty percent of the aggregate value of the licensee's total permissible investments:

(a) a short-term, up to six months, investment bearing an eligible rating;

(b) commercial paper bearing an eligible rating;

(c) a bill, note, bond, or debenture bearing an eligible rating;

(d) U.S. tri-party repurchase agreements collateralized at one hundred percent or more with U.S. government or agency securities, municipal bonds, or other securities bearing an eligible rating;

(e) money market mutual funds rated less than "AAA" and equal to or higher than "A-" by S&P, or the equivalent from any other eligible rating service; and

(f) a mutual fund or other investment fund composed solely and exclusively of one or more permissible investments listed in subsection (A)(1) through (A)(3); and

(4) ~~another investment the commissioner designates, to the extent specified by the commissioner.~~cash, including demand deposits, savings deposits, and funds in such accounts held for the benefit of the licensee's customers, at foreign depository institutions are

permissible up to ten percent of the aggregate value of the licensee's total permissible investments if the licensee has received a satisfactory rating in its most recent examination and the foreign depository institution:

(a) has an eligible rating;

(b) is registered under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act;

(c) is not located in any country subject to sanctions from the Office of Foreign Asset Control; and

(d) is not located in a high-risk or noncooperative jurisdiction as designated by the Financial Action Task Force.

~~(C) The aggregate of investments pursuant to subsection (B) may not exceed fifty percent of the total permissible investments of a licensee calculated pursuant to Section 35-11-600.~~

Article 7

Enforcement

Section 35-11-700. (A) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may suspend or revoke a license or order a licensee to revoke the designation of an authorized delegate if:

(1) the licensee violates this chapter or a ~~rule adopted~~ regulation or an order issued pursuant to this ~~act~~chapter;

(2) the licensee does not cooperate with an examination or investigation by the ~~commissioner~~Commissioner;

(3) the licensee engages in fraud, intentional misrepresentation, or gross negligence;

(4) an authorized delegate is convicted of a violation of a state or federal anti-money laundering statute, or violates a ~~rule adopted~~regulation or an order issued pursuant to this chapter, as a result of the licensee's wilful misconduct or wilful blindness;

(5) the competence, experience, character, or general fitness of the licensee, authorized delegate, person in control of a licensee, or ~~responsible person~~key individual of the licensee or authorized delegate indicates that it is not in the public interest to permit the person to provide money services;

(6) the licensee engages in an unsafe or unsound practice;

(7) the licensee is insolvent, suspends payment of its obligations, or makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; ~~or~~

(8) the licensee does not remove an authorized delegate after the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner issues and serves upon the licensee a final order including a finding that the authorized delegate

has violated this chapter.; or

(9) the licensee is the subject of a final order, including a denial, suspension, or revocation, by this or any other state or federal financial services regulator, including a state or federal money services regulator, that was entered against the licensee within the past five years.

(B) In determining whether a licensee is engaging in an unsafe or unsound practice, the commissioner Commissioner may consider the size and condition of the licensee's money transmission, the magnitude of the loss, the gravity of the violation of this actchapter or a regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter, and the previous conduct of the person involved.

(C) In determining whether to suspend or revoke a license under subsection (A)(9), the Commissioner may consider if the licensee subject to the final order is currently licensed to conduct business in the jurisdiction where the order was entered.

(D) The Commissioner shall issue a formal written notice of the suspension or revocation. The Commissioner shall set forth in the order the specific reasons for the suspension or revocation. A licensee may request a hearing within thirty days after receipt of the written notice of suspension or revocation pursuant to Section 35-11-710.

Section 35-11-705. (A) The commissioner Commissioner may issue an order suspending or revoking the designation of an authorized delegate, if the commissioner Commissioner finds that the:

(1) authorized delegate violated this chapter or a rule adoptedregulation or an order issued pursuant to this chapter;

(2) authorized delegate did not cooperate with an examination or investigation by the commissionerCommissioner;

(3) authorized delegate engaged in fraud, intentional misrepresentation, or gross negligence;

(4) authorized delegate is convicted of a violation of a state or federal anti-money laundering statute;

(5) competence, experience, character, or general fitness of the authorized delegate or a person in control of the authorized delegate indicates that it is not in the public interest to permit the authorized delegate to provide money services; or

(6) authorized delegate is engaging in an unsafe or unsound practice.

(B) In determining whether an authorized delegate is

engaging in an unsafe or unsound practice, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may consider the size and condition of the authorized delegate's provision of money services, the magnitude of the loss, the gravity of the violation of this chapter or a ~~rule adopted~~regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter, and the previous conduct of the authorized delegate.

(C) The Commissioner shall issue a formal written notice of the suspension or revocation. The Commissioner shall set forth in the order the specific reasons for the suspension or revocation. An authorized delegate may ~~apply for relief from a suspension or revocation of designation as an authorized delegate according to procedures prescribed by the commissioner~~request a hearing within thirty days after receipt of the written notice of suspension or revocation pursuant to Section 35-11-710.

Section 35-11-710. (A) ~~If the commissioner determines that a violation of this chapter or of a rule adopted or an order issued pursuant to this chapter by a licensee or authorized delegate is likely to cause immediate and irreparable harm to the licensee, its customers, or the public as a result of the violation, or cause insolvency or significant dissipation of assets of the licensee, the commissioner may issue an order requiring the licensee or authorized delegate to cease and desist from the violation. The order becomes effective upon service of it upon the licensee or authorized delegate.~~If the Commissioner determines that a person has engaged, is engaging, or is about to engage in an act, practice, or course of business constituting a violation of this chapter or a regulation or order issued under this chapter, the Commissioner may:

(1) issue an order directing the person to cease and desist from engaging in the act, practice, or course of business or to take other action necessary or appropriate to comply with this chapter;

(2) issue an order against a licensee to cease and desist from providing money services through an authorized delegate that is the subject of a separate order by the Commissioner; or

(3) issue an order under Sections 35-11-220(E), 35-11-235(A), 35-11-310(D), 35-11-515(H), 35-11-515(M), 35-11-700, and 35-11-705.

(B) ~~The commissioner may issue an order against a licensee to cease and desist from providing money services through an authorized delegate that is the subject of a separate order by the commissioner.~~ An order under subsection (A) is effective on the date of issuance. Upon issuance of the order, the Commissioner shall promptly serve each person subject to the order with a copy of the order and a

notice that the order has been entered. The order must include a statement of any civil penalty or costs of investigation the Commissioner will seek, a statement of the reasons for the order, and notice that, within fifteen days after receipt of a request in a record from the person, the matter will be scheduled for a hearing. If a person subject to the order does not request a hearing and none is ordered by the Commissioner within thirty days after the date of service of the order, the order, which may include a civil penalty or costs of the investigation if a civil penalty or costs were sought, becomes final as to that person by operation of law. If a hearing is requested or ordered, the Commissioner, after notice of and opportunity for hearing to each person subject to the order, may modify or vacate the order or extend it until final determination.

(C) ~~An order to cease and desist remains effective and enforceable pending the completion of an administrative proceeding pursuant to Section 35-11-700 or 35-11-705.~~If a hearing is requested or ordered pursuant to subsection (B), a hearing must be held. A final order may not be issued unless the Commissioner makes findings of fact and conclusions of law in a record. The final order may make final, vacate, or modify the order issued under subsection (A).

(D) In a final order under subsection (C), the Commissioner may impose a civil penalty against a person that violates this chapter or a regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars per day for each day the violation is outstanding, plus this state's costs and expenses for the investigation and prosecution of the matter, including reasonable attorney fees.

(E) If a petition for judicial review of a final order is not filed in accordance with Section 35-11-830, the Commissioner may file a certified copy of the final order with the clerk of court of competent jurisdiction. The order so filed has the same effect as a judgment of the court and may be recorded, enforced, or satisfied in the same manner as a judgment of the court.

(F) If a person does not comply with an order under this section, the Commissioner may petition a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the order. The court may not require the Commissioner to post a bond in an action or proceeding under this section. If the court finds, after service and opportunity for hearing, that the person was not in compliance with the order, the court may adjudge the person in civil contempt of the order. The court may impose a further civil penalty against the person for contempt in an amount not less than five hundred dollars but not greater than five thousand dollars for each violation and

may grant any other relief the court determines is just and proper in the circumstances.

(G) A hearing in an administrative proceeding under this chapter must be conducted in public unless the Commissioner, for good cause consistent with this chapter, determines that the hearing will not be so conducted.

Section 35-11-715. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may enter into a consent order at any time with a person to resolve a matter arising pursuant to this chapter or a ~~rule adopted~~regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter. A consent order must be signed by the person to whom it is issued or by the person's authorized representative, and must indicate agreement with the terms contained in the order. A consent order may provide that it does not constitute an admission by a person that this chapter or a ~~rule adopted~~regulation or an order issued pursuant to this chapter has been violated.

Section 35-11-720. ~~The commissioner may assess a civil penalty against a person that violates this chapter or a rule adopted or an order issued pursuant to this chapter in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars per day for each day the violation is outstanding, plus this state's costs and expenses for the investigation and prosecution of the matter, including reasonable attorney fees~~ Reserved.

Section 35-11-725. (A) A person who intentionally makes a false statement, misrepresentation, or false certification in a record filed or required to be maintained pursuant to this chapter, who intentionally makes a false entry or omits a material entry in that record, or violates a rule promulgated or order issued pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a Class B felony.

(B) A person who knowingly engages in an activity for which a license is required pursuant to this chapter without being licensed pursuant to this chapter and who receives more than five hundred dollars in compensation within a thirty-day period from this activity is guilty of a Class B felony.

(C) A person who knowingly engages in an activity for which a license is required pursuant to this chapter without being licensed pursuant to this chapter and who receives no more than five hundred dollars in compensation within a thirty-day period from this activity is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

Section 35-11-730. (A) If the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner has reason to believe that a person ~~has violated or is violating Section 35-11-200 or 35-11-300, the commissioner may issue an order to show cause why an order to cease and desist should not be~~

~~issued requiring the person to cease and desist from the violation of Section 35-11-200 or 35-11-300.~~engaged or is about to engage in an act or practice constituting a violation of this chapter or a regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter, the Commissioner may summarily issue an order to cease and desist pursuant to Section 35-11-710.

(B) ~~In an emergency, the commissioner may petition the Richland County Circuit Court for the issuance of a temporary restraining order ex parte pursuant to the rules of civil procedure.~~The Commissioner may apply to the Richland County Court of Common Pleas to:

(1) temporarily or permanently enjoin an act or practice that violates this chapter or a regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter; or

(2) enforce compliance with this chapter or a regulation or order issued or pursuant to this chapter.

(C)~~ An order to cease and desist becomes effective upon service of the order on the person.~~ A person that is served with an order to cease and desist for violating Section 35-11-200 or 35-11-300 may petition the Richland County Court of Common Pleas for a judicial order setting aside, limiting, or suspending the enforcement, operation, or effectiveness of the order pending the completion of an administrative proceeding pursuant to Section 35-11-710.

~~(D) An order to cease and desist remains effective and enforceable pending the completion of an administrative proceeding pursuant to Sections 35-11-800 and 35-11-805.~~

Section 35-11-735. (A) Whenever a licensee has refused or is unable to pay its obligations generally as they become due or whenever it appears to the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner that a licensee is in an unsafe or unsound condition, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may apply to the Richland County ~~Circuit~~ Court of Common Pleas or to the circuit court of any county in which the licensee is located for the appointment of a receiver for the licensee. The court may require the receiver to post a bond in an amount that appears necessary to protect claimants of the licensee.

(B) The receiver, subject to the approval of the court, shall take possession of the books, records, and assets of the licensee and shall take an action with respect to employees, agents, or representatives of the licensee or other action that may be necessary to conserve the assets of the licensee or ensure payment of instruments issued by the licensee pending further disposition of its business as provided by law. The receiver shall sue and defend, compromise, and settle all claims

involving the licensee and exercise the powers and duties that are necessary and consistent with the laws of this State applicable to the appointment of receivers.

(C) The receiver, from time to time, but in no event less frequently than once each calendar quarter, shall report to the court with respect to all acts and proceedings in connection with the receivership.

Section 35-11-740. (A)(1) A person who, knowing that the property involved in a financial transaction represents the proceeds of, or is derived directly or indirectly from the proceeds of unlawful activity, conducts or attempts to conduct such a financial transaction that in fact involves the proceeds:

(a) with the intent to promote the carrying on of unlawful activity; or

(b) knowing that the transaction is designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, location, sources, ownership, or control of the proceeds of unlawful activity is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be punished as follows:

(i) for a Class F felony if the transactions exceed three hundred dollars but are less than twenty thousand dollars in a twelve-month period;

(ii) for a Class E felony for transactions that total or exceed twenty thousand dollars but are less than one hundred thousand dollars in a twelve-month period; or

(iii) for a Class C felony for transactions that total or exceed one hundred thousand dollars in a twelve-month period.

In addition to penalties, a person who is found guilty of or who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to having violated this section may be sentenced to pay a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars, or twice the value of the financial transactions, whichever is greater; however, for a second or subsequent violation of this section, the fine may be up to five hundred thousand dollars, or quintuple the value of the financial transactions, whichever is greater.

(2) A person who transports, transmits, or transfers, or attempts to transport, transmit, or transfer a monetary instrument or funds from a place in South Carolina to or through a place outside the United States or to a place in South Carolina from or through a place outside the United States:

(a) with the intent to promote the carrying on of unlawful activity; or

(b) knowing that the monetary instrument or funds involved in the transportation represent the proceeds of unlawful activity

and knowing that the transportation is designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of the proceeds of unlawful activity is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be punished as follows:

(i) for a Class F felony if the transactions exceed three hundred dollars but are less than twenty thousand dollars in a twelve-month period;

(ii) for a Class E felony for transactions that total or exceed twenty thousand dollars but are less than one hundred thousand dollars in a twelve-month period; or

(iii) for a Class C felony for transactions that total or exceed one hundred thousand dollars in a twelve-month period.

In addition to penalties, a person who is found guilty of or who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to having violated this section may be sentenced to pay a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars or twice the value of the financial transactions, whichever is greater; however, for a second or subsequent violation of this section, the fine may be up to five hundred thousand dollars, or quintuple the value of the financial transactions, whichever is greater.

(3) A person with the intent:

(a) to promote the carrying on of unlawful activity; or

(b) to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of property believed to be the proceeds of unlawful activity, conducts or attempts to conduct a financial transaction involving property represented by a law enforcement officer to be the proceeds of unlawful activity, or property used to conduct or facilitate unlawful activity is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be punished as follows:

(i) for a Class F felony if the transactions exceed three hundred dollars but are less than twenty thousand dollars in a twelve-month period;

(ii) for a Class E felony for transactions that total or exceed twenty thousand dollars but are less than one hundred thousand dollars in a twelve-month period; or

(iii) for a Class C felony for transactions that total or exceed one hundred thousand dollars in a twelve-month period.

In addition to penalties, a person who is found guilty of or who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to having violated this section may be sentenced to pay a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars or twice the value of the financial transactions, whichever is

greater; however, for a second or subsequent violation of this section, the fine may be up to five hundred thousand dollars or quintuple the value of the financial transactions, whichever is greater.

For purposes of this subitem, the term "represented" means a representation made by a law enforcement officer or by another person at the direction of, or with the approval of, a state official authorized to investigate or prosecute violations of this section.

(B) A person who conducts or attempts to conduct a transaction described in subsection (A)(1), or transportation described in subsection (A)(2), is liable to the State for a civil penalty of not more than the greater of:

(1) the value of the property, funds, or monetary instruments involved in the transaction; or

(2) ten thousand dollars.

A court may issue a pretrial restraining order or take another action necessary to ensure that a bank account or other property held by the defendant in the United States is available to satisfy a civil penalty under this section.

(C) As used in this section:

(1) the term "conducts" includes initiating, concluding, or participating in initiating or concluding a transaction;

(2) the term "transaction" includes a purchase, sale, loan, pledge, gift, transfer, delivery, or other disposition and, with respect to a financial institution, includes a deposit, withdrawal, transfer between accounts, exchange of currency, loan, extension of credit, purchase or sale of a stock, bond, certificate of deposit, or other monetary instrument, or another payment, transfer, or delivery by, through, or to a financial institution, by whatever means effected;

(3) the term "financial transaction" means a transaction involving the movement of funds by wire or other means or involving one or more monetary instruments;

(4) the term "monetary instruments" means coin or currency of the United States or of another country, travelers' checks, personal checks, bank checks, money orders, investment securities in bearer form or otherwise in that form that title to it passes upon delivery, and negotiable instruments in bearer form or otherwise in that form that title to it passes upon delivery;

(5) the term "financial institution" has the definition given that term in Section 5312(a)(2), Title 31, United States Code, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

(D) Nothing in this section supersedes a provision of

law imposing criminal penalties or affording civil remedies in addition to those provided for in this section, and nothing in this section precludes reliance in the appropriate case upon the provisions set forth in Section 44-53-475.

Section 35-11-745. (A) The Commissioner may:

(1) conduct public or private investigations within or outside of this State which the Commissioner considers necessary or appropriate to determine whether a person has violated, is violating, or is about to violate this chapter or a regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter, or to aid in the enforcement of this chapter or in the adoption of rules and forms under this chapter;

(2) require or permit a person to testify, file a statement, or produce a record, under oath or otherwise as the Commissioner determines, as to all the facts and circumstances concerning a matter to be investigated or about which an action or proceeding is to be instituted; and

(3) publish a record concerning an action, proceeding, or an investigation under, or a violation of, this chapter or a regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter if the Commissioner determines it is necessary or appropriate in the public interest.

(B) For the purpose of an investigation under this chapter, the Commissioner or its designated officer may administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, seek compulsion of attendance, take evidence, require the filing of statements, and require the production of any records that the Commissioner considers relevant or material to the investigation.

(C) If a person does not appear or refuses to testify, file a statement, produce records, or otherwise does not obey a subpoena as required by the Commissioner under this chapter, the Commissioner may apply to the Richland County Court of Common Pleas or a court of another state to enforce compliance. The court may:

(1) hold the person in contempt;

(2) order the person to appear before the Commissioner;

(3) order the person to testify about the matter under investigation or in question;

(4) order the production of records;

(5) grant injunctive relief;

(6) impose a civil penalty of not less than five hundred dollars and not greater than five thousand dollars for each violation; and

(7) grant any other necessary or appropriate relief.

(D) This section does not preclude a person from applying to the

Richland County Court of Common Pleas for relief from a request to appear, testify, file a statement, produce records, or obey a subpoena.

Article 8

Administrative Procedures

Section 35-11-800. ~~All administrative proceedings pursuant to this chapter must be conducted in accordance with Article 3, Chapter 23, Title 1.~~ In order to carry out the purposes of this chapter, the Commissioner may, subject to the provisions of Section 35-11-530:

(1) enter into agreements or relationships with other governmental officials or federal and state regulatory agencies and regulatory associations in order to improve efficiencies and reduce regulatory burden by standardizing methods or procedures, and sharing resources, records, or related information obtained under this chapter;

(2) use, hire, contract, or employ analytical systems, methods, or software to examine or investigate any person subject to this chapter;

(3) accept, from other state or federal governmental agencies or officials, licensing, examination, or investigation reports made by such other state or federal governmental agencies or officials; and

(4) accept audit reports made by an independent certified public accountant or other qualified third-party auditor for an applicant or licensee and incorporate the audit report in any report of examination or investigation.

Section 35-11-805. ~~Except as otherwise provided in Sections 35-11-225(C), 35-11-315(C), 35-11-710, and 35-11-730, the commissioner~~The Commissioner may not suspend or revoke a license, issue an order to cease and desist, suspend or revoke the designation of an authorized delegate, or assess a civil penalty without notice and an opportunity to be heard pursuant to Section 35-11-710. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner also shall hold a hearing when requested to do so by an applicant whose application for a license is denied.

Section 35-11-810. This chapter is administered by the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner who may employ such additional assistants as he deems necessary. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may delegate any or all of his duties pursuant to this chapter to members of his staff, as he deems necessary or appropriate.

Section 35-11-815. The commissioner may promulgate and amend regulations or issue orders necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter in order to provide for the protection of the public and to assist licensees in interpreting and complying with this chapter.

Section 35-11-820. The Commissioner may establish reasonable fees for filings required or permitted by regulation or order adopted pursuant to this chapter, and other miscellaneous filings for which no fees are otherwise specified by law.

Section 35-11-825. The Commissioner may retain all fees, assessments, and fines received under this chapter for the administration of this chapter.

Section 35-11-830. A person aggrieved by a final order of the Commissioner may obtain a review of the order in the Richland County Court of Common Pleas by filing in the court, within thirty days after entry of the order, a written petition praying that the order may be modified or set aside in whole or in part. The aggrieved person, upon filing a petition, may move before the court in which the petition is filed to stay the effectiveness of the Commissioner's final order until such time as the court has reviewed the order. If the court orders a stay, the aggrieved person must post any bond set by the court in which a petition is filed. A copy of the petition must be served upon the Commissioner, and the Commissioner shall certify and file in court a copy of the filing and evidence upon which the order was entered. When these have been filed, the court has exclusive jurisdiction to affirm, modify, enforce, or set aside the order, in whole or in part. The findings of the Commissioner as to the facts, if supported by competent, material, and substantial evidence, are conclusive.

Article 9

Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 35-11-900. In applying and construing this Uniform Act, consideration must be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to its subject matter among states that enact it.

Section 35-11-905. (A) A person licensed in this State to engage in the business of money transmission may not be subject to the amended provisions of this chapter, to the extent that they conflict with the prior law or establish new requirements not imposed under the prior law, until the first January first after the effective date of this chapter.

(B) Notwithstanding subsection (A), a licensee only must be required to amend its authorized delegate contracts for contracts entered into or amended after the effective date of the amendments to this chapter or the completion of any transition period contemplated under subsection (A). Nothing herein may be construed as limiting an authorized delegate's obligations to operate in full compliance with this chapter as required by Section 35-11-400(C).

SECTION 2. This act may be cited as the "South Carolina Energy Security Act".

SECTION 3. Section 58-3-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-20. (A) The commission is composed of ~~seven~~three members to be elected by the General Assembly in the manner prescribed by this chapter. Each member must have:

(1) a baccalaureate or more advanced degree from:

(a) a recognized institution of higher learning requiring face-to-face contact between its students and instructors prior to completion of the academic program;

(b) an institution of higher learning that has been accredited by a regional or national accrediting body; or

(c) an institution of higher learning chartered before 1962; and

(2) a background of substantial duration and an expertise in at least one of the following:

(a) energy issues;

(b) telecommunications issues;

(c) consumer protection and advocacy issues;

(d) water and wastewater issues;

(e) finance, economics, and statistics;

(f) accounting;

(g) engineering; or

(h) law.

~~(B)(1) Beginning in 2004, the members of the Public Service Commission must be elected to staggered terms. In 2004, the members representing the Second, Fourth, and Sixth Congressional Districts must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2006, and until their successors are elected and qualify. Thereafter, members representing the Second, Fourth, and Sixth Congressional Districts must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify. In 2004, the members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts and the State at large must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2008, and until their successors are elected and qualify. Thereafter, members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts and the State at large must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts shall serve until the expiration of their terms, and in 2013, members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts must be elected for terms ending~~

~~on June 30, 2016, and until their successors are elected and qualified.~~

~~(2) In the event there are Seven Congressional Districts, the member elected from the State at large shall serve until the expiration of his term, and in 2013, a member representing the Seventh Congressional District must be elected for a term ending on June 30, 2016, and until his successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the member representing the Seventh Congressional District must be elected to terms of four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. Upon the election and qualification of the member representing the Seventh Congressional District, the at large member elected to satisfy the requirements of subsection (C) immediately shall cease to be a member of the commission.~~

~~(C)~~ (B)(1)The General Assembly must provide for the election of the ~~seven~~three-member commission ~~and elect its members based upon the congressional districts established by the General Assembly pursuant to the latest official United States Decennial Census. If the number of congressional districts is less than seven, additional members must be elected at large to provide for a seven-member commission. In the event the congressional districts established by the General Assembly are under review by a court for compliance with statutory or constitutional requirements, an election scheduled pursuant to this section shall not be held until a final determination is made by the courts regarding the congressional districts. The inability to hold an election due to judicial review of the congressional districts does not constitute a vacancy on the commission and the commissioners serve until their successors are elected and qualify~~. The commission members must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify.

(2) The commission members must be elected from the state at large; however, membership on the commission should reflect all segments of the population of the State, to the greatest extent possible.

~~(D)~~(C) The Governor may fill vacancies in the office of commissioner until the successor in the office for a full term or an unexpired term, as applicable, has been elected by the General Assembly. In cases where a vacancy occurs on the commission when the General Assembly is not in session, the Governor may fill the vacancy by an interim appointment. The Governor must report the interim appointment to the General Assembly and must forward a formal appointment at its next ensuing regular session.

SECTION 4. Section 58-3-140 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-140. (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 9 of this title, the commission is vested with power and jurisdiction to supervise and regulate the rates and service of every public utility in this State and to fix just and reasonable standards, classifications, regulations, practices, and measurements of service to be furnished, imposed, or observed, and followed by every public utility in this State.

(2) The commission must promulgate regulations to establish safety, maintenance, and inspection standards for the public utilities and may assess fines for public utilities that violate these standards.

(B)(1) The commission, in conducting its analysis and making a decision in matters involving electrical utilities, must consider the economic impact to the State when fixing just and reasonable standards, classifications, regulations, practices, and measurements of service to be furnished, imposed, or observed, and followed by every electrical utility in this State.

(2) The General Assembly declares the rates, services, and operations of electrical utilities are a matter of public interest and the availability of an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of electric power and natural gas to the people and economy of South Carolina is a matter of public policy. When exercising its powers under this section, the commission must balance the public interest in determining the rates, services, and operations of electrical utilities. It is the policy of this State for the commission, in matters involving electrical utilities, to:

(a) ensure South Carolina customers have access to an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources;

(b) sustain growth in industrial and economic development by ensuring an electric generation, transmission, and distribution system that can grow and modernize to meet the demands that a prosperous and developing economy places on it;

(c) provide fair regulation of electrical utilities in the interest of the public in a manner that maintains the financial integrity of the electrical utility by assuring a sufficient and fair rate of return, supports economic development and industry retention, and provides just and reasonable rates to be established for entities providing electrical utility services to customers in this State while promoting adequate, reliable, and economical utility service to all of the citizens and residents of this State;

(d) provide the State and the public with a

well-regulated electrical utility environment;

(e) assure that resources necessary to meet future growth through the provision of adequate, reliable electrical utility service include use of the entire spectrum of demand-side options, including but not limited to, conservation, load management, and energy efficiency programs as additional sources of energy supply and energy demand reduction;

(f) provide just and reasonable rates and charges for electrical utility services without undue preferences or advantages, or unfair or destructive competitive practices and consistent with long-term management and conservation of energy resources by avoiding wasteful, uneconomic generation and uses of energy;

(g) assure that facilities necessary to meet future growth can be financed by the utilities operating in this State on terms which are reasonable and fair to both the customers and existing investors of such utilities, and to that end, to authorize fixing of rates in such a manner as to result in lower costs of new facilities and lower rates over the operating lives of such new facilities;

(h) recognize the important role of utilities in economic development and industry retention and the necessity for utilities to maintain the ability to finance continued investment in, and operation and maintenance of, the electric system, rapid restoration of power after major storms and outages, rate designs, and infrastructure necessary to attract and retain businesses and jobs to South Carolina, the ability to obtain financing at attractive rates, and to ensure a viable workforce for providing electricity and to attract such utility workers at market-competitive wages;

(i) seek to encourage and promote harmony between public utilities, their users, and the environment;

(j) foster the continued service of electrical utilities on a well-planned and coordinated basis that is consistent with the level of energy needed for the protection of public health and safety and for the promotion of the general welfare, economic development, and industry retention;

(k) seek to adjust the rate of growth of regulated energy supply facilities serving the State to the policy requirements of statewide economic development and industry retention;

(l) encourage the continued study and research on new and innovative rate designs which will protect the State, the public, the ratepayers and the utilities;

(m) facilitate the construction of facilities in and

the extension of natural gas service to unserved and underserved areas in order to promote the public welfare throughout the State;

(n) further the development of cleaner energy technologies on a cost-effective basis to protect the natural resources of this State, promote the health and well-being of the people of this State, and attract investments, create employment opportunities, drive economic growth, and foster innovation in this State; and

(o) accomplish regulatory processes and issue orders in a timely manner.

~~(B)~~(C) The commission must develop and publish a policy manual which must set forth guidelines for the administration of the commission. All procedures must incorporate state requirements and good management practices to ensure the efficient and economical utilization of resources.

~~(C)~~(D) The commission must facilitate access to its general rate request orders in contested matters involving more than one hundred thousand dollars by publishing an order guide which indexes and cross-references orders by subject matter and case name. The order guide must be made available for public inspection.

~~(D)~~(E) The commission must promulgate regulations to require the direct testimony of witnesses appearing on behalf of utilities and of witnesses appearing on behalf of persons having formal intervenor status, such testimony to be reduced to writing and prefiled with the commission in advance of any hearing. In contested case proceedings, the applicant seeking relief from the commission shall have the right to prefile rebuttal testimony responsive to the direct prefiled testimony of other parties. The commission may allow supplemental testimony in cases where new matters arise after the filing of direct testimony, provided that parties shall have the right to respond to such supplemental testimony. The procedural schedule for each contested case proceeding shall include dates for completion of each phase of discovery, including discovery related to the application or other initial pleading as filed, direct testimony of the applicant, direct testimony of the Office of Regulatory Staff and other parties and intervenors, rebuttal testimony of the applicant, and surrebuttal testimony but only if allowed by the commission upon motion that there is material new information for which surrebuttal testimony is required. The commission must act on a motion to allow surrebuttal testimony within three business days. Except upon showing of exceptional circumstances or surprise, all discovery must be completed not less than ten days prior to the hearing.

(F) The commission may convene public hearings to

allow electrical utility customers to address the commission as public witnesses without intervening in the proceedings and without subjecting themselves to discovery or prefiling testimony. Public witnesses may address the commission on issues related to customer service, utility operations, reliability, economic hardship, affordability, environmental concerns, or other matters that affect them. The electrical utility and the Office of Regulatory Staff shall work to investigate and resolve individual service issues raised by public witnesses.

(G) Any other provision of law notwithstanding, to the extent the commission is authorized by the General Assembly to employ an independent third-party consultant to assist the commission in its duties with respect to a matter before the commission, such consultant may only rely upon evidence introduced by a party to that proceeding into the record subject to the requirements of the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act. Further, the commission may not give any consultant employed by the commission party status in a proceeding before the commission.

~~(E)~~(H) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to repeal or modify specific exclusions from the commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Title 58 or any other title.

~~(F)~~(I) When required to be filed, tariffs must be filed with the office of the chief clerk of the commission and, on that same day, provided to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 5. Section 58-3-250(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) A copy of every final order or decision under the seal of the commission must be served by electronic service, or registered or certified mail, upon all parties to the proceeding or their attorneys. Service of every final order or decision upon a party or upon the attorney must be made by emailing a copy of the order to the party's email address provided to the commission or by mailing a copy to the party's last known address. If no email or other address is known, however, service shall be made by leaving a copy with the chief clerk of the commission. The order takes effect and becomes operative when served unless otherwise designated and continues in force either for a period designated by the commission or until changed or revoked by the commission. If, in the judgment of the commission, an order cannot be complied with within the time designated, the commission may grant and prescribe additional time as is reasonably necessary to comply with the order and, on application and for good cause shown, may extend the time for compliance fixed in its order.

SECTION 6. Section 58-4-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-4-10. (A) There is hereby created the Office of Regulatory Staff as a separate agency of the State with the duties and organizations as hereinafter provided.

(B) Unless and until it chooses not to participate, the Office of Regulatory Staff must be considered a party of record in all filings, applications, or proceedings before the commission. The regulatory staff must represent the public interest of South Carolina before the commission. For purposes of this chapter only, "public interest" means a balancing of:

(1) the concerns of the using and consuming public with respect to public utility services, regardless of the class of customer~~,~~;

(2) economic development and job attraction and retention in South Carolina; and

(3) preservation of the financial integrity of the State's public utilities to the extent necessary to provide for the ~~of~~ continued investment in and maintenance of utility facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality utility services.

(C) The Office of Regulatory Staff is subject to the provision of Section 58-3-260 prohibiting ex parte communications with the commission, and any advice given to the commission by the regulatory staff must be given in a form, forum, and manner as may lawfully be given by any other party or person.

SECTION 7.Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-150. (A) To further advance and expand upon Executive Order 2023-18 which established the PowerSC Energy Resources and Economic Development Interagency Working Group, the Office of Regulatory Staff, in consultation with a stakeholder group that includes representatives of consumer, environmental, manufacturing, forestry, and agricultural organizations, natural gas and electrical utilities, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, and other affected state agencies, shall prepare a comprehensive South Carolina energy assessment and action plan, hereinafter referred to as "the plan". This plan must identify recommended actions over a ten-year period to ensure the availability of adequate, reliable, and economical supply of electric power and natural gas to the people and economy of South Carolina. For purposes of this section, natural gas and electrical utilities also includes any investor-owned electrical utility, a public utility as defined in Section 58-5-10, the Public Service Authority, electric cooperatives, and

any consolidated political subdivision that owns or operates in this State equipment or facilities for generating, transmitting, delivering, or furnishing electricity, but does not include an entity that furnishes electricity only to itself, its residents, or tenants when such current is not resold or used by others.

(B) The Office of Regulatory Staff, in collaboration with the electrical utilities and the South Carolina Public Service Authority, shall aggregate data and analyses from their most recent integrated resource plans approved by the commission, and include any updates or associated filings and other available data in order to create a statewide comprehensive view of the availability of an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources to the people and economy of South Carolina.

(C) The plan must detail factors, and make recommendations, essential to adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources for the people and economy of South Carolina, including but not limited to:

(1) projections of energy consumption in South Carolina, including the use of fuel resources and costs of electricity and generation resources across the electrical utilities' and the South Carolina Public Service Authority's balancing authority areas used to serve the State;

(2) the adequacy of electricity generation, transmission, and distribution resources in this State to meet projections of energy consumption;

(3) the adequacy of infrastructure utilized by natural gas industries in providing fuel supply to electric generation plants or otherwise for end-use customers;

(4) the overall needs of the South Carolina electric grid and transmission system and details from the plans of each electrical utility and the South Carolina Public Service Authority to meet current and future energy needs in a cost-effective, reliable, economic, and environmental manner;

(5) an assessment of state and local impediments to expanded use of generation or distributed resources and recommendations to reduce or eliminate such impediments;

(6) how energy efficiency, demand-side management programs, and conservation initiatives across the electrical utilities' and the South Carolina Public Service Authority's balancing authority areas may be expanded to lower bills and reduce electric consumption;

(7) details regarding potential siting of energy resource and transmission facilities in order to identify any disproportionate adverse

impact of such activities on the environment, agricultural community, land use, and economically disadvantaged or minority communities;

(8) details regarding commercial and industrial consumer clean energy goals and options available to such customers to achieve these goals, including:

(a) an analysis of the barriers commercial and industrial consumers face in making such investments in this State;

(b) an analysis of any electric and natural gas regulatory barriers to the recruitment and retention of commercial and industrial customers in this State; and

(c) recommendations to address any barriers identified in items (a) and (b) in a manner that is consistent with the public interest and which is not duly impactful to nonparticipating customers as it pertains to rate and system impacts, and which is not unduly impactful to entities providing public utility services.

(C) In preparing the plan the Office of Regulatory Staff may retain an outside expert to assist with compiling this report.

(D) In addition to the information required by this section, the plan must include recommendations for legislative, regulatory, or other public and private actions to best ensure a reliable and reasonably priced energy supply in South Carolina that supports the continued growth and success of this State. In forming these recommendations, the Office of Regulatory Staff must confer with the stakeholder group to ensure the recommendations would likely achieve the intended result for the electric grid, electric generation, and natural gas resources serving South Carolina customers.

(E) The plan must be submitted to the Public Utilities Review Committee for approval.

(F) The provisions of this section are subject to funding.

SECTION 8. Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 38

South Carolina Energy Policy Institute

Section 58-38-10. This chapter is known as and may be cited as the "South Carolina Energy Policy Research and Economic Development Institute" or "EPI".

Section 58-38-20. The General Assembly finds that:

(1) It is in the public interest of South Carolina to establish an Energy Policy Research and Economic Development Institute, also referred to as EPI, to support the efforts of the Advanced Resilient Energy Nexus, also referred to as SC Nexus, and research and propose solutions to address major challenges in the complex and evolving area

of energy generation and storage.

(2) Research and documenting reliable data is essential for thoughtful consideration of the complex issues and concerns impacting energy generation and storage and the need for timely, substantive, and thorough advice from the EPI to the South Carolina General Assembly is critical to continue to position this State as a global leader.

(3) Advancement through the EPI of the broad collaboration through the SC Nexus will assist the State as a global leader in advanced energy by developing, testing, and deploying exportable electricity technologies. It will also allow the State to leverage the region's dynamic and growing manufacturing base, superior research capabilities, and demonstrated record of public-private collaboration to innovate and commercialize emerging energy storage materials and manufacturing techniques, including a demonstrative microgrid implementation that integrates renewable energy and storage into the state's electricity systems.

(4) The topography of South Carolina, with its coastal plains and low country, confronts further complications. While the State possesses renewable energy resources like hydropower potential from its rivers and lakes and biomass from wood and landfill gas, the lack of sustainable energy production exacerbates the energy deficit. It is critical that South Carolina provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy.

(5) The industrial sector in South Carolina accounts for approximately one-third of the state's total energy use and heavily depends on energy consumption. Continued economic development and industry retention depends upon safe, reliable, and affordable energy generation.

(6) South Carolina will need to continue moving toward reliable power from emerging energy sources to ensure continued economic growth and secure energy for residential usage.

(7) The EPI shall collaborate across South Carolina in coordination with SC Nexus, Savannah River National Laboratory, energy utility providers, private industry, and workforce development to deliver advice on policy creation aligned with the state's distinctive needs and opportunities. EPI shall support and collaborate with SC Nexus, a consortium of public and private entities, formed within the South Carolina Department of Commerce concerning power generation, transmission, and storage.

Section 58-38-30. (A) The EPI shall be established by the University of South Carolina to serve as an expert and reliable advisory resource for state policymakers, government, and industry. This institute

shall bring together a coalition of experts from various domains within the energy ecosystem, individuals and organizations specializing in innovating public policy approaches, as well as specialists from across higher education, including but not limited to, the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, and South Carolina State University. The EPI shall aid South Carolina in developing a strategic long-term approach to address energy-related challenges and economic development opportunities for the State of South Carolina.

(B) The EPI shall be governed by a board of six members which shall provide oversight and guidance to the EPI. This board shall be composed of:

(1) Speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee;

(2) President of the Senate or his designee;

(3) Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, or his designee;

(4) Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate or his designee;

(5) Chairman of the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee of the House of Representatives or his designee; and

(6) Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate or his designee.

Section 58-38-40. (A) Annual deliverables for the EPI shall align with the goals and priorities of critical state objectives and legislative needs of South Carolina as determined by the board.

(B) The EPI shall prepare concise and informative documents that outline the key energy policy issues in South Carolina for members of the South Carolina General Assembly. These briefs shall offer evidence-based recommendations and their potential impacts to assist the legislature in decision making.

(C) The EPI shall provide in-depth research on various aspects of energy policy relevant to South Carolina, at the direction of the board.

(D) The EPI shall provide stakeholder engagement reports, including identification and engagement with relevant stakeholders in the energy sector, including industry representatives, environmental groups, consumer advocates, and community organizations. The EPI shall compile reports on stakeholder perspectives, concerns, and suggestions to aid the legislature in understanding different viewpoints.

(E) The EPI shall evaluate the economic implications of different energy policy options, including the potential costs and benefits to the state's economy, job market, industry competitiveness, and underdeveloped communities. The EPI must use modeling techniques to

estimate direct and indirect impacts on various sectors.

(F) The EPI shall develop practical framework recommendations for implementing energy policies in South Carolina, considering regulatory mechanisms, enforcement mechanisms, and coordination between different government agencies. These frameworks must address potential challenges and propose strategies for successful implementation.

(G) The EPI may host fellowships by which entities could offer the time and services of employees by which the EPI could leverage the knowledge, experience, and participation of such entities.

SECTION 9. Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-33-195. (A)(1) The General Assembly finds:

(a) The Public Service Commission, hereinafter referred to as "the commission", issued Order No. 2023-860 approving Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s integrated resource plan, and Order No. 2024-171 approving the South Carolina Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan. The commission determined these integrated resource plans represented the most reasonable and prudent means to meet each utility's energy and capacity needs as of the time each integrated resource plan was reviewed.

(b) Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s integrated resource plan identified a natural gas combined cycle unit as the optimum replacement unit for the Williams Station, which Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. intends to retire in 2030, assuming replacement capacity is available at that time. Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. proposed to locate this natural gas combined cycle unit facility at the site of its now retired Canadys coal plant, and Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. is pursuing a plan to build it jointly with the Public Service Authority under a Memorandum of Understanding, also referred to as the "Joint Resource".

(c) The commission found that Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s Reference Build Plan replacing the Williams Station with the Joint Resource best meets the criterion of "consumer affordability and least cost" pursuant to Section 58-37-40(C)(2)(b).

(d) The commission found that the Public Service Authority's Preferred Portfolio, referred to as "Supplemental", as the preferred plan to guide the Public Service Authority's generation and transmission planning over the next three years, with updates as necessary, represented the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting the Public Service Authority's energy and capacity needs.

(e) The commission found the Supplemental is the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements, while maintaining safe and reliable electric service.

(f) The commission determined the Public Service Authority sufficiently considered alternatives to the natural gas combined cycle unit.

(g) The commission found that the Supplemental allows the Public Service Authority to meet the electric power needs of its retail and wholesale customers reliably and affordably, reduces its carbon footprint, and adds flexibility and innovation to support a growing state economy.

(2) The General Assembly encourages Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. and the Public Service Authority to jointly complete evaluations related to the Joint Resource and to use such information as may be necessary from such evaluations to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certificate pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or authorize construction and operation of the facilities subject to this section in preference to all other pending nonemergency applications or requests. The General Assembly finds adding natural gas generation capacity at the retired Canadys coal site would advance the economy and general welfare of the State based on current conditions and information as of the effective date of this Act. However, this subsection does not exempt the entities from complying with the requirements of the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act, including the requirement to seek commission approval for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity nor does this subsection limit the commission's independent decision-making authority. The entities are further encouraged to use existing rights of way to the greatest extent practicable.

(B) The General Assembly hereby encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to complete evaluations for constructing a second powerhouse using the existing reservoir at Bad Creek Pumped Hydro Station in Oconee County, South Carolina, which will approximately double the size and peak hourly capacity of the facility, and to use such information as may be necessary from such evaluations to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certificate pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter. The General Assembly further

encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to complete evaluations as to what may be necessary to interconnect such an expansion of Bad Creek Pumped Hydro Station to the electric grid or otherwise deliver electric power from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to its customers, and to include such information as may be necessary from such evaluations in a filing to the commission pursuant to Section 58-33-110 or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or otherwise authorize construction and operation of the facilities subject to this subsection in preference of all other pending nonemergency applications or requests.

(C) The General Assembly hereby encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to complete evaluations for constructing hydrogen capable natural gas generation or otherwise to place into service such natural gas generation within the utilities' balancing areas serving South Carolina, and to use such information from the evaluations as may be necessary to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certification pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly further encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to determine what facilities may be necessary to interconnect such natural gas generation to the electric grid or otherwise deliver electric power from the utilities to its customers, and to include such information in any filing to the commission pursuant to Section 58-33-110 or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or otherwise authorize construction or operation of the facilities subject to this subsection in preference of all other pending nonemergency applications or requests.

(D)(1) In the event any of the projects described in subsections (A), (B), or (C) are approved, the Office of Regulatory Staff, using its authority provided in Title 58, must continuously monitor the project or projects. This includes, but is not limited to, a review of the construction in progress, such as meeting projected timelines and financial projections are met. The Office of Regulatory Staff must provide monthly updates, in writing, to the commission and to the members of the General Assembly. Each electrical utility and the Public Service Authority must cooperate to the fullest extent with the Office of Regulatory Staff.

(2) The commission may, on its own motion, schedule a hearing to address concerns raised by the Office of Regulatory Staff in its written

monthly review to the commission.

(3) The commission shall consider the Office of Regulatory Staff's written monthly reviews in any future matters concerning any facility described in this section.

SECTION 10.Article 1, Chapter 31, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-31-205. (A) The Public Service Authority shall have the power to jointly own, as tenants-in-common or through a limited liability company, with investor-owned electric utilities of electrical generation and transmission facilities, the power to plan, finance, acquire, own, operate, and maintain an interest in such plants and facilities necessary or incidental to the generation and transmission of electric power and the power to make plans and enter into such contracts as are necessary or convenient for the planning, financing, acquisition, construction, ownership, operation, and maintenance of such plants and facilities. However, the Public Service Authority shall own a percentage of such plants and facilities equal to the percentage of the money furnished or the value of property supplied by the Public Service Authority for the acquisition and construction of the plants and facilities. The Public Service Authority shall also own and control a like percentage of the electrical output thereof.

(B) The Public Service Authority shall be severally liable in proportion to its ownership share of such plants and facilities acquired pursuant to this section for the acts, omissions, or obligations performed, omitted, or incurred by the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities while acting as the designated agent of the Public Service Authority for the purposes of constructing, operating, or maintaining the plants and facilities, or any of them. However, the Public Service Authority shall not be otherwise liable, jointly or severally, for the acts, omissions, or obligations of other owners of the plants and facilities, nor shall any money or property of the Public Service Authority be credited or otherwise applied to the account of the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities, or be charged with any debt, lien, or mortgage as a result of any debt or obligation of the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities.

SECTION 11. Article 9, Chapter 7, Title 13 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Article 9

Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council

Section 13-7-810. There is hereby established a Nuclear Advisory Council in the ~~Department of Administration,~~ Office

of Regulatory Staff, which shall be responsible to the Executive Director of the ~~Department of Administration~~ Office of Regulatory Staff and report to the Governor.

Section 13-7-820. The duties of the council, in addition to such other duties as may be requested by the Governor, shall be:

(1) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor on issues involving the use, handling, and management of the transportation, storage, or disposal of nuclear materials within South Carolina, or such use, handling, transportation, storage, or disposal of nuclear materials outside of the State which may affect the public health, welfare, safety, and environment of the citizens of South Carolina;

(2) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor regarding matters pertaining to the Atlantic Compact Commission;

(3) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor regarding the various programs of the United States Department of Energy pertaining to nuclear waste;

(4) to meet at the call of the chair or at a minimum twice a year; and

(5) to engage stakeholders and develop a strategic plan to advance the development of advanced nuclear generation including small modular reactors, molten salt reactors, and spent nuclear fuel recycling facilities to serve customers in this State in the most economical manner at the earliest reasonable time possible.

Section 13-7-830. The recommendations described in Section ~~13-7-620~~ 13-7-820 shall be made available to the General Assembly and the Governor.

Section 13-7-840. The council shall consist of ~~nine~~ten members. One at-large member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one at-large member shall be appointed by the President of the Senate. ~~Seven~~Eight members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows: two shall be actively involved in the area of environmental protection; one shall have experience in the generation of power by nuclear means; one shall have experience in the field of nuclear activities other than power generation; two shall be scientists or engineers from the faculties of institutions of higher learning in the State; and ~~one~~two shall be from the public at large; of which one shall be appointed to serve as the chairman and director of the Nuclear Advisory Council. The terms of the members of the council appointed by the Governor shall be coterminous with that of the appointing Governor, but

they shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Vacancies of the council shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

Section 13-7-850. The Governor shall designate the chairman from the membership. When on business of the council, members shall be entitled to receive such compensation as provided by law for boards and commissions.

Section 13-7-860. Staff support for the council shall be provided by the ~~Department of Administration~~Office of Regulatory Staff. The Director of the Nuclear Advisory Council must be a full-time employee of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 12. Section 37-6-604(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The~~As of July 1, 2025, the Consumer ~~Advocate shall be provided notice of any matter filed at the Public Service Commission that~~ Advocate's duties regarding intervention in matters that could impact consumers' utility rates~~, and may intervene as a party~~ and ability to advocate for the interest of consumers before the Public Service Commission and appellate courts~~ in such matters as the Consumer Advocate deems necessary and appropriate~~ are transferred to the Office of Regulatory Staff in order to promote efficiency and avoid duplication of duties.

SECTION 13.Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-33-196. Electrical utilities and the Public Service Authority are encouraged to explore the potential for deploying advanced nuclear facilities including, but not limited to, small modular nuclear facilities at suitable sites. Suitable sites may include sites of current nuclear facilities, sites where nuclear facilities have been proposed but not constructed, and other brownfield sites, such as coal-generation sites. Any utility pursuing deployment of such nuclear facilities must provide annual progress reports to the commission and the Public Utilities Review Committee; this report may be in writing or in the form of testimony in an appropriate proceeding. The utility must provide estimates of the cost of the studies including, but not limited to, planning, licensing, and project development to the commission. If the commission finds such estimated costs are reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest, such costs may be recoverable through rates as they are incurred. Nothing in this section relieves an electrical utility of the burden of filing for a certificate under this article and obtaining appropriate approvals from the commission before commencing

construction.

SECTION 14.Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-37-70. (A) It is the policy of this State to promote the development and operation of advanced nuclear facilities, including small modular nuclear reactors, in the most economical manner and at the earliest reasonable time possible. These facilities are intended to provide electricity that is reliable, resilient, secure, and free of carbon dioxide emissions, as well as promote this state's economic development and industry retention.

(B) As used in this section:

(1) "Electrical utility" has the same meaning as provided in Section 58-27-10(7) and includes the South Carolina Public Service Authority.

(2) "Site" means the geographic location of one or more small modular nuclear reactors.

(3) "Small modular nuclear reactor" means an advanced nuclear reactor that produces nuclear power and has a power capacity of up to 500 megawatts per reactor.

(C) The commission may establish a small modular nuclear reactor pilot program, if such a program is endorsed by the Nuclear Advisory Council. A pilot program must include the following requirements:

(1) any entity that holds a current license from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to construct or operate at least one existing nuclear electrical generating facility at the time of the application may apply to the commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act;

(2) a certificate may be granted if obtaining a certification of public convenience and necessity would permit the applicant to apply for, use, or leverage at least thirty percent of the construction costs of the small modular nuclear reactor by utilizing any benefits or incentives available to lower the capital or operating costs including, but not limited to, governmental funds, tax credits, grants, and loan guarantees;

(3) the costs and benefits of a small modular nuclear reactor are reasonable and prudent compared to the levelized costs of electricity generation from other resources, applying any governmental tax credits and incentives. Factors that must be considered in levelized costs include fuel factors, economic and environmental benefits, and costs associated with any relative externalities;

(4) no more than three small modular nuclear reactors may

receive a permit pursuant to this pilot program.

(D) An application for this pilot program must include:

(1) if the project's location:

(a) is on or adjacent to an existing or former coal electrical generation site;

(b) is on or adjacent to an existing nuclear facility;

(c) enables coal plant retirement or emissions reduction in the electrical utility's or the South Carolina Public Service Authority's balancing area; or

(d) supports diversity in energy production, reliability, and energy security;

(2) if the project is subject to competitive procurement or solicitation for services and equipment;

(3) a demonstration that the program's costs and benefits are reasonable and prudent and in the interest of South Carolina customers; and

(4) any other information the commission may wish to include in the application.

Nothing in this subsection limits any factors that the commission may consider in its determination of an application.

(E)(1) Reasonable and prudent costs incurred for a small modular nuclear reactor approved pursuant to this section shall be recoverable. In the event an electrical utility abandons a small modular nuclear reactor approved by the commission before its commercial operation, the electrical utility must provide a fulsome accounting to the commission of the circumstances of abandonment. Capital costs may only be recovered if the commission determines that the decision to abandon was reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest; however, these costs shall not include a rate of return. The commission may impose conditions it determines to be necessary to protect customers against unreasonable construction, development, or operational risk including, but not limited to, reporting, inspection, and the potential of requiring the utility to hire an independent third-party construction monitor to evaluate the prudency of the utility's actions and associated expense during the development of the project and construction of the reactor.

(2) The commission must not allow any cost recovery related to a small modular nuclear reactor outside of a rate case.

(F)(1) In addition to the small modular nuclear facility pilot program, electrical utilities and the South Carolina Public Service Authority are encouraged to evaluate the potential for deploying nuclear facilities at suitable sites within this State. A "suitable site" may include

sites of current nuclear facilities, sites where nuclear facilities have been proposed but not constructed, and brownfield sites, such as coal generation sites.

(2) When evaluating the potential of a nuclear facility, the applicant must provide notice and annual progress reports to the Public Utilities Review Committee, the Nuclear Advisory Council, and the commission. When available, the applicant must also provide cost estimates of the studies related to a potential nuclear facility to serve customers in South Carolina. This includes, but is not limited to, planning, licensing, and project development, the anticipated timeline of an early site permit, and current possibilities or barriers to co-ownership of such facilities, and available federal benefits which may defray costs of these facilities.

(3) In the event the commission finds cost estimates pursuant to item (2) are reasonable and prudent, the costs may be recoverable through rates, even if an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity have not been filed. However, these costs shall not include a rate of return.

(G) Nothing in this section relieves an electrical utility or the South Carolina Public Service Authority of the burden of filing for a certificate pursuant to this article and obtaining appropriate approvals from the commission before commencing construction.

SECTION 15. Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 3

Energy Infrastructure Projects

Section 58-37-100. As used in this article:

(1) “Agency” means any agency, department, board, commission, or political subdivision of this State. However, it does not include the Public Service Commission, except for Sections 58-37-110 and 58-37-120.

(2) “Application” means a written request made to an agency for grant of a permit or approval of an action of matter within the agency’s jurisdiction pertaining to an energy infrastructure project.

(3) “Brownfield energy site” means an existing or former electrical generating site or other existing or former industrial site.

(4) “Energy corridor” means a corridor in which a utility or the South Carolina Public Service Authority has:

(a) transmission lines with a rated voltage of at least 110 kilovolts, including the substations, switchyards, and other appurtenant facilities associated with such lines; or

(b) high pressure natural gas transmission pipelines and the metering, compression stations, valve station, and other appurtenant facilities associated with such lines.

(5) "Energy corridor project" means an energy infrastructure project that involves the expansion of electric or natural gas delivery capacity in whole or in principal part within an existing energy corridor.

(6) "Energy infrastructure project" means the construction, placement, authorization, or removal of energy infrastructure including, but not limited to, electric transmission and generation assets, natural gas transmission assets, and all associated or appurtenant infrastructure and activities, including communications and distribution infrastructure.

(7) "Permit" means a permit, certificate, approval, registration, encroachment permit, right of way, or other form of authorization.

(8) "Person" means an individual, corporation, association, partnership, trust, agency, or the State of South Carolina.

Section 58-37-110. (A) Given the importance of sufficient, reliable, safe, and economical energy to the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of South Carolina and to the state's economic development and prosperity, the General Assembly finds that the prompt siting, permitting, and completion of energy infrastructure projects, energy corridor projects, and brownfield electrical generation projects are crucial to the welfare of the State.

(B) All state agencies are instructed to give expedited review of applications for energy infrastructure projects, to provide reasonable and constructive assistance to applicants to allow the applicants to comply with state law and regulatory requirements as expeditiously as possible, and to be guided by the policy goals established in subsection (A).

(C) All state agencies are instructed to give due weight to the reduction in the environmental, aesthetic, and socioeconomic impacts that are incurred to support the safe, reliable, and economic provision of energy to the people of South Carolina when energy infrastructure projects can be located in existing energy corridors or on brownfield energy sites, and shall consider the relative reductions in such impacts compared to greenfield projects in evaluating projects in existing energy corridors or on brownfield energy sites.

Section 58-37-120. (A) Any agency presented with an application for a permit for an energy infrastructure project shall issue a decision on the application no later than six months after the date the application is received by the agency. If the agency fails to take final action within six months of receipt of the application, the application shall be deemed approved, and the agency shall promptly issue documentation that the

applicant may reasonably request establishing that the agency has granted the relief requested.

(B) Upon receipt of an application, the agency shall promptly review it for sufficiency and shall provide the applicant with a list of all deficiencies within thirty days of receipt. The identification of by the agency of deficiencies in the application shall not toll the six-month period for agency determination.

Section 58-37-130. The applicant or any person whose private rights are affected by an agency decision or action on an application for a permit for any energy infrastructure project may appeal that decision or action to the South Carolina Supreme Court. The Supreme Court shall hear these appeals as a direct appeal in accordance with the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. The Court shall provide for an expedited briefing and hearing of the appeal, in preference to all other nonemergency matters on its docket, and decide such appeals on an expedited basis.

Section 58-37-140. The provisions of this article shall expire ten years after its effective date.

SECTION 16. Section 58-40-10(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) "Customer-generator" means the owner, operator, lessee, or customer-generator lessee of an electric energy generation unit which:

(1) generates or discharges electricity from a renewable energy resource, including an energy storage device configured to receive electrical charge solely from an onsite renewable energy resource;

(2) has an electrical generating system with a capacity of:

(a)(i) not more than the lesser of one thousand kilowatts (1,000 kW AC) or one hundred percent of contract demand if a nonresidential customer; or

(ii) after June 1, 2024, not more than the lesser of five thousand kilowatts (5,000kW AC) or one hundred percent of contract demand for a nonresidential customer, provided the customer-generator is on a time-of-use rate schedule and any excess energy produced by the customer-generator is credited and reset at the end of each monthly period; or

(iii) more than five thousand kilowatts (5,000kW AC) if agreed to by the customer-generator and the electrical utility, provided that the electrical utility submits the agreement to the

commission for consideration and approval if the commission finds the agreement to contain appropriate ratemaking provisions and is in the public interest; or

(b) not more than twenty kilowatts (20 kW AC) if a residential customer;

(3) is located on a single premises owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by the customer;

(4) is interconnected and operates in parallel phase and synchronization with an electrical utility and complies with the applicable interconnection standards;

(5) is intended primarily to offset part or all of the customer-generator's own electrical energy requirements; and

(6) meets all applicable safety, performance, interconnection, and reliability standards established by the commission, the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Underwriters Laboratories, the federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and any local governing authorities.

SECTION 17. Section 58-41-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-41-30. (A) The ability to utilize clean energy resources for electric power generation is important to attract prospective commercial or industrial entities to invest in South Carolina and to encourage and incent robust economic growth in the State.

(B) The commission shall be responsive to the clean energy needs of customers and the economic development and industry retention implications for the State when reviewing and approving voluntary clean energy programs. The commission shall consider updates to these voluntary renewable energy programs on an ongoing basis.

(C) Within one hundred and twenty days of the effective date of this chapter, ~~subject to subsection (F),~~ each electrical utility shall file a proposed voluntary renewable energy program for review and approval by the commission, unless as of July 1, 2024, the electrical utility already has a voluntary renewable energy program that conforms with the requirements of this section on file with the commission. The commission shall conduct a proceeding to review the program and establish reasonable terms and conditions for the program. Interested parties shall have the right to participate in the proceeding. The commission ~~may~~must periodically hold additional proceedings to ~~update the program~~ evaluate whether updates to the programs are necessary. At a minimum, each electrical utility must submit to the

commission a program for which ~~the program shall provide that~~:

(1) the participating customer shall have the right to select the renewable energy facility and negotiate with the renewable energy supplier on the price to be paid by the participating customer for the energy, capacity, and clean energy environmental attributes of the renewable energy facility and the term of such agreement so long as such terms are consistent with the voluntary renewable program service agreement as approved by the commission;

(2) the renewable energy contract and the participating customer agreement must be of equal duration;

(3) in addition to paying a retail bill calculated pursuant to the rates and tariffs that otherwise would apply to the participating customer, reduced by the amount of the generation credit, a participating customer shall reimburse the electrical utility on a monthly basis for the amount paid by the electrical utility to the renewable energy supplier pursuant to the participating customer agreement and renewable energy contract, plus an administrative fee approved by the commission; and

(4) eligible customers must be allowed to bundle their demand under a single participating customer agreement and renewable energy contract and must be eligible annually to procure an amount of capacity as approved by the commission.

(D) The commission must approve voluntary renewable energy programs, in addition to those provided for in subsection (C), where the participating customer purchases clean energy environmental attributes of new or existing renewable energy facilities owned and operated and recovered on a cost-of-service basis by the electrical utility or otherwise supplies through the execution of agreements with third parties within the utility's balancing authority area. Voluntary renewable energy programs shall also facilitate behind-the-meter options for customers and access to renewable energy resource generation.

~~(B)~~(E) The commission may approve a program that provides for options that include, but are not limited to, both variable and fixed generation credit options.

~~(C)~~(F) The commission ~~may~~ shall limit the total portion of each electrical utility's voluntary renewable energy program that is eligible for the program at a level consistent with the public interest and shall provide standard terms and conditions for the participating customer agreement and the renewable energy contract, subject to commission review and approval.

~~(D)~~(G) A participating customer shall bear the burden of any reasonable costs associated with participating in a voluntary renewable energy program. ~~An electrical utility may not charge any nonparticipating customers for any costs incurred pursuant to the provisions of this section.~~ Purchased power costs incurred by an electrical utility as a result of subsection (C) shall be recovered in the electrical utility's fuel clause pursuant to Section 58-27-865.

~~(E)~~(H) A renewable energy facility may be located anywhere in the electrical utility's service territory within the utility's balancing authority.

~~(F) If the commission determines that an electrical utility has a voluntary renewable energy program on file with the commission as of the effective date of this chapter, that conforms with the requirements of this section, the utility is not required to make a new filing to meet the requirements of subsection (A).~~

SECTION 18.Section 58-41-10 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(17) "Energy storage facilities" means any commercially available technology that is capable of absorbing energy and storing it for a period of time for use at a later time including, but not limited to, electrochemical, thermal, and electromechanical technologies.

SECTION 19. Section 58-41-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-41-20. (A) As soon as is practicable after the effective date of this chapter, the commission shall open a docket for the purpose of establishing each electrical utility's standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary to implement this section. Within six months after the effective date of this chapter, and at least once every twenty-four months thereafter, the commission shall approve each electrical utility's standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary to implement this section. Within such proceeding the commission shall approve one or more standard form power purchase agreements for use for qualifying small power production facilities not eligible for the standard offer. Such power purchase agreements shall contain provisions, including, but not limited to, provisions for force majeure, indemnification, choice of venue, and confidentiality provisions and other such terms, but shall not be determinative of price or length of the power purchase agreement. The commission may approve multiple form power purchase agreements to accommodate various generation

technologies and other project-specific characteristics. This provision shall not restrict the right of parties to enter into power purchase agreements with terms that differ from the commission-approved form(s). Any decisions by the commission shall be just and reasonable to the ratepayers of the electrical utility, in the public interest, consistent with PURPA and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's implementing regulations and orders, and nondiscriminatory to small power producers; and shall strive to reduce the risk placed on the using and consuming public.

(1) Proceedings conducted pursuant to this section shall be separate from the electrical utilities' annual fuel cost proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 58-27-865.

(2) Proceedings shall include an opportunity for intervention, discovery, filed comments or testimony, and an evidentiary hearing.

(B) In implementing this chapter, the commission shall treat small power producers on a fair and equal footing with electrical utility-owned resources by ensuring that:

(1) rates for the purchase of energy and capacity fully and accurately reflect the electrical utility's avoided costs;

(2) power purchase agreements, including terms and conditions, are commercially reasonable and consistent with regulations and orders promulgated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission implementing PURPA; and

(3) each electrical utility's avoided cost methodology fairly accounts for costs avoided by the electrical utility or incurred by the electrical utility, including, but not limited to, energy, capacity, and ancillary services provided by or consumed by small power producers including those utilizing energy storage equipment. Avoided cost methodologies approved by the commission may account for differences in costs avoided based on the geographic location and resource type of a small power producer's qualifying small power production facility.

(C) The avoided cost rates offered by an electrical utility to a small power producer not eligible for the standard offer must be calculated based on the avoided cost methodology most recently approved by the commission. In the event that a small power producer and an electrical utility are unable to mutually agree on an avoided cost rate, the small power producer shall have the right to have any disputed issues resolved by the commission in a formal complaint proceeding. The commission may require mediation prior to a formal complaint proceeding.

(D) A small power producer shall have the right to sell the output of its facility to the electrical utility at the avoided cost rates and pursuant to the power purchase agreement then in effect by delivering an executed notice of commitment to sell form to the electrical utility. The commission shall approve a standard notice of commitment to sell form to be used for this purpose that provides the small power producer a reasonable period of time from its submittal of the form to execute a power purchase agreement. In no event, however, shall the small power producer, as a condition of preserving the pricing and terms and conditions established by its submittal of an executed commitment to sell form to the electrical utility, be required to execute a power purchase agreement prior to receipt of a final interconnection agreement from the electrical utility.

(E)(1) Electrical utilities shall file with the commission power purchase agreements entered into pursuant to PURPA, resulting from voluntary negotiation of contracts between an electrical utility and a small power producer not eligible for the standard offer.

(2) The commission is authorized to ~~open a generic docket for the purposes of creating programs~~ approve programs proposed by electrical utilities for the competitive procurement of energy and capacity from renewable energy facilities and, at the electrical utility's option, associated co-located energy storage ~~by an electrical utility~~ within the utility's balancing authority area if the commission determines such action to be in the public interest.

(3) In establishing standard offer and form contract power purchase agreements, the commission shall consider whether such power purchase agreements should prohibit any of the following:

(a) termination of the power purchase agreement, collection of damages from small power producers, or commencement of the term of a power purchase agreement prior to commercial operation, if delays in achieving commercial operation of the small power producer's facility are due to the electrical utility's interconnection delays; or

(b) the electrical utility reducing the price paid to the small power producer based on costs incurred by the electrical utility to respond to the intermittent nature of electrical generation by the small power producer.

(F)(1) Electrical utilities, subject to approval of the commission, shall offer to enter into fixed price power purchase agreements with small power producers for the purchase of energy and capacity at avoided cost, with commercially reasonable terms and a

duration of ten years. The commission may also approve commercially reasonable fixed price power purchase agreements with a duration longer than ten years, which must contain additional terms, conditions, and/or rate structures as proposed by intervening parties and approved by the commission, including, but not limited to, a reduction in the contract price relative to the ten year avoided cost. Notwithstanding any other language to the contrary, the commission will make such a determination in proceedings conducted pursuant to subsection (A). The avoided cost rates applicable to fixed price power purchase agreements entered into pursuant to this item shall be based on the avoided cost rates and methodologies as determined by the commission pursuant to this section. The terms of this subsection apply only to those small power producers whose qualifying small power production facilities have active interconnection requests on file with the electrical utility prior to the effective date of this act. The commission may determine any other necessary terms and conditions deemed to be in the best interest of the ratepayers. This item is not intended, and shall not be construed, to abrogate small power producers' rights under PURPA that existed prior to the effective date of the act.

(2) Once an electrical utility has executed interconnection agreements and power purchase agreements with qualifying small power production facilities located in South Carolina with an aggregate nameplate capacity equal to twenty percent of the previous five-year average of the electrical utility's South Carolina retail peak load, that electrical utility shall offer to enter into fixed price power purchase agreements with small power producers for the purchase of energy and capacity at avoided cost, with the terms, conditions, rates, and terms of length for contracts as determined by the commission in a separate docket or in a proceeding conducted pursuant to subsection (A). The commission is expressly directed to consider the potential benefits of terms with a longer duration to promote the state's policy of encouraging renewable energy.

(3) Any electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and associated co-located energy storage facilities that have been approved by the commission pursuant to Section 58-41-25 that is open to qualifying small power production facilities within the electrical utility’s balancing authority area in South Carolina may competitively procure new renewable energy capacity pursuant to that competitive solicitation process as a means of complying with the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. Further, the commission must establish a five-year term for

energy purchased at administratively established avoided cost rates outside of competitive procurement of renewable energy resources, with the exception of voluntarily negotiated agreements to serve the public interest, for any electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and associated co-located energy storage facilities that has been approved by the commission if the commission determines that doing so will incentivize participation in the competitive procurement process.

(G) Nothing in this section prohibits the commission from adopting various avoided cost methodologies or amending those methodologies in the public interest.

(H) Unless otherwise agreed to between the electrical utility and the small power producer, a power purchase agreement entered into pursuant to PURPA may not allow curtailment of qualifying facilities in any manner that is inconsistent with PURPA or implementing regulations and orders promulgated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

~~(I) The commission is authorized to employ, through contract or otherwise, third-party consultants and experts in carrying out its duties under this section, including, but not limited to, evaluating avoided cost rates, methodologies, terms, calculations, and conditions under this section. The commission is exempt from complying with the State Procurement Code in the selection and hiring of a third-party consultant or expert authorized by this subsection. The commission shall engage, for each utility, a qualified independent third party to submit a report that includes the third party's independently derived conclusions as to that third party's opinion of each utility's calculation of avoided costs for purposes of proceedings conducted pursuant to this section. The qualified independent third party is subject to the same ex parte prohibitions contained in Chapter 3, Title 58 as all other parties. The qualified independent third party shall submit all requests for documents and information necessary to their analysis under the authority of the commission and the commission shall have full authority to compel response to the requests. The qualified independent third party's duty will be to the commission. Any conclusions based on the evidence in the record and included in the report are intended to be used by the commission along with all other evidence submitted during the proceeding to inform its ultimate decision setting the avoided costs for each electrical utility. The utilities may require confidentiality agreements with the independent third party that do not impede the third-party analysis. The utilities shall be responsive in providing all~~

~~documents, information, and items necessary for the completion of the report. The independent third party shall also include in the report a statement assessing the level of cooperation received from the utility during the development of the report and whether there were any material information requests that were not adequately fulfilled by the electrical utility. Any party to this proceeding shall be able to review the report including the confidential portions of the report upon entering into an appropriate confidentiality agreement. The commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff may not hire the same third-party consultant or expert in the same proceeding or to address the same or similar issues in different proceedings.~~

~~(J)~~ (I) Each electrical utility's avoided cost filing must be reasonably transparent so that underlying assumptions, data, and results can be independently reviewed and verified by the parties and the commission. The commission may approve any confidentiality protections necessary to allow for independent review and verification of the avoided cost filing.

SECTION 20. Chapter 41, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-41-25. (A) Unless an electrical utility makes an application pursuant to subsection (F) or (G), electrical utilities may file for commission approval of a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy facilities which may also include, at the utility's option, associated co-located energy storage facilities, also referred to as "eligible facilities", or purchase one-hundred percent of the output from such eligible facilities, including all energy, capacity, ancillary services, and environmental and renewable attributes. Eligible facilities may be located anywhere in the electrical utility's balancing authority area to meet needs for new generation and energy storage resources identified by the electrical utility's integrated resource plan and associated filings. The commission may not grant approval unless the commission finds and determines that the electrical utility satisfied the requirements of this section and the proposed program is just and reasonable and in the best interests of the electrical utility's customers.

(B) An electrical utility's competitive procurement program filed pursuant to this section must describe the solicitation process, eligibility criteria, timelines, bid evaluation methodology, and identify whether resources procured are intended to also service customer-directed renewable energy procurement programs. The program must be designed to procure renewable energy facilities and at the utility's election, associated co-located energy storage resources, or the output of

those facilities, subject to the following requirements:

(1) renewable energy facilities, and if applicable, energy storage resources, or their output, must be procured via a competitive solicitation process open to all market participants that meet minimum stated eligibility requirements;

(2) the electrical utility shall issue public notification of its intention to issue a competitive solicitation to procure renewable energy facilities and associated co-located energy storage facilities, if applicable, at least ninety days prior to the release of the solicitation, including identifying the proposed target procurement volume, procurement process, and timeline for administering the solicitation;

(3) renewable energy facilities eligible to participate in competitive procurement are those that use renewable generation resources identified in Section 58-39-120(F), which must also satisfy that electrical utility's capacity, energy, or operational needs, as identified by the electrical utility, and take into account the required operating characteristics of the needed capacity;

(4) energy storage facilities, if included by the electrical utility in the solicitation, must be associated equipment located at the same site as the renewable energy facility;

(5) electrical utilities may seek to ensure that their procurement of eligible facilities results in a reasonable balance of ownership of eligible facilities between such utility, including its affiliates and unrelated market participants, and may offer self-developed proposals. However, if an electrical utility or its affiliate seek to participate in the procurement, the electrical utility's program must include an independent evaluator to evaluate all bids offered and to ensure they are fairly and competitively evaluated. For purposes of this section, "independent evaluator" means an independent third party retained by the electrical utility that has no ownership in the electrical utility or a market participant and has the skills and experience necessary to oversee the solicitation process and provide the utility with an independent evaluation of all proposals for ultimate selection. At the conclusion of the solicitation, the independent evaluator shall report to the commission on the openness and fairness of the bid evaluation process and certify that the selection of proposals adhered to the evaluation methodology and requirement of the program.

(C) An electrical utility must make the following publicly available at least forty-five days prior to each competitive solicitation:

(1) pro-forma contract to inform prospective market participants of the procurement terms and conditions for the output purchased by the

electrical utility from eligible resources. The pro-forma contract must:

(a) provide for the purchase of renewable energy, capacity, and environmental and renewable attributes from renewable energy facilities owned and operated by third parties that commit to allow the procuring electrical utility rights to dispatch, operate, and control the solicited renewable energy facilities in the same manner as the electrical utility's own generating resources;

(b) include standardized and commercially reasonable requirements for contract performance security; and

(c) define limits and compensation for resource dispatch and curtailments.

In the event an electrical utility chooses to procure output from co-located storage, the pro-forma contract must also cover similar terms and conditions as specified herein for those eligible facilities.

(2) pro-forma agreements to govern the procurement of eligible facilities by the electrical utility from market participants;

(3) bid evaluation methodology that ensures all bids are treated equitably, including price and non-price evaluation criteria; and

(4) interconnection requirements, including specification of how bids without existing interconnection agreements will be treated for purposes of evaluation.

(D) After bids are submitted and evaluated, the electrical utility will elect the winning bids based upon the public evaluation methodology.

(E) An electrical utility shall file with the commission a public report summarizing the results of each competitive solicitation within thirty days of finalizing the contract with the winning bidder. The report must include, at a minimum, a summary of the bids received and an anonymized list of the project awards, including size, location, and average award price and tenor.

(F) Nothwithstanding the requirements in subsections (B) and (C), the results of all other competitive procurement programs undertaken by an electrical utility within its balancing authority area outside of South Carolina that will serve customers in the electrical utility's balancing authority area within South Carolina and are open to equal participation by eligible facilities located within South Carolina may be approved by the commission if the commission determines such programs enable economic, reliable, and safe operation of the electricity grid in a manner consistent with the public interest. For purposes of this section, "public interest" shall also include the ability of customers to subscribe to customer programs which leverage the competitively procured solar and potential storage contemplated within this section. Any electrical utility

that requests acceptance of a system-wide procurement pursuant to this section must demonstrate to the commission that the utility has adhered to subsection (D) as defined in that specific competitive procurement program and submit the post solicitation report to the commission, as required by subsection (E).

(G) The commission may determine that a competitive procurement program within an electrical utility's balancing authority area outside of South Carolina that serves customers in the utility's area within South Carolina and is open to equal participation by eligible facilities located within South Carolina satisfies the requirements of this section.

(H) Electrical utilities are permitted to recover costs incurred pursuant to this section, including reasonable and prudent administrative costs to develop and propose procurements under this section, and if approved by the commission, the costs resulting from such procurements through rates established pursuant to Section 58-27-865 or otherwise through rates established pursuant to Section 58-27-870. If the commission denies an application made pursuant to subsection (F) or (G) of this section, and the utility continues with the procurement, then the utility must allocate all costs and benefits associated with the resources being procured away from South Carolina customers.

(I) An electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and storage facilities that has been approved by the commission pursuant to Section 58-41-25 that is open to qualifying small power production facilities located in South Carolina may utilize such programs as means to satisfy its purchase obligations for avoidable capacity from qualifying small power production facilities under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, consistent with Section 58-41-20(F)(3).

SECTION 21.A.Section 58-33-20 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(10) The term "like facility" with reference to generation facilities and without limitation, includes a facility or facilities that are proposed to provide capacity on a site currently or previously used for siting electric generation that replaces the capacity of a facility or facilities that are being retired, downrated, mothballed, or dedicated to standby or emergency service at the same site, limited to facilities no more than 300 megawatts, so long as those new facilities will provide an amount of effective load-carrying capacity that in whole or in part will serve to replace the capacity to be lost as a result of retirement, and includes associated transmission facilities needed to deliver power from that facility to customers. A "like facility" with reference to transmission

facilities, and without limitation, includes any facility that represents the rebuilding, reconductoring, paralleling, increasing voltage, adding circuits or otherwise reconfiguring of an existing transmission line or other transmission facilities including, without limitation, projects to increase the capacity of such facilities, provided such facilities are: (a) located materially within a utility right of way or corridor; (b) located materially within a new right of way or corridor; or (c) substantially located on the property of a customer, prospective customer, or the State.

B. Section 58-33-20(2)(a) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) The term "major utility facility" means:

(a) electric generating plant and associated facilities designed for, or capable of, operation at a capacity of more than seventy-five megawatts or that requires a footprint of more than one hundred twenty-five acres of land.

SECTION 22. Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Article 3

Certification of Major Utility Facilities

Section 58-33-110. (1) No person shall commence to construct a major utility facility without first having obtained a certificate issued with respect to such facility by the Commission. The replacement of an existing facility with a like facility, as determined by the Commission, shall not constitute construction of a major utility facility. Upon application for a determination by the Commission that a proposed utility facility constitutes a like facility replacement, the Commission must issue a written order approving or denying the application within sixty days of filing. If the Commission fails to issue a written order within sixty days of the application's filing, the application shall be deemed as approved. Any facility, with respect to which a certificate is required, shall be constructed, operated and maintained in conformity with the certificate and any terms, conditions and modifications contained therein. A certificate may only be issued pursuant to this chapter; provided, however, any authorization relating to a major utility facility granted under other laws administered by the Commission shall constitute a certificate if the requirements of this chapter have been complied with in the proceeding leading to the granting of such authorization.

(2) A certificate may be transferred, subject to the approval of the Commission, to a person who agrees to comply with the terms, conditions and modifications contained therein.

(3) A certificate may be amended.

(4) This chapter shall not apply to any major utility facility:

(a) the construction of which is commenced within one year after January 1, 1972; or

(b) for which, prior to January 1, 1972, an application for the approval has been made to any federal, state, regional, or local governmental agency which possesses the jurisdiction to consider the matters prescribed for finding and determination in subsection (1) of Section 58-33-160.

(c) for which, prior to January 1, 1972, a governmental agency has approved the construction of the facility and indebtedness has been incurred to finance all or part of the cost of such construction;

(d) which is a hydroelectric generating facility over which the ~~Federal Power Commission~~Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has licensing jurisdiction; or

(e) which is a transmission line or associated electrical transmission facilities constructed by the South Carolina Public Service Authority~~,~~: (i) for which construction either is commenced within one year after January 1, 2022~~,~~; ~~or~~ (ii) which is necessary to maintain system reliability in connection with the closure of the Winyah Generating Station, provided that such transmission is not for generation subject to this chapter; or (iii) which is necessary to serve an identified commercial or industrial customer to promote economic development or industry retention as determined by the South Carolina Public Service Authority and agreed to by the Office of Regulatory Staff where such agreement is documented in a letter by the Office of Regulatory Staff to the Public Utilities Review Committee and the commission.

(5) Any person intending to construct a major utility facility excluded from this chapter pursuant to subsection (4) of this section or Section 58-33-20(10) may elect to waive the exclusion by delivering notice of the waiver to the Commission. This chapter shall thereafter apply to each major utility facility identified in the notice from the date of its receipt by the Commission.

(6) The Commission shall have authority to waive the normal notice and hearing requirements of this chapter and to issue a certificate on an emergency basis if it finds that immediate construction of a major utility facility is justified by public convenience and necessity; provided, that the Public Service Commission shall notify all parties concerned under Section 58-33-140 prior to the issuance of such

certificate; provided, further, that the Commission may subsequently require a modification of the facility if, after giving due consideration to the major utility facility, available technology and the economics involved, it finds such modification necessary in order to minimize the environmental impact.

(7) The Commission shall have authority, where justified by public convenience and necessity, to grant permission to a person who has made application for a certificate under Section 58-33-120 to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging and construction.~~,~~ ~~provided, ,~~ No permission from the Commission shall be required to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging, and initial construction of any facility which constitutes a component of the preferred generation plan in an integrated resource plan or update approved by the Commission pursuant to Chapter 37 of this title, or any like facility; provided that in engaging in such clearing, excavation, dredging or construction, the person shall proceed at his own risk, and such permission shall not in any way indicate approval by the Commission of the proposed site or facility.

(8)~~(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of item (7), and not limiting the provisions above, a person may not commence construction of a major utility facility for generation in the State of South Carolina without first having made a demonstration~~ In seeking a certificate, the applicant must provide credible information demonstrating that the facility to be built has been compared to other generation options in terms of cost, reliability, schedule constraints, fuel cost and availability, transmission constraints and costs, ancillary services capabilities, current and reasonably expected future environmental costs and restrictions, that the facility supports system efficiency and reliability in light of those considerations, and any other regulatory implications deemed legally or reasonably necessary for consideration by the commission. The commission is authorized to adopt rules for such evaluation of other generation options.

(b) The ~~commission may, upon a showing of a need, require a commission-approved process that includes~~ Office of Regulatory Staff may provide to the commission a report that includes any or all of the following:

(i) ~~the~~ an assessment of an unbiased independent evaluator retained by the Office of Regulatory Staff as to reasonableness of any certificate sought under this section for new generation;

(ii) a report from the independent evaluator to the commission regarding the transparency, completeness, and integrity of

bidding processes, if any;

(iii) an assessment of whether there was a reasonable period for interested parties to review and comment on proposed requests for proposals, bid instructions, and bid evaluation criteria, if any, prior to finalization and issuance, subject to any trade secrets that could hamper future negotiations; however, the independent evaluator may access all such information;

~~(iv) independent evaluator access and review of final bid evaluation criteria and pricing information for any and all projects to be evaluated in comparison to the request for proposal bids received;~~

~~(v) access through discovery, subject to appropriate confidentiality, attorney-client privilege or trade secret restrictions, for parties to this proceeding to documents developed in preparing the certificate of public convenience and necessity application;~~

~~(vi)~~ (iv) ~~a demonstration that~~ an assessment of whether the facility is consistent with an integrated resource plan or update ~~approved by~~ previously filed with the commission or is otherwise justified by generation planning modeling comparable to that filed as part of the utility's integrated resource plan but updated with current data concerning system loads, fuel prices, environmental regulations, location-specific transmission costs, updated construction costs and updated construction timelines, updated costs of gas supply facilities, if any, and other relevant costs, schedules or inputs establishing that the facility in question supports system economy and reliability; and

~~(vii)~~ (v) an assessment detailing the treatment of utility affiliates ~~in the same manner~~ as compared to nonaffiliates participating in the request for proposal process, if any.

(9) The applicant may, but must not be required to, issue requests for proposals or otherwise conduct market procurement activities in support of the showings required pursuant to this chapter.

(10) Not withstanding any other provision in this section, an electrical utility serving customers in this state may seek a certificate of public convenience and necessity when building a major utility facility, as defined in Section 58-33-20(2), in another state but within the electrical utility's balancing area serving customers in South Carolina. In such a case, the provisions of Sections 58-33-120, 58-33-140, and 58-33-160(1)(b), (c), and (e) shall not apply, but all other requirements of this section affecting customers in this state shall apply. In addition:

(a) an applicant for a certificate shall file an

application with the commission in such form as the commission may prescribe. The application must contain the following information:

(i) a description of the location and of the major utility facility to be built;

(ii) a summary of any studies which have been made by or for the applicant of the environmental impact of the major utility facility;

(iii) a statement explaining the need for the major utility facility;

(iv) any other information the applicant may consider relevant or as the commission may by regulation require. A copy of the report referred to in item (8)(b) must be filed with the commission, if ordered by the commission, and shall be available for public information.

(b) The parties to a proceeding for a certificate pursuant to this section shall include:

(i) the applicant;

(ii) the Office of Regulatory Staff; and

(iii) intervenors with standing as approved by the commission.

(c) If the commission denies an application made pursuant to this section and the utility continues to build such major utility facility, the utility must allocate all costs and benefits associated with the major utility facility away from the utility's South Carolina customers.

Section 58-33-120. (1) An applicant for a certificate shall file an application with the commission, in such form as the commission may prescribe. The application must contain the following information:

(a) a description of the location and of the major utility facility to be built;

(b) a summary of any studies which have been made by or for applicant of the environmental impact of the facility;

(c) a statement explaining the need for the facility; and

(d) any other information as the applicant may consider relevant or as the commission may by regulation ~~or order~~ require. A copy of the study referred to in item (b) above shall be filed with the commission, if ordered, and shall be available for public information.

(2) Each application shall be accompanied by proof of

service of a copy of the application on the Office of Regulatory Staff, the chief executive officer of each municipality, and the head of each state and local government agency, charged with the duty of protecting the environment or of planning land use, in the area in the county in which any portion of the facility is to be located. The copy of the application shall be accompanied by a notice specifying the date on or about which the application is to be filed.

(3) Each application also must be accompanied by proof that public notice was given to persons residing in the municipalities entitled to receive notice under subsection (2) of this section, by the publication of a summary of the application, and the date on or about which it is to be filed, in newspapers of general circulation as will serve substantially to inform such persons of the application.

(4) Inadvertent failure of service on, or notice to, any of the municipalities, government agencies, or persons identified in subsections (2) and (3) of this section may be cured pursuant to orders of the commission designed to afford them adequate notice to enable their effective participation in the proceeding. In addition, the commission may, after filing, require the applicant to serve notice of the application or copies thereof, or both, upon such other persons, and file proof thereof, as the commission may deem appropriate.

(5) An application for an amendment of a certificate shall be in such form and contain such information as the commission shall prescribe. Notice of the application shall be given as set forth in subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

Section 58-33-130. (1) Upon the receipt of an application complying with Section 58-33-120, the Commission shall promptly fix a date for the commencement of a public hearing, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after the receipt, and ~~shall conclude the proceedings as expeditiously as practicable~~ complete the hearing and issue an order on the merits within one hundred eighty days of receipt of the application.

(2) The testimony presented at the hearing may be presented in writing or orally,- provided that the Commission may make rules designed to exclude repetitive, redundant or irrelevant testimony; however, all expert testimony must be prefiled with the Commission, with responsive expert testimony of non-applicants being received with enough time for the applicant to meaningfully respond, and in no case would expert testimony be filed less than twenty days before the hearing.

~~(2)~~(3) On an application for an amendment of a certificate, the Commission shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a

hearing is held on an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any significant increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of the facility; provided, that the Public Service Commission shall forward a copy of the application to all parties upon the filing of an application.

Section 58-33-140. (1) The parties to a certification proceeding shall include:

(a) the applicant;

(b) the Office of Regulatory Staff, the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism;

(c) each municipality and government agency entitled to receive service of a copy of the application under subsection (2) of Section 58-33-120 if it has filed with the commission a notice of intervention as a party within thirty days after the date it was served with a copy of the application; and

(d) any person residing in a municipality entitled to receive service of a copy of the application under subsection (2) of Section 58-33-120, any domestic nonprofit organization, formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health, or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interest, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the facility is to be located; or any other person, if such a person or organization has petitioned the commission for leave to intervene as a party, within thirty days after the date given in the published notice as the date for filing the application, and if the petition has been granted by the commission for good cause shown.

(2) Any person may make a limited appearance in the sixty days after the date given in the published notice as the date for filing the application. No person making a limited appearance shall be a party or shall have the right to present oral testimony or argument or cross-examine witnesses.

(3) The commission may, in extraordinary circumstances for good cause shown, and giving consideration to the need for timely start of construction of the facility, grant a petition for leave to intervene as a party to participate in subsequent phases of the proceeding, filed by a municipality, government agency, person, or organization which is identified in paragraphs (b) or (c) of subsection (1) of this section, but which failed to file a timely notice of intervention or

petition for leave to intervene, as the case may be.

Section 58-33-150. A record shall be made of ~~the~~any hearing and of all testimony taken and the cross-examination thereon. ~~Upon request of a party, either before or after the decision, a State agency which proposes to or does require a condition to be included in the certificate as provided for in Section 58-33-160 shall furnish for the record all factual findings, documents, studies, rules, regulations, standards, or other documentation, supporting the condition.~~ The Commission may provide for the consolidation of the representation of parties having similar interests.

Section 58-33-160. (1) The Commission shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions or modifications of the construction, operation or maintenance of the major utility facility as the Commission may deem appropriate; such conditions shall be as determined by the applicable State agency having jurisdiction or authority under statutes, rules, regulations or standards promulgated thereunder, and the conditions shall become a part of the certificate. The Commission ~~may not~~must grant a certificate for the construction, operation and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the Commission, ~~unless it shall find and determine~~if it finds and determines that the applicant has shown:

(a) The basis of the need for the facility.

(b) The nature of the probable environmental impact.

(c) That the impact of the facility upon the environment is justified, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives and other pertinent considerations.

(d) That the facilities will serve the interests of system economy and reliability, and in the case of generating facilities, will do so considering reasonably available alternatives and their associated costs, risks, and operating attributes.

(e) That there is reasonable assurance that the proposed facility will conform to applicable State and local laws and regulations issued thereunder, including any allowable variance provisions therein, except that the Commission may refuse to apply any local law or local regulation if it finds that, as applied to the proposed facility, such law or regulation is unreasonably restrictive in view of the existing technology, or of factors of cost or economics or of the needs of consumers whether located inside or outside of the directly affected government subdivisions.

(f) That public convenience and necessity require the construction of the facility.

(2) If the Commission determines that the location of all or a part of the proposed facility should be modified, it may condition its certificate upon such modification, provided that the municipalities and persons residing therein affected by the modification shall have been given reasonable notice.

(3) A copy of the decision and any ~~opinion~~ order shall be served by the Commission upon each party.

Section 58-33-170. In rendering a decision on an application for a certificate, the Commission shall issue an ~~opinion~~order stating its reasons for the action taken. If the Commission has found that any regional or local law or regulation, which would be otherwise applicable, is unreasonably restrictive pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of Section 58-33-160, it shall state in its ~~opinion~~ order the reasons therefor.

Section 58-33-180. (A)~~(1)~~ In addition to the requirements of Articles 1, 3, 5, and 7 of Chapter 33, Title 58, a certificate for the construction of a major utility facility shall be granted only if the Public Service Authority demonstrates and proves by a preponderance of the evidence and the commission finds:

~~(a)~~(1) the construction of a major utility facility constitutes a more cost-effective means for serving direct serve and wholesale customers than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives and provides less ratepayer risk while maintaining safe and reliable electric service than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives; and

~~(b)~~(2) energy efficiency measures; demand-side management; renewable energy resource generation; available long-term power supply alternatives, or any combination thereof, would not establish or maintain a more cost-effective and reliable generation system and that the construction and operation of the facility is in the public interest.

~~(2)~~(B) Available long-term power supply alternatives may include, but are not limited to, power purchase agreements, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof.

~~(3)~~(C) The commission shall consider any previous

analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's resource and fuel diversity, reasonably anticipated future operating costs, arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

~~(B)~~(D)The Public Service Authority shall file an estimate of construction costs in such detail as the commission may require. ~~No certificate shall be granted unless the commission has approved the estimated construction costs and made a finding that construction will be consistent with the Authority's commission-approved plan for expansion of electric generating capacity.~~

Section 58-33-185. (A) The Public Service Authority may not ~~enter into a contract for the acquisition of~~ acquire a major utility facility without approval of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, provided that the approval is required only to the extent the transaction is not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any other federal agency.

(B)(1) In acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section, the Public Service Authority must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the proposed transaction constitutes a more cost-effective means for serving direct serve and wholesale customers than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives and provides less ratepayer risk while maintaining safe and reliable electric service than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives. The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

(2) Available long-term power supply alternatives may include, but not be limited to, power purchase agreements of a different duration than proposed, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof.

(C) Application for the approval of the commission shall be made by the Public Service Authority and shall contain a concise statement of the proposed action, the reasons therefor, and such other information as may be required by the commission.

(D) Upon the receipt of an application, the commission shall promptly fix a date for the commencement of a public hearing, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after the receipt, and shall conclude the proceedings as expeditiously as practicable. The commission shall establish notice requirements and proceedings shall include an opportunity for intervention, discovery, filed comments or testimony, and an evidentiary hearing.

(E) The commission shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions or modifications as the commission may deem appropriate.

(F)(1) The commission may not grant approval unless it shall find and determine that the Public Service Authority satisfied all requirements of this section and the proposed transaction is in the best interests of the retail and wholesale customers of the Public Service Authority.

(2) The commission also may require compliance with any provision of Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 that the commission determines necessary to grant approval.

Section 58-33-190. (1) The Public Service Authority may not enter into a contract for the purchase of power with a duration longer than ten years without approval of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, provided that the approval is required only to the extent the transaction is not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any other federal agency. This section does not apply to purchases of renewable power through a commission approved competitive procurement process.

(2) The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's resource and fuel diversity, reasonably anticipated future operating costs, arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power, and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

(3) The commission may not grant approval unless it shall find and determine that the proposed transaction is in the best

interests of the retail and wholesale customers of the Public Service Authority.

SECTION 23. Section 58-37-40 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-40. (A) Electrical utilities, electric cooperatives, municipally owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority must each prepare an integrated resource plan. An integrated resource plan must be prepared and submitted at least every three years. Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring interstate natural gas companies whose rates and services are regulated only by the federal government or gas utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the commission to prepare and submit an integrated resource plan.

(1) Each electrical utility with one hundred thousand or more customer accounts and the Public Service Authority must submit its integrated resource plan to the commission. The integrated resource plan must be posted on the electrical utility's website and on the commission's website.

(2) Electric cooperatives, electric utilities with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts, and municipally owned electric utilities shall each submit an integrated resource plan to the State Energy Office. Each integrated resource plan must be posted on the State Energy Office's website. If an electric cooperative, electric utility with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts, or municipally owned utility has a website, its integrated resource plan must also be posted on its website. For distribution~~,~~ electric cooperatives that are members of a cooperative that provides wholesale service, the integrated resource plan may be coordinated and consolidated into a single plan provided that nonshared resources or programs of individual distribution cooperatives are highlighted. Where plan components listed in subsection (B)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to a distribution or wholesale cooperative or a municipally owned electric utility as a result of the cooperative or the municipally owned electric utility not owning or operating generation resources, the plan may state that fact or refer to the plan of the wholesale power generator. Where plan components listed in subsection (B)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to an electrical utility with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts as a result of its own generation resources being comprised of more than seventy-five percent renewable energy or because it purchases wholesale load balancing generation services, then the plan may state that fact or refer to the plan of the wholesale power generator. For purposes of this section, a wholesale power generator does not include a municipally

created joint agency if that joint agency receives at least seventy-five percent of its electricity from a generating facility owned in partnership with an electrical utility and that electrical utility:

(a) generally serves the area in which the joint agency's members are located; and

(b) is responsible for dispatching the capacity and output of the generated electricity.

(3) The South Carolina Public Service Authority shall submit its integrated resource plan to the commission. The Public Service Authority shall develop a public process allowing for input from all stakeholders prior to submitting the integrated resource plan. The integrated resource plan must be developed in consultation with the electric cooperatives and municipally owned electric utilities purchasing power and energy from the Public Service Authority and consider any feedback provided by retail customers and shall include the effect of demand-side management activities of the electric cooperatives and municipally owned electric utilities that directly purchase power and energy from the Public Service Authority or sell power and energy generated by the Public Service Authority. The integrated resource plan must be posted on the commission's website and on the Public Service Authority's website.

(4)(a) In addition to the requirements of Section 58-37-40(B), the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan shall include an analysis of long-term power supply alternatives and enumerate the cost of various resource portfolios over various study periods including a twenty-year study period and, by comparison on a net present value basis, identify the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements while maintaining safe and reliable electric service.

(b) In addition to the requirements of Section 58-37-40(B), the commission shall review and evaluate the Public Service Authority's analysis of long-term power supply alternatives and various resource portfolios over various study periods including a twenty-year study period and, by comparison on a net present value basis, identify the most cost-effective and lowest ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements while maintaining safe and reliable electric service. The commission's evaluation shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) evaluating the cost-effectiveness and ratepayer-risk of self-build generation and transmission options

compared with various long-term power supply alternatives, including power purchase agreements, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof. In evaluating and identifying the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio, the commission shall strive to reduce the risk to ratepayers associated with any generation and transmission options while maintaining safe and reliable electric service; and

(ii) an analysis of any potential cost savings that might accrue to ratepayers from the retirement of remaining coal generation assets.

(c) The Authority's integrated resource plan must provide the information required in Section 58-37-40(B) and must be developed in consultation with the electric cooperatives, including Central Electric Power Cooperative, and municipally owned electric utilities purchasing power and energy from the Public Service Authority, and consider any feedback provided by retail customers and shall include the effect of demand-side management activities of the electric cooperatives, including Central Electric Power Cooperative, and municipally owned electric utilities that directly purchase power and energy from the Public Service Authority or sell power and energy generated by the Public Service Authority. The Integrated Resource Plan of the South Carolina Public Service Authority shall include and evaluate at least one resource portfolio, which will reflect the closure of the Winyah Generating Station by 2028, designed to provide safe and reliable electric service while meeting a net zero carbon emission goal by the year 2050.

(B)(1) An integrated resource plan shall include all of the following:

(a) a long-term forecast of the utility's sales and peak demand under various reasonable scenarios;

(b) the type of generation technology proposed for a generation facility contained in the plan and the proposed capacity of the generation facility, including fuel cost sensitivities under various reasonable scenarios;

(c) projected energy purchased or produced by the utility from a renewable energy resource;

(d) a summary of the electrical transmission investments planned by the utility;

(e) several resource portfolios developed with the purpose of fairly evaluating the range of demand-side, supply-side, storage, and other technologies and services available to meet the utility's service obligations. Such portfolios and evaluations must include an evaluation of low, medium, and high cases for the adoption of renewable energy and cogeneration, energy efficiency, and demand response measures, including consideration of the following:

(i) customer energy efficiency and demand response programs;

(ii) facility retirement assumptions; and

(iii) sensitivity analyses related to fuel costs, environmental regulations, and other uncertainties or risks;

(f) data regarding the utility's current generation portfolio, including the age, licensing status, and remaining estimated life of operation for each facility in the portfolio;

(g) plans for meeting current and future capacity needs with the cost estimates for all proposed resource portfolios in the plan;

(h) an analysis of the cost and reliability impacts of all reasonable options available to meet projected energy and capacity needs~~; and~~

(i) a forecast of the utility's peak demand, details regarding the amount of peak demand reduction the utility expects to achieve, and the actions the utility proposes to take in order to achieve that peak demand reduction; and

(j) a report addressing updates to the utility's transmission plan under the utility's open-access transmission tariff pursuant to the federal jurisdiction planning process. In this report, the utility shall describe if applicable planned transmission improvements may enable specific siting of new resources or provide expected and planned impacts to other resource interconnection constraints or operations of the systems. The utility shall also describe how it evaluated alternate transmission technologies when developing solutions for identified transmission needs for interconnecting resources.

(2) An integrated resource plan may include distribution resource plans or integrated system operation plans.

(C)(1) The commission shall have a proceeding to review each electrical utility subject to subsection (A)(1) and the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan. As part of the integrated resource plan filing, the commission shall allow intervention by interested parties. The procedural schedule shall include dates for

completion of each phase of discovery, including discovery related to the integrated resource plan as filed, direct testimony of the applicant, direct testimony of the Office of Regulatory Staff and other parties and intervenors, and rebuttal testimony of the applicant. Except upon showing exceptional circumstances, all discovery shall be served in time to allow its completion, but not less than ten days prior to the hearing. The commission shall establish a procedural schedule to permit reasonable discovery after an integrated resource plan is filed in order to assist parties in obtaining evidence concerning the integrated resource plan, including the reasonableness and prudence of the plan and alternatives to the plan raised by intervening parties. No later than three hundred days after an electrical utility files an integrated resource plan, the commission shall issue a final order approving, modifying, or denying the plan filed by the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority.

(2) The commission shall approve an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan if the commission determines that the proposed integrated resource plan represents the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's energy and capacity needs as of the time the plan is reviewed. ~~To determine whether the integrated resource plan is the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting energy and capacity needs, the commission, in its discretion, shall consider whether the plan appropriately balances the following factors.~~ In reviewing an integrated resource plan, the commission shall give due consideration as to the resources and actions necessary for the utility to fulfill compliance and reliability obligations pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, the Southeastern Electric Reliability Council, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, as well as environmental requirements applicable to resources serving customers in this state. Matters related to the scope and sufficiency of an electrical utility’s demand-side plans and activities shall be considered exclusively in proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 58-37-20. In reviewing an integrated resource plan, the commission shall focus its review on the decisions which the applicant must make in the near term based on the triennial integrated resource plan under consideration at the time and shall approve a plan if it finds that the plan appropriately balances the following factors:

(a) resource adequacy and capacity to serve anticipated peak electrical load, including the need for electric capacity

and energy required to support economic development and industry retention in the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's service territory and to meet applicable planning reserve margins;

(b) consumer affordability and least reasonable cost, considering the resources needed to support economic development and industry retention, and other risks and benefits;

(c) compliance with applicable state and federal environmental regulations;

(d) power supply reliability;

(e) commodity price risks;

(f) diversity of generation supply; ~~and~~

(g) the efficiencies and optimum plans for any electrical utility system spanning state lines located within the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's balancing authority area; and

(h) other foreseeable conditions that the commission determines to be for the public's interest.

(3) In modifying or rejecting an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan, the commission shall only require revisions that are reasonably anticipated to materially change resource procurement decisions to be made on the basis of the integrated resource plan under review. If the commission modifies or rejects an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan, the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority, within sixty days after the date of the final order, shall submit a revised plan addressing concerns identified by the commission and incorporating commission-mandated revisions to the integrated resource plan to the commission for approval. Within sixty days of the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's revised filing, the Office of Regulatory Staff shall review the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's revised plan and submit a report to the commission assessing the sufficiency of the revised filing. Other parties to the integrated resource plan proceeding also may submit comments. No later than sixty days after the Office of Regulatory Staff report is filed with the commission, the commission at its discretion may determine whether to accept the revised integrated resource plan or to mandate further remedies that the commission deems appropriate.

(4) The submission, review, and acceptance of an integrated resource plan by the commission, or the inclusion of any specific resource ~~or experience~~ in an accepted integrated resource plan, shall not be determinative of the reasonableness or prudence of the acquisition or construction of any resource or the making of any

expenditure. An electrical utility shall retain the burden of proof to show that all of its investments and expenditures are reasonable and prudent when seeking cost recovery in rates.

(D)(1) An electrical utility and the Public Service Authority shall each submit annual updates to its integrated resource plan to the commission. An annual update must include an update to the electric utility's or the Public Service Authority's base planning assumptions relative to its most recently accepted integrated resource plan, including, but not limited to: energy and demand forecast, commodity fuel price inputs, renewable energy forecast, energy efficiency and demand-side management forecasts, changes to projected retirement dates of existing units, along with other inputs the commission deems to be for the public interest. The electrical utility's or Public Service Authority's annual update must describe the impact of the updated base planning assumptions on the selected resource plan.

(2) The Office of Regulatory Staff shall review each electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's annual update and submit a report within ninety days to the commission providing a recommendation concerning the reasonableness of the annual update. After reviewing the annual update and the Office of Regulatory Staff report, the commission may accept the annual update or direct the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority to make changes to the annual update that the commission determines to be in the public interest within sixty days from the submittal of the Office of Regulatory Staff's report.

(E) Intervenors shall bear their own costs of participating in proceedings before the commission.

~~(E)~~(F) The commission is authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 24. Section 58-3-260 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-260. (A) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Proceeding" means a contested case, generic proceeding, or other matter to be adjudicated, decided, or arbitrated by the commission.

(2) "Person" means a party to a proceeding pending before the commission, a member of the Office of Regulatory Staff, a representative of a party to a proceeding pending before the commission, individuals, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, elected officials of state government, and other public and elected officials.

(3) "Communication" means the transmitting of

information by any mode including, but not limited to, oral, written, or electronic.

(4) "Allowable ex parte communication briefing" means any communication that is conducted pursuant to the procedure outlined in subsection (C)(6) of this section.

(5) "Communication of supplemental legal citation" means the submission, subsequent to the submission of post-hearing briefs or proposed orders in a proceeding, of statutes, regulations, judicial or administrative decisions that are enacted, promulgated, or determined after the submission of post-hearing briefs or proposed orders.

(6) "Issue" means a specific request for relief or for other action from the commission in a pending or anticipated matter, legal or regulatory arguments, and policy considerations. "Issue" does not include:

(a) general information concerning the operations, administration, planning, projects, customer service, storms or storm response, accidents, outages, or investments of an entity regulated by the commission that is not confidential and proprietary and is available to the public; or

(b) any confidential information that affects energy security, such as physical or cybersecurity matters, provided that such information is also provided to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

Any communication pursuant to subitems (a) or (b) that does not contain a specific request for relief or for other action from the commission in a pending matter or anticipated matter and is provided to the commission must be in writing and must be posted on the commission's website with any confidential information redacted.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided herein or unless required for the disposition of ex parte matters specifically authorized by law, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee shall not communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any issue that is an issue in any proceeding or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in any proceeding with any person without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate in the communication, nor shall any person communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any issue that is an issue in any proceeding or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in any proceeding with any commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate in the communication.

(2) Commissioners must limit their consideration of matters before them to the record presented by the parties and may not rely on material not presented in the record by the parties.

(C) The following communications are exempt from the prohibitions of subsection (B) of this section:

(1) a communication concerning compliance with procedural requirements if the procedural matter is not an area of controversy in a proceeding;

(2) statements made by a commission employee who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in formulating a decision, rule, or order in a proceeding, where the statements are limited to providing publicly available information about pending proceedings;

(3) inquiries relating solely to the status of a proceeding, unless the inquiry: (a) states or implies a view as to the merits or outcome of the proceeding; (b) states or implies a preference for a particular party or which states why timing is important to a particular party; (c) indicates a view as to the date by which a proceeding should be resolved; or (d) is otherwise intended to address the merits or outcome or to influence the timing of a proceeding;

(4) a communication made by or to commission employees that concerns judicial review of a matter that has been decided by the commission and is no longer within the commission's jurisdiction; however, if the matter is remanded to the commission for further action, the provisions of this section shall apply during the period of the remand;

(5) where circumstances require, ex parte communications for scheduling, administrative purposes, or emergencies that do not deal with substantive matters or issues on the merits are authorized provided:

(a) the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee reasonably believes that no party will gain a procedural or tactical advantage as a result of the ex parte communication; and

(b) the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee makes provision promptly to notify all other parties of the substance of the ex parte communication and, where possible, allows an opportunity to respond;

(6)(a) subject to the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 30, communications, directly or indirectly, regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding for the purposes of an allowable ex parte communication

briefing if:

~~(i) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee attends the briefing and files a written certification, within seventy-two hours of the briefing, attaching copies of all statements and all other matters filed by all persons pursuant to subsubitems (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this subsection, with the chief clerk of the commission that such briefing was conducted in compliance with the provisions of this section and that each party, person, commissioner, or commission employee present has complied with the reporting and certification requirements of subsubitems (ii), (iii), and (iv); and within twenty-four hours of the submission by the executive director, the commission posts on its web site the written certification, statements, and other matters filed by the executive director;~~

~~(ii) each party, person, commissioner, and commission employee present files a written, certified statement with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff within forty-eight hours of the briefing accurately summarizing the discussions in full and attaching copies of any written materials utilized, referenced, or distributed;~~

~~(iii) each party, person, commissioner, and commission employee present, within forty-eight hours of the briefing, files a certification with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff that~~

(i) in the course of such briefing, no commissioner or commission employee shall make any~~no~~ commitment, predetermination, or prediction of any commissioner's action as to any ultimate or penultimate issue or any commission employee's opinion or recommendation as to any ultimate or penultimate issue in any proceeding, ~~was requested by any person or party~~ nor shall any person request any commitment, predetermination, or prediction ~~was~~to be given by any commissioner or commission employee as to any commission action or commission employee opinion or recommendation on any ultimate or penultimate issue;

(ii) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee must attend the briefing and certify that the commissioners and commission employees complied with the provisions in subitem (i);

~~(iv)~~(iii) each commissioner or commission employee present at the allowable ex parte communication briefing grants to every other party or person requesting an allowable ex parte communication briefing on the same or similar matter that is or can

reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding, similar access and a reasonable opportunity to communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding under the provisions of subsection (C)(6) of this section and files a written, certified statement with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff within forty-eight hours of the briefing stating that the commissioner or commission employee will comply with this provision;

~~(v)~~(iv) the commission ~~posts~~ must post on its web site, at least five business days prior to the proposed briefing, a notice of each request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing that includes the date and time of the proposed briefing, the name of the person or party who requested the briefing, the name of each commissioner and commission employee whom the person or party has requested to brief, and the subject matter to be discussed at the briefing;

(v) the commission must post on its web site within three business days after the briefing, all nonconfidential materials and documents provided to the commission as part of the ex parte briefing and a statement signed by the chief clerk of the commission that the provisions of this subsection have been followed, including the justification for actions taken to preserve the confidentiality of any confidential information provided to the commission;

(vi) the person or party initially seeking the briefing ~~requests~~must request the briefing with sufficient notice, as required in subsubitem ~~(v)~~(iv), to allow the initial briefing to be held at least twenty business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding at which the matter that is the subject of the briefing is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, and the initial briefing must be held at least twenty business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding; and

(vii) any person or party desiring to have a briefing on the same or similar matter as provided for in subsubitem (vi) shall be entitled to request ~~requests~~ a briefing so long as the request is made with sufficient time for notice, as required in subsubitem ~~(v)~~(iv), to allow the briefing to be held at least ten business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding at which the matter that is the subject of the briefing is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, and any such briefing must be held at least ten business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding;

~~(b) any person or party may object to the attendance of the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff at~~

~~an allowable ex parte communication briefing on the grounds of bias or a conflict of interest on the part of the executive director. Any such objection must be made in writing and must be filed with the executive director no later than twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled briefing. If the objecting person or party and the executive director agree upon a neutral person, that person shall serve in the executive director's stead and shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the executive director contained in subsubitem (i) and the executive director shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii). The costs of such person's services shall be charged to the party requesting the briefing and may be an allowable cost of the proceedings. If the objecting person or party and the executive director cannot agree upon a neutral person, the objecting person or party shall petition the Administrative Law Court for the appointment of a neutral person to serve in the executive director's stead, and the petition shall be given priority over all other matters within the jurisdiction of the Administrative Law Court. In the petition, the objecting party shall set forth the specific grounds supporting the objecting person's or party's allegation of bias or conflict on the part of the executive director and shall generally describe the matters to be discussed at the briefing. It shall not be sufficient grounds that the executive director is or is likely to be a party to a proceeding. The executive director shall be given an opportunity to respond. Part of the executive director's response shall include recommendations as to the experience required of the person to act in his stead. Upon a showing of actual bias or conflict of interest, the administrative law judge shall designate a person to act in the executive director's stead and that person shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the executive director contained in subsubitem (i) and the executive director shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii). Such person must have the expertise to act in the executive director's stead. The decision of the administrative law judge shall be considered interlocutory and not immediately appealable and may be appealed with the final order of the commission. The costs of such person's services shall be charged to the party requesting the briefing and may be an allowable cost of the proceedings;~~

~~(c) should the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff desire to conduct an allowable ex parte communication briefing, the chief clerk of the commission shall appoint a neutral person who shall serve in the executive director's stead and that person shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the~~

~~Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff contained in subsubitem (i). The Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii);~~

~~(d)~~(b) nothing in subsection (C)(6) of this section requires any commissioner or commission employee to grant a request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing, except as provided in subsection (C)(6)(a)~~(iv)~~(iii) of this section;

(7) a communication of supplemental legal citation if the party files copies of such documents, without comment or argument, with the chief clerk of the commission and simultaneously provides copies to all parties of record;

(8) subject to the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 30, communications between and among commissioners regarding matters pending before the commission; provided, further, that any commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee may receive aid from commission employees if the commission employees providing aid do not:

(a) receive ex parte communications of a type that the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee would be prohibited from receiving; or

(b) furnish, augment, diminish, or modify the evidence in the record.

(D) If before serving in a proceeding, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee receives an ex parte communication of a type that may not properly be received while serving, the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee must disclose the communication in the following manner: a commissioner, hearing officer, or a commission employee who receives an ex parte communication in violation of this section must promptly after receipt of the communication or, in the case of a communication prior to a filing, as soon as it is known to relate to a filing, place on the record of the matter all written and electronic communications received, all written and electronic responses to the communications, and a memorandum stating the substance of all oral communications received, all responses made, and the identity of each person from whom the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee, as appropriate, received an ex parte communication and must advise all parties that these matters have been placed on the record. Within ten days after receipt of notice of the ex parte communication, any party who desires to rebut the contents of the communication must request and shall be granted the

opportunity to rebut the contents. Parties affected by a violation may agree to a resolution of any claim regarding such violation, including the waiver of a hearing and the waiver of the obligation to report violations under subsection (I) of this section.

(E) Any person who makes an inadvertent ex parte communication must, as soon as it is known to relate to an issue in a proceeding, disclose the communication by placing on the record of the matter the communication made, if written or electronic, or a memorandum stating the substance of an inadvertent oral communication, and the identity of each person to whom the inadvertent ex parte communication was made or given. Within ten days after receipt of notice of the ex parte communication, any party who desires to rebut the contents of the communication must request and shall be granted the opportunity to rebut the contents. If no party rebuts the inadvertence of the ex parte communication within ten days after notice of the ex parte communication, the ex parte communication shall be presumed inadvertent. Parties affected by a violation may agree to a resolution of any claim regarding such violation, and the provisions of subsection (J) of this section shall not apply.

(F) If necessary to eliminate the effect of an ex parte communication received in violation of this section, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee who receives the communication may be disqualified by the commission, and the portions of the record pertaining to the communication may be sealed by protective order.

(G) Nothing in this section alters or amends Section 1-23-320(i).

(H) Nothing in this section prevents a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee from:

(1) attending educational seminars sponsored by state, regional, or national organizations and seminars not affiliated with any utility regulated by the commission; however, the provisions of this section shall apply to any communications that take place outside any formal sessions of any seminars or group presentations; or

(2) conducting a site visit of a utility facility under construction or attending educational tours of utility plants or other facilities provided:

(a) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee also attends the site visit or educational tour;

(b) a summary of the discussion is produced and

posted on the commission's website, along with copies of any written materials utilized, referenced, or distributed; and

(c) each party, person, commission, and commission employee who participated in the site visit or educational tour, within forty-eight hours of the site visit or educational tour, files a certification with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff that no commitment, predetermination, or prediction of any commissioner's action as to any ultimate or penultimate issue or any commission employee's opinion or recommendation as to any ultimate or penultimate issue in any proceeding was requested by any person or party, nor any commitment, predetermination, or prediction was given by any commissioner or commission employee as to any commission action or commission employee opinion or recommendation on any ultimate or penultimate issue.

(I) Subject to any privilege under Rule 501 of the South Carolina Rules of Evidence, any commissioner, hearing officer, commission employee, party, or any other person must report any wilful violation of this section on the part of a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee to the review committee.

(J) Any commissioner, hearing officer, commission employee, or person who wilfully violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months. If a commissioner wilfully communicates with any party or person or if any person or party wilfully communicates with a commissioner regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding less than ten business days prior to the scheduled hearing on the merits, during the hearing or after the hearing but prior to the issuance of a final order, including an order on rehearing, in a proceeding where such facts, law, or other matter is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, the commissioner shall be removed from office. If a hearing officer or commission employee wilfully communicates with any party or person or any party or person wilfully communicates with a hearing officer or commission employee regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding less than ten days prior to the scheduled hearing on the merits, during the hearing or after the hearing but prior to the issuance of a final order, including an order on rehearing, in a proceeding where such facts, law, or other matter is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, the hearing officer or commission employee shall be terminated from employment

by the commission. For purposes of this section: (1) "wilful" means an act done voluntarily and intentionally with the specific intent to do something the law forbids, or with specific intent to fail to do something the law requires to be done, that is to say with bad purpose either to disobey or disregard the law, and (2) a violation of the provisions of this section must be proved by clear and convincing evidence before a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee can be removed from office or terminated from employment.

SECTION 25. Section 58-3-270(E) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(E) The administrative law judge assigned to the ex parte communication complaint proceeding by the Administrative Law Court may issue an order tolling any deadlines imposed by any state statute for a decision by the commission on the proceeding that is the subject of the ex parte communication complaint but only to the extent that the allegations of the complaint are verified and if found to be true would indicate that the proceeding was prejudiced to the extent that the commission is unable to consider the matter in the proceeding impartially. The administrative law judge assigned to the ex parte communication complaint proceeding by the Administrative Law Court must conduct a hearing and must issue a decision within sixty days after the complaint is filed.

SECTION 26. The General Assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(1) the economic and financial well-being of South Carolina and its citizens depends upon continued economic development and industry retention and opportunities for job attraction and retention; and

(2) the cost of electricity and the availability of clean energy sources for electricity are important factors in the decision for a commercial and industrial entity to locate, expand, or maintain their existing establishments in South Carolina; and

(3) competitive electric rates, terms, and conditions, and the ability to utilize clean energy sources for electric power generation are necessary to attract prospective commercial or industrial entities to invest in South Carolina and to encourage and incent robust economic development growth and industry retention in this State; and

(4) electrical utilities are critical economic development and industry retention partners for South Carolina by offering affordable power that has helped to attract jobs and associated development.

Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 43

Economic Development Rates

Section 58-43-10. Unless otherwise specified, for purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Public Service Commission.

(2) "Contract" has the same meaning as the term is used in Section 58-27-980.

(3) "Electrical utility" has the same meaning as provided in Section 58-27-10(7).

(4) "Marginal cost" means the electrical utility's marginal cost for producing energy.

(5) "Qualifying customer" means either:

(a) an existing commercial or industrial customer with a combined firm and interruptible contract demand greater than 20 megawatts that agrees to a new or extended electric service contract with a term of five years of more; or

(b) a commercial or industrial customer that agrees to locate its operations in South Carolina or expands its existing establishment, and such location or expansion results in the minimum of:

(i) 500 kilowatts at one point of delivery;

(ii) fifty new employees; and

(iii) capital investment for $400,000 following the electrical utility's approval for service.

(6) "Rate proposal" means a written document that identifies the rates, terms, and conditions for electric service offered by an electrical utility to a prospective customer.

(7) "Renewable energy facility" means a solar array or other facility constructed by or on behalf of a qualifying customer for the exclusive purpose of supplementing electrical power generation from a renewable energy source for its economic development location, expansion, or retention.

(8) "Transformational customer" means a commercial or industrial customer that agrees to locate its operations in South Carolina or expand its existing establishment, and such location or expansion results in the addition of a minimum of:

(a) 50 megawatts at one point of delivery;

(b) 500 new employees;

(c) capital investment of $100,000,000 following the electrical utility's approval for service; and

(d) who is designated by the South Carolina Department of

Commerce as a business which will bring substantial benefit to the economy of South Carolina and its citizens, such that it is in the public interest to have such transformational customer located in this State.

Section 58-43-20. (A) When considering whether the rates, terms, and conditions negotiated with economic development prospects are just and reasonable, the commission shall give full weight and consideration to the economic development benefits to the electrical utility's customers that result from prospective commercial or industrial entities locating or expanding their activities in South Carolina.

(B) Nothwithstanding any other provision of law, an electrical utility may provide the South Carolina Department of Commerce or a prospective qualifying customer or transformational customer with a rate proposal containing terms and conditions to incentivize the prospective customer to make capital investments and employ additional workforce in the electrical utility's service territory. The rate proposal initially provided by an electrical utility may differ from the final contract, rate, terms, and conditions with the qualifying customer or transformational customer.

(C) An electrical utility may offer special rates, terms, and conditions to a qualifying customer or transformational customer, including rates that are lower than the rates that the customer otherwise would be charged. The agreement with the customer must be for a term not exceeding ten years and the electrical utility may offer the customer interruptible and real-time pricing options and riders for other clean energy attributes which may support the qualifying customer's or transformational customer's needs. However, rates for qualifying customers may not be lower than the electrical utility's marginal cost of providing service to the customer and rates for transformational customers may not be lower than twenty-five percent less than the electrical utility's marginal cost of providing service to the customer.

(D) Rates, terms, and conditions negotiated with qualifying and transformational customers shall be deemed just and reasonable if:

(1) for qualifying customers, the terms of this section are met;

(2) for transformational customers, the commission determines that:

(a) the economic development rate offered significantly impacts the customer's decision to locate or expand in South Carolina;

(b) the financial value realized by the electrical utility's system from the transformational customer being on the electrical utility's system for ten years is greater than or equal to the financial value of the rate incentive given to the transformational customer;

(c) measures have been taken to avoid or reduce cross-customer class subsidization; and

(d) the consequences of offering the economic development rate are beneficial to the system as a whole considering all customer classes.

The commission must either approve or deny an application pursuant to this section within sixty days.

(E) Nothing in this chapter shall otherwise restrict the commission's authority to regulate rates and charges or review contracts entered into pursuant to this section or to otherwise supervise the operations of electrical utilities.

(F) The construction of a proposed renewable energy facility by or on behalf of a qualifying customer to support electric power generation at its location must comply with federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.

(G) Consistent with federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, the electrical utility may expedite interconnection of a proposed renewable energy facility to be constructed by a qualifying or transformational customer to support electrical power generation at its location where high-quality and reliable electric service are not adversely impacted.

(H) In the event a qualifying customer or transformational customer leaves this State or terminates its operations in this State during the ten-year contract period, such customer must reimburse the electrical utility and its customers the difference between standard rates and the rates paid during the term of the agreement between the electrical utility and its customers.

(I) For facilities designated as high priority sites by the South Carolina Department of Commerce, an electrical utility may enter into agreements to provide energy infrastructure to such sites if the South Carolina Department of Commerce determines it will increase the probability of attracting transformational customers to this State. Costs of such infrastructure shall be accounted for and recorded as an element of rate base for inclusion in general rates by the electrical utility provided the commission finds such costs are reasonable and prudent and shall not include a rate of return until the facilities are placed into service for a customer.

(J) An electrical utility shall not be required to adjust its cost of service in a rate proceeding as a result of a rate, agreement, or infrastructure provided pursuant to this section in any matter that would impute revenue at a level higher than received by the electrical utility

from a qualifying customer or transformational customer or would otherwise reduce the electrical utility's revenue as a result of entering into contracts with qualifying customers or transformational customers pursuant to this section.

(K) If an electrical utility offers special rates, terms, and conditions to a qualifying customer or a transformational customer, any electrical utility in South Carolina may also offer all directly competing existing customers in its service territory in this State with similar special rates, terms, and conditions at the time the agreement is entered into with the qualifying customer or transformational customer to the extent the directly competing existing customer is able to substantiate its status as a directly competing existing customer. For purposes of this section, customers are "directly competing" if they make the same end-product, or offer the same service, for the same general group of customers. Customers that only produce component parts of the same end-product are not directly competing customers.

SECTION 27. Sections 58-33-310 and 58-33-320 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 58-33-310. Any party may appeal, in accordance with Section 1-23-380, from all or any portion of any final order or decision of the commission, including conditions of the certificate required by a state agency under Section 58-33-160 as provided by Section 58-27-2310. ~~Any appeals may be called up for trial out of their order by either party.~~ Any final order on the merits issued pursuant to this chapter shall be immediately appealable to the Supreme Court of South Carolina, without petition for rehearing or reconsideration. The Supreme Court shall provide for expedited briefing and hearing of the appeal in preference to all other nonemergency matters. The commission must not be a party to an appeal.

Section 58-33-320. Except as expressly set forth in Section 58-33-310, no court of this State shall have jurisdiction to hear or determine any issue, case, or controversy concerning any matter which was or could have been determined in a proceeding before the commission under this chapter or to stop or delay the construction, operation, or maintenance of a major utility facility, except to enforce compliance with this chapter or the provisions of a certificate issued hereunder, and any such action shall be brought only by the Office of Regulatory Staff. Provided, however, that subject to Section 58-33-175, nothing herein contained shall be construed to abrogate or suspend the right of any individual or corporation not a party to maintain any action which he might otherwise have been entitled.

SECTION 28. Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-160. (A)(1) The Office of Regulatory Staff must conduct a study to evaluate the potential costs and benefits of the various administrator models for energy efficiency programs and other demand-side management programs funded by, or potentially funded by, electrical utilities in this State. This study must be conducted on each electrical utility in this State. For purposes of this section, administrator models for energy efficiency programs shall include the following models: utility administrator, state or government agency administrator, an independent third-party administrator, and a hybrid administrator.

(2) For purposes of this section only, "electrical utility" means an investor-owned electrical utility that serves more than 100,000 customers in this State.

(B) This study must consider which administrator model would most meaningfully improve programs offered by the electrical utility.

(C) The study must also evaluate which administrator model offers the best opportunities to increase cost and energy savings, improve the quality of services rendered, reduce ratepayer costs, or more effectively serve low-income customers, within a program portfolio that is cost effective overall, as compared to similar program administration by individual electrical utilities, or to increase the cost effectiveness of energy efficiency program portfolios. This study must consider, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) whether third-party administration subject to a pay for performance contract and independent third-party evaluation, measurement, and verification could reduce administrative costs, as compared to separate administration of energy efficiency programs by individual electrical utilities;

(2) whether a system benefit charge or other funding or financing mechanism would more efficiently, effectively, and fairly fund energy efficiency and other demand side management programs through an administrator;

(3) which administrator model provides the best mechanism to increase ratepayer energy savings in the case of electrical utilities that have experienced lower historical performance in terms of annual and cumulative energy savings as a percentage of retail sales;

(4) which administrator model provides the best mechanism to increase ratepayer energy savings in the case of electrical utilities that have experienced high historical performance in terms of annual and cumulative energy savings as a percentage of retail sales;

(5) the legal and practical implications of implementing the various administrator models for an electrical utility with a multistate balancing authority area;

(6) which administrator model could most enhance an electrical utility's delivery of nonenergy benefits, such as resiliency, reliability, health, economic development, industry retention, energy security, and pollution reduction; and

(7) which administrator model could most effectively pursue nonratepayer funding including, but not limited to, federal, state, or local governmental support, as a means of either reducing reliance of ratepayer funds or increasing the scope, reach, or effectiveness of energy efficiency and demand side management programs.

(D) This study must be conducted with public input from stakeholders through written comments and at least one public forum.

(E) The Office of Regulatory Staff is authorized to retain the services of an expert or consultant with expertise and experience in the successful implementation of energy efficiency administrator programs. The Office of Regulatory Staff is exempt from the procurement code for the purposes of retaining services for this study.

(F) The provisions of this section are subject to funding. However, the Office of Regulatory Staff must initiate the study within one year from receipt of necessary funding and complete its report within six months. Upon completion of this study, the Office of Regulatory Staff must provide its report to the General Assembly and the commission. This report may include a recommendation as to which administrator model should be established for each electrical utility, draft legislation, and requirements that should be established.

SECTION 29. Section 58-37-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-10. As used in this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1) "Demand-side activity" or "demand-side management program" means a program conducted or proposed by a producer, supplier, or distributor of energy for the reduction or more efficient use of energy requirements of the producer's, supplier's, or distributor's customers, through measures, including, but not limited to, conservation and energy efficiency, load management, cogeneration, and renewable energy technologies.

(2) "Integrated resource plan" means a plan which contains the demand and energy forecast for at least a fifteen-year period, contains the supplier's or producer's program for meeting the requirements shown in its forecast in an economic and reliable manner,

including both demand-side and supply-side options, with a brief description and summary cost-benefit analysis, if available, of each option which was considered, including those not selected, sets forth the supplier's or producer's assumptions and conclusions with respect to the effect of the plan on the cost and reliability of energy service, and describes the external environmental and economic consequences of the plan to the extent practicable. For electrical utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, this definition must be interpreted in a manner consistent with the integrated resource planning requirements pursuant to Section 58-37-40 and any process adopted by the commission. For electric cooperatives subject to the regulations of the Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~Utilities Service, this definition must be interpreted in a manner consistent with any integrated resource planning process prescribed by Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~ Utilities Service regulations.

(3) "Cost-effective" means that the net present value of benefits of a program or portfolio exceeds the net present value of the costs of the program or portfolio. A cost-effective program or portfolio must pass any two of the following tests:

(a) utility cost test;

(b) total resource cost test;

(c) participant cost test; or

(d) ratepayer impact measure test.

In evaluating the cost-effectiveness of a program or portfolio, a utility or program administrator must present the results of all four tests. In calculating cost-effectiveness, a utility must use a standard utility practice for determining the percentage of energy savings that would or would not have been achieved through customer adoption of an efficiency behavior or technology without any incentive allowed pursuant to this chapter to install and utilize the technology as part of the associated demand-side management program. The utility must designate the expected useful life of the measure and evaluate the costs and benefits of the measures over their useful lives in the program application based on industry-accepted standards. Further, in calculating the cost-effectiveness, the commission must consider the efficiencies and scale of programs that are or may be available across a utility's balancing area, even if that balancing area extends outside of the state.

(4) "Demand-side management pilot program" means a demand-side management program that is of limited scope, cost, and duration and that is intended to determine whether a new or substantially revised program or technology would be cost-effective.

SECTION 30. Section 58-37-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-20. (A) The General Assembly declares that expanding utility investment in and customer access to cost-effective demand-side management programs will result in more efficient use of existing resources, promote lower energy costs, mitigate the increasing need for new generation and associated resources, and assist customers in managing their electricity usage to better control their electric bill, and is therefore in the public interest.

(B) The commission may approve any program filed by a public utility if the program is found to be cost-effective. Furthermore, the commission may, in its discretion, approve any program filed by a public utility that is not cost-effective, so long as the proposed demand-side management program is targeted to low-income customers, provided that the public utility's portfolio of demand-side management programs is cost-effective as a whole.

(C) The South Carolina Public Service Commission ~~may~~ must adopt procedures that ~~encourage~~ require electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the commission to plan for and invest in all reasonable, prudent, and available energy efficiency and demand-side resources that are cost-effective energy efficient technologies and energy conservation programs in an amount to be determined by the commission. If an electrical utility fails to meet the requirements of this section as determined by the commission, the commission is authorized to appoint a third-party administrator to carry out the residential low-income energy efficiency duties pursuant to this section on behalf of the electrical utility if the commission determines that having such a third-party administrator is in the public interest and consistent with law. Upon notice and hearings that the commission may require, the commission may issue rules, regulations, or orders pursuant to this chapter to implement applicable programs and measures under this section. If adopted, these procedures must: provide incentives and cost recovery for energy suppliers and distributors who invest in energy supply and end-use technologies that are cost-effective, environmentally acceptable, and reduce energy consumption or system or local coincident peak demand; allow energy suppliers and distributors to recover costs and obtain a reasonable rate of return on their investment in qualified demand-side management programs sufficient to make these programs at least as financially attractive as construction of new generating facilities; require the Public Service Commission to establish rates and charges that ensure that the net income of an electrical or gas utility

regulated by the commission after implementation of specific cost-effective energy conservation measures is at least as high as the net income would have been if the energy conservation measures had not been implemented. ~~For purposes of this section only, the term "demand-side activity" means a program conducted by an electrical utility or public utility providing gas services for the reduction or more efficient use of energy requirements of the utility or its customers including, but not limited to, utility transmission and distribution system efficiency, customer conservation and efficiency, load management, cogeneration, and renewable energy technologies.~~

(D) Each investor-owned electrical utility must submit an annual report to the commission describing the demand-side management programs implemented by the electrical utility in the previous year, provided the program has been operational for a reasonable period of time, as well as the results of such programs. The commission may require certain information including, but not limited to:

(1) achieved savings levels from the utility's portfolio of programs in the prior year, reported as a percentage of the utility's annual sales;

(2) program expenditures, including incentive payments;

(3) peak demand and energy savings impacts and the techniques used to estimate those impacts;

(4) avoided costs and the techniques used to estimate those costs;

(5) estimated cost-effectiveness of the demand-side management programs;

(6) a description of economic benefits of the demand-side management programs;

(7) the number of customers eligible to opt-out of the electrical utility's demand-side management programs, the percentage of those customers that opted-out in the previous year, and the annual sales associated with those opt-out customers; and

(8) any other information required by the commission.

(E) To ensure prudent investments by an electrical utility in energy efficiency and demand response, as compared to potential investments in generation, transmission, distribution, and other supply related utility equipment and resources, the commission must review each investor-owned electrical utility's portfolio of demand-side

management programs on at least a triennial basis to align the review of that utility's integrated resource plan pursuant to Section 58-37-40. The commission is authorized to order modifications to an electrical utility's demand-side management portfolio, including program budgets, if the commission determines that doing so in the public interest.

(F) The provisions of subsections (C), (D), and (E) do not apply to an electrical utility that serves less than 100,000 customers in this State.

SECTION 31. Section 58-37-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-30. (A) The South Carolina Public Service Commission must report annually to the General Assembly on available data regarding the past, on-going, and projected status of demand-side ~~activities~~management programs and purchase of power from qualifying facilities, as defined in the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, by electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

(B) Electric cooperatives providing resale or retail services, municipally-owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority shall report annually to the State Energy Office on available data regarding the past, on-going, and projected status of demand-side ~~activities~~management programs and purchase of power from qualifying facilities. For electric cooperatives, submission to the State Energy Office of a report on demand-side ~~activities~~management programs in a format complying with then current Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~ Utilities Service regulations constitutes compliance with this subsection. An electric cooperative providing resale services may submit a report in conjunction with and on behalf of any electric cooperative which purchases electric power and energy from it. The State Energy Office must compile and submit this information annually to the General Assembly.

(C) The State Energy Office may provide forms for the reports required by this section to the Public Service Commission and to electric cooperatives, municipally-owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority. The office shall strive to minimize differing formats for reports, taking into account the reporting requirements of other state and federal agencies. For electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the commission, the reporting form must be in a format acceptable to the commission.

SECTION 32.Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-37-35. (A) An electrical utility may propose programs and customer incentives to encourage or promote demand-side management programs whereby a customer uses a customer-sited distributed energy resource, as defined in Section 58-39-120(C), or combination of such resources, to: (1) reduce the customer's electric consumption or demand from the electric grid, or (2) beneficially shape the customer's electric consumption or demand in a manner that reduces the customer's contribution to the electrical utility's system or local coincidental peak demand, subject to the associated load to utility management for reliability or economic purposes, or reduce future electrical utility system costs to serve its customers. Programs authorized pursuant to this section may also include distributed energy resources that draw additional power from the electric grid including, but not limited to, electric heat pumps with programmable or utility controlled thermostats, electric heat pump water heaters controlled through utility programs, smart home panels, advanced inverters, and energy storage devices located on the customer's side of the meter, provided that any programs or customer incentives otherwise meet the requirements of this section. These programs may also include a combination of resources, including renewable energy microgrids, to provide economic benefits to the utility system or to help address specific transmission or distribution issues that would otherwise require significant capital investment.

(B) In evaluating a program or customer incentive proposed pursuant to this section to assure reasonableness, promotion of the public interest, and consistency with the objectives of Sections 58-27-845 and 58-37-20, the commission must apply the procedure approved pursuant to Section 58-37-20. An electrical utility must use standard utility practices for determining the percentage of customers that would or would not have adopted a distributed energy resource without any incentive allowed under this section to install and utilize the distributed energy resource as part of the associated demand-side management program. The electrical utility must designate the expected useful life of the distributed energy resource and evaluate the costs and benefits of demand-side measures over their useful lives in the program application based on industry-accepted standards. All initial program costs, benefits, and participation assumptions used in the electrical utility's cost-effectiveness evaluations must be reviewed by the commission to assure the electrical utility has presented a reasonable basis for its calculation. Electrical utilities must update the cost-effectiveness analysis based on the actual program costs, benefits, and participation as soon as practicably possible based on standard evaluation, measurement,

and verification protocols, and the electrical utility's cost recovery must be reconciled accordingly.

(C) For demand-side programs or customer incentives proposed in this section, the electrical utility may recover costs through the procedures in Section 58-37-20. The prohibition in Section 58-40-20(I) against recovery of lost revenues associated with distributed energy resources pursuant to Chapter 39, Title 58 is inapplicable to recovery of net lost revenues associated with a distributed energy resource that is installed as a result of a demand-side program incentive pursuant to this section or Section 58-37-20.

(D) The commission may approve any program filed pursuant to this section if the commission finds the program to be cost effective pursuant to Section 58-37-10(3). For any demand-side programs or customer incentives submitted under this section with projected annual customer incentive amounts less than five million dollars per year for each of the first two program years, the commission must issue an order as expeditiously as practicable on the written submissions of the electrical utility but may require an evidentiary hearing where novel or complex issues of fact require special review by the commission. Nothing in this section prevents the commission from ordering an electrical utility to modify or terminate a program approved pursuant to this section based on the results of standard evaluation, measurement, and verification protocols.

(E) The Energy Office must develop and publish materials intended to inform and educate the public regarding programs available to a customer pursuant to this section. The Energy Office must maintain a list of approved vendors who are qualified and in good standing to provide services associated with these programs.

SECTION 33. Section 58-37-50 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-50. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Electricity provider" means an electric cooperative, an investor-owned electric utility, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, or a municipality or municipal board or commission of public works that owns and operates an electric utility system.

(2) "Natural gas provider" means an investor-owned natural gas utility or publicly owned natural gas provider.

(3) "Meter conservation charge" means the charge placed on a customer's account by which electricity providers and natural gas providers recover the costs, including financing costs, of energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(4) "Notice of meter conservation charge" means the

written notice by which subsequent purchasers or tenants will be given notice that they will be required to pay a meter conservation charge.

(5) "Customer" means a homeowner or tenant receiving electricity or natural gas as a retail customer.

(6) "Community action agency" means a nonprofit eleemosynary corporation created pursuant to Chapter 45, Title 43 providing, among other things, weatherization services to a homeowner or tenant.

(B) Electricity providers and natural gas providers may enter into written agreements with customers and landlords of customers for the financing of the purchase price and installation costs of energy efficiency and conservation measures. These agreements may provide that the costs must be recovered by a meter conservation charge on the customer's electricity or natural gas account, provided that the electricity providers and natural gas providers comply with the provisions of this section. A failure to pay the meter conservation charge may be treated by the electricity provider or natural gas provider as a failure to pay the electricity or natural gas account, and the electricity provider or natural gas provider may disconnect electricity or natural gas service for nonpayment of the meter conservation charge, provided the electricity provider or natural gas provider complies with the provisions of Article 25, Chapter 31, Title 5; Article 17, Chapter 11, Title 6; Article 17, Chapter 49, Title 33; Article 11, Chapter 5, Title 58; Article 21, Chapter 27, Title 58; Article 5, Chapter 31, Title 58; and any applicable rules, regulations, or ordinances relating to disconnections.

(C) Any agreement permitted by subsection (B) must state plainly the interest rate to be charged to finance the costs of the energy efficiency and conservation measures. The interest rate must be a fixed rate over the term of the agreement and must not exceed four percent above the stated yield for one-year treasury bills as published by the Federal Reserve ~~at the time the agreement is entered~~on the first business day of the calendar year in which the agreement is entered. An electrical utility entering into such an agreement whose rates are regulated by the commission must fix the interest rate over the term of the agreement to not exceed such utility's weighted average cost of equity and long-term debt as most recently approved by the commission at the time the agreement is entered. Any indebtedness created under the provisions of this section may be paid in full at any time before it is due without penalty.

(D) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may recover the costs, including financing costs, of these measures from its

members or customers directly benefiting from the installation of the energy efficiency and conservation measures. Recovery may be through a meter conservation charge to the account of the member or customer and any such charge must be shown by a separate line item on the account. A utility entering into such agreement whose rates are regulated by the commission shall recover all reasonable and prudent incremental costs incurred to implement agreements for financing and installing energy-efficiency and conservation measures in base rates. Incremental costs may include, but are not limited to, billing system upgrades, overhead, incremental labor, and all other expenses properly considered to be associated with ensuring the ongoing premise bill savings are realized from offering during the terms of such agreements.

(E) An electricity provider or natural gas provider shall assume no liability for the installation, operation, or maintenance of energy efficiency and conservation measures when the measures are performed by a third party, and shall not provide any warranty as to the merchantability of the measures or the fitness for a particular purpose of the measures, and no action may be maintained against the electricity provider or natural gas provider relating to the failure of the measures. An electricity provider or natural gas provider shall assume no liability for energy audits performed by third parties and shall provide no warranty relating to any energy audit done by any third party. Nothing in this section may be construed to limit any rights or remedies of utility customers and landlords of utility customers against other parties to a transaction involving the purchase and installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(F) Before entering into an agreement contemplated by this section, the electricity provider or natural gas provider shall cause to be performed an energy audit on the residence considered for the energy efficiency measures. The energy audit must be conducted by an energy auditor certified by the Building Performance Institute or similar organization. The audit must provide an estimate of the costs of the proposed energy efficiency and conservation measures and the expected savings associated with the measures, and it must recommend measures appropriately sized for the specific use contemplated. An agreement entered following completion of an energy audit shall specify the measures to be completed and the contractor responsible for completion of the measures. The choice of a contractor to perform the work must be made by the owner of the residence. Upon request, the electricity provider or natural gas provider must provide the owner of the residence with a list of contractors qualified to do the work. Upon completion of

the work, it must be inspected by an energy auditor certified by the Building Performance Institute or similar organization. Any work that is determined to have been done improperly or to be inappropriately sized for the intended use must be remedied by the responsible contractor. Until the work has been remedied, funds due to the contractor must be held in escrow by the electricity provider or natural gas provider.

(G) An electricity provider or natural gas provider that enters into an agreement as provided in this section may recover the costs, including financing costs, of energy efficiency and conservation measures from subsequent purchasers of the residence in which the measures are installed, provided the electricity provider or natural gas provider gives record notice that the residence is subject to the agreement. Notice must be given, at the expense of the filer, by filing a notice of meter conservation charge with the appropriate office for the county in which the residence is located, pursuant to Section 30-5-10. The notice of meter conservation charge does not constitute a lien on the property but is intended to give a purchaser of the residence notice that the residence is subject to a meter conservation charge. Notice is deemed to have been given if a search of the property records of the county discloses the existence of the charge and informs a prospective purchaser: (1) how to ascertain the amount of the charge and the length of time it is expected to remain in effect, and (2) of his obligation to notify a tenant if the purchaser leases the property as provided in subsection (H)(3).

(H) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may enter into agreements for the installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures and the recovery of the costs, including financing costs, of the measures with respect to rental properties by filing a notice of meter conservation charge as provided in subsection (G) and by complying with the provisions of this subsection:

(1) The energy audit required by subsection (F) must be conducted and the results provided to both the landlord and the tenant living in the rental property at the time the agreement is entered.

(2) If both the landlord and tenant agree, the electricity provider or natural gas provider may recover the costs of the energy efficiency and conservation measures, including financing costs, through a meter conservation charge on the account associated with the rental property occupied by the tenant. The agreement must provide notice to the landlord of the provisions contained in item (3).

(3) With respect to a subsequent tenant occupying a rental unit benefiting from the installation of energy efficiency and

conservation measures, the electricity provider or natural gas provider may continue to recover the costs, including financing costs, of the measures through a meter conservation charge on the account associated with the rental property occupied by the tenant. With respect to a subsequent tenant, the landlord must give a written notice of meter conservation charge in the same manner as required by Section 27-40-240. If the landlord fails to give the subsequent tenant the required notice of meter conservation charge, the tenant may deduct from his rent, for no more than one-half of the term of the rental agreement, the amount of the meter conservation charge paid to the electricity provider or natural gas provider.

(I) Agreements entered pursuant to the provisions of this section are exempt from the provisions of the South Carolina Consumer Protection Code, Title 37 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

(J) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may contract with third parties to perform functions permitted under this section, including the financing of the costs of energy efficiency and conservation measures. A third party must comply with all applicable provisions of this section. When an electricity or natural gas provider contracts with a third party to perform administrative or financing functions under this subsection, the liability of the third party is limited in the same manner as an electricity provider or natural gas provider is under subsection (E).

(K) The provisions of this section apply only to energy efficiency and conservation measures for a residence already occupied ~~at~~before the time the measures are taken. ~~The procedures allowed by this section may not be used with respect to a new residence or a residence under construction.~~ The provisions of this section may not be used to implement energy efficiency or conservation measures that result in the replacement of natural gas appliances or equipment with electric appliances or equipment, or that result in the replacement of electric appliances or equipment with natural gas appliances or equipment, unless (1) the customer who seeks to install the energy efficiency or conservation measure is being provided electric and natural gas service by the same provider, or (2) an electric appliance used for home heating is being replaced by an appliance that operates primarily on electricity but which has the capability of also operating on a secondary fuel source.

(L) Electricity providers or natural gas providers may offer their customers other types of financing agreements available by law, instead of the option established in this section, for the types of energy efficiency or conservation measures described in this section.

(M)(1) An electricity provider or natural gas provider must not obtain funding from the following federal programs to provide loans provided by this section:

(a) the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), created by Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 and codified as Chapter 94, Title 42 of the United States Code, as amended by the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1984, the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1986, the Augustus F. Hawkins Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1990, the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993, the Low Income Home Energy Amendments of 1994, the Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998, and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which is administered and funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services on the federal level and administered locally by community action agencies;

(b) the Weatherization Assistance Program, created by Title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act of 1976 and codified as Part A, Subchapter III, Chapter 81, Title 42 of the United States Code, amended by the National Energy Conservation Policy Act, the Energy Security Act, the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1984, and the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 and administered and funded by the United States Department of Energy on the federal level and administered locally by community action agencies.

(2) Nothing in this section changes the exclusive administration of these programs by local community action agencies through the South Carolina Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity pursuant to its authority pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 45, Title 43, the Community Economic Opportunity Act of 1983.

(3) Nothing in this subsection prevents a customer or member of an electricity provider or natural gas provider from obtaining services under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program or the Weatherization Assistance Program.

SECTION 34. Article 1, Chapter 31, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-31-215. (A) The Public Service Authority, in consultation with the South Carolina Department of Commerce, shall have the authority to serve as an anchor subscriber of incremental natural gas and pipeline capacity needed in the future by the State to recruit new transformational projects or to assist in the expansion of transformational projects as identified by the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

(B) The Public Service Authority is authorized to act on behalf of the State, to aid natural gas pipeline construction companies and natural gas shippers in obtaining approval for incremental capacity and delivery to this State to support economic growth. The Public Service Authority is authorized to demonstrate market support in required filings including, but not limited to, binding precedent agreements, and to make other attestations in furtherance of satisfaction of the application requirements of federal law and regulations. This subsection is subject to available funding.

(C) There is hereby established the "Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund" to be held in an operating account by the Public Service Authority to further the provisions of this section and other energy investment needs. Subject to the approval of the Joint Bond Review Committee, the Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund may be funded by the amount required to be paid to the State pursuant to Section 58-31-110 less the annual costs billed by the Office of Regulatory Staff and the South Carolina Public Service Commission. The South Carolina Department of Commerce shall report, at least once annually and no later than September first, to the Joint Bond Review Committee as to the level and need for funding to advance the provisions of this section. Unless sufficient funding is allocated to the Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund and such action is approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee, the Public Service Authority shall not execute a binding precedent agreement on behalf of the State pursuant to this section. In no event shall the costs associated with serving as an anchor affect the rates and charges for electric or water service for the Public Service Authority's customers.

(D) The South Carolina Department of Commerce, with input from the Public Service Authority, is authorized to resell natural gas pipeline capacity rights procured pursuant to this section subject to a plan approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee. The proceeds of any sales of natural gas pipeline capacity rights must be deposited in the general fund of the State.

(E) When the Public Service Authority enters into a binding agreement on behalf of the State, the Office of Regulatory Staff, in representing the public interest and in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, is directed to make such filings supporting required federal regulatory approvals.

(F) The provisions of this section do not alter, amend, expand, or reduce, any other authority granted to the Public Service Authority in this chapter to enter into any agreements necessary for the provision of

electric service.

SECTION 35.A. Section 58-3-70 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-70. ~~The chairman and members of the commission shall receive annual salaries payable in the same manner as the salaries of other state officers are paid.~~ The commission members shall receive a salary in an amount equal to ninety-seven and one-half percent of the salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court. Each commissioner must devote full time to his duties as a commissioner and must not engage in any other employment, business, profession, or vocation during the normal business hours of the commission.

B. This section is effective beginning with the fiscal year immediately following the Public Service Commission election for the reconstituted three-member commission.

SECTION 36. Chapter 41, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-41-50. (A) The General Assembly encourages electrical utilities to explore cost effective, efficient bulk power solutions, particularly during periods of constrained capacity, for non-residential customers with electric loads in excess of 25 megawatts.

(B)(1) An electrical utility may file a proposed agreement regarding co-located resources between the utility and a customer with an electric load in excess of 25 megawatts for the commission's consideration. The proposed agreement must contain at least one of the following requirements:

(a) co-location of electric generation or storage on the customer's property provides bulk system benefits for all customers and benefits for the host customer;

(b) co-location of renewable electric generation resources on the customer's property provides bulk system benefits for all customers and the renewable attributes associated with such generation can be allocated to the host customer;

(c) co-location of electric generation on the customer's property would result in permitting and siting efficiencies to enable electric generation to come online earlier than otherwise could occur; or

(d) co-location of electric generation resources on the customer's property could be utilized as resiliency resources to serve the electric grid in times of need.

(2) In the filing with the commission, the electrical utility must include a description of:

(a) how the resource helps to serve resource needs identified in the electrical utility's most recent integrated resource plan filing;

(b) credit and ratepayer protections included in the agreement;

(c) the contractual terms that preserves the electrical utility's operation of resources; and

(d) how costs and benefits associated with the agreement would be allocated among the customer who is a party to the agreement and other customers in the electrical utility's balancing area.

(C) The commission must give a proposed agreement filed pursuant to this section expedited consideration. The commission may approve the proposed agreement if the commission finds:

(1) the proposed program was voluntarily agreed upon by the electrical utility and the customer,

(2) the filing meets the requirements of this section; and

(3) the proposed agreement is in the public interest.

(D) For purposes of this section, "co-located" or "co-location" includes electric generation and associated facilities on a customer's site as well as any location where the connection to the electrical utility is in such proximity to the customer's site that enables resilient power supply to support the development of power supply to meet the customer's needs. An agreement regarding co-location may also include potential co-ownership of the electric generation and associate facilities by the electrical utility and the customer.

(E) Notwithstanding opportunities for co-located resources, the General Assembly also encourages electrical utilities to continue to facilitate service to new electric loads in excess of 50 megawatts and to require operational and financial performance requirements for such customers to receive service pursuant to tariffed electrical utility rates or contracts approved by the commission, and to ensure appropriate protections and risk mitigation for the protection of the electrical utility's existing customers. The electrical utility may meet these objectives by: (1) filing form contracts with the commission; (2) tariff offerings or services regulations filed with the commission; or (3) performance and credit policies reviewed by the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 37. Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-15. (A) As of July 1, 2025, there is hereby created within the Office of Regulatory Staff a division that must be separate and apart from all other divisions within the Office of Regulatory Staff and titled the Division of Consumer Advocacy.

(B) The duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Department of Consumer Affairs related to appearances before the commission are hereby transferred to the

Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Office of Regulatory Staff on July 1, 2025. All appropriations and full-time equivalent positions of the Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Department of Consumer Affairs that are devoted solely to advocating on behalf of consumers before the commission shall be transferred to the Office of Regulatory Staff on July 1, 2025.

(C) The Division of Consumer Advocacy shall have the ability to represent residential utility consumers in matters before the commission and appellate courts.

(D) The Division of Consumer Advocacy shall consist of a Residential Utility Consumer Advocate and other personnel as may be necessary in order for the division to represent residential utility consumers in matters before the commission and appellate courts. The Residential Utility Consumer Advocate must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years practice experience and must be appointed in the same manner as the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff pursuant to the procedure set forth in Section 58-4-30.

(E) To the extent necessary to carry out its responsibilities, the Division of Consumer Advocacy may hire third-party consultants as the Residential Utility Consumer Advocate may consider necessary to assist the Division of Consumer Advocacy in its participation in proceedings before the commission and appellate courts.

(F) The Division of Consumer Advocacy is exempt from the State Procurement Code in the hiring of third-party consultants. However, the Division of Consumer Advocacy must not hire the same third-party consultant hired by the Office of Regulatory Staff or the commission.

(G) The Office of Regulatory Staff shall provide such administrative support to the Division of Consumer Advocacy as the division may require in the performance of its duties including financial management, human resources management, information technology, procurement services, and logistical support. The Office of Regulatory Staff shall not provide to the Division of Consumer Advocacy, and the Division of Consumer Advocacy shall not require of the Office Regulatory Staff, legal representation, technical, economic, or auditing assistance regarding any matter pending before the Public Service Commission when providing such assistance would create a conflict of interest.

SECTION 38. (A) To foster economic development and future jobs in this State resulting from the supply-chains associated with the same while supporting the significant and growing energy and

capacity needs of the State, enhance grid resiliency, and maintain reliability, the General Assembly finds that the State of South Carolina should take steps necessary to encourage the development of a diverse mix of long-lead, clean generation resources that may include advanced small modular reactors, biomass as defined in Section 12-63-20(B)(2) of the S.C. Code, hydrogen-capable resources, and the Carolina Long Bay Project, and should preserve the option of efficiency development of such long-lead resources with timely actions to establish or maintain eligibility for or capture available tax or other financial incentives or address operational needs.

(B) For an electrical utility to capture available tax or other financial or operational incentives for South Carolina ratepayers in a timely manner, the commission may find that actions by an electrical utility in pursuit of the directives in Section 58-37-35(A) are in the public interest, provided that the commission determines that such proposed actions are in the public interest and reasonably balance economic development and industry retention benefits, capacity expansion benefits, resource adequacy and diversification, emissions reduction levels, and potential risks, costs, and benefits to ratepayers and otherwise comply with all other legal requirements applicable to the electrical utility's proposed action. For the South Carolina Public Service Authority, the Office of Regulatory Staff and the Public Service Authority's board of directors shall apply the same principles described in this subsection in evaluating and approving actions proposed by the management of the Public Service Authority to achieve the objectives of this section.

SECTION 39. All reasonable and prudent costs incurred by an electrical utility necessary to effectuate this act, that are not precluded from recovery by other provisions of this act and that do not have a recovery mechanism otherwise specified in this act or established by state law, shall be deferred for commission consideration of recovery in any proceeding initiated pursuant to Section 58-27-870, and allowed for recovery if the commission determines the costs are reasonable and prudent.

SECTION 40. An electrical utility, including the Public Service Authority, may not offer a tariff, rider, or rate proposal for a reduced electric rate, nor any other form of incentive that would result in a reduced electric rate to a data center until July 1, 2034. For purposes of this section, "data center" means any facility that primarily contains electronic equipment used to process, store, and transmit digital information which may be (a) a free-standing structure; or (b) a facility

within a larger structure, that uses environmental control equipment to maintain the proper conditions for the operation of electronic equipment.

SECTION 41. Section 58-40-10(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) "Renewable energy resource" means solar photovoltaic and solar thermal resources, wind resources, hydroelectric resources, geothermal resources, tidal and wave energy resources, recycling resources, hydrogen fuel derived from renewable resources, combined heat and power derived from renewable resources, and biomass resources as defined in Section 12-63-20(B)(2).

SECTION 42. The General Assembly finds that the sections presented in this act constitute one subject as required by Section 17, Article III of the South Carolina Constitution, in particular finding that each change and each topic relates directly to or in conjunction with other sections to the subject of the regulation of electrical utilities, the provision of electricity, and economic development as clearly enumerated in the title. The General Assembly further finds that a common purpose or relationship exists among the sections, representing a potential plurality but not disunity of topics, notwithstanding that reasonable minds might differ in identifying more than one topic contained in the act.

SECTION 43. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

SECTION 44. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs,

subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 45. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JEFFERSON explained the amendment.

Rep. WETMORE demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 84; Nays 27

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Beach	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks

West	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Yow

Total--84

Those who voted in the negative are:

Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Calhoon	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Harris	Hart
Henderson-Myers	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	McCabe	McDaniel
Moss	Ott	Pendarvis
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Wetmore	Wooten

Total--27

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. JEFFERSON explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 71; Nays 37

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Jefferson

J. E. Johnson	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Ott	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--71

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Beach	Burns
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Cromer	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Harris	Hart
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
J. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pendarvis	Rutherford
Spann-Wilder	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan		

Total--37

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GUFFEY a temporary leave of absence.

S. 610--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 610 -- Senators Cromer, Shealy and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS FOR THE COMPACT.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 610 (LC-610.HA0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, after the title but before the enacting words, by adding:

Whereas, South Carolina is achieving remarkable economic development success which is bringing jobs and prosperity to its citizens; and

Whereas, from January to December 2023, the state announced total capital investments of 9.22 billion dollars and over 14,000 jobs, the second largest amount in state history; and

Whereas, in 2022, the state announced 120 projects creating over 14,000 new jobs with 10.27 billion dollars in new capital investment, the largest amount in state history; and

Whereas, since 2017, the state has announced over 36.4 billion dollars in new investments and 86,378 new jobs; and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, South Carolina led the nation in population growth in 2023; and

Whereas, the rapidly expanding population and record-breaking economic development successes necessitate a strategic and forward-thinking approach to developing new energy infrastructure capable of meeting the energy needs of South Carolina's residents and supporting the continued prosperity of the state; and

Whereas, sustaining this success in economic development requires an electric system that can grow and modernize to meet the demands that a prosperous and developing economy places on it; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes that the convergence of escalating population growth, record-breaking economic success, and the aging of existing energy infrastructure has created a critical juncture, demanding immediate and decisive action to avert an impending energy crisis; and

Whereas, the urgency of addressing this situation is underscored by

the interconnected challenges of meeting surging energy demand, ensuring grid reliability, and fortifying the state's resilience against potential disruptions, thereby compelling the imperative for the timely construction of new energy plants to safeguard the continued well-being and economic vitality of South Carolina; and

Whereas, in light of these facts, it is important that the General Assembly take action to ensure that generation and transmission providers are able to plan, site, and construct new and replacement generation and transmission resources in a timely and cost-effective manner, utilizing procedures that are fair, prompt, efficient, and guided by an informed Public Service Commission; and

Whereas, the General Assembly has determined that certain aspects of the current regulatory structure in South Carolina can be revised to reduce the cost, delay, and uncertainty of planning, siting, and constructing new generation and transmission resources serving customers in this state; and

Whereas, the General Assembly further finds that the current circumstances present a unique opportunity to replace or limit reliance on the Williams Generating Station operated by Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. (“DESC”) in Bushy Park, South Carolina; and the Winyah Generating Station operated South Carolina Public Service Authority (“SCPSA”) in Georgetown, South Carolina, and perhaps other units as well, through a joint venture between these utilities; and

Whereas, DESC owns the site of the retired Canadys coal units in Colleton County (the “Canadys site”) which represent an environmentally well-characterized brownfield site with unique attributes, including electric transmission infrastructure on-site, proximity to a major switching station interconnecting the DESC and SCPSA transmission systems serving coastal South Carolina, and reasonable proximity to natural gas supplies which can be accessed through existing natural gas rights of way; and

Whereas, modern combined-cycle units provide dispatchability and operating flexibility that will allow DESC and SCPSA systems to continue to add large amounts of flexible resources to their systems without jeopardizing cost-efficient and reliable service to customers; and

Whereas, the integrated resource planning by both utilities consistently indicates the need for and benefit of additional combined-cycle natural gas resources under multiple planning scenarios; and

Whereas, by pursuing replacement resources as a joint project, DESC and SCPSA can build larger, more fuel-efficient, lower-emitting units,

and can reduce the capital cost per MW of these units by as much as 25% or more compared to building single, stand-alone units sized to meet their individual needs alone while at the same time reducing the environmental and land-use impact of the natural gas pipeline and transmission infrastructure required to support separate units; and

Whereas, the joint project can provide a unique opportunity to anchor the expansion of natural gas pipelines serving certain coastal counties of South Carolina where economic development is currently hampered by the lack of such supplies, thereby increasing jobs, prosperity and public welfare in those areas and can do so with minimal environmental disruption; and

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented by the shared needs of DESC and SCPSA for replacement generation in the Charleston and Georgetown areas, the unique benefits of a partnership between them for this purpose, and the unique benefits of the Canadys site as the location for a joint resource, the General Assembly finds that these circumstances support amending the enabling act of the SCPSA to authorize it in a joint venture to develop and share in the output of one or more combined cycle natural gas units to be located at the Canadys site and encourages the utility to seek, as soon as practicable, a certificate as defined under the terms of the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act for DESC to construct and operate combined cycle natural gas units to be located at the Canadys site; and

Whereas, Duke Energy Carolinas Bad Creek Pumped Storage facility, including ongoing uprates, is an approximate 1,640 MW energy storage facility located in Oconee County South Carolina; and

Whereas, Duke Energy Carolina has identified the opportunity to approximately double the output of the Bad Creek Pumped Storage facility by constructing new pump turbines, generators, and a new powerhouse; and

Whereas, by increasing the generating capacity at the Bad Creek facility, Duke Energy Carolinas can approximately double its existing peak hourly storage capacity; and

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented by the potential expansion of Duke Energy Carolinas' energy storage capacity by expanding the Bad Creek facility without construction of a new reservoir, and considering the unique benefits for customers served by Duke Energy Carolinas' electrical system such an expansion represents, the General Assembly encourages the utility to complete evaluations related to expanding the Bad Creek facility to double its output; and

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented in the plans

of Duke Energy Carolinas LLC and Duke Energy Progress LLC to secure approximately 7,000 MW of natural gas generation facilities for the benefit of their customers in South Carolina, the General Assembly encourages the utilities to undertake such activities as may be necessary to pursue and facilitate additional natural gas generation to serve its customers in this state; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes the potential for substantial economic and environmental benefits through the implementation of robust energy efficiency and demand-side management initiatives; and

Whereas, investing in energy efficiency and demand-side management initiatives not only reduces overall energy consumption but also alleviates the strain on existing electric generation infrastructure, leading to cost savings for consumers, businesses, and the state; and

Whereas, the promotion of energy efficiency and demand-side management initiatives offers a prudent and cost-effective approach to address increasing energy demands, thereby lessening the necessity for construction of new electric-generation facilities in the future, and contributing to a more sustainable and resilient energy future for South Carolina; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly acknowledges the transformative potential of advanced nuclear generation, such as small modular reactors (SMRs), understanding that their compact size addresses significant challenges associated with traditional nuclear power, offering the promise of expedited and cost-effective plant construction, coupled with enhanced safety in operational practices, along with offering reliable carbon-free energy generation that can operate nearly 24/7; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes the strategic importance of investigating in and pursuing advanced nuclear technologies such as small modular reactors and molten salt reactors at this time, understanding that proactive engagement in research and development positions the state to capitalize on future opportunities when SMRs become economically and technologically viable; and

Whereas, the SC Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy consortium, developed in collaboration with our research universities, technical colleges, state agencies, the Savannah River National Laboratory, economic development non-profits, and private businesses, won the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration’s designation as one of the Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes establishing an Energy Policy Institute is a pivotal step towards supporting the efforts of SC Nexus and for guiding informed decision-making for the state's energy future; and

Whereas, understanding the complexity of energy issues, the establishment of an Energy Policy Institute is essential to equipping the state with the necessary expertise and resources to make well-informed choices, fostering a comprehensive understanding of intricate energy matters; and

Whereas, SC Nexus will assist the state as a global leader in advanced energy by developing, testing, and deploying exportable energy technologies and understanding that new manufactures of those technologies can locate their operations at a place of their choosing, an Energy Policy Institute is integral to positioning the state strategically for economic development success by ensuring the economic benefits resulting from SC Nexus remain in South Carolina, and ensuring that energy policies align with the state's growth objectives and policy goals, while simultaneously safeguarding the interests of ratepayers and promoting a sustainable and resilient energy landscape; and

Whereas, it is imperative to direct the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) to conduct a comprehensive energy assessment and formulate a ten-year energy action plan not only to identify additional actions to take over the next decade to address the critical need to ensure an adequate and reliable power supply but also to serve as a proactive forum to thoroughly examine unresolved issues vital to achieving economic development success within the dynamic and evolving energy sector; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly determines that comprehensive legislation is needed to promote the development of new and reliable energy infrastructure resources, fostering resilient and reliable energy infrastructure critical to the economic success of the state of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Amend the bill further, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the "Professional Counseling Compact Act".

SECTION 2. Chapter 75, Title 40 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 6

Professional Counseling Compact

Section 40-75-910. (A) The purpose of this compact is to facilitate

interstate practice of licensed professional counselors with the goal of improving public access to professional counseling services. The practice of professional counseling occurs in the state where the client is located at the time of the counseling services. The compact preserves the regulatory authority of the states to protect public health and safety through the current system of state licensure.

(B) This compact is designed to achieve the following objectives:

(1) increase public access to professional counseling services by providing for the mutual recognition of other member state licenses;

(2) enhance the states' ability to protect the public's health and safety;

(3) encourage the cooperation of member states in regulating multistate practice for licensed professional counselors;

(4) support spouses of relocating active duty military personnel;

(5) enhance the exchange of licensure, investigative, and disciplinary information among member states;

(6) allow for the use of telehealth technology to facilitate increased access to professional counseling services;

(7) support the uniformity of professional counseling licensure requirements throughout the states to promote public safety and public health benefits;

(8) invest all member states with the authority to hold a licensed professional counselor accountable for meeting all state practice laws in the state in which the client is located at the time of care is rendered through the mutual recognition of member state licenses;

(9) eliminate the necessity for licenses in multiple states; and

(10) provide opportunities for interstate practice by licensed professional counselors who meet uniform licensure requirements.

Section 40-75-920. As used in this compact, and except as otherwise provided, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Active duty military" means full-time duty status in the active uniformed service of the United States, including members of the National Guard and Reserve on active duty orders pursuant to 10 U.S.C. Chapters 1209 and 1211.

(2) "Adverse action" means any administrative, civil, equitable, or criminal action permitted by a state's laws which is imposed by a licensing board or other authority against a licensed professional counselor, including actions against an individual's license or privilege to practice such as revocation, suspension, probation, monitoring of the licensee, limitation on the licensee's practice, or any other encumbrance on licensure affecting a licensed professional counselor's authorization

to practice, including issuance of a cease and desist action.

(3) "Alternative program" means a nondisciplinary monitoring or practice remediation process approved by a professional counseling licensing board to address impaired practitioners.

(4) "Continuing competence/education" means a requirement, as a condition of license renewal, to provide evidence of participation in, and/or completion of, educational and professional activities relevant to practice or area of work.

(5) "Counseling compact commission or commission" means the national administrative body whose membership consists of all states that have enacted the compact.

(6) "Current significant investigative information" means:

(a) investigative information that a licensing board, after a preliminary inquiry that includes notification and an opportunity for the licensed professional counselor to respond, if required by state law, has reason to believe is not groundless and, if proved true, would indicate more than a minor infraction; or

(b) investigative information that indicates that the licensed professional counselor represents an immediate threat to public health and safety regardless of whether the licensed professional counselor has been notified and had the opportunity to respond.

(7) "Data system" means a repository of information about licensees including, but not limited to, continuing education, examination, licensure, investigative, privilege to practice, and adverse action information.

(8) "Encumbered license" means a license in which an adverse action restricts the practice of licensed professional counseling by the licensee and said adverse action has been reported to the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB).

(9) "Encumbrance" means a revocation of, suspension of, or any limitation on, the full and unrestricted practice of licensed professional counseling by a licensing board.

(10) "Executive committee" means a group of directors elected or appointed to act on behalf of, and within the powers granted to them, by the commission.

(11) "Home state" means the member state that is the licensee's primary state of residence.

(12) "Impaired practitioner" means an individual who has conditions that may impair their ability to practice as a licensed professional counselor without some type of intervention and may include, but are not limited to, alcohol and drug dependence, mental

health impairment, and neurological or physical impairments.

(13) "Investigative information" means information, records, and documents received or generated by a professional counseling licensing board pursuant to an investigation.

(14) "Jurisprudence requirement" if required by a member state, means the assessment of an individual's knowledge of the laws and rules governing the practice of professional counseling in the state.

(15) "Licensed professional counselor" means a counselor licensed by a member state regardless of the title used by that state, to independently assess, diagnose, and treat behavioral health conditions.

(16) "Licensee" means an individual who currently holds an authorization from the state to practice as a licensed professional counselor.

(17) "Licensing board" means the agency of a state, or equivalent, that is responsible for the licensing and regulation of licensed professional counselors.

(18) "Member state" means a state that has enacted the compact.

(19) "Privilege to practice" means a legal authorization, which is equivalent to a license, permitting the practice of professional counseling in a remote state.

(20) "Professional counseling" means the assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of behavioral health conditions by a licensed professional counselor.

(21) "Remote state" means a member state other than the home state, where a licensee is exercising or seeking to exercise the privilege to practice.

(22) "Rule" means a regulation promulgated by the commission that has the force of law.

(23) "Single state license" means a licensed professional counselor license issued by a member state that authorizes practice only within the issuing state and does not include a privilege to practice in any other member state.

(24) "State" means any state, commonwealth, district, or territory of the United States of America that regulates the practice of professional counseling.

(25) "Telehealth" means the application of telecommunication technology to deliver professional counseling services remotely to assess, diagnose, and treat behavioral health conditions.

(26) "Unencumbered license" means a license that authorizes a licensed professional counselor to engage in the full and unrestricted practice of professional counseling.

Section 40-75-930. (A) To participate in the compact, a state must currently:

(1) license and regulate licensed professional counselors;

(2) require licensees to pass a nationally recognized exam approved by the commission;

(3) require licensees to have a sixty semester hours (or ninety quarter hours) master's degree in counseling or sixty semester hours (or ninety quarter hours) of graduate course work including the following topic areas:

(a) professional counseling orientation and ethical practice;

(b) social and cultural diversity;

(c) human growth and development;

(d) career development;

(e) counseling and helping relationships;

(f) group counseling and group work;

(g) diagnosis and treatment; assessment, and testing;

(h) research and program evaluation; and

(i) other areas as determined by the commission;

(4) require licensees to complete a supervised postgraduate professional experience as defined by the commission; and

(5) have a mechanism in place for receiving and investigating complaints about licensees.

(B) A member state shall:

(1) participate fully in the commission's data system, including using the commission's unique identifier as defined in rules;

(2) notify the commission, in compliance with the terms of the compact and rules, of any adverse action or the availability of investigative information regarding a licensee;

(3) implement or utilize procedures for considering the criminal history records of applicants for an initial privilege to practice. These procedures shall include the submission of fingerprints or other biometric based information by applicants for the purpose of obtaining an applicant's criminal history record information from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the agency responsible for retaining that state's criminal records;

(a) a member state must fully implement a criminal background check requirement, within a time frame established by rule, by receiving the results of the Federal Bureau of Investigation record search and shall use the results in making licensure decisions;

(b) communication between a member state, the commission and among member states regarding the verification of eligibility for

licensure through the compact shall not include any information received from the Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to a federal criminal records check performed by a member state under Public Law 92-544;

(4) comply with the rules of the commission;

(5) require an applicant to obtain or retain a license in the home state and meet the home state's qualifications for licensure or renewal of licensure, as well as all other applicable state laws;

(6) grant the privilege to practice to a licensee holding a valid unencumbered license in another member state in accordance with the terms of the compact and rules; and

(7) provide for the attendance of the state's commissioner to the counseling compact commission meetings.

(C) Member states may charge a fee for granting the privilege to practice.

(D) Individuals not residing in a member state shall continue to be able to apply for a member state's single state license as provided under the laws of each member state. However, the single state license granted to these individuals shall not be recognized as granting a privilege to practice professional counseling in any other member state.

(E) Nothing in this compact shall affect the requirements established by a member state for the issuance of a single state license.

(F) A license issued to a licensed professional counselor by a home state to a resident in that state shall be recognized by each member state as authorizing a licensed professional counselor to practice professional counseling, under a privilege to practice, in each member state.

Section 40-75-940. (A) To exercise the privilege to practice under the terms and provisions of the compact, the licensee shall:

(1) hold a license in the home state;

(2) have a valid United States social security number or national practitioner identifier;

(3) be eligible for a privilege to practice in any member state in accordance with subsections (D), (G), and (H);

(4) have not had any encumbrance or restriction against any license or privilege to practice within the previous two years;

(5) notify the commission that the licensee is seeking the privilege to practice within a remote state;

(6) pay any applicable fees, including any state fee, for the privilege to practice;

(7) meet any continuing competence/education requirements established by the home state;

(8) meet any jurisprudence requirements established by the

remote state in which the licensee is seeking a privilege to practice; and

(9) report to the commission any adverse action, encumbrance, or restriction on a license taken by any nonmember state within thirty days from the date the action is taken.

(B) The privilege to practice is valid until the expiration date of the home state license. The licensee must comply with the requirements of subsection (A) to maintain the privilege to practice in the remote state.

(C) A licensee providing professional counseling in a remote state under the privilege to practice shall adhere to the laws and regulations of the remote state.

(D) A licensee providing professional counseling services in a remote state is subject to that state's regulatory authority. A remote state may, in accordance with due process and that state's laws, remove a licensee's privilege to practice in the remote state for a specific period of time, impose fines, and/or take any other necessary actions to protect the health and safety of its citizens. The licensee may be ineligible for a privilege to practice in any member state until the specific time for removal has passed and all fines are paid.

(E) If a home state license is encumbered, the licensee shall lose the privilege to practice in any remote state until the following occur:

(1) the home state license is no longer encumbered; and

(2) have not had any encumbrance or restriction against any license or privilege to practice within the previous two years.

(F) Once an encumbered license in the home state is restored to good standing, the licensee must meet the requirements of subsection (A) to obtain a privilege to practice in any remote state.

(G) If a licensee's privilege to practice in any remote state is removed, the individual may lose the privilege to practice in all other remote states until the following occur:

(1) the specific period of time for which the privilege to practice was removed has ended;

(2) all fines have been paid; and

(3) have not had any encumbrance or restriction against any license or privilege to practice within the previous two years.

(H) Once the requirements of subsection (G) have been met, the licensee must meet the requirements in subsection (A) to obtain a privilege to practice in a remote state.

Section 40-75-950. (A) A licensed professional counselor may hold a home state license, which allows for a privilege to practice in other member states, in only one member state at a time.

(B) If a licensed professional counselor changes primary state of

residence by moving between two member states:

(1) The licensed professional counselor shall file an application for obtaining a new home state license based on a privilege to practice, pay all applicable fees, and notify the current and new home state in accordance with applicable rules adopted by the commission.

(2) Upon receipt of an application for obtaining a new home state license by virtue of a privilege to practice, the new home state shall verify that the licensed professional counselor meets the pertinent criteria outlined in Section 40-75-940 via the data system, without need for primary source verification except for:

(a) a Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint based criminal background check if not previously performed or updated pursuant to applicable rules adopted by the commission in accordance with Public Law 92-544;

(b) other criminal background check as required by the new home state; and

(c) completion of any requisite jurisprudence requirements of the new home state.

(3) The former home state shall convert the former home state license into a privilege to practice once the new home state has activated the new home state license in accordance with applicable rules adopted by the commission.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this compact, if the licensed professional counselor cannot meet the criteria in Section 40-75-940, the new home state may apply its requirements for issuing a new single state license.

(5) The licensed professional counselor shall pay all applicable fees to the new home state in order to be issued a new home state license.

(C) If a licensed professional counselor changes primary state of residence by moving from a member state to a nonmember state, or from a nonmember state to a member state, the state criteria shall apply for issuance of a single state license in the new state.

(D) Nothing in this compact shall interfere with a licensee's ability to hold a single state license in multiple states, however for the purposes of this compact, a licensee shall have only one home state license.

(E) Nothing in this compact shall affect the requirements established by a member state for the issuance of a single state license.

Section 40-75-960. Active duty military personnel, or their spouse, shall designate a home state where the individual has a current license in good standing. The individual may retain the home state designation during the period the service member is on active duty. Subsequent to

designating a home state, the individual shall only change their home state through application for licensure in the new state, or through the process outlined in Section 40-75-950.

Section 40-75-970. (A) Member states shall recognize the right of a licensed professional counselor, licensed by a home state in accordance with Section 40-75-930 and under rules promulgated by the commission, to practice professional counseling in any member state via telehealth under a privilege to practice as provided in the compact and rules promulgated by the commission.

(B) A licensee providing professional counseling services in a remote state under the privilege to practice shall adhere to the laws and regulations of the remote state.

Section 40-75-980. (A) In addition to the other powers conferred by state law, a remote state shall have the authority, in accordance with existing state due process law, to:

(1) take adverse action against a licensed professional counselor's privilege to practice within that member state, and

(2) issue subpoenas for both hearings and investigations that require the attendance and testimony of witnesses as well as the production of evidence. Subpoenas issued by a licensing board in a member state for the attendance and testimony of witnesses or the production of evidence from another member state shall be enforced in the latter state by any court of competent jurisdiction, according to the practice and procedure of that court applicable to subpoenas issued in proceedings pending before it. The issuing authority shall pay any witness fees, travel expenses, mileage, and other fees required by the service statutes of the state in which the witnesses or evidence are located; and

(3) only the home state shall have the power to take adverse action against a licensed professional counselor's license issued by the home state.

(B) For purposes of taking adverse action, the home state shall give the same priority and effect to reported conduct received from a member state as it would if the conduct had occurred within the home state. In so doing, the home state shall apply its own state laws to determine appropriate action.

(C) The home state shall complete any pending investigations of a licensed professional counselor who changes primary state of residence during the course of the investigations. The home state shall also have the authority to take appropriate action and shall promptly report the conclusions of the investigations to the administrator of the data system.

The administrator of the coordinated licensure information system shall promptly notify the new home state of any adverse actions.

(D) A member state, if otherwise permitted by state law, may recover from the affected licensed professional counselor the costs of investigations and dispositions of cases resulting from any adverse action taken against that licensed professional counselor.

(E) A member state may take adverse action based on the factual findings of the remote state, provided that the member state follows its own procedures for taking the adverse action.

(F) Joint investigations:

(1) In addition to the authority granted to a member state by its respective professional counseling practice act or other applicable state law, any member state may participate with other member states in joint investigations of licensees.

(2) Member states shall share any investigative, litigation, or compliance materials in furtherance of any joint or individual investigation initiated under the compact.

(G) If adverse action is taken by the home state against the license of a licensed professional counselor, the licensed professional counselor's privilege to practice in all other member states shall be deactivated until all encumbrances have been removed from the state license. All home state disciplinary orders that impose adverse action against the license of a licensed professional counselor shall include a statement that the licensed professional counselor's privilege to practice is deactivated in all member states during the pendency of the order.

(H) If a member state takes adverse action, it shall promptly notify the administrator of the data system. The administrator of the data system shall promptly notify the home state of any adverse actions by remote states.

(I) Nothing in this compact shall override a member state's decision that participation in an alternative program may be used in lieu of adverse action.

Section 40-75-990. (A) The compact member states hereby create and establish a joint public agency known as the Counseling Compact Commission:

(1) The commission is an instrumentality of the compact states.

(2) Venue is proper and judicial proceedings by or against the commission shall be brought solely and exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction where the principal office of the commission is located. The commission may waive venue and jurisdictional defenses to the extent it adopts or consents to participate in alternative dispute

resolution proceedings.

(3) Nothing in this compact shall be construed to be a waiver of sovereign immunity.

(B) Membership, voting, and meetings:

(1) Each member state shall have and be limited to one delegate selected by that member state's licensing board.

(2) The delegate shall be either:

(a) a current member of the licensing board at the time of appointment, who is a licensed professional counselor or public member; or

(b) an administrator of the licensing board.

(3) Any delegate may be removed or suspended from office as provided by the law of the state from which the delegate is appointed.

(4) The member state licensing board shall fill any vacancy occurring on the commission within sixty days.

(5) Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote with regard to the promulgation of rules and creation of bylaws and shall otherwise have an opportunity to participate in the business and affairs of the commission.

(6) A delegate shall vote in person or by such other means as provided in the bylaws. The bylaws may provide for delegates' participation in meetings by telephone or other means of communication.

(7) The commission shall meet at least once during each calendar year. Additional meetings shall be held as set forth in the bylaws.

(8) The commission shall by rule establish a term of office for delegates and may by rule establish term limits.

(C) The commission shall have the following powers and duties:

(1) establish the fiscal year of the commission;

(2) establish bylaws;

(3) maintain its financial records in accordance with the bylaws;

(4) meet and take such actions as are consistent with the provisions of this compact and the bylaws;

(5) promulgate rules which shall be binding to the extent and in the manner provided for in the compact;

(6) bring and prosecute legal proceedings or actions in the name of the commission, provided that the standing of any state licensing board to sue or be sued under applicable law shall not be affected;

(7) purchase and maintain insurance and bonds;

(8) borrow, accept, or contract for services of personnel including, but not limited to, employees of a member state;

(9) hire employees, elect or appoint officers, fix compensation, define duties, grant such individuals appropriate authority to carry out the purposes of the compact, and establish the commission's personnel policies and programs relating to conflicts of interest, qualifications of personnel, and other related personnel matters;

(10) accept any and all appropriate donations and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services, and to receive, utilize, and dispose of the same; provided that at all times the commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety and/or conflict of interest;

(11) lease, purchase, accept appropriate gifts or donations of, or otherwise to own, hold, improve or use, any property, real, personal ,or mixed; provided that at all times the commission shall avoid any appearance of impropriety;

(12) sell convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, abandon, or otherwise dispose of any property real, personal, or mixed;

(13) establish a budget and make expenditures;

(14) borrow money;

(15) appoint committees, including standing committees composed of members, state regulators, state legislators or their representatives, and consumer representatives, and such other interested persons as may be designated in this compact and the bylaws;

(16) provide and receive information from, and cooperate with, law enforcement agencies;

(17) establish and elect an executive committee; and

(18) perform such other functions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this compact consistent with the state regulation of professional counseling licensure and practice.

(D) The executive committee:

(1) The executive committee shall have the power to act on behalf of the commission according to the terms of this compact.

(2) The executive committee shall be composed of up to eleven members:

(a) seven voting members who are elected by the commission from the current membership of the commission; and

(b) up to four ex officio, nonvoting members from four recognized national professional counselor organizations.

(c) The ex officio members will be selected by their respective organizations.

(3) The commission may remove any member of the executive committee as provided in the bylaws.

(4) The executive committee shall meet at least annually.

(5) The executive committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

(a) Recommend to the entire commission changes to the rules or bylaws, changes to this compact legislation, fees paid by compact member states such as annual dues, and any commission compact fee charged to licensees for the privilege to practice;

(b) Ensure compact administration services are appropriately provided, contractual or otherwise;

(c) prepare and recommend the budget;

(d) maintain financial records on behalf of the commission;

(e) monitor compact compliance of member states and provide compliance reports to the commission;

(f) establish additional committees as necessary; and

(g) other duties as provided in the rules or bylaws.

(E) Meetings of the commission:

(1) All meetings shall be open to the public, and public notice of meetings shall be given in the same manner as required under the rulemaking provisions in Section 40-75-1010.

(2) The commission or the executive committee or other committees of the commission may convene in a closed, nonpublic meeting if the commission or executive committee or other committees of the commission must discuss:

(a) noncompliance of a member state with its obligations under the compact;

(b) the employment, compensation, discipline or other matters, practices or procedures related to specific employees or other matters related to the commission's internal personnel practices and procedures;

(c) current, threatened, or reasonably anticipated litigation;

(d) negotiation of contracts for the purchase, lease, or sale of goods, services, or real estate;

(e) accusing any person of a crime or formally censuring any person;

(f) disclosure of trade secrets or commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential;

(g) disclosure of information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(h) disclosure of investigative records compiled for law enforcement purposes;

(i) disclosure of information related to any investigative

reports prepared by or on behalf of or for use of the commission or other committee charged with responsibility of investigation or determination of compliance issues pursuant to the compact; or

(j) matters specifically exempted from disclosure by federal or member state statute.

(3) If a meeting, or portion of a meeting, is closed pursuant to this provision, the commission's legal counsel or designee shall certify that the meeting may be closed and shall reference each relevant exempting provision.

(4) The commission shall keep minutes that fully and clearly describe all matters discussed in a meeting and shall provide a full and accurate summary of actions taken, and the reasons therefore, including a description of the views expressed. All documents considered in connection with an action shall be identified in such minutes. All minutes and documents of a closed meeting shall remain under seal, subject to release by a majority vote of the commission or order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(F) Financing of the commission:

(1) The commission shall pay, or provide for the payment of, the reasonable expenses of its establishment, organization, and ongoing activities.

(2) The commission may accept any and all appropriate revenue sources, donations, and grants of money, equipment, supplies, materials, and services.

(3) The commission may levy on and collect an annual assessment from each member state or impose fees on other parties to cover the cost of the operations and activities of the commission and its staff, which must be in a total amount sufficient to cover its annual budget as approved each year for which revenue is not provided by other sources. The aggregate annual assessment amount shall be allocated based upon a formula to be determined by the commission, which shall promulgate a rule binding upon all member states.

(4) The commission shall not incur obligations of any kind prior to securing the funds adequate to meet the same; nor shall the commission pledge the credit of any of the member states, except by and with the authority of the member state.

(5) The commission shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements. The receipts and disbursements of the commission shall be subject to the audit and accounting procedures established under its bylaws. However, all receipts and disbursements of funds handled by the commission shall be audited yearly by a certified or licensed public

accountant, and the report of the audit shall be included in and become part of the annual report of the commission.

(G) Qualified immunity, defense, and indemnification:

(1) The members, officers, executive director, employees, and representatives of the commission shall be immune from suit and liability, either personally or in their official capacity, for any claim for damage to or loss of property or personal injury or other civil liability caused by or arising out of any actual or alleged act, error or omission that occurred, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to protect any such person from suit and/or liability for any damage, loss, injury, or liability caused by the intentional or wilful or wanton misconduct of that person.

(2) The commission shall defend any member, officer, executive director, employee, or representative of the commission in any civil action seeking to impose liability arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that the person against whom the claim is made had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities; provided that nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit that person from retaining his or her own counsel; and provided further, that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from that person's intentional or wilful or wanton misconduct.

(3) The commission shall indemnify and hold harmless any member, officer, executive director, employee, or representative of the commission for the amount of any settlement or judgment obtained against that person arising out of any actual or alleged act, error, or omission that occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, or that such person had a reasonable basis for believing occurred within the scope of commission employment, duties, or responsibilities, provided that the actual or alleged act, error, or omission did not result from the intentional or wilful or wanton misconduct of that person.

Section 40-75-1000. (A) The commission shall provide for the development, maintenance, operation, and utilization of a coordinated database and reporting system containing licensure, adverse action, and investigative information on all licensed individuals in member states.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of state law to the contrary, a member state shall submit a uniform data set to the data

system on all individuals to whom this compact is applicable as required by the rules of the commission, including:

(1) identifying information;

(2) licensure data;

(3) adverse actions against a license or privilege to practice;

(4) nonconfidential information related to alternative program participation;

(5) any denial of application for licensure, and the reason for such denial;

(6) current significant investigative information; and

(7) other information that may facilitate the administration of this compact, as determined by the rules of the commission.

(C) Investigative information pertaining to a licensee in any member state will only be available to other member states.

(D) The commission shall promptly notify all member states of any adverse action taken against a licensee or an individual applying for a license. Adverse action information pertaining to a licensee in any member state will be available to any other member state.

(E) Member states contributing information to the data system may designate information that may not be shared with the public without the express permission of the contributing state.

(F) Any information submitted to the data system that is subsequently required to be expunged by the laws of the member state contributing the information shall be removed from the data system.

Section 40-75-1010. (A) The commission shall promulgate reasonable rules in order to effectively and efficiently achieve the purpose of the compact. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event the commission exercises its rulemaking authority in a manner that is beyond the scope of the purposes of the compact, or the powers granted hereunder, then such an action by the commission shall be invalid and have no force or effect.

(B) The commission shall exercise its rulemaking powers pursuant to the criteria set forth in this section and the rules adopted thereunder. Rules and amendments shall become binding as of the date specified in each rule or amendment.

(C) If a majority of the legislatures of the member states rejects a rule, by enactment of a statute or resolution in the same manner used to adopt the compact within four years of the date of adoption of the rule, then such rule shall have no further force and effect in any member state.

(D) Rules or amendments to the rules shall be adopted at a regular or special meeting of the commission.

(E) Prior to promulgation and adoption of a final rule or rules by the commission, and at least thirty days in advance of the meeting at which the rule will be considered and voted upon, the commission shall file a notice of proposed rulemaking:

(1) on the website of the commission or other publicly accessible platform; and

(2) on the website of each member state professional counseling licensing board or other publicly accessible platform or the publication in which each state would otherwise publish proposed rules.

(F) The notice of proposed rulemaking shall include:

(1) the proposed time, date, and location of the meeting in which the rule will be considered and voted upon;

(2) the text of the proposed rule or amendment and the reason for the proposed rule;

(3) a request for comments on the proposed rule from any interested person; and

(4) the manner in which interested persons may submit notice to the commission of their intention to attend the public hearing and any written comments.

(G) Prior to adoption of a proposed rule, the commission shall allow persons to submit written data, facts, opinions, and arguments, which shall be made available to the public.

(H) The commission shall grant an opportunity for a public hearing before it adopts a rule or amendment if a hearing is requested by:

(1) at least twenty-five persons;

(2) a state or federal governmental subdivision or agency; or

(3) an association having at least twenty-five members.

(I) If a hearing is held on the proposed rule or amendment, the commission shall publish the place, time, and date of the scheduled public hearing. If the hearing is held via electronic means, the commission shall publish the mechanism for access to the electronic hearing.

(1) All persons wishing to be heard at the hearing shall notify the executive director of the commission or other designated member in writing of their desire to appear and testify at the hearing not less than five business days before the scheduled date of the hearing.

(2) Hearings shall be conducted in a manner providing each person who wishes to comment a fair and reasonable opportunity to comment orally or in writing.

(3) All hearings will be recorded. A copy of the recording will be made available on request.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a separate hearing on each rule. Rules may be grouped for the convenience of the commission at hearings required by this section.

(J) Following the scheduled hearing date, or by the close of business on the scheduled hearing date if the hearing was not held, the commission shall consider all written and oral comments received.

(K) If no written notice of intent to attend the public hearing by interested parties is received, the commission may proceed with promulgation of the proposed rule without a public hearing.

(L) The commission shall, by majority vote of all members, take final action on the proposed rule and shall determine the effective date of the rule, if any, based on the rulemaking record and the full text of the rule.

(M) Upon determination that an emergency exists, the commission may consider and adopt an emergency rule without prior notice, opportunity for comment, or hearing, provided that the usual rulemaking procedures provided in the compact and in this section shall be retroactively applied to the rule as soon as reasonably possible, in no event later than ninety days after the effective date of the rule. For the purposes of this provision, an emergency rule is one that must be adopted immediately in order to:

(1) meet an imminent threat to public health, safety, or welfare;

(2) prevent a loss of commission or member state funds;

(3) meet a deadline for the promulgation of an administrative rule that is established by federal law or rule; or

(4) protect public health and safety.

(N) The commission or an authorized committee of the commission may direct revisions to a previously adopted rule or amendment for purposes of correcting typographical errors, errors in format, errors in consistency, or grammatical errors. Public notice of any revisions shall be posted on the website of the commission. The revision shall be subject to challenge by any person for a period of thirty days after posting. The revision may be challenged only on grounds that the revision results in a material change to a rule. A challenge shall be made in writing and delivered to the chair of the commission prior to the end of the notice period. If no challenge is made, the revision will take effect without further action. If the revision is challenged, the revision may not take effect without the approval of the commission.

Section 40-75-1020. (A) Oversight:

(1) The executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government in each member state shall enforce this compact and take all

actions necessary and appropriate to effectuate the compact's purposes and intent. The provisions of this compact and the rules promulgated hereunder shall have standing as statutory law.

(2) All courts shall take judicial notice of the compact and the rules in any judicial or administrative proceeding in a member state pertaining to the subject matter of this compact which may affect the powers, responsibilities, or actions of the commission.

(3) The commission shall be entitled to receive service of process in any such proceeding and shall have standing to intervene in such a proceeding for all purposes. Failure to provide service of process to the commission shall render a judgment or order void as to the commission, this compact, or promulgated rules.

(B) Default, technical assistance, and termination:

(1) If the commission determines that a member state has defaulted in the performance of its obligations or responsibilities under this compact or the promulgated rules, the commission shall:

(a) provide written notice to the defaulting state and other member states of the nature of the default, the proposed means of curing the default and/or any other action to be taken by the commission; and

(b) provide remedial training and specific technical assistance regarding the default.

(C) If a state in default fails to cure the default, the defaulting state may be terminated from the compact upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the member states, and all rights, privileges, and benefits conferred by this compact may be terminated on the effective date of termination. A cure of the default does not relieve the offending state of obligations or liabilities incurred during the period of default.

(D) Termination of membership in the compact shall be imposed only after all other means of securing compliance have been exhausted. Notice of intent to suspend or terminate shall be given by the commission to the governor, the majority and minority leaders of the defaulting state's legislature, and each of the member states.

(E) A state that has been terminated is responsible for all assessments, obligations, and liabilities incurred through the effective date of termination, including obligations that extend beyond the effective date of termination.

(F) The commission shall not bear any costs related to a state that is found to be in default or that has been terminated from the compact, unless agreed upon in writing between the commission and the defaulting state.

(G) The defaulting state may appeal the action of the commission

by petitioning the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the commission has its principal offices. The prevailing member shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

(H) Dispute resolution:

(1) Upon request by a member state, the commission shall attempt to resolve disputes related to the compact that arise among member states and between member and nonmember states.

(2) The commission shall promulgate a rule providing for both mediation and binding dispute resolution for disputes as appropriate.

(I) Enforcement:

(1) The commission, in the reasonable exercise of its discretion, shall enforce the provisions and rules of this compact.

(2) By majority vote, the commission may initiate legal action in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia or the federal district where the commission has its principal offices against a member state in default to enforce compliance with the provisions of the compact and its promulgated rules and bylaws. The relief sought may include both injunctive relief and damages. In the event judicial enforcement is necessary, the prevailing member shall be awarded all costs of such litigation, including reasonable attorney's fees.

(3) The remedies herein shall not be the exclusive remedies of the commission. The commission may pursue any other remedies available under federal or state law.

Section 40-75-1030. (A) The compact shall come into effect on the date on which the compact statute is enacted into law in the tenth member state. The provisions, which become effective at that time, shall be limited to the powers granted to the commission relating to assembly and the promulgation of rules. Thereafter, the commission shall meet and exercise rulemaking powers necessary to the implementation and administration of the compact.

(B) Any state that joins the compact subsequent to the commission's initial adoption of the rules shall be subject to the rules as they exist on the date on which the compact becomes law in that state. Any rule that has been previously adopted by the commission shall have the full force and effect of law on the day the compact becomes law in that state.

(C) Any member state may withdraw from this compact by enacting a statute repealing the same.

(1) A member state's withdrawal shall not take effect until six months after enactment of the repealing statute.

(2) Withdrawal shall not affect the continuing requirement of the withdrawing state's professional counseling licensing board to comply with the investigative and adverse action reporting requirements of this act prior to the effective date of withdrawal.

(D) Nothing contained in this compact shall be construed to invalidate or prevent any professional counseling licensure agreement or other cooperative arrangement between a member state and a nonmember state that does not conflict with the provisions of this compact.

(E) This compact may be amended by the member states. No amendment to this compact shall become effective and binding upon any member state until it is enacted into the laws of all member states.

Section 40-75-1040. This compact shall be liberally construed so as to effectuate the purposes thereof. The provisions of this compact shall be severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence or provision of this compact is declared to be contrary to the constitution of any member state or of the United States or the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this compact and the applicability thereof to any government, agency, person, or circumstance shall not be affected thereby. If this compact shall be held contrary to the constitution of any member state, the compact shall remain in full force and effect as to the remaining member states and in full force and effect as to the member state affected as to all severable matters.

Section 40-75-1050. (A) A licensee providing professional counseling services in a remote state under the privilege to practice shall adhere to the laws and regulations, including scope of practice, of the remote state.

(B) Nothing herein prevents the enforcement of any other law of a member state that is not inconsistent with the compact.

(C) Any laws in a member state in conflict with the compact are superseded to the extent of the conflict.

(D) Any lawful actions of the commission, including all rules and bylaws properly promulgated by the commission, are binding upon the member states.

(E) All permissible agreements between the commission and the member states are binding in accordance with their terms.

(F) In the event any provision of the compact exceeds the constitutional limits imposed on the legislature of any member state, the provision shall be ineffective to the extent of the conflict with the constitutional provision in question in that member state.

SECTION 3. Section 40-75-220 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-75-220. (A)To be licensed by the board as a professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, or addiction counselor, an individual must:

(1) pay the appropriate fees and pass an examination approved by the board;

(2) complete forms prescribed by the board; and

(3) complete the following educational requirements:

(a) for licensed professional counselor or marriage and family therapist, successfully complete a minimum of a master's degree or higher degree program and have been awarded a graduate degree as provided in regulation, provided all course work, including any additional core coursework, must be taken at a college or university accredited by a national educational accrediting body, or one that follows similar educational standards and by the Commission on the Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, one of its transferring regional associations, the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, or a post-degree program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education, or a regionally accredited institution of higher learning subsequent to receiving the graduate degree; or

(b) for licensed addiction counselor, successfully complete a minimum of a master's degree or higher degree program and have been awarded a graduate degree as provided in regulation, provided all course work, including any additional core coursework, must be taken at a college or university accredited by a national educational accrediting body, or one that follows similar standards and the Commission on the Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, one of its transferring regional associations, the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, the National Addiction Studies Accreditation Commission, other board-approved educational institution, or a regionally accredited institution of higher learning.

(B) In addition to other requirements established by law, a person applying to be a licensed professional counselor, as defined in Section 40-75-20(13), must undergo a state criminal records check, supported by fingerprints, by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and a national criminal records check, supported by fingerprints, by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The results of these criminal records checks must be reported to the department. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are authorized to retain the fingerprints for identification

and certification purposes and for notification of the department regarding criminal charges. Cost of conducting a criminal history background check must be borne by the applicant. The department shall keep information received pursuant to this section confidential, except that information relied upon in denying licensure may be disclosed to the board as may be necessary to support the administrative action. The results of these criminal record checks must not be shared outside the department.

(C) In addition to other requirements established by law, a licensed professional counselor applying to enter the compact via a privilege to practice must undergo a state criminal records check, supported by fingerprints, by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, and a national criminal records check, supported by fingerprints, by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The results of these criminal records checks must be reported to the department. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are authorized to retain the fingerprints for identification and certification purposes and for notification of the department regarding criminal charges. Cost of conducting a criminal history background check must be borne by the applicant. The department shall keep information received pursuant to this section confidential, except that information relied upon in denying licensure may be disclosed to the board as may be necessary to support the administrative action. The results of these criminal record checks must not be shared outside the department.

SECTION 4. This act may be cited as the "South Carolina Energy Security Act".

SECTION 5. Section 58-3-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-20. (A) The commission is composed of ~~seven~~three members to be elected by the General Assembly in the manner prescribed by this chapter. Each member must have:

(1) a baccalaureate or more advanced degree from:

(a) a recognized institution of higher learning requiring face-to-face contact between its students and instructors prior to completion of the academic program;

(b) an institution of higher learning that has been accredited by a regional or national accrediting body; or

(c) an institution of higher learning chartered before 1962; and

(2) a background of substantial duration and an expertise in at least one of the following:

(a) energy issues;
(b) telecommunications issues;
(c) consumer protection and advocacy issues;
(d) water and wastewater issues;
(e) finance, economics, and statistics;
(f) accounting;
(g) engineering; or
(h) law.

~~(B)(1) Beginning in 2004, the members of the Public Service Commission must be elected to staggered terms. In 2004, the members representing the Second, Fourth, and Sixth Congressional Districts must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2006, and until their successors are elected and qualify. Thereafter, members representing the Second, Fourth, and Sixth Congressional Districts must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify. In 2004, the members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts and the State at large must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2008, and until their successors are elected and qualify. Thereafter, members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts and the State at large must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts shall serve until the expiration of their terms, and in 2013, members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2016, and until their successors are elected and qualified.~~

~~(2) In the event there are Seven Congressional Districts, the member elected from the State at large shall serve until the expiration of his term, and in 2013, a member representing the Seventh Congressional District must be elected for a term ending on June 30, 2016, and until his successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the member representing the Seventh Congressional District must be elected to terms of four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. Upon the election and qualification of the member representing the Seventh Congressional District, the at-large member elected to satisfy the requirements of subsection (C) immediately shall cease to be a member of the commission.~~

~~(C)~~ (B)(1)The General Assembly must provide for the election of the ~~seven~~three-member commission ~~and elect its members based upon the congressional districts established by the General Assembly pursuant to the latest official United States Decennial Census.~~

~~If the number of congressional districts is less than seven, additional members must be elected at large to provide for a seven member commission. In the event the congressional districts established by the General Assembly are under review by a court for compliance with statutory or constitutional requirements, an election scheduled pursuant to this section shall not be held until a final determination is made by the courts regarding the congressional districts. The inability to hold an election due to judicial review of the congressional districts does not constitute a vacancy on the commission and the commissioners serve until their successors are elected and qualify~~. The commission members must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify.

(2) The commission members must be elected from the state at large; however, membership on the commission should reflect all segments of the population of the State, to the greatest extent possible.

~~(D)~~(C) The Governor may fill vacancies in the office of commissioner until the successor in the office for a full term or an unexpired term, as applicable, has been elected by the General Assembly. In cases where a vacancy occurs on the commission when the General Assembly is not in session, the Governor may fill the vacancy by an interim appointment. The Governor must report the interim appointment to the General Assembly and must forward a formal appointment at its next ensuing regular session.

SECTION 6. Section 58-3-140 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-140. (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 9 of this title, the commission is vested with power and jurisdiction to supervise and regulate the rates and service of every public utility in this State and to fix just and reasonable standards, classifications, regulations, practices, and measurements of service to be furnished, imposed, or observed, and followed by every public utility in this State.

(2) The commission must promulgate regulations to establish safety, maintenance, and inspection standards for the public utilities and may assess fines for public utilities that violate these standards.

(B)(1) The commission, in conducting its analysis and making a decision in matters involving electrical utilities, must consider the economic impact to the State when fixing just and reasonable standards, classifications, regulations, practices, and measurements of service to be furnished, imposed, or observed, and followed by every

electrical utility in this State.

(2) The General Assembly declares the rates, services, and operations of electrical utilities are a matter of public interest and the availability of an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of electric power and natural gas to the people and economy of South Carolina is a matter of public policy. When exercising its powers under this section, the commission must balance the public interest in determining the rates, services, and operations of electrical utilities. It is the policy of this State for the commission, in matters involving electrical utilities, to:

(a) ensure South Carolina customers have access to an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources;

(b) sustain growth in industrial and economic development by ensuring an electric generation, transmission, and distribution system that can grow and modernize to meet the demands that a prosperous and developing economy places on it;

(c) provide fair regulation of electrical utilities in the interest of the public in a manner that maintains the financial integrity of the electrical utility by assuring a sufficient and fair rate of return, supports economic development and industry retention, and provides just and reasonable rates to be established for entities providing electrical utility services to customers in this State while promoting adequate, reliable, and economical utility service to all of the citizens and residents of this State;

(d) provide the State and the public with a well-regulated electrical utility environment;

(e) assure that resources necessary to meet future growth through the provision of adequate, reliable electrical utility service include use of the entire spectrum of demand-side options, including but not limited to, conservation, load management, and energy efficiency programs as additional sources of energy supply and energy demand reduction;

(f) provide just and reasonable rates and charges for electrical utility services without undue preferences or advantages, or unfair or destructive competitive practices and consistent with long-term management and conservation of energy resources by avoiding wasteful, uneconomic generation and uses of energy;

(g) assure that facilities necessary to meet future growth can be financed by the utilities operating in this State on terms which are reasonable and fair to both the customers and existing investors of such utilities, and to that end, to authorize fixing of rates in

such a manner as to result in lower costs of new facilities and lower rates over the operating lives of such new facilities;

(h) recognize the important role of utilities in economic development and industry retention and the necessity for utilities to maintain the ability to finance continued investment in, and operation and maintenance of, the electric system, rapid restoration of power after major storms and outages, rate designs, and infrastructure necessary to attract and retain businesses and jobs to South Carolina, the ability to obtain financing at attractive rates, and to ensure a viable workforce for providing electricity and to attract such utility workers at market-competitive wages;

(i) seek to encourage and promote harmony between public utilities, their users, and the environment;

(j) foster the continued service of electrical utilities on a well-planned and coordinated basis that is consistent with the level of energy needed for the protection of public health and safety and for the promotion of the general welfare, economic development, and industry retention;

(k) seek to adjust the rate of growth of regulated energy supply facilities serving the State to the policy requirements of statewide economic development and industry retention;

(l) encourage the continued study and research on new and innovative rate designs which will protect the State, the public, the ratepayers and the utilities;

(m) facilitate the construction of facilities in and the extension of natural gas service to unserved and underserved areas in order to promote the public welfare throughout the State;

(n) further the development of cleaner energy technologies on a cost-effective basis to protect the natural resources of this State, promote the health and well-being of the people of this State, and attract investments, create employment opportunities, drive economic growth, and foster innovation in this State; and

(o) accomplish regulatory processes and issue orders in a timely manner.

~~(B)~~(C) The commission must develop and publish a policy manual which must set forth guidelines for the administration of the commission. All procedures must incorporate state requirements and good management practices to ensure the efficient and economical utilization of resources.

~~(C)~~(D) The commission must facilitate access to its general rate request orders in contested matters involving more than one

hundred thousand dollars by publishing an order guide which indexes and cross-references orders by subject matter and case name. The order guide must be made available for public inspection.

~~(D)~~(E) The commission must promulgate regulations to require the direct testimony of witnesses appearing on behalf of utilities and of witnesses appearing on behalf of persons having formal intervenor status, such testimony to be reduced to writing and prefiled with the commission in advance of any hearing. In contested case proceedings, the applicant seeking relief from the commission shall have the right to prefile rebuttal testimony responsive to the direct prefiled testimony of other parties. The commission may allow supplemental testimony in cases where new matters arise after the filing of direct testimony, provided that parties shall have the right to respond to such supplemental testimony. The procedural schedule for each contested case proceeding shall include dates for completion of each phase of discovery, including discovery related to the application or other initial pleading as filed, direct testimony of the applicant, direct testimony of the Office of Regulatory Staff and other parties and intervenors, rebuttal testimony of the applicant, and surrebuttal testimony but only if allowed by the commission upon motion that there is material new information for which surrebuttal testimony is required. The commission must act on a motion to allow surrebuttal testimony within three business days. Except upon showing of exceptional circumstances or surprise, all discovery must be completed not less than ten days prior to the hearing.

(F) The commission may convene public hearings to allow electrical utility customers to address the commission as public witnesses without intervening in the proceedings and without subjecting themselves to discovery or prefiling testimony. Public witnesses may address the commission on issues related to customer service, utility operations, reliability, economic hardship, affordability, environmental concerns, or other matters that affect them. The electrical utility and the Office of Regulatory Staff shall work to investigate and resolve individual service issues raised by public witnesses.

(G) Any other provision of law notwithstanding, to the extent the commission is authorized by the General Assembly to employ an independent third-party consultant to assist the commission in its duties with respect to a matter before the commission, such consultant may only rely upon evidence introduced by a party to that proceeding into the record subject to the requirements of the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act. Further, the commission may not give any consultant employed by the commission party status in a proceeding

before the commission.

~~(E)~~(H) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to repeal or modify specific exclusions from the commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Title 58 or any other title.

~~(F)~~(I) When required to be filed, tariffs must be filed with the office of the chief clerk of the commission and, on that same day, provided to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 7. Section 58-3-250(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) A copy of every final order or decision under the seal of the commission must be served by electronic service, or registered or certified mail, upon all parties to the proceeding or their attorneys. Service of every final order or decision upon a party or upon the attorney must be made by emailing a copy of the order to the party's email address provided to the commission or by mailing a copy to the party's last known address. If no email or other address is known, however, service shall be made by leaving a copy with the chief clerk of the commission. The order takes effect and becomes operative when served unless otherwise designated and continues in force either for a period designated by the commission or until changed or revoked by the commission. If, in the judgment of the commission, an order cannot be complied with within the time designated, the commission may grant and prescribe additional time as is reasonably necessary to comply with the order and, on application and for good cause shown, may extend the time for compliance fixed in its order.

SECTION 8. Section 58-4-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-4-10. (A) There is hereby created the Office of Regulatory Staff as a separate agency of the State with the duties and organizations as hereinafter provided.

(B) Unless and until it chooses not to participate, the Office of Regulatory Staff must be considered a party of record in all filings, applications, or proceedings before the commission. The regulatory staff must represent the public interest of South Carolina before the commission. For purposes of this chapter only, "public interest" means a balancing of:

(1) the concerns of the using and consuming public with respect to public utility services, regardless of the class of customer~~,~~;

(2) economic development and job attraction and retention in South Carolina; and

(3) preservation of the financial integrity of the

State's public utilities to the extent necessary to provide for the ~~of~~ continued investment in and maintenance of utility facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality utility services.

(C) The Office of Regulatory Staff is subject to the provision of Section 58-3-260 prohibiting ex parte communications with the commission, and any advice given to the commission by the regulatory staff must be given in a form, forum, and manner as may lawfully be given by any other party or person.

SECTION 9.Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-150. (A) To further advance and expand upon Executive Order 2023-18 which established the PowerSC Energy Resources and Economic Development Interagency Working Group, the Office of Regulatory Staff, in consultation with a stakeholder group that includes representatives of consumer, environmental, manufacturing, forestry, and agricultural organizations, natural gas and electrical utilities, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, and other affected state agencies, shall prepare a comprehensive South Carolina energy assessment and action plan, hereinafter referred to as "the plan". This plan must identify recommended actions over a ten-year period to ensure the availability of adequate, reliable, and economical supply of electric power and natural gas to the people and economy of South Carolina. For purposes of this section, natural gas and electrical utilities also includes any investor-owned electrical utility, a public utility as defined in Section 58-5-10, the Public Service Authority, electric cooperatives, and any consolidated political subdivision that owns or operates in this State equipment or facilities for generating, transmitting, delivering, or furnishing electricity, but does not include an entity that furnishes electricity only to itself, its residents, or tenants when such current is not resold or used by others.

(B) The Office of Regulatory Staff, in collaboration with the electrical utilities and the South Carolina Public Service Authority, shall aggregate data and analyses from their most recent integrated resource plans approved by the commission, and include any updates or associated filings and other available data in order to create a statewide comprehensive view of the availability of an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources to the people and economy of South Carolina.

(C) The plan must detail factors, and make recommendations, essential to adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources for the people and economy of South Carolina, including but

not limited to:

(1) projections of energy consumption in South Carolina, including the use of fuel resources and costs of electricity and generation resources across the electrical utilities' and the South Carolina Public Service Authority's balancing authority areas used to serve the State;

(2) the adequacy of electricity generation, transmission, and distribution resources in this State to meet projections of energy consumption;

(3) the adequacy of infrastructure utilized by natural gas industries in providing fuel supply to electric generation plants or otherwise for end-use customers;

(4) the overall needs of the South Carolina electric grid and transmission system and details from the plans of each electrical utility and the South Carolina Public Service Authority to meet current and future energy needs in a cost-effective, reliable, economic, and environmental manner;

(5) an assessment of state and local impediments to expanded use of generation or distributed resources and recommendations to reduce or eliminate such impediments;

(6) how energy efficiency, demand-side management programs, and conservation initiatives across the electrical utilities' and the South Carolina Public Service Authority's balancing authority areas may be expanded to lower bills and reduce electric consumption;

(7) details regarding potential siting of energy resource and transmission facilities in order to identify any disproportionate adverse impact of such activities on the environment, agricultural community, land use, and economically disadvantaged or minority communities;

(8) details regarding commercial and industrial consumer clean energy goals and options available to such customers to achieve these goals, including:

(a) an analysis of the barriers commercial and industrial consumers face in making such investments in this State;

(b) an analysis of any electric and natural gas regulatory barriers to the recruitment and retention of commercial and industrial customers in this State; and

(c) recommendations to address any barriers identified in items (a) and (b) in a manner that is consistent with the public interest and which is not duly impactful to nonparticipating customers as it pertains to rate and system impacts, and which is not unduly impactful to entities providing public utility services.

(C) In preparing the plan the Office of Regulatory Staff may retain

an outside expert to assist with compiling this report.

(D) In addition to the information required by this section, the plan must include recommendations for legislative, regulatory, or other public and private actions to best ensure a reliable and reasonably priced energy supply in South Carolina that supports the continued growth and success of this State. In forming these recommendations, the Office of Regulatory Staff must confer with the stakeholder group to ensure the recommendations would likely achieve the intended result for the electric grid, electric generation, and natural gas resources serving South Carolina customers.

(E) The plan must be submitted to the Public Utilities Review Committee for approval.

(F) The provisions of this section are subject to funding.

SECTION 10. Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 38

South Carolina Energy Policy Institute

Section 58-38-10. This chapter is known as and may be cited as the "South Carolina Energy Policy Research and Economic Development Institute" or "EPI".

Section 58-38-20. The General Assembly finds that:

(1) It is in the public interest of South Carolina to establish an Energy Policy Research and Economic Development Institute, also referred to as EPI, to support the efforts of the Advanced Resilient Energy Nexus, also referred to as SC Nexus, and research and propose solutions to address major challenges in the complex and evolving area of energy generation and storage.

(2) Research and documenting reliable data is essential for thoughtful consideration of the complex issues and concerns impacting energy generation and storage and the need for timely, substantive, and thorough advice from the EPI to the South Carolina General Assembly is critical to continue to position this State as a global leader.

(3) Advancement through the EPI of the broad collaboration through the SC Nexus will assist the State as a global leader in advanced energy by developing, testing, and deploying exportable electricity technologies. It will also allow the State to leverage the region's dynamic and growing manufacturing base, superior research capabilities, and demonstrated record of public-private collaboration to innovate and commercialize emerging energy storage materials and manufacturing techniques, including a demonstrative microgrid implementation that integrates renewable energy and storage into the state's electricity systems.

(4) The topography of South Carolina, with its coastal plains and low country, confronts further complications. While the State possesses renewable energy resources like hydropower potential from its rivers and lakes and biomass from wood and landfill gas, the lack of sustainable energy production exacerbates the energy deficit. It is critical that South Carolina provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy.

(5) The industrial sector in South Carolina accounts for approximately one-third of the state's total energy use and heavily depends on energy consumption. Continued economic development and industry retention depends upon safe, reliable, and affordable energy generation.

(6) South Carolina will need to continue moving toward reliable power from emerging energy sources to ensure continued economic growth and secure energy for residential usage.

(7) The EPI shall collaborate across South Carolina in coordination with SC Nexus, Savannah River National Laboratory, energy utility providers, private industry, and workforce development to deliver advice on policy creation aligned with the state's distinctive needs and opportunities. EPI shall support and collaborate with SC Nexus, a consortium of public and private entities, formed within the South Carolina Department of Commerce concerning power generation, transmission, and storage.

Section 58-38-30. (A) The EPI shall be established by the University of South Carolina to serve as an expert and reliable advisory resource for state policymakers, government, and industry. This institute shall bring together a coalition of experts from various domains within the energy ecosystem, individuals and organizations specializing in innovating public policy approaches, as well as specialists from across higher education, including but not limited to, the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, and South Carolina State University. The EPI shall aid South Carolina in developing a strategic long-term approach to address energy-related challenges and economic development opportunities for the State of South Carolina.

(B) The EPI shall be governed by a board of six members which shall provide oversight and guidance to the EPI. This board shall be composed of:

(1) Speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee;

(2) President of the Senate or his designee;

(3) Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, or his designee;

(4) Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate or his

designee;

(5) Chairman of the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee of the House of Representatives or his designee; and

(6) Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate or his designee.

Section 58-38-40. (A) Annual deliverables for the EPI shall align with the goals and priorities of critical state objectives and legislative needs of South Carolina as determined by the board.

(B) The EPI shall prepare concise and informative documents that outline the key energy policy issues in South Carolina for members of the South Carolina General Assembly. These briefs shall offer evidence-based recommendations and their potential impacts to assist the legislature in decision making.

(C) The EPI shall provide in-depth research on various aspects of energy policy relevant to South Carolina, at the direction of the board.

(D) The EPI shall provide stakeholder engagement reports, including identification and engagement with relevant stakeholders in the energy sector, including industry representatives, environmental groups, consumer advocates, and community organizations. The EPI shall compile reports on stakeholder perspectives, concerns, and suggestions to aid the legislature in understanding different viewpoints.

(E) The EPI shall evaluate the economic implications of different energy policy options, including the potential costs and benefits to the state's economy, job market, industry competitiveness, and underdeveloped communities. The EPI must use modeling techniques to estimate direct and indirect impacts on various sectors.

(F) The EPI shall develop practical framework recommendations for implementing energy policies in South Carolina, considering regulatory mechanisms, enforcement mechanisms, and coordination between different government agencies. These frameworks must address potential challenges and propose strategies for successful implementation.

(G) The EPI may host fellowships by which entities could offer the time and services of employees by which the EPI could leverage the knowledge, experience, and participation of such entities.

SECTION 11. Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-33-195. (A)(1) The General Assembly finds:

(a) The Public Service Commission, hereinafter referred to as "the commission", issued Order No. 2023-860 approving Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s integrated resource plan, and Order No.

2024-171 approving the South Carolina Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan. The commission determined these integrated resource plans represented the most reasonable and prudent means to meet each utility's energy and capacity needs as of the time each integrated resource plan was reviewed.

(b) Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s integrated resource plan identified a natural gas combined cycle unit as the optimum replacement unit for the Williams Station, which Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. intends to retire in 2030, assuming replacement capacity is available at that time. Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. proposed to locate this natural gas combined cycle unit facility at the site of its now retired Canadys coal plant, and Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. is pursuing a plan to build it jointly with the Public Service Authority under a Memorandum of Understanding, also referred to as the "Joint Resource".

(c) The commission found that Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s Reference Build Plan replacing the Williams Station with the Joint Resource best meets the criterion of "consumer affordability and least cost" pursuant to Section 58-37-40(C)(2)(b).

(d) The commission found that the Public Service Authority's Preferred Portfolio, referred to as "Supplemental", as the preferred plan to guide the Public Service Authority's generation and transmission planning over the next three years, with updates as necessary, represented the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting the Public Service Authority's energy and capacity needs.

(e) The commission found the Supplemental is the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements, while maintaining safe and reliable electric service.

(f) The commission determined the Public Service Authority sufficiently considered alternatives to the natural gas combined cycle unit.

(g) The commission found that the Supplemental allows the Public Service Authority to meet the electric power needs of its retail and wholesale customers reliably and affordably, reduces its carbon footprint, and adds flexibility and innovation to support a growing state economy.

(2) The General Assembly encourages Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. and the Public Service Authority to jointly complete evaluations related to the Joint Resource and to use such information as may be necessary from such evaluations to make a filing as soon as

practicable with the commission to obtain a certificate pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or authorize construction and operation of the facilities subject to this section in preference to all other pending nonemergency applications or requests. The General Assembly finds adding natural gas generation capacity at the retired Canadys coal site would advance the economy and general welfare of the State based on current conditions and information as of the effective date of this Act. However, this subsection does not exempt the entities from complying with the requirements of the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act, including the requirement to seek commission approval for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity nor does this subsection limit the commission's independent decision-making authority. The entities are further encouraged to use existing rights of way to the greatest extent practicable.

(B) The General Assembly hereby encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to complete evaluations for constructing a second powerhouse using the existing reservoir at Bad Creek Pumped Hydro Station in Oconee County, South Carolina, which will approximately double the size and peak hourly capacity of the facility, and to use such information as may be necessary from such evaluations to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certificate pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter. The General Assembly further encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to complete evaluations as to what may be necessary to interconnect such an expansion of Bad Creek Pumped Hydro Station to the electric grid or otherwise deliver electric power from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to its customers, and to include such information as may be necessary from such evaluations in a filing to the commission pursuant to Section 58-33-110 or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or otherwise authorize construction and operation of the facilities subject to this subsection in preference of all other pending nonemergency applications or requests.

(C) The General Assembly hereby encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to complete evaluations for constructing hydrogen capable natural gas generation or otherwise to place into service such natural gas generation within the utilities' balancing areas serving South Carolina, and to use such information

from the evaluations as may be necessary to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certification pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly further encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to determine what facilities may be necessary to interconnect such natural gas generation to the electric grid or otherwise deliver electric power from the utilities to its customers, and to include such information in any filing to the commission pursuant to Section 58-33-110 or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or otherwise authorize construction or operation of the facilities subject to this subsection in preference of all other pending nonemergency applications or requests.

(D)(1) In the event any of the projects described in subsections (A), (B), or (C) are approved, the Office of Regulatory Staff, using its authority provided in Title 58, must continuously monitor the project or projects. This includes, but is not limited to, a review of the construction in progress, such as meeting projected timelines and financial projections are met. The Office of Regulatory Staff must provide monthly updates, in writing, to the commission and to the members of the General Assembly. Each electrical utility and the Public Service Authority must cooperate to the fullest extent with the Office of Regulatory Staff.

(2) The commission may, on its own motion, schedule a hearing to address concerns raised by the Office of Regulatory Staff in its written monthly review to the commission.

(3) The commission shall consider the Office of Regulatory Staff's written monthly reviews in any future matters concerning any facility described in this section.

SECTION 12.Article 1, Chapter 31, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-31-205. (A) The Public Service Authority shall have the power to jointly own, as tenants-in-common or through a limited liability company, with investor-owned electric utilities of electrical generation and transmission facilities, the power to plan, finance, acquire, own, operate, and maintain an interest in such plants and facilities necessary or incidental to the generation and transmission of electric power and the power to make plans and enter into such contracts as are necessary or convenient for the planning, financing, acquisition, construction, ownership, operation, and maintenance of such plants and facilities. However, the Public Service Authority shall own a percentage of such

plants and facilities equal to the percentage of the money furnished or the value of property supplied by the Public Service Authority for the acquisition and construction of the plants and facilities. The Public Service Authority shall also own and control a like percentage of the electrical output thereof.

(B) The Public Service Authority shall be severally liable in proportion to its ownership share of such plants and facilities acquired pursuant to this section for the acts, omissions, or obligations performed, omitted, or incurred by the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities while acting as the designated agent of the Public Service Authority for the purposes of constructing, operating, or maintaining the plants and facilities, or any of them. However, the Public Service Authority shall not be otherwise liable, jointly or severally, for the acts, omissions, or obligations of other owners of the plants and facilities, nor shall any money or property of the Public Service Authority be credited or otherwise applied to the account of the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities, or be charged with any debt, lien, or mortgage as a result of any debt or obligation of the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities.

SECTION 13. Article 9, Chapter 7, Title 13 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Article 9

Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council

Section 13-7-810. There is hereby established a Nuclear Advisory Council in the ~~Department of Administration,~~ Office of Regulatory Staff, which shall be responsible to the Executive Director of the ~~Department of Administration~~ Office of Regulatory Staff and report to the Governor.

Section 13-7-820. The duties of the council, in addition to such other duties as may be requested by the Governor, shall be:

(1) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor on issues involving the use, handling, and management of the transportation, storage, or disposal of nuclear materials within South Carolina, or such use, handling, transportation, storage, or disposal of nuclear materials outside of the State which may affect the public health, welfare, safety, and environment of the citizens of South Carolina;

(2) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor regarding matters pertaining to the Atlantic Compact Commission;

(3) to provide advice and recommendations to the

Governor regarding the various programs of the United States Department of Energy pertaining to nuclear waste;

(4) to meet at the call of the chair or at a minimum twice a year; and

(5) to engage stakeholders and develop a strategic plan to advance the development of advanced nuclear generation including small modular reactors, molten salt reactors, and spent nuclear fuel recycling facilities to serve customers in this State in the most economical manner at the earliest reasonable time possible.

Section 13-7-830. The recommendations described in Section ~~13-7-620~~ 13-7-820 shall be made available to the General Assembly and the Governor.

Section 13-7-840. The council shall consist of ~~nine~~ten members. One at-large member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one at-large member shall be appointed by the President of the Senate. ~~Seven~~Eight members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows: two shall be actively involved in the area of environmental protection; one shall have experience in the generation of power by nuclear means; one shall have experience in the field of nuclear activities other than power generation; two shall be scientists or engineers from the faculties of institutions of higher learning in the State; and ~~one~~two shall be from the public at large; of which one shall be appointed to serve as the chairman and director of the Nuclear Advisory Council. The terms of the members of the council appointed by the Governor shall be coterminous with that of the appointing Governor, but they shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Vacancies of the council shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

Section 13-7-850. The Governor shall designate the chairman from the membership. When on business of the council, members shall be entitled to receive such compensation as provided by law for boards and commissions.

Section 13-7-860. Staff support for the council shall be provided by the ~~Department of Administration~~Office of Regulatory Staff. The Director of the Nuclear Advisory Council must be a full-time employee of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 14. Section 37-6-604(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The~~As of July 1, 2025, the Consumer ~~Advocate shall be provided notice of any matter filed at the Public Service Commission that~~ Advocate's duties regarding intervention in matters

that could impact consumers' utility rates~~, and may intervene as a party~~ and ability to advocate for the interest of consumers before the Public Service Commission and appellate courts~~ in such matters as the Consumer Advocate deems necessary and appropriate~~ are transferred to the Office of Regulatory Staff in order to promote efficiency and avoid duplication of duties.

SECTION 15.Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-33-196. Electrical utilities and the Public Service Authority are encouraged to explore the potential for deploying advanced nuclear facilities including, but not limited to, small modular nuclear facilities at suitable sites. Suitable sites may include sites of current nuclear facilities, sites where nuclear facilities have been proposed but not constructed, and other brownfield sites, such as coal-generation sites. Any utility pursuing deployment of such nuclear facilities must provide annual progress reports to the commission and the Public Utilities Review Committee; this report may be in writing or in the form of testimony in an appropriate proceeding. The utility must provide estimates of the cost of the studies including, but not limited to, planning, licensing, and project development to the commission. If the commission finds such estimated costs are reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest, such costs may be recoverable through rates as they are incurred. Nothing in this section relieves an electrical utility of the burden of filing for a certificate under this article and obtaining appropriate approvals from the commission before commencing construction.

SECTION 16.Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-37-70. (A) It is the policy of this State to promote the development and operation of advanced nuclear facilities, including small modular nuclear reactors, in the most economical manner and at the earliest reasonable time possible. These facilities are intended to provide electricity that is reliable, resilient, secure, and free of carbon dioxide emissions, as well as promote this state's economic development and industry retention.

(B) As used in this section:

(1) "Electrical utility" has the same meaning as provided in Section 58-27-10(7) and includes the South Carolina Public Service Authority.

(2) "Site" means the geographic location of one or more small modular nuclear reactors.

(3) “Small modular nuclear reactor” means an advanced nuclear reactor that produces nuclear power and has a power capacity of up to 500 megawatts per reactor.

(C) The commission may establish a small modular nuclear reactor pilot program, if such a program is endorsed by the Nuclear Advisory Council. A pilot program must include the following requirements:

(1) any entity that holds a current license from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to construct or operate at least one existing nuclear electrical generating facility at the time of the application may apply to the commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act;

(2) a certificate may be granted if obtaining a certification of public convenience and necessity would permit the applicant to apply for, use, or leverage at least thirty percent of the construction costs of the small modular nuclear reactor by utilizing any benefits or incentives available to lower the capital or operating costs including, but not limited to, governmental funds, tax credits, grants, and loan guarantees;

(3) the costs and benefits of a small modular nuclear reactor are reasonable and prudent compared to the levelized costs of electricity generation from other resources, applying any governmental tax credits and incentives. Factors that must be considered in levelized costs include fuel factors, economic and environmental benefits, and costs associated with any relative externalities;

(4) no more than three small modular nuclear reactors may receive a permit pursuant to this pilot program.

(D) An application for this pilot program must include:

(1) if the project’s location:

(a) is on or adjacent to an existing or former coal electrical generation site;

(b) is on or adjacent to an existing nuclear facility;

(c) enables coal plant retirement or emissions reduction in the electrical utility’s or the South Carolina Public Service Authority’s balancing area; or

(d) supports diversity in energy production, reliability, and energy security;

(2) if the project is subject to competitive procurement or solicitation for services and equipment;

(3) a demonstration that the program’s costs and benefits are reasonable and prudent and in the interest of South Carolina customers; and

(4) any other information the commission may wish to include in the application.

Nothing in this subsection limits any factors that the commission may consider in its determination of an application.

(E)(1) Reasonable and prudent costs incurred for a small modular nuclear reactor approved pursuant to this section shall be recoverable. In the event an electrical utility abandons a small modular nuclear reactor approved by the commission before its commercial operation, the electrical utility must provide a fulsome accounting to the commission of the circumstances of abandonment. Capital costs may only be recovered if the commission determines that the decision to abandon was reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest; however, these costs shall not include a rate of return. The commission may impose conditions it determines to be necessary to protect customers against unreasonable construction, development, or operational risk including, but not limited to, reporting, inspection, and the potential of requiring the utility to hire an independent third-party construction monitor to evaluate the prudency of the utility's actions and associated expense during the development of the project and construction of the reactor.

(2) The commission must not allow any cost recovery related to a small modular nuclear reactor outside of a rate case.

(F)(1) In addition to the small modular nuclear facility pilot program, electrical utilities and the South Carolina Public Service Authority are encouraged to evaluate the potential for deploying nuclear facilities at suitable sites within this State. A "suitable site" may include sites of current nuclear facilities, sites where nuclear facilities have been proposed but not constructed, and brownfield sites, such as coal generation sites.

(2) When evaluating the potential of a nuclear facility, the applicant must provide notice and annual progress reports to the Public Utilities Review Committee, the Nuclear Advisory Council, and the commission. When available, the applicant must also provide cost estimates of the studies related to a potential nuclear facility to serve customers in South Carolina. This includes, but is not limited to, planning, licensing, and project development, the anticipated timeline of an early site permit, and current possibilities or barriers to co-ownership of such facilities, and available federal benefits which may defray costs of these facilities.

(3) In the event the commission finds cost estimates pursuant to item (2) are reasonable and prudent, the costs may be recoverable through rates, even if an application for a certificate of environmental

compatibility and public convenience and necessity have not been filed. However, these costs shall not include a rate of return.

(G) Nothing in this section relieves an electrical utility or the South Carolina Public Service Authority of the burden of filing for a certificate pursuant to this article and obtaining appropriate approvals from the commission before commencing construction.

SECTION 17. Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 3

Energy Infrastructure Projects

Section 58-37-100. As used in this article:

(1) "Agency" means any agency, department, board, commission, or political subdivision of this State. However, it does not include the Public Service Commission, except for Sections 58-37-110 and 58-37-120.

(2) "Application" means a written request made to an agency for grant of a permit or approval of an action of matter within the agency's jurisdiction pertaining to an energy infrastructure project.

(3) "Brownfield energy site" means an existing or former electrical generating site or other existing or former industrial site.

(4) "Energy corridor" means a corridor in which a utility or the South Carolina Public Service Authority has:

(a) transmission lines with a rated voltage of at least 110 kilovolts, including the substations, switchyards, and other appurtenant facilities associated with such lines; or

(b) high pressure natural gas transmission pipelines and the metering, compression stations, valve station, and other appurtenant facilities associated with such lines.

(5) "Energy corridor project" means an energy infrastructure project that involves the expansion of electric or natural gas delivery capacity in whole or in principal part within an existing energy corridor.

(6) "Energy infrastructure project" means the construction, placement, authorization, or removal of energy infrastructure including, but not limited to, electric transmission and generation assets, natural gas transmission assets, and all associated or appurtenant infrastructure and activities, including communications and distribution infrastructure.

(7) "Permit" means a permit, certificate, approval, registration, encroachment permit, right of way, or other form of authorization.

(8) "Person" means an individual, corporation, association, partnership, trust, agency, or the State of South Carolina.

Section 58-37-110. (A) Given the importance of sufficient, reliable,

safe, and economical energy to the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of South Carolina and to the state's economic development and prosperity, the General Assembly finds that the prompt siting, permitting, and completion of energy infrastructure projects, energy corridor projects, and brownfield electrical generation projects are crucial to the welfare of the State.

(B) All state agencies are instructed to give expedited review of applications for energy infrastructure projects, to provide reasonable and constructive assistance to applicants to allow the applicants to comply with state law and regulatory requirements as expeditiously as possible, and to be guided by the policy goals established in subsection (A).

(C) All state agencies are instructed to give due weight to the reduction in the environmental, aesthetic, and socioeconomic impacts that are incurred to support the safe, reliable, and economic provision of energy to the people of South Carolina when energy infrastructure projects can be located in existing energy corridors or on brownfield energy sites, and shall consider the relative reductions in such impacts compared to greenfield projects in evaluating projects in existing energy corridors or on brownfield energy sites.

Section 58-37-120. (A) Any agency presented with an application for a permit for an energy infrastructure project shall issue a decision on the application no later than six months after the date the application is received by the agency. If the agency fails to take final action within six months of receipt of the application, the application shall be deemed approved, and the agency shall promptly issue documentation that the applicant may reasonably request establishing that the agency has granted the relief requested.

(B) Upon receipt of an application, the agency shall promptly review it for sufficiency and shall provide the applicant with a list of all deficiencies within thirty days of receipt. The identification of by the agency of deficiencies in the application shall not toll the six-month period for agency determination.

Section 58-37-130. The applicant or any person whose private rights are affected by an agency decision or action on an application for a permit for any energy infrastructure project may appeal that decision or action to the South Carolina Supreme Court. The Supreme Court shall hear these appeals as a direct appeal in accordance with the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. The Court shall provide for an expedited briefing and hearing of the appeal, in preference to all other nonemergency matters on its docket, and decide such appeals on an expedited basis.

Section 58-37-140. The provisions of this article shall expire ten years after its effective date.

SECTION 18. Section 58-40-10(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) "Customer-generator" means the owner, operator, lessee, or customer-generator lessee of an electric energy generation unit which:

(1) generates or discharges electricity from a renewable energy resource, including an energy storage device configured to receive electrical charge solely from an onsite renewable energy resource;

(2) has an electrical generating system with a capacity of:

(a)(i) not more than the lesser of one thousand kilowatts (1,000 kW AC) or one hundred percent of contract demand if a nonresidential customer; or

(ii) after June 1, 2024, not more than the lesser of five thousand kilowatts (5,000kW AC) or one hundred percent of contract demand for a nonresidential customer, provided the customer-generator is on a time-of-use rate schedule and any excess energy produced by the customer-generator is credited and reset at the end of each monthly period; or

(iii) more than five thousand kilowatts (5,000kW AC) if agreed to by the customer-generator and the electrical utility, provided that the electrical utility submits the agreement to the commission for consideration and approval if the commission finds the agreement to contain appropriate ratemaking provisions and is in the public interest; or

(b) not more than twenty kilowatts (20 kW AC) if a residential customer;

(3) is located on a single premises owned, operated, leased, or otherwise controlled by the customer;

(4) is interconnected and operates in parallel phase and synchronization with an electrical utility and complies with the applicable interconnection standards;

(5) is intended primarily to offset part or all of the customer-generator's own electrical energy requirements; and

(6) meets all applicable safety, performance, interconnection, and reliability standards established by the commission, the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Underwriters

Laboratories, the federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and any local governing authorities.

SECTION 19. Section 58-41-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-41-30. (A) The ability to utilize clean energy resources for electric power generation is important to attract prospective commercial or industrial entities to invest in South Carolina and to encourage and incent robust economic growth in the State.

(B) The commission shall be responsive to the clean energy needs of customers and the economic development and industry retention implications for the State when reviewing and approving voluntary clean energy programs. The commission shall consider updates to these voluntary renewable energy programs on an ongoing basis.

(C) Within one hundred and twenty days of the effective date of this chapter, ~~subject to subsection (F),~~ each electrical utility shall file a proposed voluntary renewable energy program for review and approval by the commission, unless as of July 1, 2024, the electrical utility already has a voluntary renewable energy program that conforms with the requirements of this section on file with the commission. The commission shall conduct a proceeding to review the program and establish reasonable terms and conditions for the program. Interested parties shall have the right to participate in the proceeding. The commission ~~may~~must periodically hold additional proceedings to ~~update the program~~ evaluate whether updates to the programs are necessary. At a minimum, each electrical utility must submit to the commission a program for which ~~the program shall provide that~~:

(1) the participating customer shall have the right to select the renewable energy facility and negotiate with the renewable energy supplier on the price to be paid by the participating customer for the energy, capacity, and clean energy environmental attributes of the renewable energy facility and the term of such agreement so long as such terms are consistent with the voluntary renewable program service agreement as approved by the commission;

(2) the renewable energy contract and the participating customer agreement must be of equal duration;

(3) in addition to paying a retail bill calculated pursuant to the rates and tariffs that otherwise would apply to the participating customer, reduced by the amount of the generation credit, a participating customer shall reimburse the electrical utility on a monthly basis for the amount paid by the electrical utility to the renewable energy supplier pursuant to the participating customer

agreement and renewable energy contract, plus an administrative fee approved by the commission; and

(4) eligible customers must be allowed to bundle their demand under a single participating customer agreement and renewable energy contract and must be eligible annually to procure an amount of capacity as approved by the commission.

(D) The commission must approve voluntary renewable energy programs, in addition to those provided for in subsection (C), where the participating customer purchases clean energy environmental attributes of new or existing renewable energy facilities owned and operated and recovered on a cost-of-service basis by the electrical utility or otherwise supplies through the execution of agreements with third parties within the utility's balancing authority area. Voluntary renewable energy programs shall also facilitate behind-the-meter options for customers and access to renewable energy resource generation.

~~(B)~~(E) The commission may approve a program that provides for options that include, but are not limited to, both variable and fixed generation credit options.

~~(C)~~(F) The commission ~~may~~ shall limit the total portion of each electrical utility's voluntary renewable energy program that is eligible for the program at a level consistent with the public interest and shall provide standard terms and conditions for the participating customer agreement and the renewable energy contract, subject to commission review and approval.

~~(D)~~(G) A participating customer shall bear the burden of any reasonable costs associated with participating in a voluntary renewable energy program. ~~An electrical utility may not charge any nonparticipating customers for any costs incurred pursuant to the provisions of this section.~~ Purchased power costs incurred by an electrical utility as a result of subsection (C) shall be recovered in the electrical utility's fuel clause pursuant to Section 58-27-865.

~~(E)~~(H) A renewable energy facility may be located anywhere in the electrical utility's service territory within the utility's balancing authority.

~~(F) If the commission determines that an electrical utility has a voluntary renewable energy program on file with the commission as of the effective date of this chapter, that conforms with the requirements of this section, the utility is not required to make a new filing to meet the requirements of subsection (A).~~

SECTION 20.Section 58-41-10 of the S.C. Code is amended by

adding:

(17) “Energy storage facilities” means any commercially available technology that is capable of absorbing energy and storing it for a period of time for use at a later time including, but not limited to, electrochemical, thermal, and electromechanical technologies.

SECTION 21. Section 58-41-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-41-20. (A) As soon as is practicable after the effective date of this chapter, the commission shall open a docket for the purpose of establishing each electrical utility's standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary to implement this section. Within six months after the effective date of this chapter, and at least once every twenty-four months thereafter, the commission shall approve each electrical utility's standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary to implement this section. Within such proceeding the commission shall approve one or more standard form power purchase agreements for use for qualifying small power production facilities not eligible for the standard offer. Such power purchase agreements shall contain provisions, including, but not limited to, provisions for force majeure, indemnification, choice of venue, and confidentiality provisions and other such terms, but shall not be determinative of price or length of the power purchase agreement. The commission may approve multiple form power purchase agreements to accommodate various generation technologies and other project-specific characteristics. This provision shall not restrict the right of parties to enter into power purchase agreements with terms that differ from the commission-approved form(s). Any decisions by the commission shall be just and reasonable to the ratepayers of the electrical utility, in the public interest, consistent with PURPA and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's implementing regulations and orders, and nondiscriminatory to small power producers; and shall strive to reduce the risk placed on the using and consuming public.

(1) Proceedings conducted pursuant to this section shall be separate from the electrical utilities' annual fuel cost proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 58-27-865.

(2) Proceedings shall include an opportunity for intervention, discovery, filed comments or testimony, and an evidentiary hearing.

(B) In implementing this chapter, the commission shall

treat small power producers on a fair and equal footing with electrical utility-owned resources by ensuring that:

(1) rates for the purchase of energy and capacity fully and accurately reflect the electrical utility's avoided costs;

(2) power purchase agreements, including terms and conditions, are commercially reasonable and consistent with regulations and orders promulgated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission implementing PURPA; and

(3) each electrical utility's avoided cost methodology fairly accounts for costs avoided by the electrical utility or incurred by the electrical utility, including, but not limited to, energy, capacity, and ancillary services provided by or consumed by small power producers including those utilizing energy storage equipment. Avoided cost methodologies approved by the commission may account for differences in costs avoided based on the geographic location and resource type of a small power producer's qualifying small power production facility.

(C) The avoided cost rates offered by an electrical utility to a small power producer not eligible for the standard offer must be calculated based on the avoided cost methodology most recently approved by the commission. In the event that a small power producer and an electrical utility are unable to mutually agree on an avoided cost rate, the small power producer shall have the right to have any disputed issues resolved by the commission in a formal complaint proceeding. The commission may require mediation prior to a formal complaint proceeding.

(D) A small power producer shall have the right to sell the output of its facility to the electrical utility at the avoided cost rates and pursuant to the power purchase agreement then in effect by delivering an executed notice of commitment to sell form to the electrical utility. The commission shall approve a standard notice of commitment to sell form to be used for this purpose that provides the small power producer a reasonable period of time from its submittal of the form to execute a power purchase agreement. In no event, however, shall the small power producer, as a condition of preserving the pricing and terms and conditions established by its submittal of an executed commitment to sell form to the electrical utility, be required to execute a power purchase agreement prior to receipt of a final interconnection agreement from the electrical utility.

(E)(1) Electrical utilities shall file with the commission power purchase agreements entered into pursuant to PURPA, resulting from voluntary negotiation of contracts between an electrical utility and

a small power producer not eligible for the standard offer.

(2) The commission is authorized to ~~open a generic docket for the purposes of creating programs~~ approve programs proposed by electrical utilities for the competitive procurement of energy and capacity from renewable energy facilities and, at the electrical utility's option, associated co-located energy storage ~~by an electrical utility~~ within the utility's balancing authority area if the commission determines such action to be in the public interest.

(3) In establishing standard offer and form contract power purchase agreements, the commission shall consider whether such power purchase agreements should prohibit any of the following:

(a) termination of the power purchase agreement, collection of damages from small power producers, or commencement of the term of a power purchase agreement prior to commercial operation, if delays in achieving commercial operation of the small power producer's facility are due to the electrical utility's interconnection delays; or

(b) the electrical utility reducing the price paid to the small power producer based on costs incurred by the electrical utility to respond to the intermittent nature of electrical generation by the small power producer.

(F)(1) Electrical utilities, subject to approval of the commission, shall offer to enter into fixed price power purchase agreements with small power producers for the purchase of energy and capacity at avoided cost, with commercially reasonable terms and a duration of ten years. The commission may also approve commercially reasonable fixed price power purchase agreements with a duration longer than ten years, which must contain additional terms, conditions, and/or rate structures as proposed by intervening parties and approved by the commission, including, but not limited to, a reduction in the contract price relative to the ten year avoided cost. Notwithstanding any other language to the contrary, the commission will make such a determination in proceedings conducted pursuant to subsection (A). The avoided cost rates applicable to fixed price power purchase agreements entered into pursuant to this item shall be based on the avoided cost rates and methodologies as determined by the commission pursuant to this section. The terms of this subsection apply only to those small power producers whose qualifying small power production facilities have active interconnection requests on file with the electrical utility prior to the effective date of this act. The commission may determine any other necessary terms and conditions deemed to be in the best interest of the

ratepayers. This item is not intended, and shall not be construed, to abrogate small power producers' rights under PURPA that existed prior to the effective date of the act.

(2) Once an electrical utility has executed interconnection agreements and power purchase agreements with qualifying small power production facilities located in South Carolina with an aggregate nameplate capacity equal to twenty percent of the previous five-year average of the electrical utility's South Carolina retail peak load, that electrical utility shall offer to enter into fixed price power purchase agreements with small power producers for the purchase of energy and capacity at avoided cost, with the terms, conditions, rates, and terms of length for contracts as determined by the commission in a separate docket or in a proceeding conducted pursuant to subsection (A). The commission is expressly directed to consider the potential benefits of terms with a longer duration to promote the state's policy of encouraging renewable energy.

(3) Any electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and associated co-located energy storage facilities that have been approved by the commission pursuant to Section 58-41-25 that is open to qualifying small power production facilities within the electrical utility's balancing authority area in South Carolina may competitively procure new renewable energy capacity pursuant to that competitive solicitation process as a means of complying with the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. Further, the commission must establish a five-year term for energy purchased at administratively established avoided cost rates outside of competitive procurement of renewable energy resources, with the exception of voluntarily negotiated agreements to serve the public interest, for any electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and associated co-located energy storage facilities that has been approved by the commission if the commission determines that doing so will incentivize participation in the competitive procurement process.

(G) Nothing in this section prohibits the commission from adopting various avoided cost methodologies or amending those methodologies in the public interest.

(H) Unless otherwise agreed to between the electrical utility and the small power producer, a power purchase agreement entered into pursuant to PURPA may not allow curtailment of qualifying facilities in any manner that is inconsistent with PURPA or implementing regulations and orders promulgated by the Federal Energy

Regulatory Commission.

~~(I) The commission is authorized to employ, through contract or otherwise, third-party consultants and experts in carrying out its duties under this section, including, but not limited to, evaluating avoided cost rates, methodologies, terms, calculations, and conditions under this section. The commission is exempt from complying with the State Procurement Code in the selection and hiring of a third-party consultant or expert authorized by this subsection. The commission shall engage, for each utility, a qualified independent third party to submit a report that includes the third party's independently derived conclusions as to that third party's opinion of each utility's calculation of avoided costs for purposes of proceedings conducted pursuant to this section. The qualified independent third party is subject to the same ex parte prohibitions contained in Chapter 3, Title 58 as all other parties. The qualified independent third party shall submit all requests for documents and information necessary to their analysis under the authority of the commission and the commission shall have full authority to compel response to the requests. The qualified independent third party's duty will be to the commission. Any conclusions based on the evidence in the record and included in the report are intended to be used by the commission along with all other evidence submitted during the proceeding to inform its ultimate decision setting the avoided costs for each electrical utility. The utilities may require confidentiality agreements with the independent third party that do not impede the third-party analysis. The utilities shall be responsive in providing all documents, information, and items necessary for the completion of the report. The independent third party shall also include in the report a statement assessing the level of cooperation received from the utility during the development of the report and whether there were any material information requests that were not adequately fulfilled by the electrical utility. Any party to this proceeding shall be able to review the report including the confidential portions of the report upon entering into an appropriate confidentiality agreement. The commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff may not hire the same third-party consultant or expert in the same proceeding or to address the same or similar issues in different proceedings.~~

~~(J)~~ (I) Each electrical utility's avoided cost filing must be reasonably transparent so that underlying assumptions, data, and results can be independently reviewed and verified by the parties and the commission. The commission may approve any confidentiality protections necessary to allow for independent review and verification

of the avoided cost filing.

SECTION 22. Chapter 41, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-41-25. (A) Unless an electrical utility makes an application pursuant to subsection (F) or (G), electrical utilities may file for commission approval of a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy facilities which may also include, at the utility's option, associated co-located energy storage facilities, also referred to as "eligible facilities", or purchase one-hundred percent of the output from such eligible facilities, including all energy, capacity, ancillary services, and environmental and renewable attributes. Eligible facilities may be located anywhere in the electrical utility's balancing authority area to meet needs for new generation and energy storage resources identified by the electrical utility's integrated resource plan and associated filings. The commission may not grant approval unless the commission finds and determines that the electrical utility satisfied the requirements of this section and the proposed program is just and reasonable and in the best interests of the electrical utility's customers.

(B) An electrical utility's competitive procurement program filed pursuant to this section must describe the solicitation process, eligibility criteria, timelines, bid evaluation methodology, and identify whether resources procured are intended to also service customer-directed renewable energy procurement programs. The program must be designed to procure renewable energy facilities and at the utility's election, associated co-located energy storage resources, or the output of those facilities, subject to the following requirements:

(1) renewable energy facilities, and if applicable, energy storage resources, or their output, must be procured via a competitive solicitation process open to all market participants that meet minimum stated eligibility requirements;

(2) the electrical utility shall issue public notification of its intention to issue a competitive solicitation to procure renewable energy facilities and associated co-located energy storage facilities, if applicable, at least ninety days prior to the release of the solicitation, including identifying the proposed target procurement volume, procurement process, and timeline for administering the solicitation;

(3) renewable energy facilities eligible to participate in competitive procurement are those that use renewable generation resources identified in Section 58-39-120(F), which must also satisfy that electrical utility's capacity, energy, or operational needs, as identified by the electrical utility, and take into account the required

operating characteristics of the needed capacity;

(4) energy storage facilities, if included by the electrical utility in the solicitation, must be associated equipment located at the same site as the renewable energy facility;

(5) electrical utilities may seek to ensure that their procurement of eligible facilities results in a reasonable balance of ownership of eligible facilities between such utility, including its affiliates and unrelated market participants, and may offer self-developed proposals. However, if an electrical utility or its affiliate seek to participate in the procurement, the electrical utility's program must include an independent evaluator to evaluate all bids offered and to ensure they are fairly and competitively evaluated. For purposes of this section, "independent evaluator" means an independent third party retained by the electrical utility that has no ownership in the electrical utility or a market participant and has the skills and experience necessary to oversee the solicitation process and provide the utility with an independent evaluation of all proposals for ultimate selection. At the conclusion of the solicitation, the independent evaluator shall report to the commission on the openness and fairness of the bid evaluation process and certify that the selection of proposals adhered to the evaluation methodology and requirement of the program.

(C) An electrical utility must make the following publicly available at least forty-five days prior to each competitive solicitation:

(1) pro-forma contract to inform prospective market participants of the procurement terms and conditions for the output purchased by the electrical utility from eligible resources. The pro-forma contract must:

(a) provide for the purchase of renewable energy, capacity, and environmental and renewable attributes from renewable energy facilities owned and operated by third parties that commit to allow the procuring electrical utility rights to dispatch, operate, and control the solicited renewable energy facilities in the same manner as the electrical utility's own generating resources;

(b) include standardized and commercially reasonable requirements for contract performance security; and

(c) define limits and compensation for resource dispatch and curtailments.

In the event an electrical utility chooses to procure output from co-located storage, the pro-forma contract must also cover similar terms and conditions as specified herein for those eligible facilities.

(2) pro-forma agreements to govern the procurement of eligible facilities by the electrical utility from market participants;

(3) bid evaluation methodology that ensures all bids are treated equitably, including price and non-price evaluation criteria; and

(4) interconnection requirements, including specification of how bids without existing interconnection agreements will be treated for purposes of evaluation.

(D) After bids are submitted and evaluated, the electrical utility will elect the winning bids based upon the public evaluation methodology.

(E) An electrical utility shall file with the commission a public report summarizing the results of each competitive solicitation within thirty days of finalizing the contract with the winning bidder. The report must include, at a minimum, a summary of the bids received and an anonymized list of the project awards, including size, location, and average award price and tenor.

(F) Nothwithstanding the requirements in subsections (B) and (C), the results of all other competitive procurement programs undertaken by an electrical utility within its balancing authority area outside of South Carolina that will serve customers in the electrical utility's balancing authority area within South Carolina and are open to equal participation by eligible facilities located within South Carolina may be approved by the commission if the commission determines such programs enable economic, reliable, and safe operation of the electricity grid in a manner consistent with the public interest. For purposes of this section, "public interest" shall also include the ability of customers to subscribe to customer programs which leverage the competitively procured solar and potential storage contemplated within this section. Any electrical utility that requests acceptance of a system-wide procurement pursuant to this section must demonstrate to the commission that the utility has adhered to subsection (D) as defined in that specific competitive procurement program and submit the post solicitation report to the commission, as required by subsection (E).

(G) The commission may determine that a competitive procurement program within an electrical utility's balancing authority area outside of South Carolina that serves customers in the utility's area within South Carolina and is open to equal participation by eligible facilities located within South Carolina satisfies the requirements of this section.

(H) Electrical utilities are permitted to recover costs incurred pursuant to this section, including reasonable and prudent administrative costs to develop and propose procurements under this section, and if approved by the commission, the costs resulting from such procurements through rates established pursuant to Section 58-27-865 or otherwise through rates established pursuant to Section 58-27-870. If the

commission denies an application made pursuant to subsection (F) or (G) of this section, and the utility continues with the procurement, then the utility must allocate all costs and benefits associated with the resources being procured away from South Carolina customers.

(I) An electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and storage facilities that has been approved by the commission pursuant to Section 58-41-25 that is open to qualifying small power production facilities located in South Carolina may utilize such programs as means to satisfy its purchase obligations for avoidable capacity from qualifying small power production facilities under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, consistent with Section 58-41-20(F)(3).

SECTION 23.A.Section 58-33-20 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(10) The term "like facility" with reference to generation facilities and without limitation, includes a facility or facilities that are proposed to provide capacity on a site currently or previously used for siting electric generation that replaces the capacity of a facility or facilities that are being retired, downrated, mothballed, or dedicated to standby or emergency service at the same site, limited to facilities no more than 300 megawatts, so long as those new facilities will provide an amount of effective load-carrying capacity that in whole or in part will serve to replace the capacity to be lost as a result of retirement, and includes associated transmission facilities needed to deliver power from that facility to customers. A "like facility" with reference to transmission facilities, and without limitation, includes any facility that represents the rebuilding, reconductoring, paralleling, increasing voltage, adding circuits or otherwise reconfiguring of an existing transmission line or other transmission facilities including, without limitation, projects to increase the capacity of such facilities, provided such facilities are: (a) located materially within a utility right of way or corridor; (b) located materially within a new right of way or corridor; or (c) substantially located on the property of a customer, prospective customer, or the State.

B. Section 58-33-20(2)(a) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) The term "major utility facility" means:

(a) electric generating plant and associated facilities designed for, or capable of, operation at a capacity of more than seventy-five megawatts or that requires a footprint of more than one hundred twenty-five acres of land.

SECTION 24. Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Article 3
Certification of Major Utility Facilities

Section 58-33-110. (1) No person shall commence to construct a major utility facility without first having obtained a certificate issued with respect to such facility by the Commission. The replacement of an existing facility with a like facility, as determined by the Commission, shall not constitute construction of a major utility facility. Upon application for a determination by the Commission that a proposed utility facility constitutes a like facility replacement, the Commission must issue a written order approving or denying the application within sixty days of filing. If the Commission fails to issue a written order within sixty days of the application's filing, the application shall be deemed as approved. Any facility, with respect to which a certificate is required, shall be constructed, operated and maintained in conformity with the certificate and any terms, conditions and modifications contained therein. A certificate may only be issued pursuant to this chapter; provided, however, any authorization relating to a major utility facility granted under other laws administered by the Commission shall constitute a certificate if the requirements of this chapter have been complied with in the proceeding leading to the granting of such authorization.

(2) A certificate may be transferred, subject to the approval of the Commission, to a person who agrees to comply with the terms, conditions and modifications contained therein.

(3) A certificate may be amended.

(4) This chapter shall not apply to any major utility facility:

(a) the construction of which is commenced within one year after January 1, 1972; or

(b) for which, prior to January 1, 1972, an application for the approval has been made to any federal, state, regional, or local governmental agency which possesses the jurisdiction to consider the matters prescribed for finding and determination in subsection (1) of Section 58-33-160.

(c) for which, prior to January 1, 1972, a governmental agency has approved the construction of the facility and indebtedness has been incurred to finance all or part of the cost of such construction;

(d) which is a hydroelectric generating facility over which the ~~Federal Power Commission~~Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has licensing jurisdiction; or

(e) which is a transmission line or associated electrical transmission facilities constructed by the South Carolina Public Service Authority~~,~~: (i) for which construction either is commenced within one year after January 1, 2022~~,~~; ~~or~~ (ii) which is necessary to maintain system reliability in connection with the closure of the Winyah Generating Station, provided that such transmission is not for generation subject to this chapter; or (iii) which is necessary to serve an identified commercial or industrial customer to promote economic development or industry retention as determined by the South Carolina Public Service Authority and agreed to by the Office of Regulatory Staff where such agreement is documented in a letter by the Office of Regulatory Staff to the Public Utilities Review Committee and the commission.

(5) Any person intending to construct a major utility facility excluded from this chapter pursuant to subsection (4) of this section or Section 58-33-20(10) may elect to waive the exclusion by delivering notice of the waiver to the Commission. This chapter shall thereafter apply to each major utility facility identified in the notice from the date of its receipt by the Commission.

(6) The Commission shall have authority to waive the normal notice and hearing requirements of this chapter and to issue a certificate on an emergency basis if it finds that immediate construction of a major utility facility is justified by public convenience and necessity; provided, that the Public Service Commission shall notify all parties concerned under Section 58-33-140 prior to the issuance of such certificate; provided, further, that the Commission may subsequently require a modification of the facility if, after giving due consideration to the major utility facility, available technology and the economics involved, it finds such modification necessary in order to minimize the environmental impact.

(7) The Commission shall have authority, where justified by public convenience and necessity, to grant permission to a person who has made application for a certificate under Section 58-33-120 to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging and construction.~~,~~ ~~provided, ,~~ No permission from the Commission shall be required to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging, and initial construction of any facility which constitutes a component of the preferred generation plan in an integrated resource plan or update approved by the Commission pursuant to Chapter 37 of this title, or any like facility; provided that in engaging in such clearing, excavation, dredging or construction, the person shall proceed at his own risk, and

such permission shall not in any way indicate approval by the Commission of the proposed site or facility.

(8)~~(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of item (7), and not limiting the provisions above, a person may not commence construction of a major utility facility for generation in the State of South Carolina without first having made a demonstration~~ In seeking a certificate, the applicant must provide credible information demonstrating that the facility to be built has been compared to other generation options in terms of cost, reliability, schedule constraints, fuel cost and availability, transmission constraints and costs, ancillary services capabilities, current and reasonably expected future environmental costs and restrictions, that the facility supports system efficiency and reliability in light of those considerations, and any other regulatory implications deemed legally or reasonably necessary for consideration by the commission. The commission is authorized to adopt rules for such evaluation of other generation options.

(b) The~~ commission may, upon a showing of a need, require a commission-approved process that includes~~ Office of Regulatory Staff may provide to the commission a report that includes any or all of the following:

(i) ~~the~~ an assessment of an unbiased independent evaluator retained by the Office of Regulatory Staff as to reasonableness of any certificate sought under this section for new generation;

(ii) a report from the independent evaluator to the commission regarding the transparency, completeness, and integrity of bidding processes, if any;

(iii) an assessment of whether there was a reasonable period for interested parties to review and comment on proposed requests for proposals, bid instructions, and bid evaluation criteria, if any, prior to finalization and issuance, subject to any trade secrets that could hamper future negotiations; however, the independent evaluator may access all such information;

~~(iv) independent evaluator access and review of final bid evaluation criteria and pricing information for any and all projects to be evaluated in comparison to the request for proposal bids received;~~

~~(v) access through discovery, subject to appropriate confidentiality, attorney-client privilege or trade secret restrictions, for parties to this proceeding to documents developed in preparing the certificate of public convenience and necessity application;~~

~~(vi)~~ (iv) ~~a demonstration that~~ an assessment of

whether the facility is consistent with an integrated resource plan or update ~~approved by~~ previously filed with the commission or is otherwise justified by generation planning modeling comparable to that filed as part of the utility's integrated resource plan but updated with current data concerning system loads, fuel prices, environmental regulations, location-specific transmission costs, updated construction costs and updated construction timelines, updated costs of gas supply facilities, if any, and other relevant costs, schedules or inputs establishing that the facility in question supports system economy and reliability; and

~~(vii)~~ (v) an assessment detailing the treatment of utility affiliates ~~in the same manner~~ as compared to nonaffiliates participating in the request for proposal process, if any.

(9) The applicant may, but must not be required to, issue requests for proposals or otherwise conduct market procurement activities in support of the showings required pursuant to this chapter.

(10) Not withstanding any other provision in this section, an electrical utility serving customers in this state may seek a certificate of public convenience and necessity when building a major utility facility, as defined in Section 58-33-20(2), in another state but within the electrical utility's balancing area serving customers in South Carolina. In such a case, the provisions of Sections 58-33-120, 58-33-140, and 58-33-160(1)(b), (c), and (e) shall not apply, but all other requirements of this section affecting customers in this state shall apply. In addition:

(a) an applicant for a certificate shall file an application with the commission in such form as the commission may prescribe. The application must contain the following information:

(i) a description of the location and of the major utility facility to be built;

(ii) a summary of any studies which have been made by or for the applicant of the environmental impact of the major utility facility;

(iii) a statement explaining the need for the major utility facility;

(iv) any other information the applicant may consider relevant or as the commission may by regulation require. A copy of the report referred to in item (8)(b) must be filed with the commission, if ordered by the commission, and shall be available for public information.

(b) The parties to a proceeding for a certificate pursuant to this section shall include:

(i) the applicant;

(ii) the Office of Regulatory Staff; and

(iii) intervenors with standing as approved by the commission.

(c) If the commission denies an application made pursuant to this section and the utility continues to build such major utility facility, the utility must allocate all costs and benefits associated with the major utility facility away from the utility's South Carolina customers.

Section 58-33-120. (1) An applicant for a certificate shall file an application with the commission, in such form as the commission may prescribe. The application must contain the following information:

(a) a description of the location and of the major utility facility to be built;

(b) a summary of any studies which have been made by or for applicant of the environmental impact of the facility;

(c) a statement explaining the need for the facility; and

(d) any other information as the applicant may consider relevant or as the commission may by regulation ~~or order~~ require. A copy of the study referred to in item (b) above shall be filed with the commission, if ordered, and shall be available for public information.

(2) Each application shall be accompanied by proof of service of a copy of the application on the Office of Regulatory Staff, the chief executive officer of each municipality, and the head of each state and local government agency, charged with the duty of protecting the environment or of planning land use, in the area in the county in which any portion of the facility is to be located. The copy of the application shall be accompanied by a notice specifying the date on or about which the application is to be filed.

(3) Each application also must be accompanied by proof that public notice was given to persons residing in the municipalities entitled to receive notice under subsection (2) of this section, by the publication of a summary of the application, and the date on or about which it is to be filed, in newspapers of general circulation as will serve substantially to inform such persons of the application.

(4) Inadvertent failure of service on, or notice to, any of the municipalities, government agencies, or persons identified in subsections (2) and (3) of this section may be cured pursuant to orders

of the commission designed to afford them adequate notice to enable their effective participation in the proceeding. In addition, the commission may, after filing, require the applicant to serve notice of the application or copies thereof, or both, upon such other persons, and file proof thereof, as the commission may deem appropriate.

(5) An application for an amendment of a certificate shall be in such form and contain such information as the commission shall prescribe. Notice of the application shall be given as set forth in subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

Section 58-33-130. (1) Upon the receipt of an application complying with Section 58-33-120, the Commission shall promptly fix a date for the commencement of a public hearing, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after the receipt, and ~~shall conclude the proceedings as expeditiously as practicable~~ complete the hearing and issue an order on the merits within one hundred eighty days of receipt of the application.

(2) The testimony presented at the hearing may be presented in writing or orally, provided that the Commission may make rules designed to exclude repetitive, redundant or irrelevant testimony; however, all expert testimony must be prefiled with the Commission, with responsive expert testimony of non-applicants being received with enough time for the applicant to meaningfully respond, and in no case would expert testimony be filed less than twenty days before the hearing.

~~(2)~~(3) On an application for an amendment of a certificate, the Commission shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held on an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any significant increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of the facility; provided, that the Public Service Commission shall forward a copy of the application to all parties upon the filing of an application.

Section 58-33-140. (1) The parties to a certification proceeding shall include:

(a) the applicant;

(b) the Office of Regulatory Staff, the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism;

(c) each municipality and government agency entitled to receive service of a copy of the application under subsection (2) of Section 58-33-120 if it has filed with the commission a notice of intervention as a party within thirty days after the date it was served with

a copy of the application; and

(d) any person residing in a municipality entitled to receive service of a copy of the application under subsection (2) of Section 58-33-120, any domestic nonprofit organization, formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health, or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interest, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the facility is to be located; or any other person, if such a person or organization has petitioned the commission for leave to intervene as a party, within thirty days after the date given in the published notice as the date for filing the application, and if the petition has been granted by the commission for good cause shown.

(2) Any person may make a limited appearance in the sixty days after the date given in the published notice as the date for filing the application. No person making a limited appearance shall be a party or shall have the right to present oral testimony or argument or cross-examine witnesses.

(3) The commission may, in extraordinary circumstances for good cause shown, and giving consideration to the need for timely start of construction of the facility, grant a petition for leave to intervene as a party to participate in subsequent phases of the proceeding, filed by a municipality, government agency, person, or organization which is identified in paragraphs (b) or (c) of subsection (1) of this section, but which failed to file a timely notice of intervention or petition for leave to intervene, as the case may be.

Section 58-33-150. A record shall be made of ~~the~~any hearing and of all testimony taken and the cross-examination thereon. ~~Upon request of a party, either before or after the decision, a State agency which proposes to or does require a condition to be included in the certificate as provided for in Section 58-33-160 shall furnish for the record all factual findings, documents, studies, rules, regulations, standards, or other documentation, supporting the condition.~~ The Commission may provide for the consolidation of the representation of parties having similar interests.

Section 58-33-160. (1) The Commission shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions or modifications of the construction, operation or maintenance of the major utility facility as the Commission may deem appropriate; such conditions shall be as determined by the applicable State agency having jurisdiction or

authority under statutes, rules, regulations or standards promulgated thereunder, and the conditions shall become a part of the certificate. The Commission ~~may not~~must grant a certificate for the construction, operation and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the Commission, ~~unless it shall find and determine~~if it finds and determines that the applicant has shown:

(a) The basis of the need for the facility.

(b) The nature of the probable environmental impact.

(c) That the impact of the facility upon the environment is justified, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives and other pertinent considerations.

(d) That the facilities will serve the interests of system economy and reliability, and in the case of generating facilities, will do so considering reasonably available alternatives and their associated costs, risks, and operating attributes.

(e) That there is reasonable assurance that the proposed facility will conform to applicable State and local laws and regulations issued thereunder, including any allowable variance provisions therein, except that the Commission may refuse to apply any local law or local regulation if it finds that, as applied to the proposed facility, such law or regulation is unreasonably restrictive in view of the existing technology, or of factors of cost or economics or of the needs of consumers whether located inside or outside of the directly affected government subdivisions.

(f) That public convenience and necessity require the construction of the facility.

(2) If the Commission determines that the location of all or a part of the proposed facility should be modified, it may condition its certificate upon such modification, provided that the municipalities and persons residing therein affected by the modification shall have been given reasonable notice.

(3) A copy of the decision and any ~~opinion~~ order shall be served by the Commission upon each party.

Section 58-33-170. In rendering a decision on an application for a certificate, the Commission shall issue an ~~opinion~~order stating its reasons for the action taken. If the Commission has found that any regional or local law or regulation, which would be otherwise applicable, is unreasonably restrictive pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of Section 58-33-160, it shall state in its ~~opinion~~ order the reasons therefor.

Section 58-33-180. (A)~~(1)~~ In addition to the requirements of Articles 1, 3, 5, and 7 of Chapter 33, Title 58, a certificate for the construction of a major utility facility shall be granted only if the Public Service Authority demonstrates and proves by a preponderance of the evidence and the commission finds:

~~(a)~~(1) the construction of a major utility facility constitutes a more cost-effective means for serving direct serve and wholesale customers than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives and provides less ratepayer risk while maintaining safe and reliable electric service than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives; and

~~(b)~~(2) energy efficiency measures; demand-side management; renewable energy resource generation; available long-term power supply alternatives, or any combination thereof, would not establish or maintain a more cost-effective and reliable generation system and that the construction and operation of the facility is in the public interest.

~~(2)~~(B) Available long-term power supply alternatives may include, but are not limited to, power purchase agreements, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof.

~~(3)~~(C) The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's resource and fuel diversity, reasonably anticipated future operating costs, arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

~~(B)~~(D)The Public Service Authority shall file an estimate of construction costs in such detail as the commission may require. ~~No certificate shall be granted unless the commission has approved the estimated construction costs and made a finding that construction will be consistent with the Authority's commission-approved plan for expansion of electric generating capacity.~~

Section 58-33-185. (A) The Public Service Authority may not ~~enter into a contract for the acquisition of~~ acquire a major utility facility without approval of the Public Service Commission of South

Carolina, provided that the approval is required only to the extent the transaction is not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any other federal agency.

(B)(1) In acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section, the Public Service Authority must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the proposed transaction constitutes a more cost-effective means for serving direct serve and wholesale customers than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives and provides less ratepayer risk while maintaining safe and reliable electric service than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives. The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

(2) Available long-term power supply alternatives may include, but not be limited to, power purchase agreements of a different duration than proposed, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof.

(C) Application for the approval of the commission shall be made by the Public Service Authority and shall contain a concise statement of the proposed action, the reasons therefor, and such other information as may be required by the commission.

(D) Upon the receipt of an application, the commission shall promptly fix a date for the commencement of a public hearing, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after the receipt, and shall conclude the proceedings as expeditiously as practicable. The commission shall establish notice requirements and proceedings shall include an opportunity for intervention, discovery, filed comments or testimony, and an evidentiary hearing.

(E) The commission shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions or modifications as the commission may deem appropriate.

(F)(1) The commission may not grant approval unless

it shall find and determine that the Public Service Authority satisfied all requirements of this section and the proposed transaction is in the best interests of the retail and wholesale customers of the Public Service Authority.

(2) The commission also may require compliance with any provision of Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 that the commission determines necessary to grant approval.

Section 58-33-190. (1) The Public Service Authority may not enter into a contract for the purchase of power with a duration longer than ten years without approval of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, provided that the approval is required only to the extent the transaction is not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any other federal agency. This section does not apply to purchases of renewable power through a commission approved competitive procurement process.

(2) The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's resource and fuel diversity, reasonably anticipated future operating costs, arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power, and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

(3) The commission may not grant approval unless it shall find and determine that the proposed transaction is in the best interests of the retail and wholesale customers of the Public Service Authority.

SECTION 25. Section 58-37-40 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-40. (A) Electrical utilities, electric cooperatives, municipally owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority must each prepare an integrated resource plan. An integrated resource plan must be prepared and submitted at least every three years. Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring interstate natural gas companies whose rates and services are regulated only by the federal government or gas utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the commission to prepare and submit an integrated resource plan.

(1) Each electrical utility with one hundred thousand or more customer accounts and the Public Service Authority must submit its integrated resource plan to the commission. The integrated resource plan must be posted on the electrical utility's website and on the

commission's website.

(2) Electric cooperatives, electric utilities with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts, and municipally owned electric utilities shall each submit an integrated resource plan to the State Energy Office. Each integrated resource plan must be posted on the State Energy Office's website. If an electric cooperative, electric utility with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts, or municipally owned utility has a website, its integrated resource plan must also be posted on its website. For distribution~~,~~ electric cooperatives that are members of a cooperative that provides wholesale service, the integrated resource plan may be coordinated and consolidated into a single plan provided that nonshared resources or programs of individual distribution cooperatives are highlighted. Where plan components listed in subsection (B)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to a distribution or wholesale cooperative or a municipally owned electric utility as a result of the cooperative or the municipally owned electric utility not owning or operating generation resources, the plan may state that fact or refer to the plan of the wholesale power generator. Where plan components listed in subsection (B)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to an electrical utility with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts as a result of its own generation resources being comprised of more than seventy-five percent renewable energy or because it purchases wholesale load balancing generation services, then the plan may state that fact or refer to the plan of the wholesale power generator. For purposes of this section, a wholesale power generator does not include a municipally created joint agency if that joint agency receives at least seventy-five percent of its electricity from a generating facility owned in partnership with an electrical utility and that electrical utility:

(a) generally serves the area in which the joint agency's members are located; and

(b) is responsible for dispatching the capacity and output of the generated electricity.

(3) The South Carolina Public Service Authority shall submit its integrated resource plan to the commission. The Public Service Authority shall develop a public process allowing for input from all stakeholders prior to submitting the integrated resource plan. The integrated resource plan must be developed in consultation with the electric cooperatives and municipally owned electric utilities purchasing power and energy from the Public Service Authority and consider any feedback provided by retail customers and shall include the effect of demand-side management activities of the electric cooperatives and

municipally owned electric utilities that directly purchase power and energy from the Public Service Authority or sell power and energy generated by the Public Service Authority. The integrated resource plan must be posted on the commission's website and on the Public Service Authority's website.

(4)(a) In addition to the requirements of Section 58-37-40(B), the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan shall include an analysis of long-term power supply alternatives and enumerate the cost of various resource portfolios over various study periods including a twenty-year study period and, by comparison on a net present value basis, identify the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements while maintaining safe and reliable electric service.

(b) In addition to the requirements of Section 58-37-40(B), the commission shall review and evaluate the Public Service Authority's analysis of long-term power supply alternatives and various resource portfolios over various study periods including a twenty-year study period and, by comparison on a net present value basis, identify the most cost-effective and lowest ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements while maintaining safe and reliable electric service. The commission's evaluation shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) evaluating the cost-effectiveness and ratepayer-risk of self-build generation and transmission options compared with various long-term power supply alternatives, including power purchase agreements, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof. In evaluating and identifying the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio, the commission shall strive to reduce the risk to ratepayers associated with any generation and transmission options while maintaining safe and reliable electric service; and

(ii) an analysis of any potential cost savings that might accrue to ratepayers from the retirement of remaining coal generation assets.

(c) The Authority's integrated resource plan must provide the information required in Section 58-37-40(B) and must be developed in consultation with the electric cooperatives, including

Central Electric Power Cooperative, and municipally owned electric utilities purchasing power and energy from the Public Service Authority, and consider any feedback provided by retail customers and shall include the effect of demand-side management activities of the electric cooperatives, including Central Electric Power Cooperative, and municipally owned electric utilities that directly purchase power and energy from the Public Service Authority or sell power and energy generated by the Public Service Authority. The Integrated Resource Plan of the South Carolina Public Service Authority shall include and evaluate at least one resource portfolio, which will reflect the closure of the Winyah Generating Station by 2028, designed to provide safe and reliable electric service while meeting a net zero carbon emission goal by the year 2050.

(B)(1) An integrated resource plan shall include all of the following:

(a) a long-term forecast of the utility's sales and peak demand under various reasonable scenarios;

(b) the type of generation technology proposed for a generation facility contained in the plan and the proposed capacity of the generation facility, including fuel cost sensitivities under various reasonable scenarios;

(c) projected energy purchased or produced by the utility from a renewable energy resource;

(d) a summary of the electrical transmission investments planned by the utility;

(e) several resource portfolios developed with the purpose of fairly evaluating the range of demand-side, supply-side, storage, and other technologies and services available to meet the utility's service obligations. Such portfolios and evaluations must include an evaluation of low, medium, and high cases for the adoption of renewable energy and cogeneration, energy efficiency, and demand response measures, including consideration of the following:

(i) customer energy efficiency and demand response programs;

(ii) facility retirement assumptions; and

(iii) sensitivity analyses related to fuel costs, environmental regulations, and other uncertainties or risks;

(f) data regarding the utility's current generation portfolio, including the age, licensing status, and remaining estimated life of operation for each facility in the portfolio;

(g) plans for meeting current and future capacity

needs with the cost estimates for all proposed resource portfolios in the plan;

(h) an analysis of the cost and reliability impacts of all reasonable options available to meet projected energy and capacity needs~~; and~~

(i) a forecast of the utility's peak demand, details regarding the amount of peak demand reduction the utility expects to achieve, and the actions the utility proposes to take in order to achieve that peak demand reduction; and

(j) a report addressing updates to the utility's transmission plan under the utility's open-access transmission tariff pursuant to the federal jurisdiction planning process. In this report, the utility shall describe if applicable planned transmission improvements may enable specific siting of new resources or provide expected and planned impacts to other resource interconnection constraints or operations of the systems. The utility shall also describe how it evaluated alternate transmission technologies when developing solutions for identified transmission needs for interconnecting resources.

(2) An integrated resource plan may include distribution resource plans or integrated system operation plans.

(C)(1) The commission shall have a proceeding to review each electrical utility subject to subsection (A)(1) and the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan. As part of the integrated resource plan filing, the commission shall allow intervention by interested parties. The procedural schedule shall include dates for completion of each phase of discovery, including discovery related to the integrated resource plan as filed, direct testimony of the applicant, direct testimony of the Office of Regulatory Staff and other parties and intervenors, and rebuttal testimony of the applicant. Except upon showing exceptional circumstances, all discovery shall be served in time to allow its completion, but not less than ten days prior to the hearing. The commission shall establish a procedural schedule to permit reasonable discovery after an integrated resource plan is filed in order to assist parties in obtaining evidence concerning the integrated resource plan, including the reasonableness and prudence of the plan and alternatives to the plan raised by intervening parties. No later than three hundred days after an electrical utility files an integrated resource plan, the commission shall issue a final order approving, modifying, or denying the plan filed by the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority.

(2) The commission shall approve an electrical

utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan if the commission determines that the proposed integrated resource plan represents the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's energy and capacity needs as of the time the plan is reviewed. ~~To determine whether the integrated resource plan is the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting energy and capacity needs, the commission, in its discretion, shall consider whether the plan appropriately balances the following factors.~~ In reviewing an integrated resource plan, the commission shall give due consideration as to the resources and actions necessary for the utility to fulfill compliance and reliability obligations pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, the Southeastern Electric Reliability Council, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, as well as environmental requirements applicable to resources serving customers in this state. Matters related to the scope and sufficiency of an electrical utility's demand-side plans and activities shall be considered exclusively in proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 58-37-20. In reviewing an integrated resource plan, the commission shall focus its review on the decisions which the applicant must make in the near term based on the triennial integrated resource plan under consideration at the time and shall approve a plan if it finds that the plan appropriately balances the following factors:

(a) resource adequacy and capacity to serve anticipated peak electrical load, including the need for electric capacity and energy required to support economic development and industry retention in the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's service territory and to meet applicable planning reserve margins;

(b) consumer affordability and least reasonable cost, considering the resources needed to support economic development and industry retention, and other risks and benefits;

(c) compliance with applicable state and federal environmental regulations;

(d) power supply reliability;

(e) commodity price risks;

(f) diversity of generation supply; ~~and~~

(g) the efficiencies and optimum plans for any electrical utility system spanning state lines located within the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's balancing authority area; and

(h) other foreseeable conditions that the commission determines to be for the public's interest.

(3) In modifying or rejecting an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan, the commission shall only require revisions that are reasonably anticipated to materially change resource procurement decisions to be made on the basis of the integrated resource plan under review. If the commission modifies or rejects an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan, the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority, within sixty days after the date of the final order, shall submit a revised plan addressing concerns identified by the commission and incorporating commission-mandated revisions to the integrated resource plan to the commission for approval. Within sixty days of the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's revised filing, the Office of Regulatory Staff shall review the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's revised plan and submit a report to the commission assessing the sufficiency of the revised filing. Other parties to the integrated resource plan proceeding also may submit comments. No later than sixty days after the Office of Regulatory Staff report is filed with the commission, the commission at its discretion may determine whether to accept the revised integrated resource plan or to mandate further remedies that the commission deems appropriate.

(4) The submission, review, and acceptance of an integrated resource plan by the commission, or the inclusion of any specific resource ~~or experience~~ in an accepted integrated resource plan, shall not be determinative of the reasonableness or prudence of the acquisition or construction of any resource or the making of any expenditure. An electrical utility shall retain the burden of proof to show that all of its investments and expenditures are reasonable and prudent when seeking cost recovery in rates.

(D)(1) An electrical utility and the Public Service Authority shall each submit annual updates to its integrated resource plan to the commission. An annual update must include an update to the electric utility's or the Public Service Authority's base planning assumptions relative to its most recently accepted integrated resource plan, including, but not limited to: energy and demand forecast, commodity fuel price inputs, renewable energy forecast, energy efficiency and demand-side management forecasts, changes to projected retirement dates of existing units, along with other inputs the commission deems to be for the public interest. The electrical utility's or Public Service Authority's annual update must describe the impact of the updated base planning assumptions on the selected resource plan.

(2) The Office of Regulatory Staff shall review each

electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's annual update and submit a report within ninety days to the commission providing a recommendation concerning the reasonableness of the annual update. After reviewing the annual update and the Office of Regulatory Staff report, the commission may accept the annual update or direct the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority to make changes to the annual update that the commission determines to be in the public interest within sixty days from the submittal of the Office of Regulatory Staff's report.

(E) Intervenors shall bear their own costs of participating in proceedings before the commission.

~~(E)~~(F) The commission is authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 26. Section 58-3-260 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-260. (A) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Proceeding" means a contested case, generic proceeding, or other matter to be adjudicated, decided, or arbitrated by the commission.

(2) "Person" means a party to a proceeding pending before the commission, a member of the Office of Regulatory Staff, a representative of a party to a proceeding pending before the commission, individuals, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, elected officials of state government, and other public and elected officials.

(3) "Communication" means the transmitting of information by any mode including, but not limited to, oral, written, or electronic.

(4) "Allowable ex parte communication briefing" means any communication that is conducted pursuant to the procedure outlined in subsection (C)(6) of this section.

(5) "Communication of supplemental legal citation" means the submission, subsequent to the submission of post-hearing briefs or proposed orders in a proceeding, of statutes, regulations, judicial or administrative decisions that are enacted, promulgated, or determined after the submission of post-hearing briefs or proposed orders.

(6) "Issue" means a specific request for relief or for other action from the commission in a pending or anticipated matter, legal or regulatory arguments, and policy considerations. "Issue" does not include:

(a) general information concerning the operations,

administration, planning, projects, customer service, storms or storm response, accidents, outages, or investments of an entity regulated by the commission that is not confidential and proprietary and is available to the public; or

(b) any confidential information that affects energy security, such as physical or cybersecurity matters, provided that such information is also provided to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

Any communication pursuant to subitems (a) or (b) that does not contain a specific request for relief or for other action from the commission in a pending matter or anticipated matter and is provided to the commission must be in writing and must be posted on the commission's website with any confidential information redacted.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided herein or unless required for the disposition of ex parte matters specifically authorized by law, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee shall not communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any issue that is an issue in any proceeding or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in any proceeding with any person without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate in the communication, nor shall any person communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any issue that is an issue in any proceeding or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in any proceeding with any commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate in the communication.

(2) Commissioners must limit their consideration of matters before them to the record presented by the parties and may not rely on material not presented in the record by the parties.

(C) The following communications are exempt from the prohibitions of subsection (B) of this section:

(1) a communication concerning compliance with procedural requirements if the procedural matter is not an area of controversy in a proceeding;

(2) statements made by a commission employee who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in formulating a decision, rule, or order in a proceeding, where the statements are limited to providing publicly available information about pending proceedings;

(3) inquiries relating solely to the status of a proceeding, unless the inquiry: (a) states or implies a view as to the merits or outcome of the proceeding; (b) states or implies a preference for a particular party or which states why timing is important to a

particular party; (c) indicates a view as to the date by which a proceeding should be resolved; or (d) is otherwise intended to address the merits or outcome or to influence the timing of a proceeding;

(4) a communication made by or to commission employees that concerns judicial review of a matter that has been decided by the commission and is no longer within the commission's jurisdiction; however, if the matter is remanded to the commission for further action, the provisions of this section shall apply during the period of the remand;

(5) where circumstances require, ex parte communications for scheduling, administrative purposes, or emergencies that do not deal with substantive matters or issues on the merits are authorized provided:

(a) the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee reasonably believes that no party will gain a procedural or tactical advantage as a result of the ex parte communication; and

(b) the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee makes provision promptly to notify all other parties of the substance of the ex parte communication and, where possible, allows an opportunity to respond;

(6)(a) subject to the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 30, communications, directly or indirectly, regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding for the purposes of an allowable ex parte communication briefing if:

~~(i) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee attends the briefing and files a written certification, within seventy-two hours of the briefing, attaching copies of all statements and all other matters filed by all persons pursuant to subsubitems (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this subsection, with the chief clerk of the commission that such briefing was conducted in compliance with the provisions of this section and that each party, person, commissioner, or commission employee present has complied with the reporting and certification requirements of subsubitems (ii), (iii), and (iv); and within twenty-four hours of the submission by the executive director, the commission posts on its web site the written certification, statements, and other matters filed by the executive director;~~

~~(ii) each party, person, commissioner, and commission employee present files a written, certified statement with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff within forty-~~

~~eight hours of the briefing accurately summarizing the discussions in full and attaching copies of any written materials utilized, referenced, or distributed;~~

~~(iii) each party, person, commissioner, and commission employee present, within forty-eight hours of the briefing, files a certification with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff that~~

(i) in the course of such briefing, no commissioner or commission employee shall make any~~no~~ commitment, predetermination, or prediction of any commissioner's action as to any ultimate or penultimate issue or any commission employee's opinion or recommendation as to any ultimate or penultimate issue in any proceeding~~, was requested by any person or party~~ nor shall any person request any commitment, predetermination, or prediction ~~was~~to be given by any commissioner or commission employee as to any commission action or commission employee opinion or recommendation on any ultimate or penultimate issue;

(ii) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee must attend the briefing and certify that the commissioners and commission employees complied with the provisions in subitem (i);

~~(iv)~~(iii) each commissioner or commission employee present at the allowable ex parte communication briefing grants to every other party or person requesting an allowable ex parte communication briefing on the same or similar matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding, similar access and a reasonable opportunity to communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding under the provisions of subsection (C)(6) of this section and files a written, certified statement with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff within forty-eight hours of the briefing stating that the commissioner or commission employee will comply with this provision;

~~(v)~~(iv) the commission ~~posts~~ must post on its web site, at least five business days prior to the proposed briefing, a notice of each request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing that includes the date and time of the proposed briefing, the name of the person or party who requested the briefing, the name of each commissioner and commission employee whom the person or party has requested to brief, and the subject matter to be discussed at the briefing;

(v) the commission must post on its web site

within three business days after the briefing, all nonconfidential materials and documents provided to the commission as part of the ex parte briefing and a statement signed by the chief clerk of the commission that the provisions of this subsection have been followed, including the justification for actions taken to preserve the confidentiality of any confidential information provided to the commission;

(vi) the person or party initially seeking the briefing ~~requests~~must request the briefing with sufficient notice, as required in subsubitem ~~(v)~~(iv), to allow the initial briefing to be held at least twenty business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding at which the matter that is the subject of the briefing is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, and the initial briefing must be held at least twenty business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding; and

(vii) any person or party desiring to have a briefing on the same or similar matter as provided for in subsubitem (vi) shall be entitled to request ~~requests~~ a briefing so long as the request is made with sufficient time for notice, as required in subsubitem ~~(v)~~(iv), to allow the briefing to be held at least ten business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding at which the matter that is the subject of the briefing is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, and any such briefing must be held at least ten business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding;

~~(b) any person or party may object to the attendance of the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff at an allowable ex parte communication briefing on the grounds of bias or a conflict of interest on the part of the executive director. Any such objection must be made in writing and must be filed with the executive director no later than twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled briefing. If the objecting person or party and the executive director agree upon a neutral person, that person shall serve in the executive director's stead and shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the executive director contained in subsubitem (i) and the executive director shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii). The costs of such person's services shall be charged to the party requesting the briefing and may be an allowable cost of the proceedings. If the objecting person or party and the executive director cannot agree upon a neutral person, the objecting person or party shall petition the Administrative Law Court for the appointment of a neutral person to serve in the executive director's stead, and the petition shall be given priority over all other matters within the jurisdiction of the~~

~~Administrative Law Court. In the petition, the objecting party shall set forth the specific grounds supporting the objecting person's or party's allegation of bias or conflict on the part of the executive director and shall generally describe the matters to be discussed at the briefing. It shall not be sufficient grounds that the executive director is or is likely to be a party to a proceeding. The executive director shall be given an opportunity to respond. Part of the executive director's response shall include recommendations as to the experience required of the person to act in his stead. Upon a showing of actual bias or conflict of interest, the administrative law judge shall designate a person to act in the executive director's stead and that person shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the executive director contained in subsubitem (i) and the executive director shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii). Such person must have the expertise to act in the executive director's stead. The decision of the administrative law judge shall be considered interlocutory and not immediately appealable and may be appealed with the final order of the commission. The costs of such person's services shall be charged to the party requesting the briefing and may be an allowable cost of the proceedings;~~

~~(c) should the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff desire to conduct an allowable ex parte communication briefing, the chief clerk of the commission shall appoint a neutral person who shall serve in the executive director's stead and that person shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff contained in subsubitem (i). The Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii);~~

~~(d)~~(b) nothing in subsection (C)(6) of this section requires any commissioner or commission employee to grant a request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing, except as provided in subsection (C)(6)(a)~~(iv)~~(iii) of this section;

(7) a communication of supplemental legal citation if the party files copies of such documents, without comment or argument, with the chief clerk of the commission and simultaneously provides copies to all parties of record;

(8) subject to the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 30, communications between and among commissioners regarding matters pending before the commission; provided, further, that any commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee may receive aid

from commission employees if the commission employees providing aid do not:

(a) receive ex parte communications of a type that the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee would be prohibited from receiving; or

(b) furnish, augment, diminish, or modify the evidence in the record.

(D) If before serving in a proceeding, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee receives an ex parte communication of a type that may not properly be received while serving, the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee must disclose the communication in the following manner: a commissioner, hearing officer, or a commission employee who receives an ex parte communication in violation of this section must promptly after receipt of the communication or, in the case of a communication prior to a filing, as soon as it is known to relate to a filing, place on the record of the matter all written and electronic communications received, all written and electronic responses to the communications, and a memorandum stating the substance of all oral communications received, all responses made, and the identity of each person from whom the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee, as appropriate, received an ex parte communication and must advise all parties that these matters have been placed on the record. Within ten days after receipt of notice of the ex parte communication, any party who desires to rebut the contents of the communication must request and shall be granted the opportunity to rebut the contents. Parties affected by a violation may agree to a resolution of any claim regarding such violation, including the waiver of a hearing and the waiver of the obligation to report violations under subsection (I) of this section.

(E) Any person who makes an inadvertent ex parte communication must, as soon as it is known to relate to an issue in a proceeding, disclose the communication by placing on the record of the matter the communication made, if written or electronic, or a memorandum stating the substance of an inadvertent oral communication, and the identity of each person to whom the inadvertent ex parte communication was made or given. Within ten days after receipt of notice of the ex parte communication, any party who desires to rebut the contents of the communication must request and shall be granted the opportunity to rebut the contents. If no party rebuts the inadvertence of the ex parte communication within ten days after notice of the ex parte communication, the ex parte communication shall be presumed

inadvertent. Parties affected by a violation may agree to a resolution of any claim regarding such violation, and the provisions of subsection (J) of this section shall not apply.

(F) If necessary to eliminate the effect of an ex parte communication received in violation of this section, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee who receives the communication may be disqualified by the commission, and the portions of the record pertaining to the communication may be sealed by protective order.

(G) Nothing in this section alters or amends Section 1-23-320(i).

(H) Nothing in this section prevents a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee from:

(1) attending educational seminars sponsored by state, regional, or national organizations and seminars not affiliated with any utility regulated by the commission; however, the provisions of this section shall apply to any communications that take place outside any formal sessions of any seminars or group presentations; or

(2) conducting a site visit of a utility facility under construction or attending educational tours of utility plants or other facilities provided:

(a) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee also attends the site visit or educational tour;

(b) a summary of the discussion is produced and posted on the commission's website, along with copies of any written materials utilized, referenced, or distributed; and

(c) each party, person, commission, and commission employee who participated in the site visit or educational tour, within forty-eight hours of the site visit or educational tour, files a certification with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff that no commitment, predetermination, or prediction of any commissioner's action as to any ultimate or penultimate issue or any commission employee's opinion or recommendation as to any ultimate or penultimate issue in any proceeding was requested by any person or party, nor any commitment, predetermination, or prediction was given by any commissioner or commission employee as to any commission action or commission employee opinion or recommendation on any ultimate or penultimate issue.

(I) Subject to any privilege under Rule 501 of the South Carolina Rules of Evidence, any commissioner, hearing officer,

commission employee, party, or any other person must report any wilful violation of this section on the part of a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee to the review committee.

(J) Any commissioner, hearing officer, commission employee, or person who wilfully violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months. If a commissioner wilfully communicates with any party or person or if any person or party wilfully communicates with a commissioner regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding less than ten business days prior to the scheduled hearing on the merits, during the hearing or after the hearing but prior to the issuance of a final order, including an order on rehearing, in a proceeding where such facts, law, or other matter is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, the commissioner shall be removed from office. If a hearing officer or commission employee wilfully communicates with any party or person or any party or person wilfully communicates with a hearing officer or commission employee regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding less than ten days prior to the scheduled hearing on the merits, during the hearing or after the hearing but prior to the issuance of a final order, including an order on rehearing, in a proceeding where such facts, law, or other matter is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, the hearing officer or commission employee shall be terminated from employment by the commission. For purposes of this section: (1) "wilful" means an act done voluntarily and intentionally with the specific intent to do something the law forbids, or with specific intent to fail to do something the law requires to be done, that is to say with bad purpose either to disobey or disregard the law, and (2) a violation of the provisions of this section must be proved by clear and convincing evidence before a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee can be removed from office or terminated from employment.

SECTION 27. Section 58-3-270(E) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(E) The administrative law judge assigned to the ex parte communication complaint proceeding by the Administrative Law Court may issue an order tolling any deadlines imposed by any state statute for a decision by the commission on the proceeding that is the subject of the ex parte communication complaint but only to the extent that the allegations of the complaint are verified and if found to be true

would indicate that the proceeding was prejudiced to the extent that the commission is unable to consider the matter in the proceeding impartially. The administrative law judge assigned to the ex parte communication complaint proceeding by the Administrative Law Court must conduct a hearing and must issue a decision within sixty days after the complaint is filed.

SECTION 28. The General Assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(1) the economic and financial well-being of South Carolina and its citizens depends upon continued economic development and industry retention and opportunities for job attraction and retention; and

(2) the cost of electricity and the availability of clean energy sources for electricity are important factors in the decision for a commercial and industrial entity to locate, expand, or maintain their existing establishments in South Carolina; and

(3) competitive electric rates, terms, and conditions, and the ability to utilize clean energy sources for electric power generation are necessary to attract prospective commercial or industrial entities to invest in South Carolina and to encourage and incent robust economic development growth and industry retention in this State; and

(4) electrical utilities are critical economic development and industry retention partners for South Carolina by offering affordable power that has helped to attract jobs and associated development.

Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 43

Economic Development Rates

Section 58-43-10. Unless otherwise specified, for purposes of this chapter:

(1) "Commission" means the Public Service Commission.

(2) "Contract" has the same meaning as the term is used in Section 58-27-980.

(3) "Electrical utility" has the same meaning as provided in Section 58-27-10(7).

(4) "Marginal cost" means the electrical utility's marginal cost for producing energy.

(5) "Qualifying customer" means either:

(a) an existing commercial or industrial customer with a combined firm and interruptible contract demand greater than 20 megawatts that agrees to a new or extended electric service contract with

a term of five years of more; or

(b) a commercial or industrial customer that agrees to locate its operations in South Carolina or expands its existing establishment, and such location or expansion results in the minimum of:

(i) 500 kilowatts at one point of delivery;

(ii) fifty new employees; and

(iii) capital investment for $400,000 following the electrical utility's approval for service.

(6) "Rate proposal" means a written document that identifies the rates, terms, and conditions for electric service offered by an electrical utility to a prospective customer.

(7) "Renewable energy facility" means a solar array or other facility constructed by or on behalf of a qualifying customer for the exclusive purpose of supplementing electrical power generation from a renewable energy source for its economic development location, expansion, or retention.

(8) "Transformational customer" means a commercial or industrial customer that agrees to locate its operations in South Carolina or expand its existing establishment, and such location or expansion results in the addition of a minimum of:

(a) 50 megawatts at one point of delivery;

(b) 500 new employees;

(c) capital investment of $100,000,000 following the electrical utility's approval for service; and

(d) who is designated by the South Carolina Department of Commerce as a business which will bring substantial benefit to the economy of South Carolina and its citizens, such that it is in the public interest to have such transformational customer located in this State.

Section 58-43-20. (A) When considering whether the rates, terms, and conditions negotiated with economic development prospects are just and reasonable, the commission shall give full weight and consideration to the economic development benefits to the electrical utility's customers that result from prospective commercial or industrial entities locating or expanding their activities in South Carolina.

(B) Nothwithstanding any other provision of law, an electrical utility may provide the South Carolina Department of Commerce or a prospective qualifying customer or transformational customer with a rate proposal containing terms and conditions to incentivize the prospective customer to make capital investments and employ additional workforce in the electrical utility's service territory. The rate proposal initially provided by an electrical utility may differ from the final contract, rate,

terms, and conditions with the qualifying customer or transformational customer.

(C) An electrical utility may offer special rates, terms, and conditions to a qualifying customer or transformational customer, including rates that are lower than the rates that the customer otherwise would be charged. The agreement with the customer must be for a term not exceeding ten years and the electrical utility may offer the customer interruptible and real-time pricing options and riders for other clean energy attributes which may support the qualifying customer's or transformational customer's needs. However, rates for qualifying customers may not be lower than the electrical utility's marginal cost of providing service to the customer and rates for transformational customers may not be lower than twenty-five percent less than the electrical utility's marginal cost of providing service to the customer.

(D) Rates, terms, and conditions negotiated with qualifying and transformational customers shall be deemed just and reasonable if:

(1) for qualifying customers, the terms of this section are met;

(2) for transformational customers, the commission determines that:

(a) the economic development rate offered significantly impacts the customer's decision to locate or expand in South Carolina;

(b) the financial value realized by the electrical utility's system from the transformational customer being on the electrical utility's system for ten years is greater than or equal to the financial value of the rate incentive given to the transformational customer;

(c) measures have been taken to avoid or reduce cross-customer class subsidization; and

(d) the consequences of offering the economic development rate are beneficial to the system as a whole considering all customer classes.

The commission must either approve or deny an application pursuant to this section within sixty days.

(E) Nothing in this chapter shall otherwise restrict the commission's authority to regulate rates and charges or review contracts entered into pursuant to this section or to otherwise supervise the operations of electrical utilities.

(F) The construction of a proposed renewable energy facility by or on behalf of a qualifying customer to support electric power generation at its location must comply with federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.

(G) Consistent with federal, state, and local laws and ordinances,

the electrical utility may expedite interconnection of a proposed renewable energy facility to be constructed by a qualifying or transformational customer to support electrical power generation at its location where high-quality and reliable electric service are not adversely impacted.

(H) In the event a qualifying customer or transformational customer leaves this State or terminates its operations in this State during the ten-year contract period, such customer must reimburse the electrical utility and its customers the difference between standard rates and the rates paid during the term of the agreement between the electrical utility and its customers.

(I) For facilities designated as high priority sites by the South Carolina Department of Commerce, an electrical utility may enter into agreements to provide energy infrastructure to such sites if the South Carolina Department of Commerce determines it will increase the probability of attracting transformational customers to this State. Costs of such infrastructure shall be accounted for and recorded as an element of rate base for inclusion in general rates by the electrical utility provided the commission finds such costs are reasonable and prudent and shall not include a rate of return until the facilities are placed into service for a customer.

(J) An electrical utility shall not be required to adjust its cost of service in a rate proceeding as a result of a rate, agreement, or infrastructure provided pursuant to this section in any matter that would impute revenue at a level higher than received by the electrical utility from a qualifying customer or transformational customer or would otherwise reduce the electrical utility's revenue as a result of entering into contracts with qualifying customers or transformational customers pursuant to this section.

(K) If an electrical utility offers special rates, terms, and conditions to a qualifying customer or a transformational customer, any electrical utility in South Carolina may also offer all directly competing existing customers in its service territory in this State with similar special rates, terms, and conditions at the time the agreement is entered into with the qualifying customer or transformational customer to the extent the directly competing existing customer is able to substantiate its status as a directly competing existing customer. For purposes of this section, customers are "directly competing" if they make the same end-product, or offer the same service, for the same general group of customers. Customers that only produce component parts of the same end-product are not directly competing customers.

SECTION 29. Sections 58-33-310 and 58-33-320 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 58-33-310. Any party may appeal, in accordance with Section 1-23-380, from all or any portion of any final order or decision of the commission, including conditions of the certificate required by a state agency under Section 58-33-160 as provided by Section 58-27-2310. ~~Any appeals may be called up for trial out of their order by either party.~~ Any final order on the merits issued pursuant to this chapter shall be immediately appealable to the Supreme Court of South Carolina, without petition for rehearing or reconsideration. The Supreme Court shall provide for expedited briefing and hearing of the appeal in preference to all other nonemergency matters. The commission must not be a party to an appeal.

Section 58-33-320. Except as expressly set forth in Section 58-33-310, no court of this State shall have jurisdiction to hear or determine any issue, case, or controversy concerning any matter which was or could have been determined in a proceeding before the commission under this chapter or to stop or delay the construction, operation, or maintenance of a major utility facility, except to enforce compliance with this chapter or the provisions of a certificate issued hereunder, and any such action shall be brought only by the Office of Regulatory Staff. Provided, however, that subject to Section 58-33-175, nothing herein contained shall be construed to abrogate or suspend the right of any individual or corporation not a party to maintain any action which he might otherwise have been entitled.

SECTION 30. Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-160. (A)(1) The Office of Regulatory Staff must conduct a study to evaluate the potential costs and benefits of the various administrator models for energy efficiency programs and other demand-side management programs funded by, or potentially funded by, electrical utilities in this State. This study must be conducted on each electrical utility in this State. For purposes of this section, administrator models for energy efficiency programs shall include the following models: utility administrator, state or government agency administrator, an independent third-party administrator, and a hybrid administrator.

(2) For purposes of this section only, "electrical utility" means an investor-owned electrical utility that serves more than 100,000 customers in this State.

(B) This study must consider which administrator model would most meaningfully improve programs offered by the electrical utility.

(C) The study must also evaluate which administrator model offers the best opportunities to increase cost and energy savings, improve the quality of services rendered, reduce ratepayer costs, or more effectively serve low-income customers, within a program portfolio that is cost effective overall, as compared to similar program administration by individual electrical utilities, or to increase the cost effectiveness of energy efficiency program portfolios. This study must consider, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) whether third-party administration subject to a pay for performance contract and independent third-party evaluation, measurement, and verification could reduce administrative costs, as compared to separate administration of energy efficiency programs by individual electrical utilities;

(2) whether a system benefit charge or other funding or financing mechanism would more efficiently, effectively, and fairly fund energy efficiency and other demand side management programs through an administrator;

(3) which administrator model provides the best mechanism to increase ratepayer energy savings in the case of electrical utilities that have experienced lower historical performance in terms of annual and cumulative energy savings as a percentage of retail sales;

(4) which administrator model provides the best mechanism to increase ratepayer energy savings in the case of electrical utilities that have experienced high historical performance in terms of annual and cumulative energy savings as a percentage of retail sales;

(5) the legal and practical implications of implementing the various administrator models for an electrical utility with a multistate balancing authority area;

(6) which administrator model could most enhance an electrical utility's delivery of nonenergy benefits, such as resiliency, reliability, health, economic development, industry retention, energy security, and pollution reduction; and

(7) which administrator model could most effectively pursue nonratepayer funding including, but not limited to, federal, state, or local governmental support, as a means of either reducing reliance of ratepayer funds or increasing the scope, reach, or effectiveness of energy efficiency and demand side management programs.

(D) This study must be conducted with public input from stakeholders through written comments and at least one public forum.

(E) The Office of Regulatory Staff is authorized to retain the services of an expert or consultant with expertise and experience in the

successful implementation of energy efficiency administrator programs. The Office of Regulatory Staff is exempt from the procurement code for the purposes of retaining services for this study.

(F) The provisions of this section are subject to funding. However, the Office of Regulatory Staff must initiate the study within one year from receipt of necessary funding and complete its report within six months. Upon completion of this study, the Office of Regulatory Staff must provide its report to the General Assembly and the commission. This report may include a recommendation as to which administrator model should be established for each electrical utility, draft legislation, and requirements that should be established.

SECTION 31. Section 58-37-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-10. As used in this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1) "Demand-side activity" or "demand-side management program" means a program conducted or proposed by a producer, supplier, or distributor of energy for the reduction or more efficient use of energy requirements of the producer's, supplier's, or distributor's customers, through measures, including, but not limited to, conservation and energy efficiency, load management, cogeneration, and renewable energy technologies.

(2) "Integrated resource plan" means a plan which contains the demand and energy forecast for at least a fifteen-year period, contains the supplier's or producer's program for meeting the requirements shown in its forecast in an economic and reliable manner, including both demand-side and supply-side options, with a brief description and summary cost-benefit analysis, if available, of each option which was considered, including those not selected, sets forth the supplier's or producer's assumptions and conclusions with respect to the effect of the plan on the cost and reliability of energy service, and describes the external environmental and economic consequences of the plan to the extent practicable. For electrical utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, this definition must be interpreted in a manner consistent with the integrated resource planning requirements pursuant to Section 58-37-40 and any process adopted by the commission. For electric cooperatives subject to the regulations of the Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~Utilities Service, this definition must be interpreted in a manner consistent with any integrated resource planning process prescribed by Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~ Utilities Service regulations.

(3) "Cost-effective" means that the net present value of

benefits of a program or portfolio exceeds the net present value of the costs of the program or portfolio. A cost-effective program or portfolio must pass any two of the following tests:

(a) utility cost test;

(b) total resource cost test;

(c) participant cost test; or

(d) ratepayer impact measure test.

In evaluating the cost-effectiveness of a program or portfolio, a utility or program administrator must present the results of all four tests. In calculating cost-effectiveness, a utility must use a standard utility practice for determining the percentage of energy savings that would or would not have been achieved through customer adoption of an efficiency behavior or technology without any incentive allowed pursuant to this chapter to install and utilize the technology as part of the associated demand-side management program. The utility must designate the expected useful life of the measure and evaluate the costs and benefits of the measures over their useful lives in the program application based on industry-accepted standards. Further, in calculating the cost-effectiveness, the commission must consider the efficiencies and scale of programs that are or may be available across a utility's balancing area, even if that balancing area extends outside of the state.

(4) "Demand-side management pilot program" means a demand-side management program that is of limited scope, cost, and duration and that is intended to determine whether a new or substantially revised program or technology would be cost-effective.

SECTION 32. Section 58-37-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-20. (A) The General Assembly declares that expanding utility investment in and customer access to cost-effective demand-side management programs will result in more efficient use of existing resources, promote lower energy costs, mitigate the increasing need for new generation and associated resources, and assist customers in managing their electricity usage to better control their electric bill, and is therefore in the public interest.

(B) The commission may approve any program filed by a public utility if the program is found to be cost-effective. Furthermore, the commission may, in its discretion, approve any program filed by a public utility that is not cost-effective, so long as the proposed demand-side management program is targeted to low-income customers, provided that the public utility's portfolio of demand-side management programs is cost-effective as a whole.

(C) The South Carolina Public Service Commission

~~may~~ must adopt procedures that ~~encourage~~ require electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the commission to plan for and invest in all reasonable, prudent, and available energy efficiency and demand-side resources that are cost-effective energy efficient technologies and energy conservation programs in an amount to be determined by the commission. If an electrical utility fails to meet the requirements of this section as determined by the commission, the commission is authorized to appoint a third-party administrator to carry out the residential low-income energy efficiency duties pursuant to this section on behalf of the electrical utility if the commission determines that having such a third-party administrator is in the public interest and consistent with law. Upon notice and hearings that the commission may require, the commission may issue rules, regulations, or orders pursuant to this chapter to implement applicable programs and measures under this section. If adopted, these procedures must: provide incentives and cost recovery for energy suppliers and distributors who invest in energy supply and end-use technologies that are cost-effective, environmentally acceptable, and reduce energy consumption or system or local coincident peak demand; allow energy suppliers and distributors to recover costs and obtain a reasonable rate of return on their investment in qualified demand-side management programs sufficient to make these programs at least as financially attractive as construction of new generating facilities; require the Public Service Commission to establish rates and charges that ensure that the net income of an electrical or gas utility regulated by the commission after implementation of specific cost-effective energy conservation measures is at least as high as the net income would have been if the energy conservation measures had not been implemented. ~~For purposes of this section only, the term "demand-side activity" means a program conducted by an electrical utility or public utility providing gas services for the reduction or more efficient use of energy requirements of the utility or its customers including, but not limited to, utility transmission and distribution system efficiency, customer conservation and efficiency, load management, cogeneration, and renewable energy technologies.~~

(D) Each investor-owned electrical utility must submit an annual report to the commission describing the demand-side management programs implemented by the electrical utility in the previous year, provided the program has been operational for a reasonable period of time, as well as the results of such programs. The commission may require certain information including, but not limited

to:

(1) achieved savings levels from the utility's portfolio of programs in the prior year, reported as a percentage of the utility's annual sales;

(2) program expenditures, including incentive payments;

(3) peak demand and energy savings impacts and the techniques used to estimate those impacts;

(4) avoided costs and the techniques used to estimate those costs;

(5) estimated cost-effectiveness of the demand-side management programs;

(6) a description of economic benefits of the demand-side management programs;

(7) the number of customers eligible to opt-out of the electrical utility's demand-side management programs, the percentage of those customers that opted-out in the previous year, and the annual sales associated with those opt-out customers; and

(8) any other information required by the commission.

(E) To ensure prudent investments by an electrical utility in energy efficiency and demand response, as compared to potential investments in generation, transmission, distribution, and other supply related utility equipment and resources, the commission must review each investor-owned electrical utility's portfolio of demand-side management programs on at least a triennial basis to align the review of that utility's integrated resource plan pursuant to Section 58-37-40. The commission is authorized to order modifications to an electrical utility's demand-side management portfolio, including program budgets, if the commission determines that doing so in the public interest.

(F) The provisions of subsections (C), (D), and (E) do not apply to an electrical utility that serves less than 100,000 customers in this State.

SECTION 33. Section 58-37-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-30. (A) The South Carolina Public Service Commission must report annually to the General Assembly on available data regarding the past, on-going, and projected status of demand-side ~~activities~~management programs and purchase of power from qualifying facilities, as defined in the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, by electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

(B) Electric cooperatives providing resale or retail services, municipally-owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority shall report annually to the State Energy Office on available data regarding the past, on-going, and projected status of demand-side ~~activities~~management programs and purchase of power from qualifying facilities. For electric cooperatives, submission to the State Energy Office of a report on demand-side ~~activities~~management programs in a format complying with then current Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~ Utilities Service regulations constitutes compliance with this subsection. An electric cooperative providing resale services may submit a report in conjunction with and on behalf of any electric cooperative which purchases electric power and energy from it. The State Energy Office must compile and submit this information annually to the General Assembly.

(C) The State Energy Office may provide forms for the reports required by this section to the Public Service Commission and to electric cooperatives, municipally-owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority. The office shall strive to minimize differing formats for reports, taking into account the reporting requirements of other state and federal agencies. For electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the commission, the reporting form must be in a format acceptable to the commission.

SECTION 34.Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-37-35. (A) An electrical utility may propose programs and customer incentives to encourage or promote demand-side management programs whereby a customer uses a customer-sited distributed energy resource, as defined in Section 58-39-120(C), or combination of such resources, to: (1) reduce the customer's electric consumption or demand from the electric grid, or (2) beneficially shape the customer's electric consumption or demand in a manner that reduces the customer's contribution to the electrical utility's system or local coincidental peak demand, subject to the associated load to utility management for reliability or economic purposes, or reduce future electrical utility system costs to serve its customers. Programs authorized pursuant to this section may also include distributed energy resources that draw additional power from the electric grid including, but not limited to, electric heat pumps with programmable or utility controlled thermostats, electric heat pump water heaters controlled through utility programs, smart home panels, advanced inverters, and energy storage

devices located on the customer's side of the meter, provided that any programs or customer incentives otherwise meet the requirements of this section. These programs may also include a combination of resources, including renewable energy microgrids, to provide economic benefits to the utility system or to help address specific transmission or distribution issues that would otherwise require significant capital investment.

(B) In evaluating a program or customer incentive proposed pursuant to this section to assure reasonableness, promotion of the public interest, and consistency with the objectives of Sections 58-27-845 and 58-37-20, the commission must apply the procedure approved pursuant to Section 58-37-20. An electrical utility must use standard utility practices for determining the percentage of customers that would or would not have adopted a distributed energy resource without any incentive allowed under this section to install and utilize the distributed energy resource as part of the associated demand-side management program. The electrical utility must designate the expected useful life of the distributed energy resource and evaluate the costs and benefits of demand-side measures over their useful lives in the program application based on industry-accepted standards. All initial program costs, benefits, and participation assumptions used in the electrical utility's cost-effectiveness evaluations must be reviewed by the commission to assure the electrical utility has presented a reasonable basis for its calculation. Electrical utilities must update the cost-effectiveness analysis based on the actual program costs, benefits, and participation as soon as practicably possible based on standard evaluation, measurement, and verification protocols, and the electrical utility's cost recovery must be reconciled accordingly.

(C) For demand-side programs or customer incentives proposed in this section, the electrical utility may recover costs through the procedures in Section 58-37-20. The prohibition in Section 58-40-20(I) against recovery of lost revenues associated with distributed energy resources pursuant to Chapter 39, Title 58 is inapplicable to recovery of net lost revenues associated with a distributed energy resource that is installed as a result of a demand-side program incentive pursuant to this section or Section 58-37-20.

(D) The commission may approve any program filed pursuant to this section if the commission finds the program to be cost effective pursuant to Section 58-37-10(3). For any demand-side programs or customer incentives submitted under this section with projected annual customer incentive amounts less than five million dollars per year for each of the first two program years, the commission must issue an order

as expeditiously as practicable on the written submissions of the electrical utility but may require an evidentiary hearing where novel or complex issues of fact require special review by the commission. Nothing in this section prevents the commission from ordering an electrical utility to modify or terminate a program approved pursuant to this section based on the results of standard evaluation, measurement, and verification protocols.

(E) The Energy Office must develop and publish materials intended to inform and educate the public regarding programs available to a customer pursuant to this section. The Energy Office must maintain a list of approved vendors who are qualified and in good standing to provide services associated with these programs.

SECTION 35. Section 58-37-50 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-50. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Electricity provider" means an electric cooperative, an investor-owned electric utility, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, or a municipality or municipal board or commission of public works that owns and operates an electric utility system.

(2) "Natural gas provider" means an investor-owned natural gas utility or publicly owned natural gas provider.

(3) "Meter conservation charge" means the charge placed on a customer's account by which electricity providers and natural gas providers recover the costs, including financing costs, of energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(4) "Notice of meter conservation charge" means the written notice by which subsequent purchasers or tenants will be given notice that they will be required to pay a meter conservation charge.

(5) "Customer" means a homeowner or tenant receiving electricity or natural gas as a retail customer.

(6) "Community action agency" means a nonprofit eleemosynary corporation created pursuant to Chapter 45, Title 43 providing, among other things, weatherization services to a homeowner or tenant.

(B) Electricity providers and natural gas providers may enter into written agreements with customers and landlords of customers for the financing of the purchase price and installation costs of energy efficiency and conservation measures. These agreements may provide that the costs must be recovered by a meter conservation charge on the customer's electricity or natural gas account, provided that the electricity providers and natural gas providers comply with the provisions of this section. A failure to pay the meter conservation charge may be treated

by the electricity provider or natural gas provider as a failure to pay the electricity or natural gas account, and the electricity provider or natural gas provider may disconnect electricity or natural gas service for nonpayment of the meter conservation charge, provided the electricity provider or natural gas provider complies with the provisions of Article 25, Chapter 31, Title 5; Article 17, Chapter 11, Title 6; Article 17, Chapter 49, Title 33; Article 11, Chapter 5, Title 58; Article 21, Chapter 27, Title 58; Article 5, Chapter 31, Title 58; and any applicable rules, regulations, or ordinances relating to disconnections.

(C) Any agreement permitted by subsection (B) must state plainly the interest rate to be charged to finance the costs of the energy efficiency and conservation measures. The interest rate must be a fixed rate over the term of the agreement and must not exceed four percent above the stated yield for one-year treasury bills as published by the Federal Reserve ~~at the time the agreement is entered~~on the first business day of the calendar year in which the agreement is entered. An electrical utility entering into such an agreement whose rates are regulated by the commission must fix the interest rate over the term of the agreement to not exceed such utility's weighted average cost of equity and long-term debt as most recently approved by the commission at the time the agreement is entered. Any indebtedness created under the provisions of this section may be paid in full at any time before it is due without penalty.

(D) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may recover the costs, including financing costs, of these measures from its members or customers directly benefiting from the installation of the energy efficiency and conservation measures. Recovery may be through a meter conservation charge to the account of the member or customer and any such charge must be shown by a separate line item on the account. A utility entering into such agreement whose rates are regulated by the commission shall recover all reasonable and prudent incremental costs incurred to implement agreements for financing and installing energy-efficiency and conservation measures in base rates. Incremental costs may include, but are not limited to, billing system upgrades, overhead, incremental labor, and all other expenses properly considered to be associated with ensuring the ongoing premise bill savings are realized from offering during the terms of such agreements.

(E) An electricity provider or natural gas provider shall assume no liability for the installation, operation, or maintenance of energy efficiency and conservation measures when the measures are performed by a third party, and shall not provide any warranty as to the

merchantability of the measures or the fitness for a particular purpose of the measures, and no action may be maintained against the electricity provider or natural gas provider relating to the failure of the measures. An electricity provider or natural gas provider shall assume no liability for energy audits performed by third parties and shall provide no warranty relating to any energy audit done by any third party. Nothing in this section may be construed to limit any rights or remedies of utility customers and landlords of utility customers against other parties to a transaction involving the purchase and installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(F) Before entering into an agreement contemplated by this section, the electricity provider or natural gas provider shall cause to be performed an energy audit on the residence considered for the energy efficiency measures. The energy audit must be conducted by an energy auditor certified by the Building Performance Institute or similar organization. The audit must provide an estimate of the costs of the proposed energy efficiency and conservation measures and the expected savings associated with the measures, and it must recommend measures appropriately sized for the specific use contemplated. An agreement entered following completion of an energy audit shall specify the measures to be completed and the contractor responsible for completion of the measures. The choice of a contractor to perform the work must be made by the owner of the residence. Upon request, the electricity provider or natural gas provider must provide the owner of the residence with a list of contractors qualified to do the work. Upon completion of the work, it must be inspected by an energy auditor certified by the Building Performance Institute or similar organization. Any work that is determined to have been done improperly or to be inappropriately sized for the intended use must be remedied by the responsible contractor. Until the work has been remedied, funds due to the contractor must be held in escrow by the electricity provider or natural gas provider.

(G) An electricity provider or natural gas provider that enters into an agreement as provided in this section may recover the costs, including financing costs, of energy efficiency and conservation measures from subsequent purchasers of the residence in which the measures are installed, provided the electricity provider or natural gas provider gives record notice that the residence is subject to the agreement. Notice must be given, at the expense of the filer, by filing a notice of meter conservation charge with the appropriate office for the county in which the residence is located, pursuant to Section 30-5-10. The notice of meter conservation charge does not constitute a lien on the

property but is intended to give a purchaser of the residence notice that the residence is subject to a meter conservation charge. Notice is deemed to have been given if a search of the property records of the county discloses the existence of the charge and informs a prospective purchaser: (1) how to ascertain the amount of the charge and the length of time it is expected to remain in effect, and (2) of his obligation to notify a tenant if the purchaser leases the property as provided in subsection (H)(3).

(H) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may enter into agreements for the installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures and the recovery of the costs, including financing costs, of the measures with respect to rental properties by filing a notice of meter conservation charge as provided in subsection (G) and by complying with the provisions of this subsection:

(1) The energy audit required by subsection (F) must be conducted and the results provided to both the landlord and the tenant living in the rental property at the time the agreement is entered.

(2) If both the landlord and tenant agree, the electricity provider or natural gas provider may recover the costs of the energy efficiency and conservation measures, including financing costs, through a meter conservation charge on the account associated with the rental property occupied by the tenant. The agreement must provide notice to the landlord of the provisions contained in item (3).

(3) With respect to a subsequent tenant occupying a rental unit benefiting from the installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures, the electricity provider or natural gas provider may continue to recover the costs, including financing costs, of the measures through a meter conservation charge on the account associated with the rental property occupied by the tenant. With respect to a subsequent tenant, the landlord must give a written notice of meter conservation charge in the same manner as required by Section 27-40-240. If the landlord fails to give the subsequent tenant the required notice of meter conservation charge, the tenant may deduct from his rent, for no more than one-half of the term of the rental agreement, the amount of the meter conservation charge paid to the electricity provider or natural gas provider.

(I) Agreements entered pursuant to the provisions of this section are exempt from the provisions of the South Carolina Consumer Protection Code, Title 37 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

(J) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may contract with third parties to perform functions permitted under this

section, including the financing of the costs of energy efficiency and conservation measures. A third party must comply with all applicable provisions of this section. When an electricity or natural gas provider contracts with a third party to perform administrative or financing functions under this subsection, the liability of the third party is limited in the same manner as an electricity provider or natural gas provider is under subsection (E).

(K) The provisions of this section apply only to energy efficiency and conservation measures for a residence already occupied ~~at~~before the time the measures are taken. ~~The procedures allowed by this section may not be used with respect to a new residence or a residence under construction.~~ The provisions of this section may not be used to implement energy efficiency or conservation measures that result in the replacement of natural gas appliances or equipment with electric appliances or equipment, or that result in the replacement of electric appliances or equipment with natural gas appliances or equipment, unless (1) the customer who seeks to install the energy efficiency or conservation measure is being provided electric and natural gas service by the same provider, or (2) an electric appliance used for home heating is being replaced by an appliance that operates primarily on electricity but which has the capability of also operating on a secondary fuel source.

(L) Electricity providers or natural gas providers may offer their customers other types of financing agreements available by law, instead of the option established in this section, for the types of energy efficiency or conservation measures described in this section.

(M)(1) An electricity provider or natural gas provider must not obtain funding from the following federal programs to provide loans provided by this section:

(a) the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), created by Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 and codified as Chapter 94, Title 42 of the United States Code, as amended by the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1984, the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1986, the Augustus F. Hawkins Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1990, the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993, the Low Income Home Energy Amendments of 1994, the Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998, and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which is administered and funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services on the federal level and administered locally by community action agencies;

(b) the Weatherization Assistance Program,

created by Title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act of 1976 and codified as Part A, Subchapter III, Chapter 81, Title 42 of the United States Code, amended by the National Energy Conservation Policy Act, the Energy Security Act, the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1984, and the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 and administered and funded by the United States Department of Energy on the federal level and administered locally by community action agencies.

(2) Nothing in this section changes the exclusive administration of these programs by local community action agencies through the South Carolina Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity pursuant to its authority pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 45, Title 43, the Community Economic Opportunity Act of 1983.

(3) Nothing in this subsection prevents a customer or member of an electricity provider or natural gas provider from obtaining services under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program or the Weatherization Assistance Program.

SECTION 36. Article 1, Chapter 31, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-31-215. (A) The Public Service Authority, in consultation with the South Carolina Department of Commerce, shall have the authority to serve as an anchor subscriber of incremental natural gas and pipeline capacity needed in the future by the State to recruit new transformational projects or to assist in the expansion of transformational projects as identified by the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

(B) The Public Service Authority is authorized to act on behalf of the State, to aid natural gas pipeline construction companies and natural gas shippers in obtaining approval for incremental capacity and delivery to this State to support economic growth. The Public Service Authority is authorized to demonstrate market support in required filings including, but not limited to, binding precedent agreements, and to make other attestations in furtherance of satisfaction of the application requirements of federal law and regulations. This subsection is subject to available funding.

(C) There is hereby established the “Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund” to be held in an operating account by the Public Service Authority to further the provisions of this section and other energy investment needs. Subject to the approval of the Joint Bond Review Committee, the Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund may be funded by the amount required to be paid to the State pursuant to Section 58-31-110 less the annual costs billed by the Office

of Regulatory Staff and the South Carolina Public Service Commission. The South Carolina Department of Commerce shall report, at least once annually and no later than September first, to the Joint Bond Review Committee as to the level and need for funding to advance the provisions of this section. Unless sufficient funding is allocated to the Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund and such action is approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee, the Public Service Authority shall not execute a binding precedent agreement on behalf of the State pursuant to this section. In no event shall the costs associated with serving as an anchor affect the rates and charges for electric or water service for the Public Service Authority's customers.

(D) The South Carolina Department of Commerce, with input from the Public Service Authority, is authorized to resell natural gas pipeline capacity rights procured pursuant to this section subject to a plan approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee. The proceeds of any sales of natural gas pipeline capacity rights must be deposited in the general fund of the State.

(E) When the Public Service Authority enters into a binding agreement on behalf of the State, the Office of Regulatory Staff, in representing the public interest and in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, is directed to make such filings supporting required federal regulatory approvals.

(F) The provisions of this section do not alter, amend, expand, or reduce, any other authority granted to the Public Service Authority in this chapter to enter into any agreements necessary for the provision of electric service.

SECTION 37.A. Section 58-3-70 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-70. ~~The chairman and members of the commission shall receive annual salaries payable in the same manner as the salaries of other state officers are paid.~~ The commission members shall receive a salary in an amount equal to ninety-seven and one-half percent of the salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court. Each commissioner must devote full time to his duties as a commissioner and must not engage in any other employment, business, profession, or vocation during the normal business hours of the commission.

B. This section is effective beginning with the fiscal year immediately following the Public Service Commission election for the reconstituted three-member commission.

SECTION 38. Chapter 41, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-41-50. (A) The General Assembly encourages

electrical utilities to explore cost effective, efficient bulk power solutions, particularly during periods of constrained capacity, for non-residential customers with electric loads in excess of 25 megawatts.

(B)(1) An electrical utility may file a proposed agreement regarding co-located resources between the utility and a customer with an electric load in excess of 25 megawatts for the commission's consideration. The proposed agreement must contain at least one of the following requirements:

(a) co-location of electric generation or storage on the customer's property provides bulk system benefits for all customers and benefits for the host customer;

(b) co-location of renewable electric generation resources on the customer's property provides bulk system benefits for all customers and the renewable attributes associated with such generation can be allocated to the host customer;

(c) co-location of electric generation on the customer's property would result in permitting and siting efficiencies to enable electric generation to come online earlier than otherwise could occur; or

(d) co-location of electric generation resources on the customer's property could be utilized as resiliency resources to serve the electric grid in times of need.

(2) In the filing with the commission, the electrical utility must include a description of:

(a) how the resource helps to serve resource needs identified in the electrical utility's most recent integrated resource plan filing;

(b) credit and ratepayer protections included in the agreement;

(c) the contractual terms that preserves the electrical utility's operation of resources; and

(d) how costs and benefits associated with the agreement would be allocated among the customer who is a party to the agreement and other customers in the electrical utility's balancing area.

(C) The commission must give a proposed agreement filed pursuant to this section expedited consideration. The commission may approve the proposed agreement if the commission finds:

(1) the proposed program was voluntarily agreed upon by the electrical utility and the customer,

(2) the filing meets the requirements of this section; and

(3) the proposed agreement is in the public interest.

(D) For purposes of this section, "co-located" or "co-location" includes electric generation and associated facilities on a customer's site as well as any location where the connection to the electrical utility is in

such proximity to the customer's site that enables resilient power supply to support the development of power supply to meet the customer's needs. An agreement regarding co-location may also include potential co-ownership of the electric generation and associate facilities by the electrical utility and the customer.

(E) Notwithstanding opportunities for co-located resources, the General Assembly also encourages electrical utilities to continue to facilitate service to new electric loads in excess of 50 megawatts and to require operational and financial performance requirements for such customers to receive service pursuant to tariffed electrical utility rates or contracts approved by the commission, and to ensure appropriate protections and risk mitigation for the protection of the electrical utility's existing customers. The electrical utility may meet these objectives by: (1) filing form contracts with the commission; (2) tariff offerings or services regulations filed with the commission; or (3) performance and credit policies reviewed by the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 39. Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-15. (A) As of July 1, 2025, there is hereby created within the Office of Regulatory Staff a division that must be separate and apart from all other divisions within the Office of Regulatory Staff and titled the Division of Consumer Advocacy.

(B) The duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Department of Consumer Affairs related to appearances before the commission are hereby transferred to the Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Office of Regulatory Staff on July 1, 2025. All appropriations and full-time equivalent positions of the Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Department of Consumer Affairs that are devoted solely to advocating on behalf of consumers before the commission shall be transferred to the Office of Regulatory Staff on July 1, 2025.

(C) The Division of Consumer Advocacy shall have the ability to represent residential utility consumers in matters before the commission and appellate courts.

(D) The Division of Consumer Advocacy shall consist of a Residential Utility Consumer Advocate and other personnel as may be necessary in order for the division to represent residential utility consumers in matters before the commission and appellate courts. The Residential Utility Consumer Advocate must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years practice experience and must be appointed in the same manner as the Executive

Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff pursuant to the procedure set forth in Section 58-4-30.

(E) To the extent necessary to carry out its responsibilities, the Division of Consumer Advocacy may hire third-party consultants as the Residential Utility Consumer Advocate may consider necessary to assist the Division of Consumer Advocacy in its participation in proceedings before the commission and appellate courts.

(F) The Division of Consumer Advocacy is exempt from the State Procurement Code in the hiring of third-party consultants. However, the Division of Consumer Advocacy must not hire the same third-party consultant hired by the Office of Regulatory Staff or the commission.

(G) The Office of Regulatory Staff shall provide such administrative support to the Division of Consumer Advocacy as the division may require in the performance of its duties including financial management, human resources management, information technology, procurement services, and logistical support. The Office of Regulatory Staff shall not provide to the Division of Consumer Advocacy, and the Division of Consumer Advocacy shall not require of the Office Regulatory Staff, legal representation, technical, economic, or auditing assistance regarding any matter pending before the Public Service Commission when providing such assistance would create a conflict of interest.

SECTION 40. (A) To foster economic development and future jobs in this State resulting from the supply-chains associated with the same while supporting the significant and growing energy and capacity needs of the State, enhance grid resiliency, and maintain reliability, the General Assembly finds that the State of South Carolina should take steps necessary to encourage the development of a diverse mix of long-lead, clean generation resources that may include advanced small modular reactors, biomass as defined in Section 12-63-20(B)(2) of the S.C. Code, hydrogen-capable resources, and the Carolina Long Bay Project, and should preserve the option of efficiency development of such long-lead resources with timely actions to establish or maintain eligibility for or capture available tax or other financial incentives or address operational needs.

(B) For an electrical utility to capture available tax or other financial or operational incentives for South Carolina ratepayers in a timely manner, the commission may find that actions by an electrical utility in pursuit of the directives in Section 58-37-35(A) are in the public interest, provided that the commission determines that such proposed actions are in the public interest and

reasonably balance economic development and industry retention benefits, capacity expansion benefits, resource adequacy and diversification, emissions reduction levels, and potential risks, costs, and benefits to ratepayers and otherwise comply with all other legal requirements applicable to the electrical utility's proposed action. For the South Carolina Public Service Authority, the Office of Regulatory Staff and the Public Service Authority's board of directors shall apply the same principles described in this subsection in evaluating and approving actions proposed by the management of the Public Service Authority to achieve the objectives of this section.

SECTION 41. All reasonable and prudent costs incurred by an electrical utility necessary to effectuate this act, that are not precluded from recovery by other provisions of this act and that do not have a recovery mechanism otherwise specified in this act or established by state law, shall be deferred for commission consideration of recovery in any proceeding initiated pursuant to Section 58-27-870, and allowed for recovery if the commission determines the costs are reasonable and prudent.

SECTION 42. An electrical utility, including the Public Service Authority, may not offer a tariff, rider, or rate proposal for a reduced electric rate, nor any other form of incentive that would result in a reduced electric rate to a data center until July 1, 2034. For purposes of this section, "data center" means any facility that primarily contains electronic equipment used to process, store, and transmit digital information which may be (a) a free-standing structure; or (b) a facility within a larger structure, that uses environmental control equipment to maintain the proper conditions for the operation of electronic equipment.

SECTION 43. Section 58-40-10(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) "Renewable energy resource" means solar photovoltaic and solar thermal resources, wind resources, hydroelectric resources, geothermal resources, tidal and wave energy resources, recycling resources, hydrogen fuel derived from renewable resources, combined heat and power derived from renewable resources, and biomass resources as defined in Section 12-63-20(B)(2).

SECTION 44. The General Assembly finds that the sections presented in this act constitute one subject as required by Section 17, Article III of the South Carolina Constitution, in particular finding that each change and each topic relates directly to or in conjunction with other sections to the subject of the regulation of electrical utilities, the provision of electricity, and economic

development as clearly enumerated in the title. The General Assembly further finds that a common purpose or relationship exists among the sections, representing a potential plurality but not disunity of topics, notwithstanding that reasonable minds might differ in identifying more than one topic contained in the act.

SECTION 45. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 46. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ANDERSON explained the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke against the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG moved to table the amendment.

Rep. ANDERSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 30; Nays 79

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Bradley	Calhoon
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Harris	Hart
Henderson-Myers	Hosey	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	McCabe
McDaniel	J. Moore	Moss
Ott	Pendarvis	Rose

Sessions	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Wetmore	Wooten

Total--30

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Beach	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--79

So, the House refused to table the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted by a division vote of 65 to 29.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 75; Nays 32

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Jefferson	Jordan	Kirby
Landing	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McGinnis
Mitchell	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Ott	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--75

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bamberg	Beach	Cobb-Hunter
Cromer	Dillard	Garvin
Harris	Henderson-Myers	Hosey
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King

Lawson	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pendarvis	Spann-Wilder
Trantham	White	

Total--32

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

H. 5438--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5438 -- Reps. Hiott and McCravy: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM LIBRARY MATERIALS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5269, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Reps. COBB-HUNTER, BRADLEY, OTT, GILLIARD, KING, KIRBY, HOSEY, ANDERSON, WILLIAMS, HENDERSON-MYERS, MAGNUSON, WEEKS, WEST, J. L. JOHNSON, WETMORE, CASKEY, MAY, WHITE, S. JONES, KILMARTIN, BALLENTINE, BAUER, GARVIN, SPANN-WILDER, PENDARVIS, BURNS, CHUMLEY, DILLARD, W. JONES, MCDANIEL, JEFFERSON, CLYBURN and HARRIS requested debate on the Joint Resolution.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. BRADLEY moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 881 -- Senators M. Johnson, McLeod, Devine and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING THE "PROHIBITION OF UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS ACT"; AND TO MAKE THE PROHIBITIONS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS THAT ARE RECORDED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT OR THAT ARE EXECUTED MODIFIED, EXTENDED, OR AMENDED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 434 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-78-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO CLAUSE OF A SERVICE CONTRACT WHICH STATES THAT THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED RENEWED FOR A SPECIFIED ADDITIONAL PERIOD, UNLESS THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER GIVES NOTICE TO THE PROVIDER OF HIS INTENTION TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM, SHALL BE ENFORCEABLE AGAINST THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. SANDIFER, from the Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry, submitted a favorable report with amendments on:

S. 700 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES PROVIDERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5500 -- Reps. Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE SANDY RUN RURITAN CLUB AND MR. HOWARD PEES FOR SPONSORING THE ANNUAL "LIBERTY DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE" FOR THE STUDENTS OF SANDY RUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND TO RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF THE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY THEY PROVIDE TO THE STUDENTS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5501 -- Rep. McCravy: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024, AS A DAY OF PRAYER IN SOUTH CAROLINA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, AND TO URGE OUR STATE'S CITIZENS TO JOIN TOGETHER IN THEIR HOMES, PLACES OF WORK, AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP TO PRAY FOR THE UNITY

OF THE HEARTS OF ALL MANKIND AND TO CONTINUE IN PRAYER FOR OUR STATE AND OUR NATION.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5502 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE PAT HARVEY-PALMER OF BEAUFORT COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committee:

H. 5503 -- Reps. Hardee, J. E. Johnson, Bailey and McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR TWO PRIVATE PASSENGER VEHICLES

OWNED OR LEASED BY ANY PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, FORMER EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, OR FORMER FIREFIGHTER.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 1266--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 1266 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, RELATING TO PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5266, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. BRADLEY explained the Joint Resolution.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones

Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Joint Resolution was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

Rep. HIOTT moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4965 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Connell and B. Newton: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE JUNCTION AT LOCKHART ROAD AND KEYS LANE IN KERSHAW COUNTY "COMMISSIONER DAVID E. BRANHAM, SR. INTERSECTION"

AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 5323 -- Reps. Yow, Henegan, Mitchell and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9/UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 601 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-13-40 (HIGH POINT CHURCH ROAD) TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-13-555 (ARANT STREET) IN CHESTERFIELD COUNTY "SSGT. JASON C. HICKS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:20 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. MCGINNIS, adjourned in memory of his mother, Mary Lou McGinnis, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, May 2, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 9:1: "I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell all your wonderful deeds."

Let us pray. We give You praise and thanksgiving for these women and men who so faithfully provide the good things for this State. Continue to guide them in all their ways. Blessings and glory be with these defenders of freedom and first responders. Let us never forget Your love for each of these men and women. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who serve in these Halls of Government. Protect our Armed Forces and those who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. HOSEY moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Miles Loadholt, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of Miles Loadholt.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Ricky Yow, father of Representative Yow.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Ron Henegan, husband of Representative Henegan.

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., May 2, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully invites your Honorable Body to attend in the Senate Chamber at a mutually convenient time for the purpose of ratifying Acts.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. CHUMLEY the invitation was accepted.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. CLYBURN, from the Edgefield Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1292 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 595 OF 1992, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS IN 2024, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1267 -- Senator Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF HIGHWAY 17 FROM 8TH AVENUE NORTH TO STARWATCH DRIVE IN HORRY COUNTY "GEORGE RAYFORD VEREEN HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE

MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1268 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 315 IN JASPER COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 170 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17 "BISHOP DELORIS M. YOUNG HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1304 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF BLUFF ROAD IN RICHLAND COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH WINDY DRIVE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH PINEVIEW DRIVE "DEPUTY SHERIFF JACOB ERIC SALRIN MEMORIAL WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 4947 -- Reps. Pace, A. M. Morgan, May, Trantham, Oremus, Magnuson, Kilmartin, Cromer, S. Jones, O'Neal, White, T. A. Morgan, Harris, McCabe and Beach: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CONCERNS RAISED BY GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT REGARDING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO ENFORCE IMMIGRATION LAWS AND PROTECT THE STATES AND CONDEMN PRESIDENT BIDEN'S ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO FAITHFULLY EXECUTE IMMIGRATION LAWS ENACTED BY CONGRESS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5504 -- Reps. Hager, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE ALFONIA "AL" GREEN OF ESTILL AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5505 -- Rep. Wetmore: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SHELBY MEANS OF FOLLY BEACH, MEMBER OF THE MUSICAL GROUP MOLLY TUTTLE & GOLDEN HIGHWAY, ON WINNING A GRAMMY IN THE BEST

BLUEGRASS ALBUM CATEGORY AT THE SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5506 -- Reps. Hosey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO UNDERSERVED AND HIGH-NEED COMMUNITIES AND TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2024, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER AWARENESS WEEK" AND WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER APPRECIATION DAY."

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5507 -- Reps. Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR

THE CATAWBA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1297 -- Senator Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF BOUNDARY STREET AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 34 BYPASS (BOB LAKE BOULEVARD) IN NEWBERRY COUNTY "HENRY S. REEDER INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1302 -- Senator Malloy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 15 AND BROWNTOWN ROAD IN LEE COUNTY "WALLACE A. 'BULL' BERRY INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1311 -- Senator Devine: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LOUREATHA LAWSON PITTMAN AS HER

TENURE AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE GETHSEMANE WOMAN AUXILIARY COMES TO A CLOSE, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER FOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committee:

S. 1160 -- Senators Hembree and Stephens: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-5-105 SO AS TO CREATE THE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING EFFICIENT EMERGENCY RESPONSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon

Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--117

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. B. J. COX signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Wednesday, May 1.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HENEGAN a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. RIVERS a leave of absence for the day.

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LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BRADLEY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. NUTT a leave of absence for the day.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. William Mills of Spartanburg County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

STATEMENT BY REP.CLYBURN

Rep. CLYBURN made a statement relative to Rep. BLACKWELL's service in the House.

STATEMENT BY REP. BLACKWELL

Rep. BLACKWELL made a statement relative to his service in the House.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. THIGPEN presented to the House the Ridgeview High School "Blazers" 4-A Boys Basketball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. BLACKWELL presented to the House the South Aiken High School "Thoroughbreds" 4-A Varsity Volleyball State Champions.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rep. MITCHELL presented to the House the North Central High School "Knights" 2-A 2024 SC Strength Coaches Association State Champions.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. THAYER a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

S. 1285--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1285 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 259 OF 1961, RELATING TO THE HARTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE COMMISSION'S MEMBERSHIP FROM THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS, AND TO DELETE REFERENCES TO INITIAL BOARD MEMBERS.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose

Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 1285--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. MITCHELL, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 1285 be read the third time tomorrow.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

S. 1126--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

S. 1126 -- Senators Kimbrell, Peeler, Rice, M. Johnson, Adams, Climer, Garrett, Cash, Young, Alexander, Reichenbach, Shealy, Grooms, Cromer, Turner, Loftis, Fanning, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Massey, Campsen, Bennett, Martin, Corbin and Verdin: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO VOTER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT ONLY A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE OF THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND UPWARDS WHO IS PROPERLY REGISTERED IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

Rep. ELLIOTT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore

White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Joint Resolution was read the third time, passed and having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

SENT TO THE SENATE

The following Joint Resolutions were taken up, read the third time, and ordered sent to the Senate:

H. 5458 -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR LICENSING AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5264, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

H. 5459 -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LICENSING HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONAL GENERAL INFIRMARIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5265, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 408 -- Senators Shealy and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-250, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, DISPLAY, AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE HOUR OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING AS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-540, RELATING TO REGULATIONS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AND LICENSE RENEWAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE HOUR OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING AS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT.

S. 962 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-71-2330, RELATING TO DUTIES OF PHARMACY SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT PHARMACY SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS MUST ACT AS FIDUCIARIES TO PHARMACIES.

S. 1031 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 35, RELATING TO ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM FINANCIAL CRIME, STANDARDIZE THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING, AND MODERNIZE SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE FUNDS ARE PROTECTED IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE AND COMPETITIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

S. 610 -- Senators Cromer, Shealy and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS FOR THE COMPACT.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. J. L. JOHNSON moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1297 -- Senator Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF BOUNDARY STREET AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 34 BYPASS (BOB LAKE BOULEVARD) IN NEWBERRY COUNTY "HENRY S. REEDER INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1302 -- Senator Malloy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 15 AND BROWNTOWN ROAD IN LEE COUNTY "WALLACE A. 'BULL' BERRY INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Joint Resolution was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and enrolled for ratification:

S. 1266 -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, RELATING TO PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5266, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

S. 728--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 728 -- Senator Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197(A)(3), RELATING TO THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION OF "FIREFIGHTER" SHALL INCLUDE NON-RESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHO WORK IN THE STATE.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. LEBER a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

S. 621--INTERRUPTED DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 621 -- Senators Reichenbach, Stephens, Cromer, Kimbrell, M. Johnson, Fanning, Setzler, Bennett, Shealy, Rice, Williams, Allen, Garrett, Loftis, Sabb and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION", TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TRADE COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

Rep. Beach proposed the following Amendment No. 1 (LC-621.WAB0006H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-79-100(3)(e)(G)(3) and inserting:

(3) The South Carolina-Ireland Trade Commission is authorized to raise funds, through direct solicitation or other fundraising events, alone or with other groups, and accept gifts, grants, and bequests from individuals, corporations, foundations, and private organizations and institutions, to defray the commission’s administrative expenses and to carry out its purposes as set forth in this chapter. The funds, gifts, grants, or bequests received pursuant to this section must be deposited in an

account with the State Treasurer and allocated and annually appropriated to the Department of Commerce to defray the commission's administrative expenses and carry out its purposes. The Department of Commerce is prohibited from using public funds to fund the administrative expenses and carry out the purposes of the commission Expenditures made for the purposes of administering the commission and fulfilling its purposes shall be exempt from the provisions of Title 11, Chapter 35 of the code.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BEACH explained the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY spoke against the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY moved to table the amendment.

Rep. MAGNUSON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 82; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McGinnis	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Neese

B. Newton	W. Newton	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--82

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	O'Neal	Pace
White		

Total--16

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. PACE spoke against the Bill.

Further proceedings were interrupted by the time expiring on the uncontested calendar the pending question being the consideration of the Bill

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. HOWARD moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

S. 621--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

Debate was resumed on the following Bill, the pending question being the consideration of the Bill:

S. 621 -- Senators Reichenbach, Stephens, Cromer, Kimbrell, M. Johnson, Fanning, Setzler, Bennett, Shealy, Rice, Williams, Allen, Garrett, Loftis, Sabb and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH

CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION", TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TRADE COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

Rep. PACE spoke against the Bill.

Rep. CASKEY spoke in favor of the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 89; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hartnett
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith

M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--89

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
White		

Total--16

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 621--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BAUER, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 621 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 1021--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1021 -- Senators Davis, Matthews and Campsen: A BILL TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT TO 2035; AND TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO THE ABANDONED BUILDINGS TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE MAXIMUM TAX CREDIT THAT MAY BE EARNED.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

S. 577--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 577 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-8-530, SECTION 12-8-540, SECTION 12-8-570, SECTION 12-8-580, AND SECTION 12-8-595, ALL RELATING TO THE WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAXES, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE TOP MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATE.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

S. 969--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 969 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Setzler, K. Johnson, Young, Malloy, Senn, Stephens and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTEER EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN UNPAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

S. 1017--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1017 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Climer, Setzler and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY THAT EQUALS THE CORPORATION'S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION,

AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY ASSESSED AS AGRICULTURAL OR RELATED THERETO MAY NOT BE ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY.

Reps. SANDIFER, BANNISTER, LONG, BUSTOS, CALHOON, MITCHELL, MURPHY, BREWER, WHITMIRE, ROBBINS and YOW requested debate on the Bill.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HYDE a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

S. 314--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 314 -- Senator Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-10 SO AS TO PROVIDE CHAPTER DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-30 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OVER THRESHOLD AMOUNTS FOR HIGHER INSTITUTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW TO THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL AFTER FULL ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK IS COMPLETED BUT PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, TO ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN OF JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE TO REQUEST A REVIEW AND COMMENT ON ANY OTHER PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-40 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2-47-50 AND TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNING BOARDS TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY OF ALL PROJECTS APPROVED; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-50 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO PROVIDE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS A REPORT OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AND

ANY CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE EXEMPT BY OPERATION OF SECTION 59-157-40.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 314 (LC-314.DG0011H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 2-47-40(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) ~~All institutions of higher learning shall submit permanent improvement project proposal and justification statements to the authority, through the Commission on Higher Education, which shall forward all such statements and all supporting documentation received to the authority together with its comments and recommendations. The recommendations of the Commission on Higher Education, among other things, shall include all of the permanent improvement projects requested by the several institutions listed in the order of priority deemed appropriate by the Commission on Higher Education without regard to the sources of funds proposed for the financing of the projects requested.~~

~~The authority shall forward a copy of each project proposal and justification statement and supporting documentation received together with the authority's recommendations on such projects to the committee for its review and action. The recommendations of the Commission on Higher Education shall be included in the materials forwarded to the committee by the authority~~Reserved.

SECTION 2.A. Section 2-47-50(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) The authority shall establish formally each permanent improvement project before actions of any sort which implement the project in any way may be undertaken and no expenditure of any funds for any services or for any other project purpose contracted for, delivered, or otherwise provided prior to the date of the formal action of the authority to establish the project shall be approved. State agencies and institutions may advertise and interview for project architectural and engineering services for a pending project so long as the architectural and engineering contract is not awarded until after a state project number is assigned. After the committee has reviewed the form to be used to request the establishment of permanent improvement projects and has reviewed the time schedule for considering such requests as proposed by the authority, requests to establish permanent improvement projects shall be made in such form and at such times as the authority may

require. Except as provided in subsections (C) and (D), no further approval pursuant to this chapter may be required once a project has been established.

B. Section 2-47-50(D) through (F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(D) For purposes of this chapter, a ~~with regard to all institutions of higher learning,~~ permanent improvement project is any improvement meeting the definition of a capital improvement under generally accepted accounting principles, including without limitation~~defined as~~:

(1) acquisition of land~~, regardless of cost, with staff level review of the committee and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars~~;

(2) acquisition, as opposed to the construction, of buildings or other structures~~, regardless of cost, with staff level review of the committee and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars~~;

(3) ~~work on existing facilities for any given project including their renovation, repair, maintenance, alteration, or demolition in those instances in which the total cost of all work involved is one million dollars or more;~~

~~(4) architectural and engineering and other types of planning and design work, regardless of cost, which is intended to result in a permanent improvement project. Master plans and feasibility studies are not permanent improvement projects and are not to be included;~~

~~(5)~~ capital lease purchase of any~~a~~ facility acquisition or construction ~~in which the total cost is one million dollars or more~~;

(4) new construction;

(5) work on existing facilities including their renovation, repair, maintenance, alteration, or demolition, except that this item does not apply to a research university or other public institution of higher learning so long as the amount does not exceed the applicable limit set forth in Section 2-47-52 regardless of the source of funds;

(6) architectural and engineering and other types of planning and design work that is intended to result in a permanent improvement project; excluding, however, master plans and feasibility studies;

(7)~~(6)~~ equipment that either becomes a permanent fixture of a facility or does not become permanent but is included in the construction contract ~~shall be included as a part of a project in which the total cost is one million dollars or more~~; and

(8)~~(7)~~ subject to the exception set forth in item (5), any project ~~new construction of a facility that exceeds a total cost of five hundred~~

~~thousand dollars.~~

~~(E) Any permanent improvement project that meets the above definition must become a project, regardless of the source of funds. However, an institution of higher learning that has been~~ authorized ~~or~~ by the General Assembly including without limitation any project funded by appropriated capital improvement bond funds, capital reserve funds, ~~or~~ state appropriated funds, or state infrastructure bond funds ~~by the General Assembly for capital improvements shall process a permanent improvement project, regardless of the amount~~.

(E) Any capital improvement that meets the definition set forth in subsection (D) must be established as a permanent improvement project in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, regardless of the source of funds.

~~(F) For purposes of establishing permanent improvement projects, Clemson University Public Service Activities (Clemson-PSA) and South Carolina State University Public Service Activities (SC State-PSA) are subject to the provisions of this chapter.~~

SECTION 3. Chapter 47, Title 2 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 2-47-52. (A) For purposes of this chapter, except as provided in subsection (B), permanent improvement projects are subject to review by the committee and approval by the authority where the costs of the permanent improvements exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars.

(B) For purposes of this chapter, permanent improvement projects proposed by public institutions of higher learning as defined in Section 59-103-5, including their related public service activities, are exempt from the requirements of Section 2-47-50 where the costs of the permanent improvements do not exceed ten million dollars for research universities as identified in Section 11-51-30(5) or five million dollars for all other public institutions of higher learning so long as the institution's governing board voted to approve the project in a public session. Institutions shall provide a report of projects approved by their governing boards pursuant to this subsection, and work on existing facilities including their renovation, repair, maintenance, alteration, or demolition, to the Joint Bond Review Committee and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority of the previous fiscal year's approved projects that meet the same criteria of this subsection by November fifteenth of each year.

(C) State agencies and institutions may advertise, interview, and engage the services of professional firms for architectural, engineering,

planning, and design work as set forth in Section 2-47-50(D)(6) to inform the project estimate prior to the review of the committee; provided, however, that the costs of such engagements do not exceed ten million dollars for research universities as identified in Section 11-51-30(5), five million dollars for all other public institutions of higher learning, or one hundred thousand dollars for all other agencies subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(D) Notwithstanding the cost maximums set forth in subsection (B) and (C) for research universities and other public institutions of higher learning, beginning in Fiscal Year 2025-2026, and each fiscal year thereafter, the amounts must be increased each fiscal year in a percentage amount equal to the increase in the Higher Education Price Index in the preceding fiscal year using the most recently available data, as determined by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. The Director of the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office shall submit the adjustment for the upcoming fiscal year to the State Register for publication pursuant to Section 1-23-40(2) by February first of each year.

SECTION 4. Section 2-47-55 and Section 2-47-56 are amended to read:

Section 2-47-55. (A) All state agencies responsible for providing and maintaining physical facilities are required to submit a Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) to the Joint Bond Review Committee and the authority by September first of each year. The CPIP must include all of the agency's permanent improvement projects anticipated and proposed over the next five years beginning with the fiscal year starting ~~July first after submission~~in the current fiscal year. The purpose of the CPIP process is to provide the authority and the committee with an outline of each agency's permanent improvement activities for the next five years. Agencies must submit a CPIP to the committee and the authority on or before a date to be determined by the committee and the authority. ~~The CPIP for each higher education agency, including the technical colleges, must be submitted through the Commission on Higher Education which must review the CPIP and provide its recommendations to the authority and the committee.~~ The authority and the committee must approve the CPIP after submission and may develop policies and procedures to implement and accomplish the purposes of this section.

(B) The State shall define a permanent improvement only in terms of capital improvements, as defined by generally accepted accounting principles, for reporting purposes to the State.

Section 2-47-56. Each state agency and institution may accept gifts-

in-kind for architectural and engineering services and construction of a value less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars with the approval of the ~~Commission of Higher Education or its designated staff, the~~ director of the department~~,~~ and the Joint Bond Review Committee or its designated staff. No other approvals or procedural requirements, including the provisions of Section 11-35-10, may be imposed on the acceptance of such gifts.

SECTION 5.A. Section 59-119-940 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-119-940. Upon receiving the approval of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority or the Department of Administration, as appropriate, and upon review by the Joint Bond Review Committee, the trustees may from time to time borrow such sums as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article and to evidence such borrowings by bonds issued pursuant to this article in the aggregate principal amount as they determine~~, except that other provisions of this article to the contrary notwithstanding, there must not be outstanding at any time bonds issued pursuant to this article in the aggregate principal amount as they determine, except that other provisions of this article to the contrary notwithstanding, there must not be outstanding at any time bonds issued pursuant to this article in excess of two hundred million dollars~~.

B. Section 9D of Act 518 of 1980, as last amended by Act 17 of 2007, is further amended to read:

D. May Issue Bonds.

Subject to obtaining the approval of the state board expressed by resolution duly adopted, the trustees are authorized to issue from time to time ~~not exceeding two hundred million dollars of~~ bonds for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or equipping athletic facilities and for the purpose of refunding any previous series of bonds authorized by this section. If the trustees, in authorizing the issuance of bonds pursuant to this section, prescribe by resolution that there must be on deposit in the Bond Reserve Fund certain sums at the time of the delivery of the bonds, the trustees are empowered to utilize a portion of the proceeds of any series of bonds issued pursuant to this section in order to meet the requirement.

SECTION 6.A. Section 59-119-940 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-119-940. Upon receiving the approval of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority or the Department of Administration, as appropriate, and upon review by the Joint Bond Review Committee, the trustees may from time to time borrow such sums as necessary to

accomplish the purpose of this article and to evidence such borrowings by bonds issued pursuant to this article in the aggregate principal amount as they determine, except that other provisions of this article to the contrary notwithstanding, there must not be outstanding at any time bonds issued pursuant to this article in the aggregate principal amount as they determine, except that other provisions of this article to the contrary notwithstanding, there must not be outstanding at any time bonds issued pursuant to this article in excess of ~~two~~ five hundred million dollars.

B. Section 9D of Act 518 of 1980, as last amended by Act 17 of 2007, is further amended to read:

D. May Issue Bonds.

Subject to obtaining the approval of the state board expressed by resolution duly adopted, the trustees are authorized to issue from time to time not exceeding ~~two~~ five hundred million dollars of bonds for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or equipping athletic facilities and for the purpose of refunding any previous series of bonds authorized by this section. If the trustees, in authorizing the issuance of bonds pursuant to this section, prescribe by resolution that there must be on deposit in the Bond Reserve Fund certain sums at the time of the delivery of the bonds, the trustees are empowered to utilize a portion of the proceeds of any series of bonds issued pursuant to this section in order to meet the requirement.

SECTION 7. Section 1-11-55(2) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) The Division of General Services of the Department of Administration is hereby designated as the single central broker for the leasing of real property for governmental bodies. No governmental body shall enter into any lease agreement or renew any existing lease except in accordance with the provisions of this section. However, a technical college, with the approval by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, and a public institution of higher learning, may enter into any lease agreement or renew any lease agreement up to ~~one~~ two hundred thousand dollars annually for each property or facility.

SECTION 8. Section 59-103-110 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

SECTION 9. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and

treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

SECTION 10. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BALLENTINE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Ballentine proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to S. 314 (LC-314.DG0014H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 4, by striking Section 2-47-55(A) and inserting:

(A) All state agencies and institutions of higher learning responsible for providing and maintaining physical facilities are required to ~~submit~~ maintain a Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP) ~~to the Joint Bond Review Committee and the authority~~. The CPIP must include all of the agency's or instituion's permanent improvement projects anticipated and proposed over the ~~next~~ five succeeding years ~~beginning with the fiscal year starting July first~~ after submission. ~~The purpose of the CPIP process is to provide the authority and the committee with an outline of each agency's permanent improvement activities for the next five years.~~ Agencies and institutions of higher learning must submit a CPIP to the Department of Administration by September first of each year. The department must compile the plans and submit a comprehensive statewide permanent improvement plan to the committee and the authority ~~on or before a date to be determined by the committee and the authority. The CPIP for each higher education agency, including the technical colleges, must be submitted through the Commission on Higher Education which must review the CPIP and provide its recommendations to the authority and the committee~~ by January first of each year. The authority and the committee must approve the ~~CPIP~~ comprehensive statewide permanent improvement plan after submission and may develop policies and procedures to implement and accomplish the purposes of this section.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BALLENTINE explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis

Taylor	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 314--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. BALLENTINE, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 314 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 862--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 862 -- Senators Shealy and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-30, RELATING TO CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PRE-SERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

S. 946--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 946 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-1210, RELATING TO THE STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE REGULATION OF CHILDCARE FACILITIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MEMBERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-1220, RELATING TO COMMITTEE DUTIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE QUORUM OF MEMBERS REQUIRED TO VOTE FROM EIGHT TO SIX.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

S. 241--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 241 -- Senators Garrett and Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 84 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF GENETIC COUNSELORS, TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD OF GENETIC COUNSELOR EXAMINERS, TO PROVIDE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE BY THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE RELATED DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS AND IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. DAVIS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

S. 445--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 445 -- Senators Garrett and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 49, TITLE 44 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES TO APPROVE A CREDENTIALING ENTITY TO DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR RECOVERY HOUSING; TO REQUIRE THE APPROVED CREDENTIALING ENTITY TO ESTABLISH RECOVERY HOUSING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES BASED UPON NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED QUALITY STANDARDS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 49 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

Rep. DAVIS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

S. 455--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 455 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-29-230, RELATING TO TESTING REQUIRED WHEN A HEALTH CARE WORKER IS EXPOSED TO BLOODBORNE DISEASE, SO AS TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO PHYSICIAN WITH HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, TO INCLUDE DENTISTS IN THE DEFINITION OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AND TO ADD HEPATITIS C TO THE LIST OF BLOODBORNE DISEASES.

Rep. DAVIS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

S. 558--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 558 -- Senators Verdin and Senn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-31-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE FOR THE TUBERCULOSIS TESTING OF APPLICANT RESIDENTS AND NEWLY ADMITTED RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES IN THIS STATE.

Rep. DAVIS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

S. 858--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 858 -- Senators Davis, Garrett, Kimbrell, Setzler and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-130, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE FACILITY LICENSURE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME"; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-170, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT ACUTE

HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-267 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR LICENSING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

Rep. DAVIS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

S. 1074--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1074 -- Senators Davis and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF A CMA, SO AS TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A QUALIFIED CMA; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-196, RELATING TO DELEGATION OF TASKS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, PURSUANT TO THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES, MAY DELEGATE NURSING TASKS TO UAP UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT.

Rep. DAVIS moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

Further proceedings were interrupted by expiration of time on the uncontested Calendar.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. HOSEY moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

S. 971--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 971 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-100, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BARNWELL COUNTY, SO AS TO IDENTIFY THE VOTING PLACE FOR CERTAIN PRECINCTS.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 971--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. HOSEY, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 971 be read the third time tomorrow.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BRITTAIN a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

S. 305--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 305 -- Senators Young, M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Turner, Fanning, Climer, Stephens, Rankin, Loftis, Garrett, Matthews, Adams, Gustafson and Sabb: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE MAY BE AWARDED ON AN INITIAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE IF THE PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS IN OR RELATED TO THE CONTENT FIELD OF THE CERTIFICATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING CERTIFICATE HOLDERS MAY ALSO RECEIVE THE SAME CREDIT FOR PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 305 (LC-305.WAB0020H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-25-60(A) and (B) and inserting:

(A) When reviewing an application by an individual for an educator certificate, the State Department of Education shall award years of experience on the educator certificate for occupational experience in, or related to, the content field of the certificate for which the individual qualifies. One year of experience credit may be awarded for every year of full-time relevant work experience completed by the individual. Years of experience shall be awarded solely for the purpose of advancement on the State Minimum Teacher Salary Schedule. To be eligible for years

of experience on the educator certificate, the individual must complete and submit a verification of relevant work experience form developed by the State Department of Education with the application for an educator certificate.

(B) Individuals that entered the teaching profession prior to July 1, 2023, with occupational experience in, or related to, the content field of their teaching certificate may complete and submit the verification of relevant work experience form to the State Department of Education to have additional years of experience added to their certificate for the purposes of advancing on the State Minimum Teacher Salary Schedule. If additional years of experience are awarded, the eligible individual may be entitled to have their pay adjusted for the current school year to reflect the new experience step on the employing district's salary schedule. However, the individual is not entitled to retroactive pay for the increased years of experience during prior years of teaching or for any purpose other than advancement on the State Minimum Teacher Salary Schedule.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-25-60(D) and inserting:

(D) Nothing in this section shall be interpreted as allowing additional years of experience to be awarded for purposes other than advancement on the State Minimum Teacher Salary Schedule. Years of experience awarded pursuant to this section for relevant work experience are not considered service credit for the purposes of the state retirement or state health plans administered by PEBA.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION 2. The State Department of Education shall make available the work experience verification form described in this act no later than one hundred eighty days after the approval by the Governor.

SECTION X. This act may be cited as the "Educator Assistance Act".

SECTION X. Article 3, Chapter 25, Title 59 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 59-25-112. A professional certificate issued by the State Board of Education is permanent unless revoked or suspended and is not subject to renewal. No teacher may be required to renew a professional certificate issued by the board.

SECTION X. Article 1, Chapter 101, Title 59 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 59-101-145. The State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Education Oversight Committee, is authorized to use data that is already being collected through current processes to

report on the in-state and out-of-state college enrollment, college persistence, and postsecondary completion of South Carolina's high school graduates. The department shall work to streamline data collection timelines and processes to reduce the burden and increase the efficiency of such data collection and reporting.

SECTION X. Section 59-25-420 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(C) Teachers who submit their contract prior to May eleventh pursuant to subsection (A) have ten days after publication of the employing district's salary schedule for the coming school year to notify the district's board of trustees in writing that the teacher wishes to withdraw his acceptance of his contract. If a teacher submits his request within ten days, the district is prohibited from reporting the withdrawal of prior acceptance as a breach of contract pursuant to Section 59-25-530.

SECTION X. Section 59-25-530 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-25-530. Any teacher who fails to comply with the provisions of his contract without the written consent of the school board ~~shall be~~ or as provided in Section 59-25-420 is deemed guilty of unprofessional conduct. A breach of contract resulting from the execution of an employment contract with another board within the State without the consent of the board first employing the teacher makes void any subsequent contract with any other school district in South Carolina ~~for the same employment period~~. Upon the formal complaint of the school board, substantiated by conclusive evidence, the State board ~~shall~~may suspend or revoke the teacher's certificate~~, for a period not to exceed one calendar year~~. The State Board shall not hear a complaint from a school board pursuant to this section unless it is received within thirty days of the breach. The period for educator certificate suspension due to breach of contract must begin on the date such contract is breached with the district and run for a period of time deemed appropriate by the State Board of Education, not to exceed six months from the date of breach, if the educator is not employed in a certified position by another public school district or public school. If the educator is employed in a certified position by another public school district or public school, the period of suspension may not exceed six months, effective the date of the board's determination. ~~State education agencies in other states with reciprocal certification agreements shall be notified of the revocation of the certificate~~The department shall provide notification of the suspension to other state educator licensing authorities.

SECTION X. Sections 59-101-130 and 59-101-140 of the S.C. Code are repealed.

SECTION X. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 102; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones

W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 305--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. ERICKSON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 305 be read the third time tomorrow.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CRAWFORD a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

S. 134--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 134 -- Senators Hembree, Gustafson, Verdin, Climer and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

ADDING SECTION 59-19-85 SO AS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS BY REQUIRING SCHOOL BOARDS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT PROVIDE LIVE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF SUCH MEETINGS, TO EXTEND APPLICABILITY OF THESE PROVISIONS TO THE GOVERNING BODIES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE JULY 1, 2024.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

S. 124--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 124 -- Senators Hembree, Turner and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-1115 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM THAT WILL PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HIRE NONCERTIFIED TEACHERS IN A RATIO UP TO TEN PERCENT OF ITS ENTIRE TEACHING STAFF, TO PROVIDE ACADEMIC, EVALUATION, AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORTING AND NONCERTIFIED TEACHER REGISTRATION AND CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 124 (LC-124.WAB0005H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-18-1115(A) and inserting:

(A) The Department of Education is directed to establish a pilot program by May 1, 2025, that will permit a school located in a critical geographic area or critical need teacher certification area as defined in Section 59-26-20(j), to hire noncertified teachers in a ratio of up to twenty-five percent of its entire teaching staff. This pilot does not apply to individuals seeking employment as work-based, career and technical education teachers. To affect the establishment of the pilot program and

to ensure the program participants are prepared, the State Board of Education, through the Department of Education, shall approve guidelines that at a minimum include the following:

(1) a noncertified teacher must possess a suitable baccalaureate or graduate degree for the position he is hired to teach and must have at least five years of relevant workplace experience;

(2) procedures are provided for requiring noncertified teachers to participate in the evaluation process pursuant to Section 59-26-30(B)(4) and (5);

(3) initial and ongoing training and support requirements; and

(4) a noncertified teacher must demonstrate enrollment in a state approved alternative or traditional route certification program within three years of employment.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-18-1115(D) and inserting:

(D) Beginning November 1, 2026, the Department of Education shall submit an annual report that includes recommendations for improving, expanding, or continuing the pilot program to the General Assembly. At the end of the five-year pilot program, the annual status report shall include a recommendation regarding continuance of the program. The pilot program shall be considered reauthorized for additional five-year periods unless ended by the General Assembly.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-18-1115(E)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(E)(1) The Department of Education shall establish procedures for the registration, clearance, and approval of all noncertified teachers working in any public school pursuant to this section. Teachers shall submit the required documentation and fees to the Department of Education, which shall include, but are not limited to:

(a) a completed registration form;

(b) any associated fee; and

(c) transcripts, which shall be subject to review.

(2) An individual applying for registration as a noncertified teacher must undergo a state criminal records check, supported by fingerprints, by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and a national criminal records check, supported by fingerprints, by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The results of these criminal records checks must be reported to the Department of Education. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are authorized to retain the fingerprints for identification and certification purposes and for notification of the department

regarding criminal charges. Costs of conducting a criminal history background check must be borne by the applicant. The State Department of Education shall keep information received pursuant to this section confidential, except that such information may be disclosed to the State Board of Education as may be necessary. The results of these criminal record checks must not be shared outside the department.

(3) An individual whose South Carolina educator certificate has been suspended or revoked shall not be employed as a noncertified teacher during the term of suspension or revocation. If a noncertified teacher is dismissed, resigns, or is otherwise separated from employment with a district following allegations of misconduct, the district superintendent shall report the educator's name and registration information to the chair of the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Education. Upon a finding of just cause as defined in Section 59-25-160, the State Board of Education is authorized to revoke the noncertified teacher's registration.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 59-1-425(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) A local school district board of trustees of the State has the authority to establish an annual school calendar for teachers, staff, and students. The statutory school term is one hundred ninety days annually and must consist of a minimum of one hundred eighty days of instruction covering at least nine calendar months. However, beginning with the 2007-2008 school year, the opening date for students must not be before the third Monday in August, except for schools operating on a year-round modified school calendar. ~~Three~~Four days must be used for collegial professional development based upon the educational standards as required by Section 59-18-300. The professional development must address, at a minimum, academic achievement standards including strengthening teachers' knowledge in their content area, teaching techniques, and assessment. ~~No more than two days may be used for~~At least two days must be designated as staff workdays for the preparation of opening of schools. On these days, teachers and instructional assistants must be afforded time that is self-directed and free from assigned meetings or training in order to evaluate student academic data and to plan and prepare instructional materials and classroom spaces for the start of the school year. ~~and~~ The remaining ~~five~~four days may be used for teacher planning, academic plans, and parent conferences. The number of instructional hours in an instructional day may vary according

to local board policy and does not have to be uniform among the schools in the district.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 2 and inserting:

SECTION 2. Nothing contained in this act may be construed to replace or preclude application of any other statute.

SECTION X. This act may be cited as the "Educator Assistance Act".

SECTION X. Article 3, Chapter 25, Title 59 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 59-25-112. A professional certificate issued by the State Board of Education is permanent unless revoked or suspended and is not subject to renewal. No teacher may be required to renew a professional certificate issued by the board.

SECTION X. Article 1, Chapter 101, Title 59 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 59-101-145. The State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Education Oversight Committee, is authorized to use data that is already being collected through current processes to report on the in-state and out-of-state college enrollment, college persistence, and postsecondary completion of South Carolina's high school graduates. The department shall work to streamline data collection timelines and processes to reduce the burden and increase the efficiency of such data collection and reporting.

SECTION X. Section 59-25-420 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(C) Teachers who submit their contract prior to May eleventh pursuant to subsection (A) have ten days after publication of the employing district's salary schedule for the coming school year to notify the district's board of trustees in writing that the teacher wishes to withdraw his acceptance of his contract. If a teacher submits his request within ten days, the district is prohibited from reporting the withdrawal of prior acceptance as a breach of contract pursuant to Section 59-25-530.

SECTION X. Section 59-25-530 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-25-530. Any teacher who fails to comply with the provisions of his contract without the written consent of the school board ~~shall be~~ or as provided in Section 59-25-420 is deemed guilty of unprofessional conduct. A breach of contract resulting from the execution of an employment contract with another board within the State without the consent of the board first employing the teacher makes void any subsequent contract with any other school district in South Carolina ~~for the same employment period~~. Upon the formal complaint of the

school board, substantiated by conclusive evidence, the State board ~~shall~~may suspend or revoke the teacher's certificate~~, for a period not to exceed one calendar year~~. The State Board shall not hear a complaint from a school board pursuant to this section unless it is received within thirty days of the breach. The period for educator certificate suspension due to breach of contract must begin on the date such contract is breached with the district and run for a period of time deemed appropriate by the State Board of Education, not to exceed six months from the date of breach, if the educator is not employed in a certified position by another public school district or public school. If the educator is employed in a certified position by another public school district or public school, the period of suspension may not exceed six months, effective the date of the board's determination. ~~State education agencies in other states with reciprocal certification agreements shall be notified of the revocation of the certificate~~The department shall provide notification of the suspension to other state educator licensing authorities.

SECTION X. Sections 59-101-130 and 59-101-140 of the S.C. Code are repealed.

SECTION X. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pendarvis	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 124--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. ERICKSON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 124 be read the third time tomorrow.

S. 1188--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1188 -- Senators Tedder and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-240, RELATING TO EXPULSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIREMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF THE PUPIL.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

S. 1005--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1005 -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1320, RELATING TO MOTOR RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE WILLIAM C. BOWEN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A BOAT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER TYPE OF VESSEL POWERED BY AN OUTDRIVE OR INBOARD MOTOR HAVING AN ENGINE AUTOMOTIVE HORSEPOWER RATING IN EXCESS OF TWO HUNDRED HORSEPOWER IS PERMITTED AND THAT PERSONAL WATERCRAFT MAY NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED NINETY HORSEPOWER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1350, RELATING TO WATER SKIING AND TOWING RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE WILLIAM C. BOWEN, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, SPECIALTY PROPCRAFT, OR VESSELS IN EXCESS OF IDLE SPEED WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FEET OF A WHARF, DOCK, BULKHEAD, OR PIER OR WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF A MOORED OR ANCHORED VESSEL OR PERSON IN THE WATER.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 1005 (LC-1005.PH0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Title 50 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 17

Captive Wildlife

Section 50-17-10. For purposes of this chapter:

(1) "AZA" means the Association of Zoos & Aquariums.

(2) "Captive wildlife" means any wildlife, game animal, furbearing animal, part, product, egg, offspring, nest, dead body, derivative, or part thereof which is managed, protected, or the taking of which is specifically regulated by the department. This definition does not apply to the animal species of Chapter 2, Title 47.

(3) "CDC" means the United States Centers for Disease Control or its successors.

(4) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, or its successors.

(5) "DBPH" means the South Carolina Department of Behavioral and Public Health or its successors, to include county health departments and any person authorized to act on behalf of the Department of Behavioral and Public Health.

(6) "Commercial purposes" means to sell, barter, transfer possession of, or trade, with the intent to derive income or other benefit.

(7) "Major wildlife violation" means a violation of any state or federal wildlife laws where the penalty carries more than one year in prison, results in the revocation of a state hunting or fishing license, or carries a fine of more than one thousand dollars.

(8) "Rabies vector species" means a bat, bobcat, coyote, fox, raccoon, and skunk.

(9) "Registered animal" means wildlife that was possessed by a registered party prior to the enactment of this chapter.

(10) "Registered party" means an individual, partnership, corporation, organization, or any other legal entity who has registered any individual protected wildlife that was possessed prior to the enactment of this chapter.

(11) "Temporarily possess" means the possession of wildlife by individuals who are otherwise not authorized, licensed, or permitted to possess wildlife by this title, solely for the purpose of delivery or

transportation to a wildlife rehabilitator, other authorized entities, or for the purpose of euthanasia.

(12) "Wildlife educator and exhibitor" means anyone who possesses and uses wildlife for wildlife-related educational programs, exhibits, or activities requiring an exhibitor's license under the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal Welfare Act.

(13) "Wildlife rehabilitator" means an individual, partnership, corporation, organization, or any other legal entity, who receives, harbors, or possesses living, sick, injured, impaired, or orphaned wildlife to provide care so as to be able to return the animal to its natural habitat as soon as practicable.

(14) "Wildlife rehabilitator apprentice" means an individual who is sponsored by and is under the direction and supervision of an authorized wildlife rehabilitator.

(15) "Wildlife rehabilitation volunteer" means any individual acting under the authority of a wildlife rehabilitator.

(16) "Wildlife researcher" means anyone who studies wildlife occurring in the State and whose research requires observing, capturing, or handling of wildlife.

Section 50-17-20. The department may promulgate regulations related to wildlife possession and to implement this chapter.

Section 50-17-30. The department is authorized to issue permits for wildlife rehabilitation, apprentice wildlife rehabilitation, wildlife education and exhibition, and wildlife research under this chapter.

(A) The department may charge twenty-five dollars for wildlife rehabilitation, apprentice wildlife rehabilitation, and wildlife education and exhibition permits issued used under this chapter. Wildlife rehabilitation, apprentice wildlife rehabilitation and wildlife education and exhibition permits issued under this chapter are valid for three years after issuance.

(B) The department may charge twenty-five dollars for wildlife research permits under this chapter. Wildlife research permits issued under this chapter are valid for one year after issuance.

(C) No one convicted of a major wildlife violation or a crime that carries a penalty of more than one year in prison within the last five years is eligible to be permitted under this chapter. The department may make this prohibition permanent based on the severity of the violation.

Section 50-17-40. (A) Unless otherwise authorized by this title, the following activities are prohibited:

(1) the possession of live, captive wildlife without a permit or other authorization issued by the department;

(2) the importation or possession of any recognized live North American furbearer species;

(3) the sale, trade, transfer of possession, or barter of live furbearing animals destined for export out of the United States, notwithstanding any provision of Article 12, Chapter 11, Title 50.

(4) the import or export of live, captive wildlife into the State without an import or export permit from the department; and

(5) breeding captive wildlife except in recognized AZA breeding programs.

(B) Possession of native reptiles and amphibians as regulated by Chapter 15, Title 50 is exempt from this chapter.

(C) Unless otherwise authorized under this chapter, captive wildlife already in possession before the effective date of this chapter must be registered with the department and will be allowed to remain with the registered party so long as the registered animal or animals remain alive. No reproduction is permitted.

Section 50-17-50. (A) A wildlife research permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance. The permit fee is not required if the wildlife research is being contracted or under a cooperated agreement with or sponsored by the department.

(B) Anyone applying for a captive wildlife research permit must submit qualifications related to his education or expertise which qualifies the applicant to conduct wildlife research, along with a sufficiently detailed research proposal outlining the wildlife research, scientific collection, or propagation that is to take place. Permits may be granted by the department to any properly accredited, competent person permitting the collection of captive wildlife for strictly scientific or propagating purposes only. Captive wildlife research permits are not transferable, but any assistant work under the direct supervision of the permittee in collection or research activities may participate under the permit.

Section 50-17-60. (A) The following persons or activities are not required to obtain a department-issued permit as required by this chapter:

(1) employees of the department while working in their official capacity;

(2) employees of other local, state, or federal agencies operating in their official capacity;

(3) zoos and other facilities accredited or certified by the AZA;

(4) zoological displays that do not possess native North American wildlife;

(5) transient circuses not based in this State;

(6) persons otherwise authorized by this title, by permit, or license to possess captive wildlife during specified seasons;

(7) transportation agents or companies traveling with legally possessed captive wildlife through, but not originating in, the State where the destination state or country has issued an importation permit;

(8) transportation agents or companies traveling with protected wildlife out of state where the department has issued an exportation permit;

(9) wildlife research not involving capture, handling, disturbance, or any kind of taking of protected wildlife on private lands;

(10) wildlife research not involving capture, handling, disturbance, or any kind of taking of wildlife on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), Heritage Preserves, or any other property owned or managed by the department; and

(11) licensed hunters possessing a live raccoon for no more than seven days during the raccoon hunting season and only for the purposes of dog training. The raccoon must be released no more than seven calendar days from when it came into the hunter's possession.

(B) Persons exempt from the permitting requirements for wildlife research on WMAs, Heritage Preserves, or any other property managed by the department may only enter the property when open to the general public. The exemption granted under this section provides no special access or privileges to any department-owned or department-managed property.

(C) Persons or facilities exempt from the permitting requirement in this section may be required to obtain permits from the department elsewhere in Title 50.

Section 50-17-70. (A) Unless otherwise promulgated by regulation, the minimum standards for the humane confinement of wildlife possessed as authorized by this chapter are as follows:

(1) Anyone permitted under the authority of this chapter as a wildlife rehabilitator or apprentice wildlife rehabilitator must adhere to the standards of wildlife rehabilitation as prescribed in the publication, Minimum Standards for Wildlife Rehabilitation, Fourth Edition, 2012, or any department-approved deviation.

(2) Others possessing live captive wildlife must, at a minimum, provide clean food, water, and secure shelter unless it is medically or biologically necessary to temporarily withhold food or water. Captive wildlife must be protected from the elements, housed with sufficient room for normal postural and social adjustments with adequate freedom of movement. Permanent tethering of captive wildlife is not allowed.

(B) Pets, livestock, and nonnative exotic animals possessed by wildlife rehabilitators or apprentice wildlife rehabilitators must be kept separate from captive wildlife.

(C) The department may require other measures for captive wildlife to prevent the spread of disease by regulation, agreement, judicial action, or other appropriate means.

Section 50-17-80. (A) The department may seize captive wildlife for:

(1) failing to register an animal as required;

(2) failing to obtain or maintain required permits;

(3) failing to provide proper care;

(4) failing to maintain captive wildlife in an acceptable condition after notification from the department of deficiencies;

(5) failure to report annual activities as required; or

(6) any other violation pursuant to this chapter, emergency, or exigent circumstance, as determined by the department.

(B) The department reserves the right to seize captive wildlife in situations where wildlife is being housed or kept in deplorable conditions in which the deficiencies are such that it is reasonable to believe that the permit holder cannot or will not be able to correct the deficiencies within twenty-four hours, or that the department deems the conditions show a pattern of neglect so that the wildlife must be seized immediately.

(C) The department reserves the right to place seized captive wildlife in another authorized facility, at its discretion, with the approval of the receiving facility. The name and location of the facility are confidential.

(D) The department may request the aid of local county and city governments to assist with seizures of wildlife or other animals and temporary housing of seized animals.

(E) The department reserves the right to euthanize or authorize euthanasia of seized captive wildlife or wildlife that has escaped from captivity as needed and at its discretion.

(F) Seizure is deemed a final agency action subject to review under the Administrative Procedures Act.

(G) The permittee or any other person or entity from whom captive wildlife was seized is liable for any reasonable costs incurred by the department or its agent as a result of the care provided to the seized captive wildlife pending the outcome of any permit revocation or charges under this statute including, but not limited to, veterinary care, shelter, evaluation, treatment, or euthanasia.

(H) The department is not liable for the escape and/or destruction

caused by captive wildlife that was possessed by others under the authority of this chapter or title.

(I) The department may charge a permittee or any other person or entity for any reasonable costs in the capture or destruction of escaped wildlife that was possessed under the authority of this chapter or title.

Section 50-17-90. (A) Anyone permitted under the authority of this chapter as a wildlife rehabilitator, wildlife rehabilitator apprentice, or wildlife educator who possesses rabies vector species must be inoculated with the pre-exposure rabies prophylaxis (Rabies PrEP) vaccine as recommended by the CDC. Documentation of sufficient titer levels must be provided for a rabies vector species endorsement.

(B) Rabies vector species outside of their enclosures must be restrained at all times so as not to present a danger to the public.

(C) Any bites from a rabies vector species must be reported immediately to DBPH.

(D) For the purposes of rabies testing, DBPH can demand the immediate surrender or submission of any possessed rabies vector species at its discretion.

(E) Any party that possesses rabies vector species and whose actions cause a rabies exposure, as determined by DBPH, is solely liable for the cost of any rabies postexposure prophylaxis. Actions which may cause exposure include, but are not limited to, taking or displaying the animal out in public, allowing the animal to roam free of confinement, or failing to prevent escape. The department is not liable for any costs associated with rabies vector species seized under this chapter.

Section 50-17-100. (A) The department may require the keeping and submission of records of activities authorized under this chapter as described in regulation.

(B) The department may inspect any location where captive wildlife are being held during reasonable hours, as described in regulation, to inspect required records, the condition of the facility, location, or enclosures, assess permit compliance, and inspect any captive wildlife contained therein.

(C) The captive wildlife permit of any current permittee who refuses to allow inspection authorized under this section is subject to immediate permit suspension or revocation.

Section 50-17-110. A person who digitally manipulates documents, applications, or photographs in order to deceive or mislead the department, or who wilfully makes false or misleading statements on any required application, document, report, or form, in order to obtain or renew any permit for the possession, taking, or other permitted use of

captive wildlife is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both. Each deceptive photograph or document constitutes a separate offense.

Section 50-17-120. (A) Except as otherwise provided, a person who violates a section of this chapter, a condition of a permit, or the promulgated regulations pursuant to this chapter, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be:

(1) for a first offense, fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than five hundred dollars, imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both;

(2) for a second offense within two years of a conviction for the first offense, fined not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both; and

(3) for a third or subsequent offense within two years of a conviction for the second offense, fined not less than one thousand dollars nor more than five thousand dollars, imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(B) If the department seizes captive wildlife possessed under the authority of this chapter for neglect, confined abandonment, or maltreatment, the fine must be not less than one thousand dollars nor more than two thousand five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

(1) Any person convicted under this section is no longer eligible to possess wildlife or to be permitted to work under the authority of a permittee for a minimum of five years.

(2) The court may make this ineligibility longer or permanent.

(3) The court may order restitution.

(C) Each wildlife possessed in violation of this chapter constitutes a separate offense under this section.

(D) An enforcement officer authorized by the department, or an officer of the State, or a municipality or county within the State, may conduct searches as provided by law to search for and seize equipment, business records, merchandise, or captive wildlife taken, used, or possessed in connection with a violation of this article. Any property subject to forfeiture under this article may be seized by the department having authority upon warrant issued by any court having jurisdiction over the property. Seizure without process may be made if:

(1) the seizure is incident to an arrest or a search under a search warrant or an inspection in compliance with this article;

(2) the department has probable cause to believe that the property is directly or indirectly dangerous to health or safety; or

(3) the department has probable cause to believe that the property was used or is intended to be used in violation of this article.

(E) In the event of seizure, proceedings under this section regarding forfeiture and disposition must be instituted within a reasonable time.

(F) All property used or intended for use in violation of this chapter and all proceeds derived from, realized from, or traced back to property used or intended for use in violation of this chapter is contraband and subject to forfeiture. Equipment, merchandise, wildlife, or records seized under subsection (D) must be held by an officer or an agent of the department pending disposition of court proceedings and forfeited to the State for destruction or disposition as provided by law. Before forfeiture, the department may direct the transfer of wildlife seized to a qualified zoological, educational, or scientific institution for safekeeping. The costs of holding the confiscated captive wildlife and items are assessable to the defendant upon conviction.

(G) Any property taken or detained under this section is not subject to replevin but is considered to be in the custody of the department making the seizure subject only to the orders of the court having jurisdiction over the forfeiture proceedings. Property is forfeited and transferred to the department upon illegal use. Seizure and forfeiture proceedings confirm the transfer.

(H) For the purposes of this section, whenever the seizure of property subject to seizure is accomplished as a result of a joint effort by more than one agency, the agency initiating the investigation is considered to be the agency making the seizure.

(I) The department seizing property pursuant to this section shall take reasonable steps to maintain the property. Equipment and conveyances seized must be moved to an appropriate place for storage. Monies seized must be deposited into an interest-bearing account pending final disposition by the court unless the seizing agency determines the monies to be of an evidential nature and provides for security in another manner.

(J) When property or anything else of any value is seized, within ten days or a reasonable period of time after the seizure, the department shall produce a report with the following information:

(1) description of the property seized;

(2) circumstances of seizure;

(3) present custodian and where the property is being stored or its location;

(4) name of the owner;

(5) name of the lienholder, if any; and

(6) seizing agency.

(K) Forfeiture of property must be accomplished by petition of the department to the magistrate court for the jurisdiction where the items were seized. The petition must be submitted to the court within a reasonable time period following seizure and must provide the facts upon which the seizure was made. The petition must describe the property and include the names of all owners of record and lienholders of record. The petition must identify any other persons known to the petitioner to have interests in the property. Petitions for the forfeiture of conveyances also must include the make, model, and year of the conveyance, the person in whose name the conveyance is registered, and the person who holds the title to the conveyance. A copy of the petition must be sent to each law enforcement agency which has notified the petitioner of its involvement in effecting the seizure. Notice of hearing or rule to show cause must be directed to all persons with interests in the property listed in the petition, including law enforcement agencies which have notified the petitioner of their involvement in effecting the seizure. Owners of record and lienholders of record may be served by certified mail, to the last known address as it appears in the records of the governmental agency which records the title or lien.

(L) All property, conveyances, and equipment which will not be reduced to proceeds may be transferred to the law enforcement agency or agencies or to the prosecution agency. Upon agreement of the law enforcement agency or agencies and the prosecution agency, conveyances and equipment may be transferred to any other appropriate agency. Property transferred may not be used to supplant operating funds within the current or future budgets. If the property seized and forfeited is an aircraft or watercraft and is transferred to a state law enforcement agency or other state agency pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, its use and retainage by that agency is at the discretion and approval of the Department of Administration.

(M) If a defendant or his attorney sends written notice to the petitioner or the seizing agency of his interest in the subject property, service may be made by mailing a copy of the petition to the address provided, and service may not be made by publication. In addition, service by publication may not be used for a person incarcerated in a Department of Corrections facility, a county detention facility, or other facility where inmates are housed for the county where the seizing agency is located. The seizing agency shall check the appropriate institutions after receiving an affidavit of nonservice before attempting service by publication.

(N) Any forfeiture may be affected by consent order approved by the court without filing or serving pleadings or notices provided that all owners and other persons with interests in the property, including participating law enforcement agencies, entitled to notice under this section, except lienholders and agencies, consent to the forfeiture. Disposition of the property may be accomplished by consent of the petitioner and those agencies involved. Persons entitled to notice under this section may consent to some issues and have the judge determine the remaining issues.

(O) Disposition of forfeited property under this section must be accomplished as follows:

(1) Property forfeited under this section shall first be applied to payment for any reasonable costs incurred by the department or its agent as a result of the care provided to the seized captive wildlife pending the outcome of any permit revocation or charges under this statute including, but not limited to, veterinary care, shelter, evaluation, treatment, euthanasia, or any rabies postexposure prophylaxis.

(2) The department and any other governmental entities who assisted shall receive the balance of the value of the property forfeited to be divided equally.

Section 50-17-130. (A) It is unlawful for anyone to display or otherwise exhibit wildlife to the public where a permit, license, or registration is required by this chapter or by federal law.

(B) Any wildlife exhibited to the public in violation of this section by a registered or unpermitted party under this chapter is subject to seizure by the department.

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 50-16-40 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 50-16-40. Wildlife imported for exhibition purposes only by ~~state wildlife departments, municipal~~ zoos accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums ~~or parks, public museums, public zoological parks, and public scientific or educational institutions operated not for profit,~~ and transient circuses based out of state are not required to procure a permit under Section 50-16-20. Nothing in this chapter prohibits the department or its duly authorized agents from possessing, importing, or releasing wildlife.

SECTION X. Section 50-11-1180 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. FORREST explained the amendment.
The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. FORREST explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 92; Nays 3

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Felder	Gagnon	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White

Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--92

Those who voted in the negative are:

Erickson	Herbkersman	Sessions

Total--3

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 1005--ORDERED TO BE READ THIRD TIME TOMORROW

On motion of Rep. HIXON, with unanimous consent, it was ordered that S. 1005 be read the third time tomorrow.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. CHAPMAN a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

S. 1051--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1051 -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1330, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE H. TAYLOR BLALOCK, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HUNTING OF WATERFOWL FOR FIVE YEARS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. OTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 903--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 903 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 5 OF ACT 91 OF 2021, RELATING TO FLOUNDER CATCH LIMITS, SO AS TO REPEAL THE SUNSET CLAUSE.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. OTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 955--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 955 -- Senators Campsen and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-400 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING THE LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-325, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE COMMERCIAL TRAP LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-350, RELATING TO THE TRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSES, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE FROM THE GENERAL TRANSFER PROHIBITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-360, RELATING TO LICENSES TO ENGAGE IN SHEDDING PEELER CRABS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT AN APPLICANT'S OR LICENSEE'S BUSINESS PREMISES BE CAPABLE OF PEELER SHEDDING OPERATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-545, RELATING TO TRAPS FOR TAKING BLUE CRAB, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MATERIAL, DIMENSIONS, AND ESCAPE VENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRAPS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1302 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A RECREATIONAL LIMIT OF ONE-HALF BUSHEL OF BLUE CRABS PER PERSON PER DAY NOT TO EXCEED ONE BUSHEL PER BOAT; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1345 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CRAB TRAPS IN THE WATERS OF THIS STATE FROM JANUARY 16 THROUGH JANUARY 29 OF EACH YEAR; BY AMENDING

SECTION 50-5-330, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT LIMITS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TRAPS THAT MAY BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES FROM TWO TO TEN WITH A RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-540, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING LICENSES SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COST OF THE RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. OTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 1046--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1046 -- Senators Hembree, Climer, M. Johnson, Peeler, Corbin, Cromer, Shealy, Grooms, Bennett, Gambrell, Loftis, Rice, Gustafson, Martin, Verdin, Turner, Kimbrell, Reichenbach, Cash, Harpootlian, McLeod and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-10, RELATING TO JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS, INITIAL TERMS, AND SUBSEQUENT TERMS, TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT, EXCEPT THOSE FIRST APPOINTED, THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SENATE PRESIDENT, THE SENATE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND THE HOUSE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO NOMINEE MAY BE A FAMILY MEMBER OF A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-20, RELATING TO INVESTIGATION BY COMMISSION AND PUBLICATION OF VACANCIES, SO AS TO

PROVIDE THE CRITERIA FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-30, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND EXECUTIVE SESSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS BE LIVE STREAMED; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-70, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DUAL OFFICES, PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR, AND PLEDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FLOOR PRIVILEGES AND PROHIBITIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND ESTABLISHING SET TIMES FOR THE RELEASE OF REPORTS AND THE SEEKING OF PLEDGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FORMAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT OF QUALIFICATIONS SHALL OCCUR NO EARLIER THAN TWELVE DAYS AFTER NOMINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO NOMINATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SHALL BE RELEASED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE A MAJORITY VOTE OF EACH HOUSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERMS AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FULL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OF THE COUNTY THE MAGISTRATE WILL SERVE.

Reps. OTT, HIOTT, B. NEWTON, FELDER, CARTER, W. NEWTON, O'NEAL, LIGON, SESSIONS, HARRIS, T. MOORE, MAGNUSON, GUEST, B. L. COX, CROMER, OREMUS, WEST, ANDERSON, HEWITT, HOSEY, KIRBY, J. MOORE, COBB-HUNTER, SPANN-WILDER, BAUER, ROBBINS, WHITMIRE, BREWER, WHITE, CHUMLEY, DILLARD, W. JONES, WHEELER, WEEKS, MAY, KILMARTIN, WETMORE, STAVRINAKIS, BALLENTINE, WOOTEN, CASKEY, HAGER, MCDANIEL and HERBKERSMAN requested debate on the Bill.

S. 1001--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1001 -- Senator Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-430, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF INMATE LABOR IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO INMATE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM MAY EARN LESS THAN THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. W. NEWTON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 841--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 841 -- Senators Alexander and Senn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROSECUTORS PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 30 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE CURRENT AND FORMER PROSECUTORS HAVE THE OPTION OF MAKING PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION HELD BY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE, TO PROVIDE LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED PROCEDURES FOR EXERCISING THIS OPTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION SHALL CREATE A FORM FOR USE BY PROSECUTORS WHEN REQUESTING NONDISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION, AND TO SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FORM.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. W. NEWTON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title

have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 1--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1 -- Senators Alexander, Turner, Senn, Young, Gustafson, Peeler, Setzler, Rankin, Adams, Bennett, Climer, Campsen and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DRUG-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD DRUG-INDUCED HOMICIDE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-190, RELATING TO SCHEDULE I DRUGS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-RELATED SUBSTANCES.

Reps. W. NEWTON, RUTHERFORD, HIOTT, GUEST, WEST, SANDIFER, MURPHY, SPANN-WILDER, MITCHELL, ERICKSON and WEEKS requested debate on the Bill.

S. 112--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 112 -- Senators Allen, Hembree and Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 34-11-90, RELATING TO JURISDICTION FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING CHECKS AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A METHOD TO EXPUNGE CONVICTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 17-22-910, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR EXPUNGEMENT, SO AS TO ADD MULTIPLE MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES OF CHECK FRAUD TO THOSE OFFENSES ELIGIBLE FOR EXPUNGEMENT.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 954--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 954 -- Senators Hembree, Senn and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 947--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 947 -- Senators Hembree, Senn, McLeod and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO ALLOW SENTENCING FOR THE CRIME OF KIDNAPPING AND OTHER CRIMES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. HIOTT made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 1166--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1166 -- Senators Tedder, Stephens and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE S.C. CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. W. NEWTON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 207--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 207 -- Senator Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 57-23-1160 SO AS TO CREATE THE PIEDMONT GATEWAY SCENIC BYWAY AND TO IDENTIFY THE THREE SEGMENTS THAT COMPRISE THE BYWAY.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. ERICKSON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 968--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 968 -- Senators Peeler and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80(A)(6) AND (B), RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO VOLUNTARILY DISCLOSE HIS BLOOD TYPE.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. ERICKSON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 974--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 974 -- Senator Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 59-104-20, 59-149-10, AND 59-150-370, ALL RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION" FOR PURPOSES OF THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS, THE LEGISLATIVE INCENTIVES FOR FUTURE EXCELLENCE (LIFE) SCHOLARSHIPS, AND THE SC HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO ADD AN INSTITUTION ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITING COMMISSION OF CAREER SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES TO THE DEFINITION.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. ERICKSON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 125--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 125 -- Senators Hembree, Turner, Young, Setzler, Fanning and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-15, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL LIFE SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE STIPEND TO EDUCATION MAJORS AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO DEFINE EDUCATION MAJOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-25,

RELATING TO ADDITIONAL PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE STIPEND TO EDUCATION MAJORS AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-50, RELATING TO A NUMERICAL ACT EQUIVALENT, SO AS TO SET THE EQUIVALENT SCORE OF THE ACT TO 22; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-20, RELATING TO PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, SO AS TO ALLOW A STUDENT WHO USES A PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND A TWO-YEAR INSTITUTION SHALL RECEIVE A MAXIMUM OF FOUR CONTINUOUS SEMESTERS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. ERICKSON made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 881--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 881 -- Senators M. Johnson, McLeod, Devine and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING THE "PROHIBITION OF UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS ACT"; AND TO MAKE THE PROHIBITIONS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS THAT ARE RECORDED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT OR THAT ARE EXECUTED MODIFIED, EXTENDED, OR AMENDED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. SANDIFER made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 434--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 434 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-78-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO CLAUSE OF A SERVICE CONTRACT WHICH STATES THAT THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED RENEWED FOR A SPECIFIED ADDITIONAL PERIOD, UNLESS THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER GIVES NOTICE TO THE PROVIDER OF HIS INTENTION TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM, SHALL BE ENFORCEABLE AGAINST THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. SANDIFER made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 700--POINT OF ORDER

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 700 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES PROVIDERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. SANDIFER made the Point of Order that the Bill was improperly before the House for consideration since its number and title have not been printed in the House Calendar at least one statewide legislative day prior to second reading.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

S. 1099--RECALLED FROM COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

On motion of Rep. GILLIAM, with unanimous consent, the following Bill was ordered recalled from the Committee on Judiciary:

S. 1099 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-360, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LAURENS COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

S. 557--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 557 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Kimbrell, Adams, Rice, Rankin, Reichenbach, Young, Loftis, Climer, Garrett, Alexander, Campsen and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

H. 5101--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Joint Resolution were taken up for consideration:

H. 5101 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

H. 5023--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 5023 -- Reps. Brewer, Gilliam, Lawson, Sessions, Schuessler, Hager, Hartnett, Gatch, Mitchell, Hewitt, Robbins, J. Moore, Wooten, Guffey, O'Neal, J. L. Johnson, Pedalino and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-219 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE WORK ZONE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-15, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-130, RELATING TO LICENSE EXAMINATIONS AND BASIC AND CLASSIFIED LICENSES, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

H. 5100--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 5100 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate upon the Senate Amendments until Tuesday, May 7, which was agreed to.

H. 5339--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 5339 -- Reps. Jefferson, Cobb-Hunter, Murphy, Pedalino, Brewer, Gatch and Robbins: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 178 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 15 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 78 IN DORCHESTER COUNTY "MAYOR CHARLES WILLIAM ACKERMAN HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 5378--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 5378 -- Reps. Thigpen, Howard, Garvin, Bernstein, Bauer, McDaniel and Rutherford: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 21 (WILSON BOULEVARD) FROM STATE ROAD S-910 (PLUMBERS ROAD) TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-130 (SHARPE ROAD) IN RICHLAND COUNTY "JAMES AND BARBARA MCLAWHORN BOULEVARD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

S. 1161--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1161 -- Senator Corbin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF US 276 (LAURENS ROAD) BETWEEN MILLENNIUM BOULEVARD (N) AND FORRESTER DRIVE IN GREENVILLE COUNTY "SCHP PATROLMAN EDWIN D. MILAM MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 1162--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1162 -- Senator Corbin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SC-183 FROM S-87 (SULPHUR SPRINGS ROAD) TO S-430 (RIDGE ROAD) IN GREENVILLE COUNTY "SCHP PATROLMAN ALBERT T. SEALY JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

H. 5465--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 5465 -- Rep. Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF ASHBY ROAD IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH IRBY STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH DOUGLAS STREET "DR. JAMES DUCKETT HAMMOND, JR. MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

H. 5479--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 5479 -- Rep. Hosey: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 278 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 300 IN BARNWELL COUNTY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED

STATES HIGHWAY 301 IN ALLENDALE COUNTY "VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" IN HONOR OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED IN OUR ARMED FORCES AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS AND THE PURPLE HEART EMBLEM.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. CHUMLEY moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5508 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT NORMAN "BOB" KING OF NORTH CHARLESTON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5509 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR GEORGE "FRANK" SHEPPARD OF RICHLAND COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS AN INSURANCE PROFESSIONAL TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND BEYOND, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5510 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee,

Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHRIS VAN METRE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY, STATE, AND NATION AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL (ATI).

The Resolution was adopted.

Rep. FORREST moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 5495 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Brittain, Crawford, Guest, Hardee, Hayes, McGinnis, Schuessler, Alexander, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen,

Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH GARY GILMORE OF COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FOR HIS REMARKABLE CAREER OF NEARLY THIRTY YEARS AS BOTH BASEBALL COACH AND MENTOR TO COUNTLESS STUDENT-ATHLETES, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS APPROACHING RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:45 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. HOSEY, adjourned in memory of Miles Loadholt, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Friday, May 3, 2024
(Local Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 86:11: "Teach me your ways, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name."

Let us pray. God of eternal life, give us confidence to breathe peace, joy, forgiveness, and a new beginning into all our relationships with each other. You have watched over us and given all we need. Help us to live as You teach us, to be good citizens in our communities. Bless our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for and protect us. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who serve in these Halls of Government. Protect our Armed Forces and those who suffer from hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bills were read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title of each be changed to that of an Act, and that they be enrolled for ratification:

S. 621 -- Senators Reichenbach, Stephens, Cromer, Kimbrell, M. Johnson, Fanning, Setzler, Bennett, Shealy, Rice, Williams, Allen, Garrett, Loftis, Sabb and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION", TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TRADE COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

S. 971 -- Senator Hutto: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-100,

RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BARNWELL COUNTY, SO AS TO IDENTIFY THE VOTING PLACE FOR CERTAIN PRECINCTS.

S. 1285 -- Senator Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 259 OF 1961, RELATING TO THE HARTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE COMMISSION'S MEMBERSHIP FROM THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS, AND TO DELETE REFERENCES TO INITIAL BOARD MEMBERS.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 314 -- Senator Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-10 SO AS TO PROVIDE CHAPTER DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-30 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OVER THRESHOLD AMOUNTS FOR HIGHER INSTITUTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW TO THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL AFTER FULL ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK IS COMPLETED BUT PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, TO ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN OF JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE TO REQUEST A REVIEW AND COMMENT ON ANY OTHER PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-40 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2-47-50 AND TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNING BOARDS TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY OF ALL PROJECTS APPROVED; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-50 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO PROVIDE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS A REPORT OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AND ANY CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE EXEMPT BY OPERATION OF SECTION 59-157-40.

S. 305 -- Senators Young, M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Turner, Fanning, Climer, Stephens, Rankin, Loftis, Garrett, Matthews, Adams, Gustafson and Sabb: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE MAY BE AWARDED ON AN INITIAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE IF THE PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS IN OR RELATED TO THE CONTENT FIELD OF THE CERTIFICATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING CERTIFICATE HOLDERS MAY ALSO RECEIVE THE SAME CREDIT FOR PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE.

S. 124 -- Senators Hembree, Turner and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-1115 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM THAT WILL PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HIRE NONCERTIFIED TEACHERS IN A RATIO UP TO TEN PERCENT OF ITS ENTIRE TEACHING STAFF, TO PROVIDE ACADEMIC, EVALUATION, AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORTING AND NONCERTIFIED TEACHER REGISTRATION AND CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.

S. 1005 -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1320, RELATING TO MOTOR RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE WILLIAM C. BOWEN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A BOAT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER TYPE OF VESSEL POWERED BY AN OUTDRIVE OR INBOARD MOTOR HAVING AN ENGINE AUTOMOTIVE HORSEPOWER RATING IN EXCESS OF TWO HUNDRED HORSEPOWER IS PERMITTED AND THAT PERSONAL WATERCRAFT MAY NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED NINETY HORSEPOWER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1350, RELATING TO WATER SKIING AND TOWING RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE WILLIAM C. BOWEN, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, SPECIALTY PROPCRAFT, OR VESSELS IN EXCESS OF IDLE SPEED WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FEET OF A WHARF, DOCK, BULKHEAD, OR PIER OR WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF A MOORED OR ANCHORED VESSEL OR PERSON IN THE WATER.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:35 a.m. the House, in accordance with the ruling of the SPEAKER, adjourned to meet at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, May 7.

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Tuesday, May 7, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 12:00 noon.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Proverbs: 24:1: "Do not envy the wicked, nor desire to be with them."

Let us pray. We give thanks and praise to You Lord God, Heavenly Father as You have provided such great wonders for us. We have been chosen out of divine goodness and mercy. We have not been chosen because we are good, but because God is good. We give thanks to those who provide us with men and women who work to keep us safe, our defenders of freedom and first responders. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and effort to do the work required. Remember our women and men who serve and give their lives for this Country, especially those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE*.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Friday, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. WHITE moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Robert Wayne Kneece, which was agreed to.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5511 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder,

Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF ASHLEY MICHELLE BROWN AND HER SON, PRINCE TION, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5512 -- Reps. Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT OF THE ORIGINAL

GULLAH FESTIVAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR ITS MEANINGFUL INFLUENCE IN PRESERVING THE HISTORIC GULLAH CULTURE AND FOR ITS ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE STATE'S VITAL TOURISM INDUSTRY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5513 -- Reps. Landing, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WANDO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5514 -- Reps. Landing, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE WANDO HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CELEBRATE THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA MARCHING BAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5515 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones,

W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOHN B. "BRITT" PARKER OF CLARENDON COUNTY FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED FIFTY YEARS OF SELFLESS, DEDICATED SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5516 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE BEULAH G. ROBERTS, CLERK OF COURT FOR CLARENDON COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED COURTS OFFICIAL

OF THE YEAR FOR HER MORE THAN THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5517 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE REVEREND GEORGE P. WINDLEY, SR., RETIRED SENIOR CHAPLAIN OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, ON RECEIVING THE CORRECTIONS OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5518 -- Reps. Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder,

Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CLINTON CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH IN UNION COUNTY TO FOSTER UNITY AMONG COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND LEADERS IN THE GREATER UNION AREA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5519 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE

ANDREW CHAVARRIA UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 PELION MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5520 -- Rep. King: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF OGDEN ROAD IN YORK COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH HECKLE BOULEVARD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HARRISON STREET "DAISY ROGERS MCDUFFIE ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS ROAD CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1319 -- Senator Gambrell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BRADEN WILSON, AN EIGHTH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER AT PALMETTO MIDDLE SCHOOL IN ANDERSON SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE SOUTH CAROLINA TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1322 -- Senator Gambrell: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BELTON-HONEA PATH HIGH SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED A NATIONAL SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE

ADMINISTRATION, FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS ACHIEVEMENT.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

INTRODUCTION OF BILL

The following Bill was introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committee:

H. 5521 -- Reps. Rutherford and Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL FACILITIES WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER GENERATOR", SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO

DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES" AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY" AND "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY" TO REQUIRE AN ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES MAY ALSO REQUIRE A FOOTPRINT OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE ACRES; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS

TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50 RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND", AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-50, SO AS TO ENCOURAGE BULK POWER SOLUTIONS AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS; SO AS TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REASONABLE AND PRUDENT COST DEFERRAL.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White

Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--119

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. THAYER a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. BRADLEY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to a prior business commitment.

STATEMENT BY REP. COBB-HUNTER

Rep. COBB-HUNTER made a statement relative to Rep. OTT's service in the House.

STATEMENT BY REP. OTT

Rep. OTT made a statement relative to his service in the House.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Keith Shealy of Lancaster County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or

co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5170
Date:	ADD:
05/07/24	WHITE

CO-SPONSOR ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 5438
Date:	ADD:
05/07/24	MAGNUSON

S. 1292--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1292 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 595 OF 1992, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS IN 2024, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott

Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Vaughan	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 1292. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Craig Gagnon

S. 728--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 728 -- Senator Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197(A)(3), RELATING TO THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION OF "FIREFIGHTER" SHALL INCLUDE NON-RESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHO WORK IN THE STATE.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 728 (LC-728.HA0004H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, after the title but before the enacting words, by adding:

Whereas, South Carolina is achieving remarkable economic development success which is bringing jobs and prosperity to its citizens; and

Whereas, from January to December 2023, the State announced total capital investments of 9.22 billion dollars and over 14,000 jobs, the second largest amount in state history; and

Whereas, in 2022, the State announced 120 projects creating over 14,000 new jobs with 10.27 billion dollars in new capital investment, the largest amount in state history; and

Whereas, since 2017, the State has announced over 36.4 billion dollars in new investments and 86,378 new jobs; and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, South Carolina led the nation in population growth in 2023; and

Whereas, the rapidly expanding population and record breaking economic development successes necessitate a strategic and forward-thinking approach to developing new energy infrastructure capable of meeting the energy needs of South Carolina's residents and supporting the continued prosperity of the State; and

Whereas, sustaining this success in economic development requires an electric system that can grow and modernize to meet the demands that a prosperous and developing economy places on it; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes that the convergence of escalating population growth, record-breaking economic success, and the aging of existing energy infrastructure has created a critical juncture, demanding immediate and decisive action to avert an impending energy crisis; and

Whereas, the urgency of addressing this situation is underscored by

the interconnected challenges of meeting surging energy demand, ensuring grid reliability, and fortifying the state's resilience against potential disruptions, thereby compelling the imperative for the timely construction of new energy plants to safeguard the continued well-being and economic vitality of South Carolina; and

Whereas, in light of these facts, it is important that the General Assembly take action to ensure that generation and transmission providers are able to plan, site, and construct new and replacement generation and transmission resources in a timely and cost-effective manner, utilizing procedures that are fair, prompt, efficient, and guided by an informed Public Service Commission; and

Whereas, the General Assembly has determined that certain aspects of the current regulatory structure in South Carolina can be revised to reduce the cost, delay, and uncertainty of planning, siting, and constructing new generation and transmission resources serving customers in this State; and

Whereas, the General Assembly further finds that the current circumstances present a unique opportunity to replace or limit reliance on the Williams Generating Station operated by Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. (“DESC”) in Bushy Park, South Carolina; and the Winyah Generating Station operated South Carolina Public Service Authority (“SCPSA”) in Georgetown, South Carolina, and perhaps other units as well, through a joint venture between these utilities; and

Whereas, DESC owns the site of the retired Canadys coal units in Colleton County (the “Canadys site”) which represent an environmentally well characterized brownfield site with unique attributes, including electric transmission infrastructure on site, proximity to a major switching station interconnecting the DESC and SCPSA transmission systems serving coastal South Carolina, and reasonable proximity to natural gas supplies which can be accessed through existing natural gas rights of way; and

Whereas, modern combined cycle units provide dispatchability and operating flexibility that will allow DESC and SCPSA systems to continue to add large amounts of flexible resources to their systems without jeopardizing cost-efficient and reliable service to customers; and

Whereas, the integrated resource planning by both utilities consistently indicates the need for and benefit of additional combined cycle natural gas resources under multiple planning scenarios; and

Whereas, by pursuing replacement resources as a joint project, DESC and SCPSA can build larger, more fuel efficient, lower emitting units, and can reduce the capital cost per MW of these units by as much as 25%

or more compared to building single, stand-alone units sized to meet their individual needs alone while at the same time reducing the environmental and land-use impact of the natural gas pipeline and transmission infrastructure required to support separate units; and

Whereas, the joint project can provide a unique opportunity to anchor the expansion of natural gas pipelines serving certain coastal counties of South Carolina where economic development is currently hampered by the lack of such supplies, thereby increasing jobs, prosperity and public welfare in those areas and can do so with minimal environmental disruption; and

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented by the shared needs of DESC and SCPSA for replacement generation in the Charleston and Georgetown areas, the unique benefits of a partnership between them for this purpose, and the unique benefits of the Canadys site as the location for a joint resource, the General Assembly finds that these circumstances support amending the enabling act of the SCPSA to authorize it in a joint venture to develop and share in the output of one or more combined cycle natural gas units to be located at the Canadys site and encourages the utility to seek, as soon as practicable, a certificate as defined under the terms of the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act for DESC to construct and operate combined cycle natural gas units to be located at the Canadys site; and

Whereas, Duke Energy Carolinas Bad Creek Pumped Storage facility, including ongoing uprates, is an approximate 1,640 MW energy storage facility located in Oconee County South Carolina; and

Whereas, Duke Energy Carolina has identified the opportunity to approximately double the output of the Bad Creek Pumped Storage facility by constructing new pump turbines, generators, and a new powerhouse; and

Whereas, by increasing the generating capacity at the Bad Creek facility, Duke Energy Carolinas can approximately double its existing peak hourly storage capacity; and

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented by the potential expansion of Duke Energy Carolinas' energy storage capacity by expanding the Bad Creek facility without construction of a new reservoir, and considering the unique benefits for customers served by Duke Energy Carolinas' electrical system such an expansion represents, the General Assembly encourages the utility to complete evaluations related to expanding the Bad Creek facility to double its output; and

Whereas, in light of the unique circumstances presented in the plans of Duke Energy Carolinas LLC and Duke Energy Progress LLC to

secure approximately 7,000 MW of natural gas generation facilities for the benefit of their customers in South Carolina, the General Assembly encourages the utilities to undertake such activities as may be necessary to pursue and facilitate additional natural gas generation to serve its customers in this state; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes the potential for substantial economic and environmental benefits through the implementation of robust energy efficiency and demand side management initiatives; and

Whereas, investing in energy efficiency and demand side management initiatives not only reduces overall energy consumption but also alleviates the strain on existing electric generation infrastructure, leading to cost savings for consumers, businesses, and the state; and

Whereas, the promotion of energy efficiency and demand side management initiatives offers a prudent and cost effective approach to address increasing energy demands, thereby lessening the necessity for construction of new electric generation facilities in the future, and contributing to a more sustainable and resilient energy future for South Carolina; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly acknowledges the transformative potential of advanced nuclear generation, such as small modular reactors (SMRs), understanding that their compact size addresses significant challenges associated with traditional nuclear power, offering the promise of expedited and cost-effective plant construction, coupled with enhanced safety in operational practices, along with offering reliable carbon-free energy generation that can operate nearly 24/7; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes the strategic importance of investigating in and pursuing advanced nuclear technologies such as small modular reactors and molten salt reactors at this time, understanding that proactive engagement in research and development positions the state to capitalize on future opportunities when SMRs become economically and technologically viable; and

Whereas, the SC Nexus for Advanced Resilient Energy consortium, developed in collaboration with our research universities, technical colleges, state agencies, the Savannah River National Laboratory, economic development non-profits, and private businesses, won the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration’s designation as one of the Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly recognizes

establishing an Energy Policy Institute is a pivotal step towards supporting the efforts of SC Nexus and for guiding informed decision making for the state's energy future; and

Whereas, understanding the complexity of energy issues, the establishment of an Energy Policy Institute is essential to equipping the state with the necessary expertise and resources to make well informed choices, fostering a comprehensive understanding of intricate energy matters; and

Whereas, SC Nexus will assist the State as a global leader in advanced energy by developing, testing, and deploying exportable energy technologies and understanding that new manufactures of those technologies can locate their operations at a place of their choosing, an Energy Policy Institute is integral to positioning the State strategically for economic development success by ensuring the economic benefits resulting from SC Nexus remain in South Carolina, and ensuring that energy policies align with the state's growth objectives and policy goals, while simultaneously safeguarding the interests of ratepayers and promoting a sustainable and resilient energy landscape; and

Whereas, it is imperative to direct the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) to conduct a comprehensive energy assessment and formulate a ten-year energy action plan not only to identify additional actions to take over the next decade to address the critical need to ensure an adequate and reliable power supply but also to serve as a proactive forum to thoroughly examine unresolved issues vital to achieving economic development success within the dynamic and evolving energy sector; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly determines that comprehensive legislation is needed to promote the development of new and reliable energy infrastructure resources, fostering resilient and reliable energy infrastructure critical to the economic success of the state of South Carolina. Now, therefore,

Amend the bill further, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 23-9-197(A)(3) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(3) “Firefighter” means any person, paid or unpaid, who ~~is a resident of this State and~~ engages in rescue, fire suppression, or related activities, under the supervision of a fire chief or fire department in this State or who is employed by the State Commission of Forestry, South Carolina State Fire, or a forestry district for the purpose of fire protection.

SECTION 2. Section 23-9-197(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) There is established the "Firefighter Cancer Health Care Benefit Plan" to provide a supplemental insurance policy upon a firefighter being diagnosed with cancer on or after July 1, 2021. The plan shall provide benefits to a firefighter only if the firefighter has served in a South Carolina fire department for at least five continuous years and been in active service within ten years of the diagnosis.

SECTION 3. This act may be cited as the "South Carolina Energy Security Act".

SECTION 4. Section 58-3-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-20. (A) The commission is composed of ~~seven~~three members to be elected by the General Assembly in the manner prescribed by this chapter. Each member must have:

(1) a baccalaureate or more advanced degree from:

(a) a recognized institution of higher learning requiring face-to-face contact between its students and instructors prior to completion of the academic program;

(b) an institution of higher learning that has been accredited by a regional or national accrediting body; or

(c) an institution of higher learning chartered before 1962; and

(2) a background of substantial duration and an expertise in at least one of the following:

(a) energy issues;

(b) telecommunications issues;

(c) consumer protection and advocacy issues;

(d) water and wastewater issues;

(e) finance, economics, and statistics;

(f) accounting;

(g) engineering; or

(h) law.

~~(B)(1) Beginning in 2004, the members of the Public Service Commission must be elected to staggered terms. In 2004, the members representing the Second, Fourth, and Sixth Congressional Districts must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2006, and until their successors are elected and qualify. Thereafter, members representing the Second, Fourth, and Sixth Congressional Districts must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify. In 2004, the members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts and the State at large must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2008, and until their successors are elected and qualify. Thereafter, members~~

~~representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts and the State at large must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts shall serve until the expiration of their terms, and in 2013, members representing the First, Third, and Fifth Congressional Districts must be elected for terms ending on June 30, 2016, and until their successors are elected and qualified.~~

~~(2) In the event there are Seven Congressional Districts, the member elected from the State at large shall serve until the expiration of his term, and in 2013, a member representing the Seventh Congressional District must be elected for a term ending on June 30, 2016, and until his successor is elected and qualified. Thereafter, the member representing the Seventh Congressional District must be elected to terms of four years and until his successor is elected and qualified. Upon the election and qualification of the member representing the Seventh Congressional District, the at-large member elected to satisfy the requirements of subsection (C) immediately shall cease to be a member of the commission.~~

~~(C)~~ (B)(1)The General Assembly must provide for the election of the ~~seven~~three-member commission ~~and elect its members based upon the congressional districts established by the General Assembly pursuant to the latest official United States Decennial Census. If the number of congressional districts is less than seven, additional members must be elected at large to provide for a seven-member commission. In the event the congressional districts established by the General Assembly are under review by a court for compliance with statutory or constitutional requirements, an election scheduled pursuant to this section shall not be held until a final determination is made by the courts regarding the congressional districts. The inability to hold an election due to judicial review of the congressional districts does not constitute a vacancy on the commission and the commissioners serve until their successors are elected and qualify~~. The commission members must be elected to terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualify.

(2) The commission members must be elected from the state at large; however, membership on the commission should reflect all segments of the population of the State, to the greatest extent possible.

~~(D)~~(C) The Governor may fill vacancies in the office of commissioner until the successor in the office for a full term or an unexpired term, as applicable, has been elected by the General Assembly. In cases where a vacancy occurs on the commission when

the General Assembly is not in session, the Governor may fill the vacancy by an interim appointment. The Governor must report the interim appointment to the General Assembly and must forward a formal appointment at its next ensuing regular session.

SECTION 5. Section 58-3-140 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-140. (A)(1) Except as otherwise provided in Chapter 9 of this title, the commission is vested with power and jurisdiction to supervise and regulate the rates and service of every public utility in this State and to fix just and reasonable standards, classifications, regulations, practices, and measurements of service to be furnished, imposed, or observed, and followed by every public utility in this State.

(2) The commission must promulgate regulations to establish safety, maintenance, and inspection standards for the public utilities and may assess fines for public utilities that violate these standards.

(B)(1) The commission, in conducting its analysis and making a decision in matters involving electrical utilities, must consider the economic impact to the State when fixing just and reasonable standards, classifications, regulations, practices, and measurements of service to be furnished, imposed, or observed, and followed by every electrical utility in this State.

(2) The General Assembly declares the rates, services, and operations of electrical utilities are a matter of public interest and the availability of an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of electric power and natural gas to the people and economy of South Carolina is a matter of public policy. When exercising its powers under this section, the commission must balance the public interest in determining the rates, services, and operations of electrical utilities. It is the policy of this State for the commission, in matters involving electrical utilities, to:

(a) ensure South Carolina customers have access to an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources;

(b) sustain growth in industrial and economic development by ensuring an electric generation, transmission, and distribution system that can grow and modernize to meet the demands that a prosperous and developing economy places on it;

(c) provide fair regulation of electrical utilities in the interest of the public in a manner that maintains the financial integrity of the electrical utility by assuring a sufficient and fair rate of return, supports economic development and industry retention, and provides just and reasonable rates to be established for entities providing electrical utility services to customers in this State while promoting adequate, reliable, and economical utility service to all of the citizens and residents of this

State;

(d) provide the State and the public with a well-regulated electrical utility environment;

(e) assure that resources necessary to meet future growth through the provision of adequate, reliable electrical utility service include use of the entire spectrum of demand-side options, including but not limited to, conservation, load management, and energy efficiency programs as additional sources of energy supply and energy demand reduction;

(f) provide just and reasonable rates and charges for electrical utility services without undue preferences or advantages, or unfair or destructive competitive practices and consistent with long-term management and conservation of energy resources by avoiding wasteful, uneconomic generation and uses of energy;

(g) assure that facilities necessary to meet future growth can be financed by the utilities operating in this State on terms which are reasonable and fair to both the customers and existing investors of such utilities, and to that end, to authorize fixing of rates in such a manner as to result in lower costs of new facilities and lower rates over the operating lives of such new facilities;

(h) recognize the important role of utilities in economic development and industry retention and the necessity for utilities to maintain the ability to finance continued investment in, and operation and maintenance of, the electric system, rapid restoration of power after major storms and outages, rate designs, and infrastructure necessary to attract and retain businesses and jobs to South Carolina, the ability to obtain financing at attractive rates, and to ensure a viable workforce for providing electricity and to attract such utility workers at market-competitive wages;

(i) seek to encourage and promote harmony between public utilities, their users, and the environment;

(j) foster the continued service of electrical utilities on a well-planned and coordinated basis that is consistent with the level of energy needed for the protection of public health and safety and for the promotion of the general welfare, economic development, and industry retention;

(k) seek to adjust the rate of growth of regulated energy supply facilities serving the State to the policy requirements of statewide economic development and industry retention;

(l) encourage the continued study and research on new and innovative rate designs which will protect the State, the public, the

ratepayers and the utilities;

(m) facilitate the construction of facilities in and the extension of natural gas service to unserved and underserved areas in order to promote the public welfare throughout the State;

(n) further the development of cleaner energy technologies on a cost-effective basis to protect the natural resources of this State, promote the health and well-being of the people of this State, and attract investments, create employment opportunities, drive economic growth, and foster innovation in this State; and

(o) accomplish regulatory processes and issue orders in a timely manner.

~~(B)~~(C) The commission must develop and publish a policy manual which must set forth guidelines for the administration of the commission. All procedures must incorporate state requirements and good management practices to ensure the efficient and economical utilization of resources.

~~(C)~~(D) The commission must facilitate access to its general rate request orders in contested matters involving more than one hundred thousand dollars by publishing an order guide which indexes and cross-references orders by subject matter and case name. The order guide must be made available for public inspection.

~~(D)~~(E) The commission must promulgate regulations to require the direct testimony of witnesses appearing on behalf of utilities and of witnesses appearing on behalf of persons having formal intervenor status, such testimony to be reduced to writing and prefiled with the commission in advance of any hearing. In contested case proceedings, the applicant seeking relief from the commission shall have the right to prefile rebuttal testimony responsive to the direct prefiled testimony of other parties. The commission may allow supplemental testimony in cases where new matters arise after the filing of direct testimony, provided that parties shall have the right to respond to such supplemental testimony. The procedural schedule for each contested case proceeding shall include dates for completion of each phase of discovery, including discovery related to the application or other initial pleading as filed, direct testimony of the applicant, direct testimony of the Office of Regulatory Staff and other parties and intervenors, rebuttal testimony of the applicant, and surrebuttal testimony but only if allowed by the commission upon motion that there is material new information for which surrebuttal testimony is required. The commission must act on a motion to allow surrebuttal testimony within three business days. Except upon showing of exceptional circumstances or surprise, all discovery

must be completed not less than ten days prior to the hearing.

(F) The commission may convene public hearings to allow electrical utility customers to address the commission as public witnesses without intervening in the proceedings and without subjecting themselves to discovery or prefiling testimony. Public witnesses may address the commission on issues related to customer service, utility operations, reliability, economic hardship, affordability, environmental concerns, or other matters that affect them. The electrical utility and the Office of Regulatory Staff shall work to investigate and resolve individual service issues raised by public witnesses.

(G) Any other provision of law notwithstanding, to the extent the commission is authorized by the General Assembly to employ an independent third-party consultant to assist the commission in its duties with respect to a matter before the commission, such consultant may only rely upon evidence introduced by a party to that proceeding into the record subject to the requirements of the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act. Further, the commission may not give any consultant employed by the commission party status in a proceeding before the commission.

~~(E)~~(H) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to repeal or modify specific exclusions from the commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Title 58 or any other title.

~~(F)~~(I) When required to be filed, tariffs must be filed with the office of the chief clerk of the commission and, on that same day, provided to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 6. Section 58-3-250(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) A copy of every final order or decision under the seal of the commission must be served by electronic service, or registered or certified mail, upon all parties to the proceeding or their attorneys. Service of every final order or decision upon a party or upon the attorney must be made by emailing a copy of the order to the party's email address provided to the commission or by mailing a copy to the party's last known address. If no email or other address is known, however, service shall be made by leaving a copy with the chief clerk of the commission. The order takes effect and becomes operative when served unless otherwise designated and continues in force either for a period designated by the commission or until changed or revoked by the commission. If, in the judgment of the commission, an order cannot be complied with within the time designated, the commission may grant and prescribe additional time as is reasonably necessary to comply with

the order and, on application and for good cause shown, may extend the time for compliance fixed in its order.

SECTION 7. Section 58-4-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-4-10. (A) There is hereby created the Office of Regulatory Staff as a separate agency of the State with the duties and organizations as hereinafter provided.

(B) Unless and until it chooses not to participate, the Office of Regulatory Staff must be considered a party of record in all filings, applications, or proceedings before the commission. The regulatory staff must represent the public interest of South Carolina before the commission. For purposes of this chapter only, "public interest" means a balancing of:

(1) the concerns of the using and consuming public with respect to public utility services, regardless of the class of customer~~,~~;

(2) economic development and job attraction and retention in South Carolina; and

(3) preservation of the financial integrity of the State's public utilities to the extent necessary to provide for the ~~of~~ continued investment in and maintenance of utility facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality utility services.

(C) The Office of Regulatory Staff is subject to the provision of Section 58-3-260 prohibiting ex parte communications with the commission, and any advice given to the commission by the regulatory staff must be given in a form, forum, and manner as may lawfully be given by any other party or person.

SECTION 8.Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-150. (A) To further advance and expand upon Executive Order 2023-18 which established the PowerSC Energy Resources and Economic Development Interagency Working Group, the Office of Regulatory Staff, in consultation with a stakeholder group that includes representatives of consumer, environmental, manufacturing, forestry, and agricultural organizations, natural gas and electrical utilities, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, and other affected state agencies, shall prepare a comprehensive South Carolina energy assessment and action plan, hereinafter referred to as "the plan". This plan must identify recommended actions over a ten-year period to ensure the availability of adequate, reliable, and economical supply of electric power and natural gas to the people and economy of South Carolina. For purposes of this section, natural gas and electrical utilities also includes any investor-owned electrical utility, a public utility as defined in

Section 58-5-10, the Public Service Authority, electric cooperatives, and any consolidated political subdivision that owns or operates in this State equipment or facilities for generating, transmitting, delivering, or furnishing electricity, but does not include an entity that furnishes electricity only to itself, its residents, or tenants when such current is not resold or used by others.

(B) The Office of Regulatory Staff, in collaboration with the electrical utilities and the South Carolina Public Service Authority, shall aggregate data and analyses from their most recent integrated resource plans approved by the commission, and include any updates or associated filings and other available data in order to create a statewide comprehensive view of the availability of an adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources to the people and economy of South Carolina.

(C) The plan must detail factors, and make recommendations, essential to adequate, reliable, and economical supply of energy resources for the people and economy of South Carolina, including but not limited to:

(1) projections of energy consumption in South Carolina, including the use of fuel resources and costs of electricity and generation resources across the electrical utilities' and the South Carolina Public Service Authority's balancing authority areas used to serve the State;

(2) the adequacy of electricity generation, transmission, and distribution resources in this State to meet projections of energy consumption;

(3) the adequacy of infrastructure utilized by natural gas industries in providing fuel supply to electric generation plants or otherwise for end-use customers;

(4) the overall needs of the South Carolina electric grid and transmission system and details from the plans of each electrical utility and the South Carolina Public Service Authority to meet current and future energy needs in a cost-effective, reliable, economic, and environmental manner;

(5) an assessment of state and local impediments to expanded use of generation or distributed resources and recommendations to reduce or eliminate such impediments;

(6) how energy efficiency, demand-side management programs, and conservation initiatives across the electrical utilities' and the South Carolina Public Service Authority's balancing authority areas may be expanded to lower bills and reduce electric consumption;

(7) details regarding potential siting of energy resource and

transmission facilities in order to identify any disproportionate adverse impact of such activities on the environment, agricultural community, land use, and economically disadvantaged or minority communities;

(8) details regarding commercial and industrial consumer clean energy goals and options available to such customers to achieve these goals, including:

(a) an analysis of the barriers commercial and industrial consumers face in making such investments in this State;

(b) an analysis of any electric and natural gas regulatory barriers to the recruitment and retention of commercial and industrial customers in this State; and

(c) recommendations to address any barriers identified in items (a) and (b) in a manner that is consistent with the public interest and which is not duly impactful to nonparticipating customers as it pertains to rate and system impacts, and which is not unduly impactful to entities providing public utility services.

(C) In preparing the plan the Office of Regulatory Staff may retain an outside expert to assist with compiling this report.

(D) In addition to the information required by this section, the plan must include recommendations for legislative, regulatory, or other public and private actions to best ensure a reliable and reasonably priced energy supply in South Carolina that supports the continued growth and success of this State. In forming these recommendations, the Office of Regulatory Staff must confer with the stakeholder group to ensure the recommendations would likely achieve the intended result for the electric grid, electric generation, and natural gas resources serving South Carolina customers.

(E) The plan must be submitted to the Public Utilities Review Committee for approval.

(F) The provisions of this section are subject to funding.

SECTION 9. Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 38

South Carolina Energy Policy Institute

Section 58-38-10. This chapter is known as and may be cited as the "South Carolina Energy Policy Research and Economic Development Institute" or "EPI".

Section 58-38-20. The General Assembly finds that:

(1) It is in the public interest of South Carolina to establish an Energy Policy Research and Economic Development Institute, also referred to as EPI, to support the efforts of the Advanced Resilient Energy Nexus, also referred to as SC Nexus, and research and propose

solutions to address major challenges in the complex and evolving area of energy generation and storage.

(2) Research and documenting reliable data is essential for thoughtful consideration of the complex issues and concerns impacting energy generation and storage and the need for timely, substantive, and thorough advice from the EPI to the South Carolina General Assembly is critical to continue to position this State as a global leader.

(3) Advancement through the EPI of the broad collaboration through the SC Nexus will assist the State as a global leader in advanced energy by developing, testing, and deploying exportable electricity technologies. It will also allow the State to leverage the region's dynamic and growing manufacturing base, superior research capabilities, and demonstrated record of public-private collaboration to innovate and commercialize emerging energy storage materials and manufacturing techniques, including a demonstrative microgrid implementation that integrates renewable energy and storage into the state's electricity systems.

(4) The topography of South Carolina, with its coastal plains and low country, confronts further complications. While the State possesses renewable energy resources like hydropower potential from its rivers and lakes and biomass from wood and landfill gas, the lack of sustainable energy production exacerbates the energy deficit. It is critical that South Carolina provide safe, reliable, and affordable energy.

(5) The industrial sector in South Carolina accounts for approximately one-third of the state's total energy use and heavily depends on energy consumption. Continued economic development and industry retention depends upon safe, reliable, and affordable energy generation.

(6) South Carolina will need to continue moving toward reliable power from emerging energy sources to ensure continued economic growth and secure energy for residential usage.

(7) The EPI shall collaborate across South Carolina in coordination with SC Nexus, Savannah River National Laboratory, energy utility providers, private industry, and workforce development to deliver advice on policy creation aligned with the state's distinctive needs and opportunities. EPI shall support and collaborate with SC Nexus, a consortium of public and private entities, formed within the South Carolina Department of Commerce concerning power generation, transmission, and storage.

Section 58-38-30. (A) The EPI shall be established by the University of South Carolina to serve as an expert and reliable advisory

resource for state policymakers, government, and industry. This institute shall bring together a coalition of experts from various domains within the energy ecosystem, individuals and organizations specializing in innovating public policy approaches, as well as specialists from across higher education, including but not limited to, the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, and South Carolina State University. The EPI shall aid South Carolina in developing a strategic long-term approach to address energy-related challenges and economic development opportunities for the State of South Carolina.

(B) The EPI shall be governed by a board of six members which shall provide oversight and guidance to the EPI. This board shall be composed of:

(1) Speaker of the House of Representatives or his designee;

(2) President of the Senate or his designee;

(3) Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, or his designee;

(4) Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate or his designee;

(5) Chairman of the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee of the House of Representatives or his designee; and

(6) Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate or his designee.

Section 58-38-40. (A) Annual deliverables for the EPI shall align with the goals and priorities of critical state objectives and legislative needs of South Carolina as determined by the board.

(B) The EPI shall prepare concise and informative documents that outline the key energy policy issues in South Carolina for members of the South Carolina General Assembly. These briefs shall offer evidence-based recommendations and their potential impacts to assist the legislature in decision making.

(C) The EPI shall provide in-depth research on various aspects of energy policy relevant to South Carolina, at the direction of the board.

(D) The EPI shall provide stakeholder engagement reports, including identification and engagement with relevant stakeholders in the energy sector, including industry representatives, environmental groups, consumer advocates, and community organizations. The EPI shall compile reports on stakeholder perspectives, concerns, and suggestions to aid the legislature in understanding different viewpoints.

(E) The EPI shall evaluate the economic implications of different energy policy options, including the potential costs and benefits to the state's economy, job market, industry competitiveness, and

underdeveloped communities. The EPI must use modeling techniques to estimate direct and indirect impacts on various sectors.

(F) The EPI shall develop practical framework recommendations for implementing energy policies in South Carolina, considering regulatory mechanisms, enforcement mechanisms, and coordination between different government agencies. These frameworks must address potential challenges and propose strategies for successful implementation.

(G) The EPI may host fellowships by which entities could offer the time and services of employees by which the EPI could leverage the knowledge, experience, and participation of such entities.

SECTION 10. Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-33-195. (A)(1) The General Assembly finds:

(a) The Public Service Commission, hereinafter referred to as "the commission", issued Order No. 2023-860 approving Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s integrated resource plan, and Order No. 2024-171 approving the South Carolina Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan. The commission determined these integrated resource plans represented the most reasonable and prudent means to meet each utility's energy and capacity needs as of the time each integrated resource plan was reviewed.

(b) Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s integrated resource plan identified a natural gas combined cycle unit as the optimum replacement unit for the Williams Station, which Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. intends to retire in 2030, assuming replacement capacity is available at that time. Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. proposed to locate this natural gas combined cycle unit facility at the site of its now retired Canadys coal plant, and Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. is pursuing a plan to build it jointly with the Public Service Authority under a Memorandum of Understanding, also referred to as the "Joint Resource".

(c) The commission found that Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc.'s Reference Build Plan replacing the Williams Station with the Joint Resource best meets the criterion of "consumer affordability and least cost" pursuant to Section 58-37-40(C)(2)(b).

(d) The commission found that the Public Service Authority's Preferred Portfolio, referred to as "Supplemental", as the preferred plan to guide the Public Service Authority's generation and transmission planning over the next three years, with updates as necessary, represented the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting the

Public Service Authority's energy and capacity needs.

(e) The commission found the Supplemental is the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements, while maintaining safe and reliable electric service.

(f) The commission determined the Public Service Authority sufficiently considered alternatives to the natural gas combined cycle unit.

(g) The commission found that the Supplemental allows the Public Service Authority to meet the electric power needs of its retail and wholesale customers reliably and affordably, reduces its carbon footprint, and adds flexibility and innovation to support a growing state economy.

(2) The General Assembly encourages Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. and the Public Service Authority to jointly complete evaluations related to the Joint Resource and to use such information as may be necessary from such evaluations to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certificate pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or authorize construction and operation of the facilities subject to this section in preference to all other pending nonemergency applications or requests. The General Assembly finds adding natural gas generation capacity at the retired Canadys coal site would advance the economy and general welfare of the State based on current conditions and information as of the effective date of this Act. However, this subsection does not exempt the entities from complying with the requirements of the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act, including the requirement to seek commission approval for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity nor does this subsection limit the commission's independent decision-making authority. The entities are further encouraged to use existing rights of way to the greatest extent practicable.

(B) The General Assembly hereby encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to complete evaluations for constructing a second powerhouse using the existing reservoir at Bad Creek Pumped Hydro Station in Oconee County, South Carolina, which will approximately double the size and peak hourly capacity of the facility, and to use such information as may be necessary from such evaluations to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certificate

pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter. The General Assembly further encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to complete evaluations as to what may be necessary to interconnect such an expansion of Bad Creek Pumped Hydro Station to the electric grid or otherwise deliver electric power from Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to its customers, and to include such information as may be necessary from such evaluations in a filing to the commission pursuant to Section 58-33-110 or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or otherwise authorize construction and operation of the facilities subject to this subsection in preference of all other pending nonemergency applications or requests.

(C) The General Assembly hereby encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to complete evaluations for constructing hydrogen capable natural gas generation or otherwise to place into service such natural gas generation within the utilities' balancing areas serving South Carolina, and to use such information from the evaluations as may be necessary to make a filing as soon as practicable with the commission to obtain a certification pursuant to Article 3 of this chapter or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly further encourages Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to determine what facilities may be necessary to interconnect such natural gas generation to the electric grid or otherwise deliver electric power from the utilities to its customers, and to include such information in any filing to the commission pursuant to Section 58-33-110 or as otherwise required by law. The General Assembly instructs all governmental agencies to provide accelerated consideration of any action required to permit or otherwise authorize construction or operation of the facilities subject to this subsection in preference of all other pending nonemergency applications or requests.

(D)(1) In the event any of the projects described in subsections (A), (B), or (C) are approved, the Office of Regulatory Staff, using its authority provided in Title 58, must continuously monitor the project or projects. This includes, but is not limited to, a review of the construction in progress, such as meeting projected timelines and financial projections are met. The Office of Regulatory Staff must provide monthly updates, in writing, to the commission and to the members of the General Assembly. Each electrical utility and the Public Service Authority must cooperate to the fullest extent with the Office of Regulatory Staff.

(2) The commission may, on its own motion, schedule a hearing

to address concerns raised by the Office of Regulatory Staff in its written monthly review to the commission.

(3) The commission shall consider the Office of Regulatory Staff's written monthly reviews in any future matters concerning any facility described in this section.

SECTION 11.Article 1, Chapter 31, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-31-205. (A) The Public Service Authority shall have the power to jointly own, as tenants-in-common or through a limited liability company, with investor-owned electric utilities of electrical generation and transmission facilities, the power to plan, finance, acquire, own, operate, and maintain an interest in such plants and facilities necessary or incidental to the generation and transmission of electric power and the power to make plans and enter into such contracts as are necessary or convenient for the planning, financing, acquisition, construction, ownership, operation, and maintenance of such plants and facilities. However, the Public Service Authority shall own a percentage of such plants and facilities equal to the percentage of the money furnished or the value of property supplied by the Public Service Authority for the acquisition and construction of the plants and facilities. The Public Service Authority shall also own and control a like percentage of the electrical output thereof.

(B) The Public Service Authority shall be severally liable in proportion to its ownership share of such plants and facilities acquired pursuant to this section for the acts, omissions, or obligations performed, omitted, or incurred by the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities while acting as the designated agent of the Public Service Authority for the purposes of constructing, operating, or maintaining the plants and facilities, or any of them. However, the Public Service Authority shall not be otherwise liable, jointly or severally, for the acts, omissions, or obligations of other owners of the plants and facilities, nor shall any money or property of the Public Service Authority be credited or otherwise applied to the account of the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities, or be charged with any debt, lien, or mortgage as a result of any debt or obligation of the operator or other owners of the plants and facilities.

SECTION 12. Article 9, Chapter 7, Title 13 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Article 9

Governor's Nuclear Advisory Council

Section 13-7-810. There is hereby established a Nuclear Advisory

Council in the ~~Department of Administration,~~ Office of Regulatory Staff, which shall be responsible to the Executive Director of the ~~Department of Administration~~ Office of Regulatory Staff and report to the Governor.

Section 13-7-820. The duties of the council, in addition to such other duties as may be requested by the Governor, shall be:

(1) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor on issues involving the use, handling, and management of the transportation, storage, or disposal of nuclear materials within South Carolina, or such use, handling, transportation, storage, or disposal of nuclear materials outside of the State which may affect the public health, welfare, safety, and environment of the citizens of South Carolina;

(2) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor regarding matters pertaining to the Atlantic Compact Commission;

(3) to provide advice and recommendations to the Governor regarding the various programs of the United States Department of Energy pertaining to nuclear waste;

(4) to meet at the call of the chair or at a minimum twice a year; and

(5) to engage stakeholders and develop a strategic plan to advance the development of advanced nuclear generation including small modular reactors, molten salt reactors, and spent nuclear fuel recycling facilities to serve customers in this State in the most economical manner at the earliest reasonable time possible.

Section 13-7-830. The recommendations described in Section ~~13-7-620~~ 13-7-820 shall be made available to the General Assembly and the Governor.

Section 13-7-840. The council shall consist of ~~nine~~ten members. One at-large member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one at-large member shall be appointed by the President of the Senate. ~~Seven~~Eight members shall be appointed by the Governor as follows: two shall be actively involved in the area of environmental protection; one shall have experience in the generation of power by nuclear means; one shall have experience in the field of nuclear activities other than power generation; two shall be scientists or engineers from the faculties of institutions of higher learning in the State; and ~~one~~two shall be from the public at large; of which one shall be appointed to serve as the chairman and director of the Nuclear Advisory Council. The terms of the members of the council appointed by the Governor shall be coterminous with that of the appointing Governor, but they shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

Vacancies of the council shall be filled in the manner of the original appointment.

Section 13-7-850. The Governor shall designate the chairman from the membership. When on business of the council, members shall be entitled to receive such compensation as provided by law for boards and commissions.

Section 13-7-860. Staff support for the council shall be provided by the ~~Department of Administration~~Office of Regulatory Staff. The Director of the Nuclear Advisory Council must be a full-time employee of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 13. Section 37-6-604(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) ~~The~~As of July 1, 2025, the Consumer ~~Advocate shall be provided notice of any matter filed at the Public Service Commission that~~ Advocate's duties regarding intervention in matters that could impact consumers' utility rates~~, and may intervene as a party~~ and ability to advocate for the interest of consumers before the Public Service Commission and appellate courts~~ in such matters as the Consumer Advocate deems necessary and appropriate~~ are transferred to the Office of Regulatory Staff in order to promote efficiency and avoid duplication of duties.

SECTION 14.Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-33-196. Electrical utilities and the Public Service Authority are encouraged to explore the potential for deploying advanced nuclear facilities including, but not limited to, small modular nuclear facilities at suitable sites. Suitable sites may include sites of current nuclear facilities, sites where nuclear facilities have been proposed but not constructed, and other brownfield sites, such as coal-generation sites. Any utility pursuing deployment of such nuclear facilities must provide annual progress reports to the commission and the Public Utilities Review Committee; this report may be in writing or in the form of testimony in an appropriate proceeding. The utility must provide estimates of the cost of the studies including, but not limited to, planning, licensing, and project development to the commission. If the commission finds such estimated costs are reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest, such costs may be recoverable through rates as they are incurred. Nothing in this section relieves an electrical utility of the burden of filing for a certificate under this article and obtaining appropriate approvals from the commission before commencing construction.

SECTION 15.Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-37-70. (A) It is the policy of this State to promote the development and operation of advanced nuclear facilities, including small modular nuclear reactors, in the most economical manner and at the earliest reasonable time possible. These facilities are intended to provide electricity that is reliable, resilient, secure, and free of carbon dioxide emissions, as well as promote this state's economic development and industry retention.

(B) As used in this section:

(1) "Electrical utility" has the same meaning as provided in Section 58-27-10(7) and includes the South Carolina Public Service Authority.

(2) "Site" means the geographic location of one or more small modular nuclear reactors.

(3) "Small modular nuclear reactor" means an advanced nuclear reactor that produces nuclear power and has a power capacity of up to 500 megawatts per reactor.

(C) The commission may establish a small modular nuclear reactor pilot program, if such a program is endorsed by the Nuclear Advisory Council. A pilot program must include the following requirements:

(1) any entity that holds a current license from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to construct or operate at least one existing nuclear electrical generating facility at the time of the application may apply to the commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to the Utility Facility Siting and Environmental Protection Act;

(2) a certificate may be granted if obtaining a certification of public convenience and necessity would permit the applicant to apply for, use, or leverage at least thirty percent of the construction costs of the small modular nuclear reactor by utilizing any benefits or incentives available to lower the capital or operating costs including, but not limited to, governmental funds, tax credits, grants, and loan guarantees;

(3) the costs and benefits of a small modular nuclear reactor are reasonable and prudent compared to the levelized costs of electricity generation from other resources, applying any governmental tax credits and incentives. Factors that must be considered in levelized costs include fuel factors, economic and environmental benefits, and costs associated with any relative externalities;

(4) no more than three small modular nuclear reactors may receive a permit pursuant to this pilot program.

(D) An application for this pilot program must include:

(1) if the project's location:

(a) is on or adjacent to an existing or former coal electrical generation site;

(b) is on or adjacent to an existing nuclear facility;

(c) enables coal plant retirement or emissions reduction in the electrical utility's or the South Carolina Public Service Authority's balancing area; or

(d) supports diversity in energy production, reliability, and energy security;

(2) if the project is subject to competitive procurement or solicitation for services and equipment;

(3) a demonstration that the program's costs and benefits are reasonable and prudent and in the interest of South Carolina customers; and

(4) any other information the commission may wish to include in the application.

Nothing in this subsection limits any factors that the commission may consider in its determination of an application.

(E)(1) Reasonable and prudent costs incurred for a small modular nuclear reactor approved pursuant to this section shall be recoverable. In the event an electrical utility abandons a small modular nuclear reactor approved by the commission before its commercial operation, the electrical utility must provide a fulsome accounting to the commission of the circumstances of abandonment. Capital costs may only be recovered if the commission determines that the decision to abandon was reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest; however, these costs shall not include a rate of return. The commission may impose conditions it determines to be necessary to protect customers against unreasonable construction, development, or operational risk including, but not limited to, reporting, inspection, and the potential of requiring the utility to hire an independent third-party construction monitor to evaluate the prudency of the utility's actions and associated expense during the development of the project and construction of the reactor.

(2) The commission must not allow any cost recovery related to a small modular nuclear reactor outside of a rate case.

(F)(1) In addition to the small modular nuclear facility pilot program, electrical utilities and the South Carolina Public Service Authority are encouraged to evaluate the potential for deploying nuclear facilities at suitable sites within this State. A "suitable site" may include sites of current nuclear facilities, sites where nuclear facilities have been proposed but not constructed, and brownfield sites, such as coal generation sites.

(2) When evaluating the potential of a nuclear facility, the applicant must provide notice and annual progress reports to the Public Utilities Review Committee, the Nuclear Advisory Council, and the commission. When available, the applicant must also provide cost estimates of the studies related to a potential nuclear facility to serve customers in South Carolina. This includes, but is not limited to, planning, licensing, and project development, the anticipated timeline of an early site permit, and current possibilities or barriers to co-ownership of such facilities, and available federal benefits which may defray costs of these facilities.

(3) In the event the commission finds cost estimates pursuant to item (2) are reasonable and prudent, the costs may be recoverable through rates, even if an application for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public convenience and necessity have not been filed. However, these costs shall not include a rate of return.

(G) Nothing in this section relieves an electrical utility or the South Carolina Public Service Authority of the burden of filing for a certificate pursuant to this article and obtaining appropriate approvals from the commission before commencing construction.

SECTION 16. Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 3

Energy Infrastructure Projects

Section 58-37-100. As used in this article:

(1) "Agency" means any agency, department, board, commission, or political subdivision of this State. However, it does not include the Public Service Commission, except for Sections 58-37-110 and 58-37-120.

(2) "Application" means a written request made to an agency for grant of a permit or approval of an action of matter within the agency's jurisdiction pertaining to an energy infrastructure project.

(3) "Brownfield energy site" means an existing or former electrical generating site or other existing or former industrial site.

(4) "Energy corridor" means a corridor in which a utility or the South Carolina Public Service Authority has:

(a) transmission lines with a rated voltage of at least 110 kilovolts, including the substations, switchyards, and other appurtenant facilities associated with such lines; or

(b) high pressure natural gas transmission pipelines and the metering, compression stations, valve station, and other appurtenant facilities associated with such lines.

(5) "Energy corridor project" means an energy infrastructure project that involves the expansion of electric or natural gas delivery capacity in whole or in principal part within an existing energy corridor.

(6) "Energy infrastructure project" means the construction, placement, authorization, or removal of energy infrastructure including, but not limited to, electric transmission and generation assets, natural gas transmission assets, and all associated or appurtenant infrastructure and activities, including communications and distribution infrastructure.

(7) "Permit" means a permit, certificate, approval, registration, encroachment permit, right of way, or other form of authorization.

(8) "Person" means an individual, corporation, association, partnership, trust, agency, or the State of South Carolina.

Section 58-37-110. (A) Given the importance of sufficient, reliable, safe, and economical energy to the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of South Carolina and to the state's economic development and prosperity, the General Assembly finds that the prompt siting, permitting, and completion of energy infrastructure projects, energy corridor projects, and brownfield electrical generation projects are crucial to the welfare of the State.

(B) All state agencies are instructed to give expedited review of applications for energy infrastructure projects, to provide reasonable and constructive assistance to applicants to allow the applicants to comply with state law and regulatory requirements as expeditiously as possible, and to be guided by the policy goals established in subsection (A).

(C) All state agencies are instructed to give due weight to the reduction in the environmental, aesthetic, and socioeconomic impacts that are incurred to support the safe, reliable, and economic provision of energy to the people of South Carolina when energy infrastructure projects can be located in existing energy corridors or on brownfield energy sites, and shall consider the relative reductions in such impacts compared to greenfield projects in evaluating projects in existing energy corridors or on brownfield energy sites.

Section 58-37-120. (A) Any agency presented with an application for a permit for an energy infrastructure project shall issue a decision on the application no later than six months after the date the application is received by the agency. If the agency fails to take final action within six months of receipt of the application, the application shall be deemed approved, and the agency shall promptly issue documentation that the applicant may reasonably request establishing that the agency has granted the relief requested.

(B) Upon receipt of an application, the agency shall promptly

review it for sufficiency and shall provide the applicant with a list of all deficiencies within thirty days of receipt. The identification of by the agency of deficiencies in the application shall not toll the six-month period for agency determination.

Section 58-37-130. The applicant or any person whose private rights are affected by an agency decision or action on an application for a permit for any energy infrastructure project may appeal that decision or action to the South Carolina Supreme Court. The Supreme Court shall hear these appeals as a direct appeal in accordance with the South Carolina Appellate Court Rules. The Court shall provide for an expedited briefing and hearing of the appeal, in preference to all other nonemergency matters on its docket, and decide such appeals on an expedited basis.

Section 58-37-140. The provisions of this article shall expire ten years after its effective date.

SECTION 17. Section 58-40-10(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) "Customer-generator" means the owner, operator, lessee, or customer-generator lessee of an electric energy generation unit which:

(1) generates or discharges electricity from a renewable energy resource, including an energy storage device configured to receive electrical charge solely from an onsite renewable energy resource;

(2) has an electrical generating system with a capacity of:

(a)(i) not more than the lesser of one thousand kilowatts (1,000 kW AC) or one hundred percent of contract demand if a nonresidential customer; or

(ii) after June 1, 2024, not more than the lesser of five thousand kilowatts (5,000kW AC) or one hundred percent of contract demand for a nonresidential customer, provided the customer-generator is on a time-of-use rate schedule and any excess energy produced by the customer-generator is credited and reset at the end of each monthly period; or

(iii) more than five thousand kilowatts (5,000kW AC) if agreed to by the customer-generator and the electrical utility, provided that the electrical utility submits the agreement to the commission for consideration and approval if the commission finds the agreement to contain appropriate ratemaking provisions and is in the public interest; or

(b) not more than twenty kilowatts (20 kW AC) if a residential customer;

(3) is located on a single premises owned, operated, leased, or

otherwise controlled by the customer;

(4) is interconnected and operates in parallel phase and synchronization with an electrical utility and complies with the applicable interconnection standards;

(5) is intended primarily to offset part or all of the customer-generator's own electrical energy requirements; and

(6) meets all applicable safety, performance, interconnection, and reliability standards established by the commission, the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Underwriters Laboratories, the federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and any local governing authorities.

SECTION 18. Section 58-41-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-41-30. (A) The ability to utilize clean energy resources for electric power generation is important to attract prospective commercial or industrial entities to invest in South Carolina and to encourage and incent robust economic growth in the State.

(B) The commission shall be responsive to the clean energy needs of customers and the economic development and industry retention implications for the State when reviewing and approving voluntary clean energy programs. The commission shall consider updates to these voluntary renewable energy programs on an ongoing basis.

(C) Within one hundred and twenty days of the effective date of this chapter, ~~subject to subsection (F),~~ each electrical utility shall file a proposed voluntary renewable energy program for review and approval by the commission, unless as of July 1, 2024, the electrical utility already has a voluntary renewable energy program that conforms with the requirements of this section on file with the commission. The commission shall conduct a proceeding to review the program and establish reasonable terms and conditions for the program. Interested parties shall have the right to participate in the proceeding. The commission ~~may~~must periodically hold additional proceedings to ~~update the program~~ evaluate whether updates to the programs are necessary. At a minimum, each electrical utility must submit to the commission a program for which ~~the program shall provide that~~:

(1) the participating customer shall have the right to select the renewable energy facility and negotiate with the renewable energy supplier on the price to be paid by the participating customer for the energy, capacity, and clean energy environmental attributes of the renewable energy facility and the term of such agreement so long as such terms are consistent with the voluntary renewable program service

agreement as approved by the commission;

(2) the renewable energy contract and the participating customer agreement must be of equal duration;

(3) in addition to paying a retail bill calculated pursuant to the rates and tariffs that otherwise would apply to the participating customer, reduced by the amount of the generation credit, a participating customer shall reimburse the electrical utility on a monthly basis for the amount paid by the electrical utility to the renewable energy supplier pursuant to the participating customer agreement and renewable energy contract, plus an administrative fee approved by the commission; and

(4) eligible customers must be allowed to bundle their demand under a single participating customer agreement and renewable energy contract and must be eligible annually to procure an amount of capacity as approved by the commission.

(D) The commission must approve voluntary renewable energy programs, in addition to those provided for in subsection (C), where the participating customer purchases clean energy environmental attributes of new or existing renewable energy facilities owned and operated and recovered on a cost-of-service basis by the electrical utility or otherwise supplies through the execution of agreements with third parties within the utility's balancing authority area. Voluntary renewable energy programs shall also facilitate behind-the-meter options for customers and access to renewable energy resource generation.

~~(B)~~(E) The commission may approve a program that provides for options that include, but are not limited to, both variable and fixed generation credit options.

~~(C)~~(F) The commission ~~may~~ shall limit the total portion of each electrical utility's voluntary renewable energy program that is eligible for the program at a level consistent with the public interest and shall provide standard terms and conditions for the participating customer agreement and the renewable energy contract, subject to commission review and approval.

~~(D)~~(G) A participating customer shall bear the burden of any reasonable costs associated with participating in a voluntary renewable energy program. ~~An electrical utility may not charge any nonparticipating customers for any costs incurred pursuant to the provisions of this section.~~ Purchased power costs incurred by an electrical utility as a result of subsection (C) shall be recovered in the electrical utility's fuel clause pursuant to Section 58-27-865.

~~(E)~~(H) A renewable energy facility may be located anywhere in the electrical utility's service territory within the utility's balancing authority.

~~(F) If the commission determines that an electrical utility has a voluntary renewable energy program on file with the commission as of the effective date of this chapter, that conforms with the requirements of this section, the utility is not required to make a new filing to meet the requirements of subsection (A).~~

SECTION 19.Section 58-41-10 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(17) "Energy storage facilities" means any commercially available technology that is capable of absorbing energy and storing it for a period of time for use at a later time including, but not limited to, electrochemical, thermal, and electromechanical technologies.

SECTION 20. Section 58-41-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-41-20. (A) As soon as is practicable after the effective date of this chapter, the commission shall open a docket for the purpose of establishing each electrical utility's standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary to implement this section. Within six months after the effective date of this chapter, and at least once every twenty-four months thereafter, the commission shall approve each electrical utility's standard offer, avoided cost methodologies, form contract power purchase agreements, commitment to sell forms, and any other terms or conditions necessary to implement this section. Within such proceeding the commission shall approve one or more standard form power purchase agreements for use for qualifying small power production facilities not eligible for the standard offer. Such power purchase agreements shall contain provisions, including, but not limited to, provisions for force majeure, indemnification, choice of venue, and confidentiality provisions and other such terms, but shall not be determinative of price or length of the power purchase agreement. The commission may approve multiple form power purchase agreements to accommodate various generation technologies and other project-specific characteristics. This provision shall not restrict the right of parties to enter into power purchase agreements with terms that differ from the commission-approved form(s). Any decisions by the commission shall be just and reasonable to the ratepayers of the electrical utility, in the public interest, consistent with PURPA and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's implementing regulations and orders, and nondiscriminatory to small power producers; and shall strive to reduce the risk placed on the using and consuming public.

(1) Proceedings conducted pursuant to this section shall be separate from the electrical utilities' annual fuel cost proceedings

conducted pursuant to Section 58-27-865.

(2) Proceedings shall include an opportunity for intervention, discovery, filed comments or testimony, and an evidentiary hearing.

(B) In implementing this chapter, the commission shall treat small power producers on a fair and equal footing with electrical utility-owned resources by ensuring that:

(1) rates for the purchase of energy and capacity fully and accurately reflect the electrical utility's avoided costs;

(2) power purchase agreements, including terms and conditions, are commercially reasonable and consistent with regulations and orders promulgated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission implementing PURPA; and

(3) each electrical utility's avoided cost methodology fairly accounts for costs avoided by the electrical utility or incurred by the electrical utility, including, but not limited to, energy, capacity, and ancillary services provided by or consumed by small power producers including those utilizing energy storage equipment. Avoided cost methodologies approved by the commission may account for differences in costs avoided based on the geographic location and resource type of a small power producer's qualifying small power production facility.

(C) The avoided cost rates offered by an electrical utility to a small power producer not eligible for the standard offer must be calculated based on the avoided cost methodology most recently approved by the commission. In the event that a small power producer and an electrical utility are unable to mutually agree on an avoided cost rate, the small power producer shall have the right to have any disputed issues resolved by the commission in a formal complaint proceeding. The commission may require mediation prior to a formal complaint proceeding.

(D) A small power producer shall have the right to sell the output of its facility to the electrical utility at the avoided cost rates and pursuant to the power purchase agreement then in effect by delivering an executed notice of commitment to sell form to the electrical utility. The commission shall approve a standard notice of commitment to sell form to be used for this purpose that provides the small power producer a reasonable period of time from its submittal of the form to execute a power purchase agreement. In no event, however, shall the small power producer, as a condition of preserving the pricing and terms and conditions established by its submittal of an executed commitment to sell form to the electrical utility, be required to execute a power purchase agreement prior to receipt of a final interconnection agreement from the electrical utility.

(E)(1) Electrical utilities shall file with the commission power purchase agreements entered into pursuant to PURPA, resulting from voluntary negotiation of contracts between an electrical utility and a small power producer not eligible for the standard offer.

(2) The commission is authorized to ~~open a generic docket for the purposes of creating programs~~ approve programs proposed by electrical utilities for the competitive procurement of energy and capacity from renewable energy facilities and, at the electrical utility's option, associated co-located energy storage ~~by an electrical utility~~ within the utility's balancing authority area if the commission determines such action to be in the public interest.

(3) In establishing standard offer and form contract power purchase agreements, the commission shall consider whether such power purchase agreements should prohibit any of the following:

(a) termination of the power purchase agreement, collection of damages from small power producers, or commencement of the term of a power purchase agreement prior to commercial operation, if delays in achieving commercial operation of the small power producer's facility are due to the electrical utility's interconnection delays; or

(b) the electrical utility reducing the price paid to the small power producer based on costs incurred by the electrical utility to respond to the intermittent nature of electrical generation by the small power producer.

(F)(1) Electrical utilities, subject to approval of the commission, shall offer to enter into fixed price power purchase agreements with small power producers for the purchase of energy and capacity at avoided cost, with commercially reasonable terms and a duration of ten years. The commission may also approve commercially reasonable fixed price power purchase agreements with a duration longer than ten years, which must contain additional terms, conditions, and/or rate structures as proposed by intervening parties and approved by the commission, including, but not limited to, a reduction in the contract price relative to the ten year avoided cost. Notwithstanding any other language to the contrary, the commission will make such a determination in proceedings conducted pursuant to subsection (A). The avoided cost rates applicable to fixed price power purchase agreements entered into pursuant to this item shall be based on the avoided cost rates and methodologies as determined by the commission pursuant to this section. The terms of this subsection apply only to those small power producers whose qualifying small power production facilities have active interconnection requests on file with the electrical utility prior to the effective date of this act. The

commission may determine any other necessary terms and conditions deemed to be in the best interest of the ratepayers. This item is not intended, and shall not be construed, to abrogate small power producers' rights under PURPA that existed prior to the effective date of the act.

(2) Once an electrical utility has executed interconnection agreements and power purchase agreements with qualifying small power production facilities located in South Carolina with an aggregate nameplate capacity equal to twenty percent of the previous five-year average of the electrical utility's South Carolina retail peak load, that electrical utility shall offer to enter into fixed price power purchase agreements with small power producers for the purchase of energy and capacity at avoided cost, with the terms, conditions, rates, and terms of length for contracts as determined by the commission in a separate docket or in a proceeding conducted pursuant to subsection (A). The commission is expressly directed to consider the potential benefits of terms with a longer duration to promote the state's policy of encouraging renewable energy.

(3) Any electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and associated co-located energy storage facilities that have been approved by the commission pursuant to Section 58-41-25 that is open to qualifying small power production facilities within the electrical utility’s balancing authority area in South Carolina may competitively procure new renewable energy capacity pursuant to that competitive solicitation process as a means of complying with the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act. Further, the commission must establish a five-year term for energy purchased at administratively established avoided cost rates outside of competitive procurement of renewable energy resources, with the exception of voluntarily negotiated agreements to serve the public interest, for any electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and associated co-located energy storage facilities that has been approved by the commission if the commission determines that doing so will incentivize participation in the competitive procurement process.

(G) Nothing in this section prohibits the commission from adopting various avoided cost methodologies or amending those methodologies in the public interest.

(H) Unless otherwise agreed to between the electrical utility and the small power producer, a power purchase agreement entered into pursuant to PURPA may not allow curtailment of qualifying facilities in any manner that is inconsistent with PURPA or implementing

regulations and orders promulgated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

~~(I) The commission is authorized to employ, through contract or otherwise, third-party consultants and experts in carrying out its duties under this section, including, but not limited to, evaluating avoided cost rates, methodologies, terms, calculations, and conditions under this section. The commission is exempt from complying with the State Procurement Code in the selection and hiring of a third-party consultant or expert authorized by this subsection. The commission shall engage, for each utility, a qualified independent third party to submit a report that includes the third-party's independently derived conclusions as to that third-party's opinion of each utility's calculation of avoided costs for purposes of proceedings conducted pursuant to this section. The qualified independent third party is subject to the same ex parte prohibitions contained in Chapter 3, Title 58 as all other parties. The qualified independent third party shall submit all requests for documents and information necessary to their analysis under the authority of the commission and the commission shall have full authority to compel response to the requests. The qualified independent third party's duty will be to the commission. Any conclusions based on the evidence in the record and included in the report are intended to be used by the commission along with all other evidence submitted during the proceeding to inform its ultimate decision setting the avoided costs for each electrical utility. The utilities may require confidentiality agreements with the independent third party that do not impede the third-party analysis. The utilities shall be responsive in providing all documents, information, and items necessary for the completion of the report. The independent third party shall also include in the report a statement assessing the level of cooperation received from the utility during the development of the report and whether there were any material information requests that were not adequately fulfilled by the electrical utility. Any party to this proceeding shall be able to review the report including the confidential portions of the report upon entering into an appropriate confidentiality agreement. The commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff may not hire the same third-party consultant or expert in the same proceeding or to address the same or similar issues in different proceedings.~~

~~(J)~~ (I) Each electrical utility's avoided cost filing must be reasonably transparent so that underlying assumptions, data, and results can be independently reviewed and verified by the parties and the commission. The commission may approve any confidentiality protections necessary

to allow for independent review and verification of the avoided cost filing.

SECTION 21. Chapter 41, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-41-25. (A) Unless an electrical utility makes an application pursuant to subsection (F) or (G), electrical utilities may file for commission approval of a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy facilities which may also include, at the utility's option, associated co-located energy storage facilities, also referred to as "eligible facilities", or purchase one-hundred percent of the output from such eligible facilities, including all energy, capacity, ancillary services, and environmental and renewable attributes. Eligible facilities may be located anywhere in the electrical utility's balancing authority area to meet needs for new generation and energy storage resources identified by the electrical utility's integrated resource plan and associated filings. The commission may not grant approval unless the commission finds and determines that the electrical utility satisfied the requirements of this section and the proposed program is just and reasonable and in the best interests of the electrical utility's customers.

(B) An electrical utility's competitive procurement program filed pursuant to this section must describe the solicitation process, eligibility criteria, timelines, bid evaluation methodology, and identify whether resources procured are intended to also service customer-directed renewable energy procurement programs. The program must be designed to procure renewable energy facilities and at the utility's election, associated co-located energy storage resources, or the output of those facilities, subject to the following requirements:

(1) renewable energy facilities, and if applicable, energy storage resources, or their output, must be procured via a competitive solicitation process open to all market participants that meet minimum stated eligibility requirements;

(2) the electrical utility shall issue public notification of its intention to issue a competitive solicitation to procure renewable energy facilities and associated co-located energy storage facilities, if applicable, at least ninety days prior to the release of the solicitation, including identifying the proposed target procurement volume, procurement process, and timeline for administering the solicitation;

(3) renewable energy facilities eligible to participate in competitive procurement are those that use renewable generation resources identified in Section 58-39-120(F), which must also satisfy that electrical utility's capacity, energy, or operational needs, as

identified by the electrical utility, and take into account the required operating characteristics of the needed capacity;

(4) energy storage facilities, if included by the electrical utility in the solicitation, must be associated equipment located at the same site as the renewable energy facility;

(5) electrical utilities may seek to ensure that their procurement of eligible facilities results in a reasonable balance of ownership of eligible facilities between such utility, including its affiliates and unrelated market participants, and may offer self-developed proposals. However, if an electrical utility or its affiliate seek to participate in the procurement, the electrical utility's program must include an independent evaluator to evaluate all bids offered and to ensure they are fairly and competitively evaluated. For purposes of this section, "independent evaluator" means an independent third party retained by the electrical utility that has no ownership in the electrical utility or a market participant and has the skills and experience necessary to oversee the solicitation process and provide the utility with an independent evaluation of all proposals for ultimate selection. At the conclusion of the solicitation, the independent evaluator shall report to the commission on the openness and fairness of the bid evaluation process and certify that the selection of proposals adhered to the evaluation methodology and requirement of the program.

(C) An electrical utility must make the following publicly available at least forty-five days prior to each competitive solicitation:

(1) pro-forma contract to inform prospective market participants of the procurement terms and conditions for the output purchased by the electrical utility from eligible resources. The pro-forma contract must:

(a) provide for the purchase of renewable energy, capacity, and environmental and renewable attributes from renewable energy facilities owned and operated by third parties that commit to allow the procuring electrical utility rights to dispatch, operate, and control the solicited renewable energy facilities in the same manner as the electrical utility's own generating resources;

(b) include standardized and commercially reasonable requirements for contract performance security; and

(c) define limits and compensation for resource dispatch and curtailments.

In the event an electrical utility chooses to procure output from co-located storage, the pro-forma contract must also cover similar terms and conditions as specified herein for those eligible facilities.

(2) pro-forma agreements to govern the procurement of eligible

facilities by the electrical utility from market participants;

(3) bid evaluation methodology that ensures all bids are treated equitably, including price and non-price evaluation criteria; and

(4) interconnection requirements, including specification of how bids without existing interconnection agreements will be treated for purposes of evaluation.

(D) After bids are submitted and evaluated, the electrical utility will elect the winning bids based upon the public evaluation methodology.

(E) An electrical utility shall file with the commission a public report summarizing the results of each competitive solicitation within thirty days of finalizing the contract with the winning bidder. The report must include, at a minimum, a summary of the bids received and an anonymized list of the project awards, including size, location, and average award price and tenor.

(F) Nothwithstanding the requirements in subsections (B) and (C), the results of all other competitive procurement programs undertaken by an electrical utility within its balancing authority area outside of South Carolina that will serve customers in the electrical utility's balancing authority area within South Carolina and are open to equal participation by eligible facilities located within South Carolina may be approved by the commission if the commission determines such programs enable economic, reliable, and safe operation of the electricity grid in a manner consistent with the public interest. For purposes of this section, "public interest" shall also include the ability of customers to subscribe to customer programs which leverage the competitively procured solar and potential storage contemplated within this section. Any electrical utility that requests acceptance of a system-wide procurement pursuant to this section must demonstrate to the commission that the utility has adhered to subsection (D) as defined in that specific competitive procurement program and submit the post solicitation report to the commission, as required by subsection (E).

(G) The commission may determine that a competitive procurement program within an electrical utility's balancing authority area outside of South Carolina that serves customers in the utility's area within South Carolina and is open to equal participation by eligible facilities located within South Carolina satisfies the requirements of this section.

(H) Electrical utilities are permitted to recover costs incurred pursuant to this section, including reasonable and prudent administrative costs to develop and propose procurements under this section, and if approved by the commission, the costs resulting from such procurements through rates established pursuant to Section 58-27-865 or otherwise

through rates established pursuant to Section 58-27-870. If the commission denies an application made pursuant to subsection (F) or (G) of this section, and the utility continues with the procurement, then the utility must allocate all costs and benefits associated with the resources being procured away from South Carolina customers.

(I) An electrical utility administering a program for the competitive procurement of renewable energy resources and storage facilities that has been approved by the commission pursuant to Section 58-41-25 that is open to qualifying small power production facilities located in South Carolina may utilize such programs as means to satisfy its purchase obligations for avoidable capacity from qualifying small power production facilities under the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act, consistent with Section 58-41-20(F)(3).

SECTION 22.A.A.Section 58-33-20 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(10) The term "like facility" with reference to generation facilities and without limitation, includes a facility or facilities that are proposed to provide capacity on a site currently or previously used for siting electric generation that replaces the capacity of a facility or facilities that are being retired, downrated, mothballed, or dedicated to standby or emergency service at the same site, limited to facilities no more than 300 megawatts, so long as those new facilities will provide an amount of effective load-carrying capacity that in whole or in part will serve to replace the capacity to be lost as a result of retirement, and includes associated transmission facilities needed to deliver power from that facility to customers. A "like facility" with reference to transmission facilities, and without limitation, includes any facility that represents the rebuilding, reconductoring, paralleling, increasing voltage, adding circuits or otherwise reconfiguring of an existing transmission line or other transmission facilities including, without limitation, projects to increase the capacity of such facilities, provided such facilities are: (a) located materially within a utility right of way or corridor; (b) located materially within a new right of way or corridor; or (c) substantially located on the property of a customer, prospective customer, or the State.

B. Section 58-33-20(2)(a) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) The term "major utility facility" means:

(a) electric generating plant and associated facilities designed for, or capable of, operation at a capacity of more than seventy-five megawatts or that requires a footprint of more than one hundred twenty-five acres of land.

SECTION 23. Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is

amended to read:

Article 3

Certification of Major Utility Facilities

Section 58-33-110. (1) No person shall commence to construct a major utility facility without first having obtained a certificate issued with respect to such facility by the Commission. The replacement of an existing facility with a like facility, as determined by the Commission, shall not constitute construction of a major utility facility. Upon application for a determination by the Commission that a proposed utility facility constitutes a like facility replacement, the Commission must issue a written order approving or denying the application within sixty days of filing. If the Commission fails to issue a written order within sixty days of the application's filing, the application shall be deemed as approved. Any facility, with respect to which a certificate is required, shall be constructed, operated and maintained in conformity with the certificate and any terms, conditions and modifications contained therein. A certificate may only be issued pursuant to this chapter; provided, however, any authorization relating to a major utility facility granted under other laws administered by the Commission shall constitute a certificate if the requirements of this chapter have been complied with in the proceeding leading to the granting of such authorization.

(2) A certificate may be transferred, subject to the approval of the Commission, to a person who agrees to comply with the terms, conditions and modifications contained therein.

(3) A certificate may be amended.

(4) This chapter shall not apply to any major utility facility:

(a) the construction of which is commenced within one year after January 1, 1972; or

(b) for which, prior to January 1, 1972, an application for the approval has been made to any federal, state, regional, or local governmental agency which possesses the jurisdiction to consider the matters prescribed for finding and determination in subsection (1) of Section 58-33-160.

(c) for which, prior to January 1, 1972, a governmental agency has approved the construction of the facility and indebtedness has been incurred to finance all or part of the cost of such construction;

(d) which is a hydroelectric generating facility over which the ~~Federal Power Commission~~Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has licensing jurisdiction; or

(e) which is a transmission line or associated electrical

transmission facilities constructed by the South Carolina Public Service Authority~~,~~: (i) for which construction either is commenced within one year after January 1, 2022~~,~~; ~~or~~ (ii) which is necessary to maintain system reliability in connection with the closure of the Winyah Generating Station, provided that such transmission is not for generation subject to this chapter; or (iii) which is necessary to serve an identified commercial or industrial customer to promote economic development or industry retention as determined by the South Carolina Public Service Authority and agreed to by the Office of Regulatory Staff where such agreement is documented in a letter by the Office of Regulatory Staff to the Public Utilities Review Committee and the commission.

(5) Any person intending to construct a major utility facility excluded from this chapter pursuant to subsection (4) of this section or Section 58-33-20(10) may elect to waive the exclusion by delivering notice of the waiver to the Commission. This chapter shall thereafter apply to each major utility facility identified in the notice from the date of its receipt by the Commission.

(6) The Commission shall have authority to waive the normal notice and hearing requirements of this chapter and to issue a certificate on an emergency basis if it finds that immediate construction of a major utility facility is justified by public convenience and necessity; provided, that the Public Service Commission shall notify all parties concerned under Section 58-33-140 prior to the issuance of such certificate; provided, further, that the Commission may subsequently require a modification of the facility if, after giving due consideration to the major utility facility, available technology and the economics involved, it finds such modification necessary in order to minimize the environmental impact.

(7) The Commission shall have authority, where justified by public convenience and necessity, to grant permission to a person who has made application for a certificate under Section 58-33-120 to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging and construction.~~,~~ ~~provided,~~ ~~,~~ No permission from the Commission shall be required to proceed with initial clearing, excavation, dredging, and initial construction of any facility which constitutes a component of the preferred generation plan in an integrated resource plan or update approved by the Commission pursuant to Chapter 37 of this title, or any like facility; provided that in engaging in such clearing, excavation, dredging or construction, the person shall proceed at his own risk, and such permission shall not in any way indicate approval by the Commission of the proposed site or facility.

(8)~~(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of item (7), and not limiting~~

~~the provisions above, a person may not commence construction of a major utility facility for generation in the State of South Carolina without first having made a demonstration~~ In seeking a certificate, the applicant must provide credible information demonstrating that the facility to be built has been compared to other generation options in terms of cost, reliability, schedule constraints, fuel cost and availability, transmission constraints and costs, ancillary services capabilities, current and reasonably expected future environmental costs and restrictions, that the facility supports system efficiency and reliability in light of those considerations, and any other regulatory implications deemed legally or reasonably necessary for consideration by the commission. The commission is authorized to adopt rules for such evaluation of other generation options.

(b) The ~~commission may, upon a showing of a need, require a commission-approved process that includes~~ Office of Regulatory Staff may provide to the commission a report that includes any or all of the following:

(i) ~~the~~ an assessment of an unbiased independent evaluator retained by the Office of Regulatory Staff as to reasonableness of any certificate sought under this section for new generation;

(ii) a report from the independent evaluator to the commission regarding the transparency, completeness, and integrity of bidding processes, if any;

(iii) an assessment of whether there was a reasonable period for interested parties to review and comment on proposed requests for proposals, bid instructions, and bid evaluation criteria, if any, prior to finalization and issuance, subject to any trade secrets that could hamper future negotiations; however, the independent evaluator may access all such information;

~~(iv) independent evaluator access and review of final bid evaluation criteria and pricing information for any and all projects to be evaluated in comparison to the request for proposal bids received;~~

~~(v) access through discovery, subject to appropriate confidentiality, attorney-client privilege or trade secret restrictions, for parties to this proceeding to documents developed in preparing the certificate of public convenience and necessity application;~~

~~(vi)~~ (iv) ~~a demonstration that~~ an assessment of whether the facility is consistent with an integrated resource plan or update ~~approved by~~ previously filed with the commission or is otherwise justified by generation planning modeling comparable to that filed as part of the utility's integrated resource plan but updated with current data

concerning system loads, fuel prices, environmental regulations, location-specific transmission costs, updated construction costs and updated construction timelines, updated costs of gas supply facilities, if any, and other relevant costs, schedules or inputs establishing that the facility in question supports system economy and reliability; and

~~(vii)~~ (v) an assessment detailing the treatment of utility affiliates ~~in the same manner~~ as compared to nonaffiliates participating in the request for proposal process, if any.

(9) The applicant may, but must not be required to, issue requests for proposals or otherwise conduct market procurement activities in support of the showings required pursuant to this chapter.

(10) Not withstanding any other provision in this section, an electrical utility serving customers in this state may seek a certificate of public convenience and necessity when building a major utility facility, as defined in Section 58-33-20(2), in another state but within the electrical utility's balancing area serving customers in South Carolina. In such a case, the provisions of Sections 58-33-120, 58-33-140, and 58-33-160(1)(b), (c), and (e) shall not apply, but all other requirements of this section affecting customers in this state shall apply. In addition:

(a) an applicant for a certificate shall file an application with the commission in such form as the commission may prescribe. The application must contain the following information:

(i) a description of the location and of the major utility facility to be built;

(ii) a summary of any studies which have been made by or for the applicant of the environmental impact of the major utility facility;

(iii) a statement explaining the need for the major utility facility;

(iv) any other information the applicant may consider relevant or as the commission may by regulation require. A copy of the report referred to in item (8)(b) must be filed with the commission, if ordered by the commission, and shall be available for public information.

(b) The parties to a proceeding for a certificate pursuant to this section shall include:

(i) the applicant;

(ii) the Office of Regulatory Staff; and

(iii) intervenors with standing as approved by the commission.

(c) If the commission denies an application made pursuant to this section and the utility continues to build such major utility facility, the utility must allocate all costs and benefits associated with the major utility facility away from the utility's South Carolina customers.

Section 58-33-120. (1) An applicant for a certificate shall file an application with the commission, in such form as the commission may prescribe. The application must contain the following information:

(a) a description of the location and of the major utility facility to be built;

(b) a summary of any studies which have been made by or for applicant of the environmental impact of the facility;

(c) a statement explaining the need for the facility; and

(d) any other information as the applicant may consider relevant or as the commission may by regulation ~~or order~~ require. A copy of the study referred to in item (b) above shall be filed with the commission, if ordered, and shall be available for public information.

(2) Each application shall be accompanied by proof of service of a copy of the application on the Office of Regulatory Staff, the chief executive officer of each municipality, and the head of each state and local government agency, charged with the duty of protecting the environment or of planning land use, in the area in the county in which any portion of the facility is to be located. The copy of the application shall be accompanied by a notice specifying the date on or about which the application is to be filed.

(3) Each application also must be accompanied by proof that public notice was given to persons residing in the municipalities entitled to receive notice under subsection (2) of this section, by the publication of a summary of the application, and the date on or about which it is to be filed, in newspapers of general circulation as will serve substantially to inform such persons of the application.

(4) Inadvertent failure of service on, or notice to, any of the municipalities, government agencies, or persons identified in subsections (2) and (3) of this section may be cured pursuant to orders of the commission designed to afford them adequate notice to enable their effective participation in the proceeding. In addition, the commission may, after filing, require the applicant to serve notice of the application or copies thereof, or both, upon such other persons, and file proof thereof, as the commission may deem appropriate.

(5) An application for an amendment of a certificate shall be in such form and contain such information as the commission shall prescribe. Notice of the application shall be given as set forth in subsections (2) and (3) of this section.

Section 58-33-130. (1) Upon the receipt of an application complying with Section 58-33-120, the Commission shall promptly fix a date for the commencement of a public hearing, not less than sixty nor

more than ninety days after the receipt, and~~ shall conclude the proceedings as expeditiously as practicable~~ complete the hearing and issue an order on the merits within one hundred eighty days of receipt of the application.

(2) The testimony presented at the hearing may be presented in writing or orally,~~–~~ provided that the Commission may make rules designed to exclude repetitive, redundant or irrelevant testimony; however, all expert testimony must be prefiled with the Commission, with responsive expert testimony of non-applicants being received with enough time for the applicant to meaningfully respond, and in no case would expert testimony be filed less than twenty days before the hearing.

~~(2)~~(3) On an application for an amendment of a certificate, the Commission shall hold a hearing in the same manner as a hearing is held on an application for a certificate if the proposed change in the facility would result in any significant increase in any environmental impact of the facility or a substantial change in the location of all or a portion of the facility; provided, that the Public Service Commission shall forward a copy of the application to all parties upon the filing of an application.

Section 58-33-140. (1) The parties to a certification proceeding shall include:

(a) the applicant;

(b) the Office of Regulatory Staff, the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism;

(c) each municipality and government agency entitled to receive service of a copy of the application under subsection (2) of Section 58-33-120 if it has filed with the commission a notice of intervention as a party within thirty days after the date it was served with a copy of the application; and

(d) any person residing in a municipality entitled to receive service of a copy of the application under subsection (2) of Section 58-33-120, any domestic nonprofit organization, formed in whole or in part to promote conservation or natural beauty, to protect the environment, personal health, or other biological values, to preserve historical sites, to promote consumer interest, to represent commercial and industrial groups, or to promote the orderly development of the area in which the facility is to be located; or any other person, if such a person or organization has petitioned the commission for leave to intervene as a party, within thirty days after the date given in the published notice as the date for filing the application, and if the petition has been granted by the commission for good cause shown.

(2) Any person may make a limited appearance in the sixty days after the date given in the published notice as the date for filing the application. No person making a limited appearance shall be a party or shall have the right to present oral testimony or argument or cross-examine witnesses.

(3) The commission may, in extraordinary circumstances for good cause shown, and giving consideration to the need for timely start of construction of the facility, grant a petition for leave to intervene as a party to participate in subsequent phases of the proceeding, filed by a municipality, government agency, person, or organization which is identified in paragraphs (b) or (c) of subsection (1) of this section, but which failed to file a timely notice of intervention or petition for leave to intervene, as the case may be.

Section 58-33-150. A record shall be made of ~~the~~any hearing and of all testimony taken and the cross-examination thereon. ~~Upon request of a party, either before or after the decision, a State agency which proposes to or does require a condition to be included in the certificate as provided for in Section 58-33-160 shall furnish for the record all factual findings, documents, studies, rules, regulations, standards, or other documentation, supporting the condition.~~ The Commission may provide for the consolidation of the representation of parties having similar interests.

Section 58-33-160. (1) The Commission shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions or modifications of the construction, operation or maintenance of the major utility facility as the Commission may deem appropriate; such conditions shall be as determined by the applicable State agency having jurisdiction or authority under statutes, rules, regulations or standards promulgated thereunder, and the conditions shall become a part of the certificate. The Commission ~~may not~~must grant a certificate for the construction, operation and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the Commission, ~~unless it shall find and determine~~if it finds and determines that the applicant has shown:

(a) The basis of the need for the facility.

(b) The nature of the probable environmental impact.

(c) That the impact of the facility upon the environment is justified, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives and other pertinent considerations.

(d) That the facilities will serve the interests of system economy and reliability, and in the case of generating facilities, will do so

considering reasonably available alternatives and their associated costs, risks, and operating attributes.

(e) That there is reasonable assurance that the proposed facility will conform to applicable State and local laws and regulations issued thereunder, including any allowable variance provisions therein, except that the Commission may refuse to apply any local law or local regulation if it finds that, as applied to the proposed facility, such law or regulation is unreasonably restrictive in view of the existing technology, or of factors of cost or economics or of the needs of consumers whether located inside or outside of the directly affected government subdivisions.

(f) That public convenience and necessity require the construction of the facility.

(2) If the Commission determines that the location of all or a part of the proposed facility should be modified, it may condition its certificate upon such modification, provided that the municipalities and persons residing therein affected by the modification shall have been given reasonable notice.

(3) A copy of the decision and any ~~opinion~~ order shall be served by the Commission upon each party.

Section 58-33-170. In rendering a decision on an application for a certificate, the Commission shall issue an ~~opinion~~order stating its reasons for the action taken. If the Commission has found that any regional or local law or regulation, which would be otherwise applicable, is unreasonably restrictive pursuant to paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of Section 58-33-160, it shall state in its ~~opinion~~ order the reasons therefor.

Section 58-33-180. (A)~~(1)~~ In addition to the requirements of Articles 1, 3, 5, and 7 of Chapter 33, Title 58, a certificate for the construction of a major utility facility shall be granted only if the Public Service Authority demonstrates and proves by a preponderance of the evidence and the commission finds:

~~(a)~~(1) the construction of a major utility facility constitutes a more cost-effective means for serving direct serve and wholesale customers than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives and provides less ratepayer risk while maintaining safe and reliable electric service than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives; and

~~(b)~~(2) energy efficiency measures; demand-side management; renewable energy resource generation; available long-term power supply alternatives, or any combination thereof, would not establish or maintain a more cost-effective and reliable generation system and that

the construction and operation of the facility is in the public interest.

~~(2)~~(B) Available long-term power supply alternatives may include, but are not limited to, power purchase agreements, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof.

~~(3)~~(C) The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's resource and fuel diversity, reasonably anticipated future operating costs, arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

~~(B)~~(D)The Public Service Authority shall file an estimate of construction costs in such detail as the commission may require. ~~No certificate shall be granted unless the commission has approved the estimated construction costs and made a finding that construction will be consistent with the Authority's commission-approved plan for expansion of electric generating capacity.~~

Section 58-33-185. (A) The Public Service Authority may not ~~enter into a contract for the acquisition of~~ acquire a major utility facility without approval of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, provided that the approval is required only to the extent the transaction is not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any other federal agency.

(B)(1) In acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section, the Public Service Authority must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that the proposed transaction constitutes a more cost-effective means for serving direct serve and wholesale customers than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives and provides less ratepayer risk while maintaining safe and reliable electric service than other feasibly available long-term power supply alternatives. The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power and other alternative methods for

providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

(2) Available long-term power supply alternatives may include, but not be limited to, power purchase agreements of a different duration than proposed, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof.

(C) Application for the approval of the commission shall be made by the Public Service Authority and shall contain a concise statement of the proposed action, the reasons therefor, and such other information as may be required by the commission.

(D) Upon the receipt of an application, the commission shall promptly fix a date for the commencement of a public hearing, not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after the receipt, and shall conclude the proceedings as expeditiously as practicable. The commission shall establish notice requirements and proceedings shall include an opportunity for intervention, discovery, filed comments or testimony, and an evidentiary hearing.

(E) The commission shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions or modifications as the commission may deem appropriate.

(F)(1) The commission may not grant approval unless it shall find and determine that the Public Service Authority satisfied all requirements of this section and the proposed transaction is in the best interests of the retail and wholesale customers of the Public Service Authority.

(2) The commission also may require compliance with any provision of Article 3, Chapter 33, Title 58 that the commission determines necessary to grant approval.

Section 58-33-190. (1) The Public Service Authority may not enter into a contract for the purchase of power with a duration longer than ten years without approval of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, provided that the approval is required only to the extent the transaction is not subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission or any other federal agency. This section does not apply to purchases of renewable power through a commission approved competitive procurement process.

(2) The commission shall consider any previous analysis performed

pursuant to Section 58-37-40 in acting upon any petition by the Public Service Authority pursuant to this section. The commission shall also take into account the Public Service Authority's resource and fuel diversity, reasonably anticipated future operating costs, arrangements with other electric utilities for interchange of power, pooling of plants, purchase of power, and other alternative methods for providing reliable, efficient, and economical electric service.

(3) The commission may not grant approval unless it shall find and determine that the proposed transaction is in the best interests of the retail and wholesale customers of the Public Service Authority.

SECTION 24. Section 58-37-40 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-40. (A) Electrical utilities, electric cooperatives, municipally owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority must each prepare an integrated resource plan. An integrated resource plan must be prepared and submitted at least every three years. Nothing in this section may be construed as requiring interstate natural gas companies whose rates and services are regulated only by the federal government or gas utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the commission to prepare and submit an integrated resource plan.

(1) Each electrical utility with one hundred thousand or more customer accounts and the Public Service Authority must submit its integrated resource plan to the commission. The integrated resource plan must be posted on the electrical utility's website and on the commission's website.

(2) Electric cooperatives, electric utilities with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts, and municipally owned electric utilities shall each submit an integrated resource plan to the State Energy Office. Each integrated resource plan must be posted on the State Energy Office's website. If an electric cooperative, electric utility with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts, or municipally owned utility has a website, its integrated resource plan must also be posted on its website. For distribution~~,~~ electric cooperatives that are members of a cooperative that provides wholesale service, the integrated resource plan may be coordinated and consolidated into a single plan provided that nonshared resources or programs of individual distribution cooperatives are highlighted. Where plan components listed in subsection (B)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to a distribution or wholesale cooperative or a municipally owned electric utility as a result of the cooperative or the municipally owned electric utility not owning or operating generation resources, the plan may state that fact or refer to the plan of the wholesale power generator. Where plan components

listed in subsection (B)(1) and (2) of this section do not apply to an electrical utility with less than one hundred thousand customer accounts as a result of its own generation resources being comprised of more than seventy-five percent renewable energy or because it purchases wholesale load balancing generation services, then the plan may state that fact or refer to the plan of the wholesale power generator. For purposes of this section, a wholesale power generator does not include a municipally created joint agency if that joint agency receives at least seventy-five percent of its electricity from a generating facility owned in partnership with an electrical utility and that electrical utility:

(a) generally serves the area in which the joint agency's members are located; and

(b) is responsible for dispatching the capacity and output of the generated electricity.

(3) The South Carolina Public Service Authority shall submit its integrated resource plan to the commission. The Public Service Authority shall develop a public process allowing for input from all stakeholders prior to submitting the integrated resource plan. The integrated resource plan must be developed in consultation with the electric cooperatives and municipally owned electric utilities purchasing power and energy from the Public Service Authority and consider any feedback provided by retail customers and shall include the effect of demand-side management activities of the electric cooperatives and municipally owned electric utilities that directly purchase power and energy from the Public Service Authority or sell power and energy generated by the Public Service Authority. The integrated resource plan must be posted on the commission's website and on the Public Service Authority's website.

(4)(a) In addition to the requirements of Section 58-37-40(B), the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan shall include an analysis of long-term power supply alternatives and enumerate the cost of various resource portfolios over various study periods including a twenty-year study period and, by comparison on a net present value basis, identify the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements while maintaining safe and reliable electric service.

(b) In addition to the requirements of Section 58-37-40(B), the commission shall review and evaluate the Public Service Authority's analysis of long-term power supply alternatives and various resource portfolios over various study periods including a twenty-year study period and, by comparison on a net present value basis, identify the most

cost-effective and lowest ratepayer-risk resource portfolio to meet the Public Service Authority's total capacity and energy requirements while maintaining safe and reliable electric service. The commission's evaluation shall include, but not be limited to:

(i) evaluating the cost-effectiveness and ratepayer-risk of self-build generation and transmission options compared with various long-term power supply alternatives, including power purchase agreements, competitive procurement of renewable energy, joint dispatch agreements, market purchases from an existing regional transmission organization, joining or creating a new regional transmission organization, using best available technology for energy generation, transmission, storage and distribution, or any combination thereof. In evaluating and identifying the most cost-effective and least ratepayer-risk resource portfolio, the commission shall strive to reduce the risk to ratepayers associated with any generation and transmission options while maintaining safe and reliable electric service; and

(ii) an analysis of any potential cost savings that might accrue to ratepayers from the retirement of remaining coal generation assets.

(c) The Authority's integrated resource plan must provide the information required in Section 58-37-40(B) and must be developed in consultation with the electric cooperatives, including Central Electric Power Cooperative, and municipally owned electric utilities purchasing power and energy from the Public Service Authority, and consider any feedback provided by retail customers and shall include the effect of demand-side management activities of the electric cooperatives, including Central Electric Power Cooperative, and municipally owned electric utilities that directly purchase power and energy from the Public Service Authority or sell power and energy generated by the Public Service Authority. The Integrated Resource Plan of the South Carolina Public Service Authority shall include and evaluate at least one resource portfolio, which will reflect the closure of the Winyah Generating Station by 2028, designed to provide safe and reliable electric service while meeting a net zero carbon emission goal by the year 2050.

(B)(1) An integrated resource plan shall include all of the following:

(a) a long-term forecast of the utility's sales and peak demand under various reasonable scenarios;

(b) the type of generation technology proposed for a generation facility contained in the plan and the proposed capacity of the generation facility, including fuel cost sensitivities under various reasonable scenarios;

(c) projected energy purchased or produced by the utility from a renewable energy resource;

(d) a summary of the electrical transmission investments planned by the utility;

(e) several resource portfolios developed with the purpose of fairly evaluating the range of demand-side, supply-side, storage, and other technologies and services available to meet the utility's service obligations. Such portfolios and evaluations must include an evaluation of low, medium, and high cases for the adoption of renewable energy and cogeneration, energy efficiency, and demand response measures, including consideration of the following:

(i) customer energy efficiency and demand response programs;

(ii) facility retirement assumptions; and

(iii) sensitivity analyses related to fuel costs, environmental regulations, and other uncertainties or risks;

(f) data regarding the utility's current generation portfolio, including the age, licensing status, and remaining estimated life of operation for each facility in the portfolio;

(g) plans for meeting current and future capacity needs with the cost estimates for all proposed resource portfolios in the plan;

(h) an analysis of the cost and reliability impacts of all reasonable options available to meet projected energy and capacity needs~~; and~~

(i) a forecast of the utility's peak demand, details regarding the amount of peak demand reduction the utility expects to achieve, and the actions the utility proposes to take in order to achieve that peak demand reduction; and

(j) a report addressing updates to the utility's transmission plan under the utility's open-access transmission tariff pursuant to the federal jurisdiction planning process. In this report, the utility shall describe if applicable planned transmission improvements may enable specific siting of new resources or provide expected and planned impacts to other resource interconnection constraints or operations of the systems. The utility shall also describe how it evaluated alternate transmission technologies when developing solutions for identified transmission needs for interconnecting resources.

(2) An integrated resource plan may include distribution resource plans or integrated system operation plans.

(C)(1) The commission shall have a proceeding to review each electrical utility subject to subsection (A)(1) and the Public Service

Authority's integrated resource plan. As part of the integrated resource plan filing, the commission shall allow intervention by interested parties. The procedural schedule shall include dates for completion of each phase of discovery, including discovery related to the integrated resource plan as filed, direct testimony of the applicant, direct testimony of the Office of Regulatory Staff and other parties and intervenors, and rebuttal testimony of the applicant. Except upon showing exceptional circumstances, all discovery shall be served in time to allow its completion, but not less than ten days prior to the hearing. The commission shall establish a procedural schedule to permit reasonable discovery after an integrated resource plan is filed in order to assist parties in obtaining evidence concerning the integrated resource plan, including the reasonableness and prudence of the plan and alternatives to the plan raised by intervening parties. No later than three hundred days after an electrical utility files an integrated resource plan, the commission shall issue a final order approving, modifying, or denying the plan filed by the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority.

(2) The commission shall approve an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan if the commission determines that the proposed integrated resource plan represents the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's energy and capacity needs as of the time the plan is reviewed. ~~To determine whether the integrated resource plan is the most reasonable and prudent means of meeting energy and capacity needs, the commission, in its discretion, shall consider whether the plan appropriately balances the following factors.~~ In reviewing an integrated resource plan, the commission shall give due consideration as to the resources and actions necessary for the utility to fulfill compliance and reliability obligations pursuant to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, the Southeastern Electric Reliability Council, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, as well as environmental requirements applicable to resources serving customers in this state. Matters related to the scope and sufficiency of an electrical utility’s demand-side plans and activities shall be considered exclusively in proceedings conducted pursuant to Section 58-37-20. In reviewing an integrated resource plan, the commission shall focus its review on the decisions which the applicant must make in the near term based on the triennial integrated resource plan under consideration at the time and shall approve a plan if it finds that the plan appropriately balances the following factors:

(a) resource adequacy and capacity to serve anticipated peak

electrical load, including the need for electric capacity and energy required to support economic development and industry retention in the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's service territory and to meet applicable planning reserve margins;

(b) consumer affordability and least reasonable cost, considering the resources needed to support economic development and industry retention, and other risks and benefits;

(c) compliance with applicable state and federal environmental regulations;

(d) power supply reliability;

(e) commodity price risks;

(f) diversity of generation supply; ~~and~~

(g) the efficiencies and optimum plans for any electrical utility system spanning state lines located within the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's balancing authority area; and

(h) other foreseeable conditions that the commission determines to be for the public's interest.

(3) In modifying or rejecting an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan, the commission shall only require revisions that are reasonably anticipated to materially change resource procurement decisions to be made on the basis of the integrated resource plan under review. If the commission modifies or rejects an electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's integrated resource plan, the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority, within sixty days after the date of the final order, shall submit a revised plan addressing concerns identified by the commission and incorporating commission-mandated revisions to the integrated resource plan to the commission for approval. Within sixty days of the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's revised filing, the Office of Regulatory Staff shall review the electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's revised plan and submit a report to the commission assessing the sufficiency of the revised filing. Other parties to the integrated resource plan proceeding also may submit comments. No later than sixty days after the Office of Regulatory Staff report is filed with the commission, the commission at its discretion may determine whether to accept the revised integrated resource plan or to mandate further remedies that the commission deems appropriate.

(4) The submission, review, and acceptance of an integrated resource plan by the commission, or the inclusion of any specific resource ~~or experience~~ in an accepted integrated resource plan, shall not be determinative of the reasonableness or prudence of the acquisition or

construction of any resource or the making of any expenditure. An electrical utility shall retain the burden of proof to show that all of its investments and expenditures are reasonable and prudent when seeking cost recovery in rates.

(D)(1) An electrical utility and the Public Service Authority shall each submit annual updates to its integrated resource plan to the commission. An annual update must include an update to the electric utility's or the Public Service Authority's base planning assumptions relative to its most recently accepted integrated resource plan, including, but not limited to: energy and demand forecast, commodity fuel price inputs, renewable energy forecast, energy efficiency and demand-side management forecasts, changes to projected retirement dates of existing units, along with other inputs the commission deems to be for the public interest. The electrical utility's or Public Service Authority's annual update must describe the impact of the updated base planning assumptions on the selected resource plan.

(2) The Office of Regulatory Staff shall review each electrical utility's or the Public Service Authority's annual update and submit a report within ninety days to the commission providing a recommendation concerning the reasonableness of the annual update. After reviewing the annual update and the Office of Regulatory Staff report, the commission may accept the annual update or direct the electrical utility or the Public Service Authority to make changes to the annual update that the commission determines to be in the public interest within sixty days from the submittal of the Office of Regulatory Staff's report.

(E) Intervenors shall bear their own costs of participating in proceedings before the commission.

~~(E)~~(F) The commission is authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

SECTION 25. Section 58-3-260 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-260. (A) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Proceeding" means a contested case, generic proceeding, or other matter to be adjudicated, decided, or arbitrated by the commission.

(2) "Person" means a party to a proceeding pending before the commission, a member of the Office of Regulatory Staff, a representative of a party to a proceeding pending before the commission, individuals, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies, elected officials of state government, and other public and elected officials.

(3) "Communication" means the transmitting of information by

any mode including, but not limited to, oral, written, or electronic.

(4) "Allowable ex parte communication briefing" means any communication that is conducted pursuant to the procedure outlined in subsection (C)(6) of this section.

(5) "Communication of supplemental legal citation" means the submission, subsequent to the submission of post-hearing briefs or proposed orders in a proceeding, of statutes, regulations, judicial or administrative decisions that are enacted, promulgated, or determined after the submission of post-hearing briefs or proposed orders.

(6) "Issue" means a specific request for relief or for other action from the commission in a pending or anticipated matter, legal or regulatory arguments, and policy considerations. "Issue" does not include:

(a) general information concerning the operations, administration, planning, projects, customer service, storms or storm response, accidents, outages, or investments of an entity regulated by the commission that is not confidential and proprietary and is available to the public; or

(b) any confidential information that affects energy security, such as physical or cybersecurity matters, provided that such information is also provided to the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff.

Any communication pursuant to subitems (a) or (b) that does not contain a specific request for relief or for other action from the commission in a pending matter or anticipated matter and is provided to the commission must be in writing and must be posted on the commission's website with any confidential information redacted.

(B)(1) Except as otherwise provided herein or unless required for the disposition of ex parte matters specifically authorized by law, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee shall not communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any issue that is an issue in any proceeding or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in any proceeding with any person without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate in the communication, nor shall any person communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any issue that is an issue in any proceeding or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in any proceeding with any commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee without notice and opportunity for all parties to participate in the communication.

(2) Commissioners must limit their consideration of matters before them to the record presented by the parties and may not rely on

material not presented in the record by the parties.

(C) The following communications are exempt from the prohibitions of subsection (B) of this section:

(1) a communication concerning compliance with procedural requirements if the procedural matter is not an area of controversy in a proceeding;

(2) statements made by a commission employee who is or may reasonably be expected to be involved in formulating a decision, rule, or order in a proceeding, where the statements are limited to providing publicly available information about pending proceedings;

(3) inquiries relating solely to the status of a proceeding, unless the inquiry: (a) states or implies a view as to the merits or outcome of the proceeding; (b) states or implies a preference for a particular party or which states why timing is important to a particular party; (c) indicates a view as to the date by which a proceeding should be resolved; or (d) is otherwise intended to address the merits or outcome or to influence the timing of a proceeding;

(4) a communication made by or to commission employees that concerns judicial review of a matter that has been decided by the commission and is no longer within the commission's jurisdiction; however, if the matter is remanded to the commission for further action, the provisions of this section shall apply during the period of the remand;

(5) where circumstances require, ex parte communications for scheduling, administrative purposes, or emergencies that do not deal with substantive matters or issues on the merits are authorized provided:

(a) the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee reasonably believes that no party will gain a procedural or tactical advantage as a result of the ex parte communication; and

(b) the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee makes provision promptly to notify all other parties of the substance of the ex parte communication and, where possible, allows an opportunity to respond;

(6)(a) subject to the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 30, communications, directly or indirectly, regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding for the purposes of an allowable ex parte communication briefing if:

~~(i) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee attends the briefing and files a written certification, within seventy-two hours of the briefing, attaching copies of all statements and all other matters filed by all persons pursuant to~~

~~subsubitems (ii), (iii), and (iv) of this subsection, with the chief clerk of the commission that such briefing was conducted in compliance with the provisions of this section and that each party, person, commissioner, or commission employee present has complied with the reporting and certification requirements of subsubitems (ii), (iii), and (iv); and within twenty-four hours of the submission by the executive director, the commission posts on its web site the written certification, statements, and other matters filed by the executive director;~~

~~(ii) each party, person, commissioner, and commission employee present files a written, certified statement with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff within forty-eight hours of the briefing accurately summarizing the discussions in full and attaching copies of any written materials utilized, referenced, or distributed;~~

~~(iii) each party, person, commissioner, and commission employee present, within forty-eight hours of the briefing, files a certification with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff that~~

(i) in the course of such briefing, no commissioner or commission employee shall make any~~no~~ commitment, predetermination, or prediction of any commissioner's action as to any ultimate or penultimate issue or any commission employee's opinion or recommendation as to any ultimate or penultimate issue in any proceeding~~,~~ ~~was requested by any person or party~~ nor shall any person request any commitment, predetermination, or prediction ~~was~~to be given by any commissioner or commission employee as to any commission action or commission employee opinion or recommendation on any ultimate or penultimate issue;

(ii) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee must attend the briefing and certify that the commissioners and commission employees complied with the provisions in subitem (i);

~~(iv)~~(iii) each commissioner or commission employee present at the allowable ex parte communication briefing grants to every other party or person requesting an allowable ex parte communication briefing on the same or similar matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding, similar access and a reasonable opportunity to communicate, directly or indirectly, regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding under the provisions of subsection (C)(6) of this section and files a written, certified statement with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff within forty-eight

hours of the briefing stating that the commissioner or commission employee will comply with this provision;

~~(v)~~(iv) the commission ~~posts~~ must post on its web site, at least five business days prior to the proposed briefing, a notice of each request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing that includes the date and time of the proposed briefing, the name of the person or party who requested the briefing, the name of each commissioner and commission employee whom the person or party has requested to brief, and the subject matter to be discussed at the briefing;

(v) the commission must post on its web site within three business days after the briefing, all nonconfidential materials and documents provided to the commission as part of the ex parte briefing and a statement signed by the chief clerk of the commission that the provisions of this subsection have been followed, including the justification for actions taken to preserve the confidentiality of any confidential information provided to the commission;

(vi) the person or party initially seeking the briefing ~~requests~~must request the briefing with sufficient notice, as required in subsubitem ~~(v)~~(iv), to allow the initial briefing to be held at least twenty business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding at which the matter that is the subject of the briefing is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, and the initial briefing must be held at least twenty business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding; and

(vii) any person or party desiring to have a briefing on the same or similar matter as provided for in subsubitem (vi) shall be entitled to request ~~requests~~ a briefing so long as the request is made with sufficient time for notice, as required in subsubitem ~~(v)~~(iv), to allow the briefing to be held at least ten business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding at which the matter that is the subject of the briefing is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, and any such briefing must be held at least ten business days prior to the hearing in the proceeding;

~~(b) any person or party may object to the attendance of the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff at an allowable ex parte communication briefing on the grounds of bias or a conflict of interest on the part of the executive director. Any such objection must be made in writing and must be filed with the executive director no later than twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled briefing. If the objecting person or party and the executive director agree upon a neutral person, that person shall serve in the executive director's stead and shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the executive director contained in subsubitem (i) and the executive director shall~~

~~comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii). The costs of such person's services shall be charged to the party requesting the briefing and may be an allowable cost of the proceedings. If the objecting person or party and the executive director cannot agree upon a neutral person, the objecting person or party shall petition the Administrative Law Court for the appointment of a neutral person to serve in the executive director's stead, and the petition shall be given priority over all other matters within the jurisdiction of the Administrative Law Court. In the petition, the objecting party shall set forth the specific grounds supporting the objecting person's or party's allegation of bias or conflict on the part of the executive director and shall generally describe the matters to be discussed at the briefing. It shall not be sufficient grounds that the executive director is or is likely to be a party to a proceeding. The executive director shall be given an opportunity to respond. Part of the executive director's response shall include recommendations as to the experience required of the person to act in his stead. Upon a showing of actual bias or conflict of interest, the administrative law judge shall designate a person to act in the executive director's stead and that person shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the executive director contained in subsubitem (i) and the executive director shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii). Such person must have the expertise to act in the executive director's stead. The decision of the administrative law judge shall be considered interlocutory and not immediately appealable and may be appealed with the final order of the commission. The costs of such person's services shall be charged to the party requesting the briefing and may be an allowable cost of the proceedings;~~

~~(c) should the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff desire to conduct an allowable ex parte communication briefing, the chief clerk of the commission shall appoint a neutral person who shall serve in the executive director's stead and that person shall comply with the reporting and certification requirements of the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff contained in subsubitem (i). The Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff shall comply with the requirements contained in subsubitems (ii) and (iii);~~

~~(d)~~(b) nothing in subsection (C)(6) of this section requires any commissioner or commission employee to grant a request for an allowable ex parte communication briefing, except as provided in subsection (C)(6)(a)~~(iv)~~(iii) of this section;

(7) a communication of supplemental legal citation if the party

files copies of such documents, without comment or argument, with the chief clerk of the commission and simultaneously provides copies to all parties of record;

(8) subject to the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 30, communications between and among commissioners regarding matters pending before the commission; provided, further, that any commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee may receive aid from commission employees if the commission employees providing aid do not:

(a) receive ex parte communications of a type that the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee would be prohibited from receiving; or

(b) furnish, augment, diminish, or modify the evidence in the record.

(D) If before serving in a proceeding, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee receives an ex parte communication of a type that may not properly be received while serving, the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee must disclose the communication in the following manner: a commissioner, hearing officer, or a commission employee who receives an ex parte communication in violation of this section must promptly after receipt of the communication or, in the case of a communication prior to a filing, as soon as it is known to relate to a filing, place on the record of the matter all written and electronic communications received, all written and electronic responses to the communications, and a memorandum stating the substance of all oral communications received, all responses made, and the identity of each person from whom the commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee, as appropriate, received an ex parte communication and must advise all parties that these matters have been placed on the record. Within ten days after receipt of notice of the ex parte communication, any party who desires to rebut the contents of the communication must request and shall be granted the opportunity to rebut the contents. Parties affected by a violation may agree to a resolution of any claim regarding such violation, including the waiver of a hearing and the waiver of the obligation to report violations under subsection (I) of this section.

(E) Any person who makes an inadvertent ex parte communication must, as soon as it is known to relate to an issue in a proceeding, disclose the communication by placing on the record of the matter the communication made, if written or electronic, or a memorandum stating the substance of an inadvertent oral communication, and the identity of

each person to whom the inadvertent ex parte communication was made or given. Within ten days after receipt of notice of the ex parte communication, any party who desires to rebut the contents of the communication must request and shall be granted the opportunity to rebut the contents. If no party rebuts the inadvertence of the ex parte communication within ten days after notice of the ex parte communication, the ex parte communication shall be presumed inadvertent. Parties affected by a violation may agree to a resolution of any claim regarding such violation, and the provisions of subsection (J) of this section shall not apply.

(F) If necessary to eliminate the effect of an ex parte communication received in violation of this section, a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee who receives the communication may be disqualified by the commission, and the portions of the record pertaining to the communication may be sealed by protective order.

(G) Nothing in this section alters or amends Section 1-23-320(i).

(H) Nothing in this section prevents a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee from:

(1) attending educational seminars sponsored by state, regional, or national organizations and seminars not affiliated with any utility regulated by the commission; however, the provisions of this section shall apply to any communications that take place outside any formal sessions of any seminars or group presentations; or

(2) conducting a site visit of a utility facility under construction or attending educational tours of utility plants or other facilities provided:

(a) the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff or his designee also attends the site visit or educational tour;

(b) a summary of the discussion is produced and posted on the commission's website, along with copies of any written materials utilized, referenced, or distributed; and

(c) each party, person, commission, and commission employee who participated in the site visit or educational tour, within forty-eight hours of the site visit or educational tour, files a certification with the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff that no commitment, predetermination, or prediction of any commissioner's action as to any ultimate or penultimate issue or any commission employee's opinion or recommendation as to any ultimate or penultimate issue in any proceeding was requested by any person or party, nor any commitment, predetermination, or prediction was given

by any commissioner or commission employee as to any commission action or commission employee opinion or recommendation on any ultimate or penultimate issue.

(I) Subject to any privilege under Rule 501 of the South Carolina Rules of Evidence, any commissioner, hearing officer, commission employee, party, or any other person must report any wilful violation of this section on the part of a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee to the review committee.

(J) Any commissioner, hearing officer, commission employee, or person who wilfully violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two hundred fifty dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months. If a commissioner wilfully communicates with any party or person or if any person or party wilfully communicates with a commissioner regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding less than ten business days prior to the scheduled hearing on the merits, during the hearing or after the hearing but prior to the issuance of a final order, including an order on rehearing, in a proceeding where such facts, law, or other matter is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, the commissioner shall be removed from office. If a hearing officer or commission employee wilfully communicates with any party or person or any party or person wilfully communicates with a hearing officer or commission employee regarding any fact, law, or other matter that is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue in a proceeding less than ten days prior to the scheduled hearing on the merits, during the hearing or after the hearing but prior to the issuance of a final order, including an order on rehearing, in a proceeding where such facts, law, or other matter is or can reasonably be expected to become an issue, the hearing officer or commission employee shall be terminated from employment by the commission. For purposes of this section: (1) "wilful" means an act done voluntarily and intentionally with the specific intent to do something the law forbids, or with specific intent to fail to do something the law requires to be done, that is to say with bad purpose either to disobey or disregard the law, and (2) a violation of the provisions of this section must be proved by clear and convincing evidence before a commissioner, hearing officer, or commission employee can be removed from office or terminated from employment.

SECTION 26. Section 58-3-270(E) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(E) The administrative law judge assigned to the ex parte

communication complaint proceeding by the Administrative Law Court may issue an order tolling any deadlines imposed by any state statute for a decision by the commission on the proceeding that is the subject of the ex parte communication complaint but only to the extent that the allegations of the complaint are verified and if found to be true would indicate that the proceeding was prejudiced to the extent that the commission is unable to consider the matter in the proceeding impartially. The administrative law judge assigned to the ex parte communication complaint proceeding by the Administrative Law Court must conduct a hearing and must issue a decision within sixty days after the complaint is filed.

SECTION 27. The General Assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(1) the economic and financial well-being of South Carolina and its citizens depends upon continued economic development and industry retention and opportunities for job attraction and retention; and

(2) the cost of electricity and the availability of clean energy sources for electricity are important factors in the decision for a commercial and industrial entity to locate, expand, or maintain their existing establishments in South Carolina; and

(3) competitive electric rates, terms, and conditions, and the ability to utilize clean energy sources for electric power generation are necessary to attract prospective commercial or industrial entities to invest in South Carolina and to encourage and incent robust economic development growth and industry retention in this State; and

(4) electrical utilities are critical economic development and industry retention partners for South Carolina by offering affordable power that has helped to attract jobs and associated development.

Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 43

Economic Development Rates

Section 58-43-10. Unless otherwise specified, for purposes of this chapter:

(1) “Commission” means the Public Service Commission.

(2) “Contract” has the same meaning as the term is used in Section 58-27-980.

(3) “Electrical utility” has the same meaning as provided in Section 58-27-10(7).

(4) “Marginal cost” means the electrical utility’s marginal cost for producing energy.

(5) “Qualifying customer” means either:

(a) an existing commercial or industrial customer with a

combined firm and interruptible contract demand greater than 20 megawatts that agrees to a new or extended electric service contract with a term of five years of more; or

(b) a commercial or industrial customer that agrees to locate its operations in South Carolina or expands its existing establishment, and such location or expansion results in the minimum of:

(i) 500 kilowatts at one point of delivery;

(ii) fifty new employees; and

(iii) capital investment for $400,000 following the electrical utility's approval for service.

(6) "Rate proposal" means a written document that identifies the rates, terms, and conditions for electric service offered by an electrical utility to a prospective customer.

(7) "Renewable energy facility" means a solar array or other facility constructed by or on behalf of a qualifying customer for the exclusive purpose of supplementing electrical power generation from a renewable energy source for its economic development location, expansion, or retention.

(8) "Transformational customer" means a commercial or industrial customer that agrees to locate its operations in South Carolina or expand its existing establishment, and such location or expansion results in the addition of a minimum of:

(a) 50 megawatts at one point of delivery;

(b) 500 new employees;

(c) capital investment of $100,000,000 following the electrical utility's approval for service; and

(d) who is designated by the South Carolina Department of Commerce as a business which will bring substantial benefit to the economy of South Carolina and its citizens, such that it is in the public interest to have such transformational customer located in this State.

Section 58-43-20. (A) When considering whether the rates, terms, and conditions negotiated with economic development prospects are just and reasonable, the commission shall give full weight and consideration to the economic development benefits to the electrical utility's customers that result from prospective commercial or industrial entities locating or expanding their activities in South Carolina.

(B) Nothwithstanding any other provision of law, an electrical utility may provide the South Carolina Department of Commerce or a prospective qualifying customer or transformational customer with a rate proposal containing terms and conditions to incentivize the prospective customer to make capital investments and employ additional workforce

in the electrical utility's service territory. The rate proposal initially provided by an electrical utility may differ from the final contract, rate, terms, and conditions with the qualifying customer or transformational customer.

(C) An electrical utility may offer special rates, terms, and conditions to a qualifying customer or transformational customer, including rates that are lower than the rates that the customer otherwise would be charged. The agreement with the customer must be for a term not exceeding ten years and the electrical utility may offer the customer interruptible and real-time pricing options and riders for other clean energy attributes which may support the qualifying customer's or transformational customer's needs. However, rates for qualifying customers may not be lower than the electrical utility's marginal cost of providing service to the customer and rates for transformational customers may not be lower than twenty-five percent less than the electrical utility's marginal cost of providing service to the customer.

(D) Rates, terms, and conditions negotiated with qualifying and transformational customers shall be deemed just and reasonable if:

(1) for qualifying customers, the terms of this section are met;

(2) for transformational customers, the commission determines that:

(a) the economic development rate offered significantly impacts the customer's decision to locate or expand in South Carolina;

(b) the financial value realized by the electrical utility's system from the transformational customer being on the electrical utility's system for ten years is greater than or equal to the financial value of the rate incentive given to the transformational customer;

(c) measures have been taken to avoid or reduce cross-customer class subsidization; and

(d) the consequences of offering the economic development rate are beneficial to the system as a whole considering all customer classes.

The commission must either approve or deny an application pursuant to this section within sixty days.

(E) Nothing in this chapter shall otherwise restrict the commission's authority to regulate rates and charges or review contracts entered into pursuant to this section or to otherwise supervise the operations of electrical utilities.

(F) The construction of a proposed renewable energy facility by or on behalf of a qualifying customer to support electric power generation at its location must comply with federal, state, and local laws and

ordinances.

(G) Consistent with federal, state, and local laws and ordinances, the electrical utility may expedite interconnection of a proposed renewable energy facility to be constructed by a qualifying or transformational customer to support electrical power generation at its location where high-quality and reliable electric service are not adversely impacted.

(H) In the event a qualifying customer or transformational customer leaves this State or terminates its operations in this State during the ten-year contract period, such customer must reimburse the electrical utility and its customers the difference between standard rates and the rates paid during the term of the agreement between the electrical utility and its customers.

(I) For facilities designated as high priority sites by the South Carolina Department of Commerce, an electrical utility may enter into agreements to provide energy infrastructure to such sites if the South Carolina Department of Commerce determines it will increase the probability of attracting transformational customers to this State. Costs of such infrastructure shall be accounted for and recorded as an element of rate base for inclusion in general rates by the electrical utility provided the commission finds such costs are reasonable and prudent and shall not include a rate of return until the facilities are placed into service for a customer.

(J) An electrical utility shall not be required to adjust its cost of service in a rate proceeding as a result of a rate, agreement, or infrastructure provided pursuant to this section in any matter that would impute revenue at a level higher than received by the electrical utility from a qualifying customer or transformational customer or would otherwise reduce the electrical utility's revenue as a result of entering into contracts with qualifying customers or transformational customers pursuant to this section.

(K) If an electrical utility offers special rates, terms, and conditions to a qualifying customer or a transformational customer, any electrical utility in South Carolina may also offer all directly competing existing customers in its service territory in this State with similar special rates, terms, and conditions at the time the agreement is entered into with the qualifying customer or transformational customer to the extent the directly competing existing customer is able to substantiate its status as a directly competing existing customer. For purposes of this section, customers are "directly competing" if they make the same end-product, or offer the same service, for the same general group of customers.

Customers that only produce component parts of the same end-product are not directly competing customers.

SECTION 28. Sections 58-33-310 and 58-33-320 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 58-33-310. Any party may appeal, in accordance with Section 1-23-380, from all or any portion of any final order or decision of the commission, including conditions of the certificate required by a state agency under Section 58-33-160 as provided by Section 58-27-2310. ~~Any appeals may be called up for trial out of their order by either party.~~ Any final order on the merits issued pursuant to this chapter shall be immediately appealable to the Supreme Court of South Carolina, without petition for rehearing or reconsideration. The Supreme Court shall provide for expedited briefing and hearing of the appeal in preference to all other nonemergency matters. The commission must not be a party to an appeal.

Section 58-33-320. Except as expressly set forth in Section 58-33-310, no court of this State shall have jurisdiction to hear or determine any issue, case, or controversy concerning any matter which was or could have been determined in a proceeding before the commission under this chapter or to stop or delay the construction, operation, or maintenance of a major utility facility, except to enforce compliance with this chapter or the provisions of a certificate issued hereunder, and any such action shall be brought only by the Office of Regulatory Staff. Provided, however, that subject to Section 58-33-175, nothing herein contained shall be construed to abrogate or suspend the right of any individual or corporation not a party to maintain any action which he might otherwise have been entitled.

SECTION 29. Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-160. (A)(1) The Office of Regulatory Staff must conduct a study to evaluate the potential costs and benefits of the various administrator models for energy efficiency programs and other demand-side management programs funded by, or potentially funded by, electrical utilities in this State. This study must be conducted on each electrical utility in this State. For purposes of this section, administrator models for energy efficiency programs shall include the following models: utility administrator, state or government agency administrator, an independent third-party administrator, and a hybrid administrator.

(2) For purposes of this section only, "electrical utility" means an investor-owned electrical utility that serves more than 100,000 customers in this State.

(B) This study must consider which administrator model would most meaningfully improve programs offered by the electrical utility.

(C) The study must also evaluate which administrator model offers the best opportunities to increase cost and energy savings, improve the quality of services rendered, reduce ratepayer costs, or more effectively serve low-income customers, within a program portfolio that is cost effective overall, as compared to similar program administration by individual electrical utilities, or to increase the cost effectiveness of energy efficiency program portfolios. This study must consider, but is not limited to, the following:

(1) whether third-party administration subject to a pay for performance contract and independent third-party evaluation, measurement, and verification could reduce administrative costs, as compared to separate administration of energy efficiency programs by individual electrical utilities;

(2) whether a system benefit charge or other funding or financing mechanism would more efficiently, effectively, and fairly fund energy efficiency and other demand side management programs through an administrator;

(3) which administrator model provides the best mechanism to increase ratepayer energy savings in the case of electrical utilities that have experienced lower historical performance in terms of annual and cumulative energy savings as a percentage of retail sales;

(4) which administrator model provides the best mechanism to increase ratepayer energy savings in the case of electrical utilities that have experienced high historical performance in terms of annual and cumulative energy savings as a percentage of retail sales;

(5) the legal and practical implications of implementing the various administrator models for an electrical utility with a multistate balancing authority area;

(6) which administrator model could most enhance an electrical utility's delivery of nonenergy benefits, such as resiliency, reliability, health, economic development, industry retention, energy security, and pollution reduction; and

(7) which administrator model could most effectively pursue nonratepayer funding including, but not limited to, federal, state, or local governmental support, as a means of either reducing reliance of ratepayer funds or increasing the scope, reach, or effectiveness of energy efficiency and demand side management programs.

(D) This study must be conducted with public input from stakeholders through written comments and at least one public forum.

(E) The Office of Regulatory Staff is authorized to retain the services of an expert or consultant with expertise and experience in the successful implementation of energy efficiency administrator programs. The Office of Regulatory Staff is exempt from the procurement code for the purposes of retaining services for this study.

(F) The provisions of this section are subject to funding. However, the Office of Regulatory Staff must initiate the study within one year from receipt of necessary funding and complete its report within six months. Upon completion of this study, the Office of Regulatory Staff must provide its report to the General Assembly and the commission. This report may include a recommendation as to which administrator model should be established for each electrical utility, draft legislation, and requirements that should be established.

SECTION 30. Section 58-37-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-10. As used in this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

(1) "Demand-side activity" or "demand-side management program" means a program conducted or proposed by a producer, supplier, or distributor of energy for the reduction or more efficient use of energy requirements of the producer's, supplier's, or distributor's customers, through measures, including, but not limited to, conservation and energy efficiency, load management, cogeneration, and renewable energy technologies.

(2) "Integrated resource plan" means a plan which contains the demand and energy forecast for at least a fifteen-year period, contains the supplier's or producer's program for meeting the requirements shown in its forecast in an economic and reliable manner, including both demand-side and supply-side options, with a brief description and summary cost-benefit analysis, if available, of each option which was considered, including those not selected, sets forth the supplier's or producer's assumptions and conclusions with respect to the effect of the plan on the cost and reliability of energy service, and describes the external environmental and economic consequences of the plan to the extent practicable. For electrical utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the South Carolina Public Service Commission, this definition must be interpreted in a manner consistent with the integrated resource planning requirements pursuant to Section 58-37-40 and any process adopted by the commission. For electric cooperatives subject to the regulations of the Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~Utilities Service, this definition must be interpreted in a manner consistent with any integrated resource planning process prescribed by Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~

Utilities Service regulations.

(3) "Cost-effective" means that the net present value of benefits of a program or portfolio exceeds the net present value of the costs of the program or portfolio. A cost-effective program or portfolio must pass any two of the following tests:

(a) utility cost test;

(b) total resource cost test;

(c) participant cost test; or

(d) ratepayer impact measure test.

In evaluating the cost-effectiveness of a program or portfolio, a utility or program administrator must present the results of all four tests. In calculating cost-effectiveness, a utility must use a standard utility practice for determining the percentage of energy savings that would or would not have been achieved through customer adoption of an efficiency behavior or technology without any incentive allowed pursuant to this chapter to install and utilize the technology as part of the associated demand-side management program. The utility must designate the expected useful life of the measure and evaluate the costs and benefits of the measures over their useful lives in the program application based on industry-accepted standards. Further, in calculating the cost-effectiveness, the commission must consider the efficiencies and scale of programs that are or may be available across a utility's balancing area, even if that balancing area extends outside of the state.

(4) "Demand-side management pilot program" means a demand-side management program that is of limited scope, cost, and duration and that is intended to determine whether a new or substantially revised program or technology would be cost-effective.

SECTION 31. Section 58-37-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-20. (A) The General Assembly declares that expanding utility investment in and customer access to cost-effective demand-side management programs will result in more efficient use of existing resources, promote lower energy costs, mitigate the increasing need for new generation and associated resources, and assist customers in managing their electricity usage to better control their electric bill, and is therefore in the public interest.

(B) The commission may approve any program filed by a public utility if the program is found to be cost-effective. Furthermore, the commission may, in its discretion, approve any program filed by a public utility that is not cost-effective, so long as the proposed demand-side management program is targeted to low-income customers, provided that the public utility's portfolio of demand-side management programs

is cost-effective as a whole.

(C) The South Carolina Public Service Commission ~~may~~ must adopt procedures that ~~encourage~~ require electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the commission to plan for and invest in all reasonable, prudent, and available energy efficiency and demand-side resources that are cost-effective energy efficient technologies and energy conservation programs in an amount to be determined by the commission. If an electrical utility fails to meet the requirements of this section as determined by the commission, the commission is authorized to appoint a third-party administrator to carry out the residential low-income energy efficiency duties pursuant to this section on behalf of the electrical utility if the commission determines that having such a third-party administrator is in the public interest and consistent with law. Upon notice and hearings that the commission may require, the commission may issue rules, regulations, or orders pursuant to this chapter to implement applicable programs and measures under this section. If adopted, these procedures must: provide incentives and cost recovery for energy suppliers and distributors who invest in energy supply and end-use technologies that are cost-effective, environmentally acceptable, and reduce energy consumption or system or local coincident peak demand; allow energy suppliers and distributors to recover costs and obtain a reasonable rate of return on their investment in qualified demand-side management programs sufficient to make these programs at least as financially attractive as construction of new generating facilities; require the Public Service Commission to establish rates and charges that ensure that the net income of an electrical or gas utility regulated by the commission after implementation of specific cost-effective energy conservation measures is at least as high as the net income would have been if the energy conservation measures had not been implemented. ~~For purposes of this section only, the term "demand-side activity" means a program conducted by an electrical utility or public utility providing gas services for the reduction or more efficient use of energy requirements of the utility or its customers including, but not limited to, utility transmission and distribution system efficiency, customer conservation and efficiency, load management, cogeneration, and renewable energy technologies.~~

(D) Each investor-owned electrical utility must submit an annual report to the commission describing the demand-side management programs implemented by the electrical utility in the previous year, provided the program has been operational for a reasonable period of

time, as well as the results of such programs. The commission may require certain information including, but not limited to:

(1) achieved savings levels from the utility's portfolio of programs in the prior year, reported as a percentage of the utility's annual sales;

(2) program expenditures, including incentive payments;

(3) peak demand and energy savings impacts and the techniques used to estimate those impacts;

(4) avoided costs and the techniques used to estimate those costs;

(5) estimated cost-effectiveness of the demand-side management programs;

(6) a description of economic benefits of the demand-side management programs;

(7) the number of customers eligible to opt-out of the electrical utility's demand-side management programs, the percentage of those customers that opted-out in the previous year, and the annual sales associated with those opt-out customers; and

(8) any other information required by the commission.

(E) To ensure prudent investments by an electrical utility in energy efficiency and demand response, as compared to potential investments in generation, transmission, distribution, and other supply related utility equipment and resources, the commission must review each investor-owned electrical utility's portfolio of demand-side management programs on at least a triennial basis to align the review of that utility's integrated resource plan pursuant to Section 58-37-40. The commission is authorized to order modifications to an electrical utility's demand-side management portfolio, including program budgets, if the commission determines that doing so in the public interest.

(F) The provisions of subsections (C), (D), and (E) do not apply to an electrical utility that serves less than 100,000 customers in this State.

SECTION 32. Section 58-37-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-30. (A) The South Carolina Public Service Commission must report annually to the General Assembly on available data regarding the past, on-going, and projected status of demand-side ~~activities~~management programs and purchase of power from qualifying facilities, as defined in the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, by electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission.

(B) Electric cooperatives providing resale or retail services, municipally-owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority shall report annually to the State Energy Office on

available data regarding the past, on-going, and projected status of demand-side ~~activities~~management programs and purchase of power from qualifying facilities. For electric cooperatives, submission to the State Energy Office of a report on demand-side ~~activities~~management programs in a format complying with then current Rural ~~Electrification Administration~~ Utilities Service regulations constitutes compliance with this subsection. An electric cooperative providing resale services may submit a report in conjunction with and on behalf of any electric cooperative which purchases electric power and energy from it. The State Energy Office must compile and submit this information annually to the General Assembly.

(C) The State Energy Office may provide forms for the reports required by this section to the Public Service Commission and to electric cooperatives, municipally-owned electric utilities, and the South Carolina Public Service Authority. The office shall strive to minimize differing formats for reports, taking into account the reporting requirements of other state and federal agencies. For electrical utilities and public utilities providing gas services subject to the jurisdiction of the commission, the reporting form must be in a format acceptable to the commission.

SECTION 33.31.Chapter 37, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-37-35. (A) An electrical utility may propose programs and customer incentives to encourage or promote demand-side management programs whereby a customer uses a customer-sited distributed energy resource, as defined in Section 58-39-120(C), or combination of such resources, to: (1) reduce the customer's electric consumption or demand from the electric grid, or (2) beneficially shape the customer's electric consumption or demand in a manner that reduces the customer's contribution to the electrical utility's system or local coincidental peak demand, subject to the associated load to utility management for reliability or economic purposes, or reduce future electrical utility system costs to serve its customers. Programs authorized pursuant to this section may also include distributed energy resources that draw additional power from the electric grid including, but not limited to, electric heat pumps with programmable or utility controlled thermostats, electric heat pump water heaters controlled through utility programs, smart home panels, advanced inverters, and energy storage devices located on the customer's side of the meter, provided that any programs or customer incentives otherwise meet the requirements of this section. These programs may also include a combination of resources,

including renewable energy microgrids, to provide economic benefits to the utility system or to help address specific transmission or distribution issues that would otherwise require significant capital investment.

(B) In evaluating a program or customer incentive proposed pursuant to this section to assure reasonableness, promotion of the public interest, and consistency with the objectives of Sections 58-27-845 and 58-37-20, the commission must apply the procedure approved pursuant to Section 58-37-20. An electrical utility must use standard utility practices for determining the percentage of customers that would or would not have adopted a distributed energy resource without any incentive allowed under this section to install and utilize the distributed energy resource as part of the associated demand-side management program. The electrical utility must designate the expected useful life of the distributed energy resource and evaluate the costs and benefits of demand-side measures over their useful lives in the program application based on industry-accepted standards. All initial program costs, benefits, and participation assumptions used in the electrical utility's cost-effectiveness evaluations must be reviewed by the commission to assure the electrical utility has presented a reasonable basis for its calculation. Electrical utilities must update the cost-effectiveness analysis based on the actual program costs, benefits, and participation as soon as practicably possible based on standard evaluation, measurement, and verification protocols, and the electrical utility's cost recovery must be reconciled accordingly.

(C) For demand-side programs or customer incentives proposed in this section, the electrical utility may recover costs through the procedures in Section 58-37-20. The prohibition in Section 58-40-20(I) against recovery of lost revenues associated with distributed energy resources pursuant to Chapter 39, Title 58 is inapplicable to recovery of net lost revenues associated with a distributed energy resource that is installed as a result of a demand-side program incentive pursuant to this section or Section 58-37-20.

(D) The commission may approve any program filed pursuant to this section if the commission finds the program to be cost effective pursuant to Section 58-37-10(3). For any demand-side programs or customer incentives submitted under this section with projected annual customer incentive amounts less than five million dollars per year for each of the first two program years, the commission must issue an order as expeditiously as practicable on the written submissions of the electrical utility but may require an evidentiary hearing where novel or complex issues of fact require special review by the commission.

Nothing in this section prevents the commission from ordering an electrical utility to modify or terminate a program approved pursuant to this section based on the results of standard evaluation, measurement, and verification protocols.

(E) The Energy Office must develop and publish materials intended to inform and educate the public regarding programs available to a customer pursuant to this section. The Energy Office must maintain a list of approved vendors who are qualified and in good standing to provide services associated with these programs.

SECTION 34. Section 58-37-50 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-37-50. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Electricity provider" means an electric cooperative, an investor-owned electric utility, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, or a municipality or municipal board or commission of public works that owns and operates an electric utility system.

(2) "Natural gas provider" means an investor-owned natural gas utility or publicly owned natural gas provider.

(3) "Meter conservation charge" means the charge placed on a customer's account by which electricity providers and natural gas providers recover the costs, including financing costs, of energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(4) "Notice of meter conservation charge" means the written notice by which subsequent purchasers or tenants will be given notice that they will be required to pay a meter conservation charge.

(5) "Customer" means a homeowner or tenant receiving electricity or natural gas as a retail customer.

(6) "Community action agency" means a nonprofit eleemosynary corporation created pursuant to Chapter 45, Title 43 providing, among other things, weatherization services to a homeowner or tenant.

(B) Electricity providers and natural gas providers may enter into written agreements with customers and landlords of customers for the financing of the purchase price and installation costs of energy efficiency and conservation measures. These agreements may provide that the costs must be recovered by a meter conservation charge on the customer's electricity or natural gas account, provided that the electricity providers and natural gas providers comply with the provisions of this section. A failure to pay the meter conservation charge may be treated by the electricity provider or natural gas provider as a failure to pay the electricity or natural gas account, and the electricity provider or natural gas provider may disconnect electricity or natural gas service for nonpayment of the meter conservation charge, provided the electricity

provider or natural gas provider complies with the provisions of Article 25, Chapter 31, Title 5; Article 17, Chapter 11, Title 6; Article 17, Chapter 49, Title 33; Article 11, Chapter 5, Title 58; Article 21, Chapter 27, Title 58; Article 5, Chapter 31, Title 58; and any applicable rules, regulations, or ordinances relating to disconnections.

(C) Any agreement permitted by subsection (B) must state plainly the interest rate to be charged to finance the costs of the energy efficiency and conservation measures. The interest rate must be a fixed rate over the term of the agreement and must not exceed four percent above the stated yield for one-year treasury bills as published by the Federal Reserve ~~at the time the agreement is entered~~on the first business day of the calendar year in which the agreement is entered. An electrical utility entering into such an agreement whose rates are regulated by the commission must fix the interest rate over the term of the agreement to not exceed such utility's weighted average cost of equity and long-term debt as most recently approved by the commission at the time the agreement is entered. Any indebtedness created under the provisions of this section may be paid in full at any time before it is due without penalty.

(D) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may recover the costs, including financing costs, of these measures from its members or customers directly benefiting from the installation of the energy efficiency and conservation measures. Recovery may be through a meter conservation charge to the account of the member or customer and any such charge must be shown by a separate line item on the account. A utility entering into such agreement whose rates are regulated by the commission shall recover all reasonable and prudent incremental costs incurred to implement agreements for financing and installing energy-efficiency and conservation measures in base rates. Incremental costs may include, but are not limited to, billing system upgrades, overhead, incremental labor, and all other expenses properly considered to be associated with ensuring the ongoing premise bill savings are realized from offering during the terms of such agreements.

(E) An electricity provider or natural gas provider shall assume no liability for the installation, operation, or maintenance of energy efficiency and conservation measures when the measures are performed by a third party, and shall not provide any warranty as to the merchantability of the measures or the fitness for a particular purpose of the measures, and no action may be maintained against the electricity provider or natural gas provider relating to the failure of the measures. An electricity provider or natural gas provider shall assume no liability

for energy audits performed by third parties and shall provide no warranty relating to any energy audit done by any third party. Nothing in this section may be construed to limit any rights or remedies of utility customers and landlords of utility customers against other parties to a transaction involving the purchase and installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures.

(F) Before entering into an agreement contemplated by this section, the electricity provider or natural gas provider shall cause to be performed an energy audit on the residence considered for the energy efficiency measures. The energy audit must be conducted by an energy auditor certified by the Building Performance Institute or similar organization. The audit must provide an estimate of the costs of the proposed energy efficiency and conservation measures and the expected savings associated with the measures, and it must recommend measures appropriately sized for the specific use contemplated. An agreement entered following completion of an energy audit shall specify the measures to be completed and the contractor responsible for completion of the measures. The choice of a contractor to perform the work must be made by the owner of the residence. Upon request, the electricity provider or natural gas provider must provide the owner of the residence with a list of contractors qualified to do the work. Upon completion of the work, it must be inspected by an energy auditor certified by the Building Performance Institute or similar organization. Any work that is determined to have been done improperly or to be inappropriately sized for the intended use must be remedied by the responsible contractor. Until the work has been remedied, funds due to the contractor must be held in escrow by the electricity provider or natural gas provider.

(G) An electricity provider or natural gas provider that enters into an agreement as provided in this section may recover the costs, including financing costs, of energy efficiency and conservation measures from subsequent purchasers of the residence in which the measures are installed, provided the electricity provider or natural gas provider gives record notice that the residence is subject to the agreement. Notice must be given, at the expense of the filer, by filing a notice of meter conservation charge with the appropriate office for the county in which the residence is located, pursuant to Section 30-5-10. The notice of meter conservation charge does not constitute a lien on the property but is intended to give a purchaser of the residence notice that the residence is subject to a meter conservation charge. Notice is deemed to have been given if a search of the property records of the county discloses the existence of the charge and informs a prospective purchaser: (1) how to

ascertain the amount of the charge and the length of time it is expected to remain in effect, and (2) of his obligation to notify a tenant if the purchaser leases the property as provided in subsection (H)(3).

(H) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may enter into agreements for the installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures and the recovery of the costs, including financing costs, of the measures with respect to rental properties by filing a notice of meter conservation charge as provided in subsection (G) and by complying with the provisions of this subsection:

(1) The energy audit required by subsection (F) must be conducted and the results provided to both the landlord and the tenant living in the rental property at the time the agreement is entered.

(2) If both the landlord and tenant agree, the electricity provider or natural gas provider may recover the costs of the energy efficiency and conservation measures, including financing costs, through a meter conservation charge on the account associated with the rental property occupied by the tenant. The agreement must provide notice to the landlord of the provisions contained in item (3).

(3) With respect to a subsequent tenant occupying a rental unit benefiting from the installation of energy efficiency and conservation measures, the electricity provider or natural gas provider may continue to recover the costs, including financing costs, of the measures through a meter conservation charge on the account associated with the rental property occupied by the tenant. With respect to a subsequent tenant, the landlord must give a written notice of meter conservation charge in the same manner as required by Section 27-40-240. If the landlord fails to give the subsequent tenant the required notice of meter conservation charge, the tenant may deduct from his rent, for no more than one-half of the term of the rental agreement, the amount of the meter conservation charge paid to the electricity provider or natural gas provider.

(I) Agreements entered pursuant to the provisions of this section are exempt from the provisions of the South Carolina Consumer Protection Code, Title 37 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

(J) An electricity provider or natural gas provider may contract with third parties to perform functions permitted under this section, including the financing of the costs of energy efficiency and conservation measures. A third party must comply with all applicable provisions of this section. When an electricity or natural gas provider contracts with a third party to perform administrative or financing functions under this subsection, the liability of the third party is limited in the same manner as an electricity provider or natural gas provider is under subsection (E).

(K) The provisions of this section apply only to energy efficiency and conservation measures for a residence already occupied ~~at~~before the time the measures are taken. ~~The procedures allowed by this section may not be used with respect to a new residence or a residence under construction.~~ The provisions of this section may not be used to implement energy efficiency or conservation measures that result in the replacement of natural gas appliances or equipment with electric appliances or equipment, or that result in the replacement of electric appliances or equipment with natural gas appliances or equipment, unless (1) the customer who seeks to install the energy efficiency or conservation measure is being provided electric and natural gas service by the same provider, or (2) an electric appliance used for home heating is being replaced by an appliance that operates primarily on electricity but which has the capability of also operating on a secondary fuel source.

(L) Electricity providers or natural gas providers may offer their customers other types of financing agreements available by law, instead of the option established in this section, for the types of energy efficiency or conservation measures described in this section.

(M)(1) An electricity provider or natural gas provider must not obtain funding from the following federal programs to provide loans provided by this section:

(a) the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), created by Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 and codified as Chapter 94, Title 42 of the United States Code, as amended by the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1984, the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1986, the Augustus F. Hawkins Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1990, the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993, the Low Income Home Energy Amendments of 1994, the Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998, and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 which is administered and funded by the United States Department of Health and Human Services on the federal level and administered locally by community action agencies;

(b) the Weatherization Assistance Program, created by Title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act of 1976 and codified as Part A, Subchapter III, Chapter 81, Title 42 of the United States Code, amended by the National Energy Conservation Policy Act, the Energy Security Act, the Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1984, and the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 and administered and funded by the United States Department of Energy on the federal level and administered locally by community action agencies.

(2) Nothing in this section changes the exclusive administration of these programs by local community action agencies through the South Carolina Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity pursuant to its authority pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 45, Title 43, the Community Economic Opportunity Act of 1983.

(3) Nothing in this subsection prevents a customer or member of an electricity provider or natural gas provider from obtaining services under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program or the Weatherization Assistance Program.

SECTION 35. Article 1, Chapter 31, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-31-215. (A) The Public Service Authority, in consultation with the South Carolina Department of Commerce, shall have the authority to serve as an anchor subscriber of incremental natural gas and pipeline capacity needed in the future by the State to recruit new transformational projects or to assist in the expansion of transformational projects as identified by the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

(B) The Public Service Authority is authorized to act on behalf of the State, to aid natural gas pipeline construction companies and natural gas shippers in obtaining approval for incremental capacity and delivery to this State to support economic growth. The Public Service Authority is authorized to demonstrate market support in required filings including, but not limited to, binding precedent agreements, and to make other attestations in furtherance of satisfaction of the application requirements of federal law and regulations. This subsection is subject to available funding.

(C) There is hereby established the "Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund" to be held in an operating account by the Public Service Authority to further the provisions of this section and other energy investment needs. Subject to the approval of the Joint Bond Review Committee, the Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund may be funded by the amount required to be paid to the State pursuant to Section 58-31-110 less the annual costs billed by the Office of Regulatory Staff and the South Carolina Public Service Commission. The South Carolina Department of Commerce shall report, at least once annually and no later than September first, to the Joint Bond Review Committee as to the level and need for funding to advance the provisions of this section. Unless sufficient funding is allocated to the Energy Investment and Economic Development Fund and such action is approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee, the Public Service Authority shall not execute a binding precedent agreement on behalf of

the State pursuant to this section. In no event shall the costs associated with serving as an anchor affect the rates and charges for electric or water service for the Public Service Authority's customers.

(D) The South Carolina Department of Commerce, with input from the Public Service Authority, is authorized to resell natural gas pipeline capacity rights procured pursuant to this section subject to a plan approved by the Joint Bond Review Committee. The proceeds of any sales of natural gas pipeline capacity rights must be deposited in the general fund of the State.

(E) When the Public Service Authority enters into a binding agreement on behalf of the State, the Office of Regulatory Staff, in representing the public interest and in collaboration with the Department of Commerce, is directed to make such filings supporting required federal regulatory approvals.

(F) The provisions of this section do not alter, amend, expand, or reduce, any other authority granted to the Public Service Authority in this chapter to enter into any agreements necessary for the provision of electric service.

SECTION 36.A. Section 58-3-70 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 58-3-70. ~~The chairman and members of the commission shall receive annual salaries payable in the same manner as the salaries of other state officers are paid.~~ The commission members shall receive a salary in an amount equal to ninety-seven and one-half percent of the salary fixed for Associate Justices of the Supreme Court. Each commissioner must devote full time to his duties as a commissioner and must not engage in any other employment, business, profession, or vocation during the normal business hours of the commission.

B. This section is effective beginning with the fiscal year immediately following the Public Service Commission election for the reconstituted three-member commission.

SECTION 37. Chapter 41, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-41-50. (A) The General Assembly encourages electrical utilities to explore cost effective, efficient bulk power solutions, particularly during periods of constrained capacity, for non-residential customers with electric loads in excess of 25 megawatts.

(B)(1) An electrical utility may file a proposed agreement regarding co-located resources between the utility and a customer with an electric load in excess of 25 megawatts for the commission's consideration. The proposed agreement must contain at least one of the following requirements:

(a) co-location of electric generation or storage on the customer's property provides bulk system benefits for all customers and benefits for the host customer;

(b) co-location of renewable electric generation resources on the customer's property provides bulk system benefits for all customers and the renewable attributes associated with such generation can be allocated to the host customer;

(c) co-location of electric generation on the customer's property would result in permitting and siting efficiencies to enable electric generation to come online earlier than otherwise could occur; or

(d) co-location of electric generation resources on the customer's property could be utilized as resiliency resources to serve the electric grid in times of need.

(2) In the filing with the commission, the electrical utility must include a description of:

(a) how the resource helps to serve resource needs identified in the electrical utility's most recent integrated resource plan filing;

(b) credit and ratepayer protections included in the agreement;

(c) the contractual terms that preserves the electrical utility's operation of resources; and

(d) how costs and benefits associated with the agreement would be allocated among the customer who is a party to the agreement and other customers in the electrical utility's balancing area.

(C) The commission must give a proposed agreement filed pursuant to this section expedited consideration. The commission may approve the proposed agreement if the commission finds:

(1) the proposed program was voluntarily agreed upon by the electrical utility and the customer,

(2) the filing meets the requirements of this section; and

(3) the proposed agreement is in the public interest.

(D) For purposes of this section, "co-located" or "co-location" includes electric generation and associated facilities on a customer's site as well as any location where the connection to the electrical utility is in such proximity to the customer's site that enables resilient power supply to support the development of power supply to meet the customer's needs. An agreement regarding co-location may also include potential co-ownership of the electric generation and associate facilities by the electrical utility and the customer.

(E) Notwithstanding opportunities for co-located resources, the General Assembly also encourages electrical utilities to continue to facilitate service to new electric loads in excess of 50 megawatts and to

require operational and financial performance requirements for such customers to receive service pursuant to tariffed electrical utility rates or contracts approved by the commission, and to ensure appropriate protections and risk mitigation for the protection of the electrical utility's existing customers. The electrical utility may meet these objectives by: (1) filing form contracts with the commission; (2) tariff offerings or services regulations filed with the commission; or (3) performance and credit policies reviewed by the Office of Regulatory Staff.

SECTION 38. Chapter 4, Title 58 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 58-4-15. (A) As of July 1, 2025, there is hereby created within the Office of Regulatory Staff a division that must be separate and apart from all other divisions within the Office of Regulatory Staff and titled the Division of Consumer Advocacy.

(B) The duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Department of Consumer Affairs related to appearances before the commission are hereby transferred to the Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Office of Regulatory Staff on July 1, 2025. All appropriations and full-time equivalent positions of the Division of Consumer Advocacy in the Department of Consumer Affairs that are devoted solely to advocating on behalf of consumers before the commission shall be transferred to the Office of Regulatory Staff on July 1, 2025.

(C) The Division of Consumer Advocacy shall have the ability to represent residential utility consumers in matters before the commission and appellate courts.

(D) The Division of Consumer Advocacy shall consist of a Residential Utility Consumer Advocate and other personnel as may be necessary in order for the division to represent residential utility consumers in matters before the commission and appellate courts. The Residential Utility Consumer Advocate must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years practice experience and must be appointed in the same manner as the Executive Director of the Office of Regulatory Staff pursuant to the procedure set forth in Section 58-4-30.

(E) To the extent necessary to carry out its responsibilities, the Division of Consumer Advocacy may hire third-party consultants as the Residential Utility Consumer Advocate may consider necessary to assist the Division of Consumer Advocacy in its participation in proceedings before the commission and appellate courts.

(F) The Division of Consumer Advocacy is exempt from the State

Procurement Code in the hiring of third-party consultants. However, the Division of Consumer Advocacy must not hire the same third-party consultant hired by the Office of Regulatory Staff or the commission.

(G) The Office of Regulatory Staff shall provide such administrative support to the Division of Consumer Advocacy as the division may require in the performance of its duties including financial management, human resources management, information technology, procurement services, and logistical support. The Office of Regulatory Staff shall not provide to the Division of Consumer Advocacy, and the Division of Consumer Advocacy shall not require of the Office Regulatory Staff, legal representation, technical, economic, or auditing assistance regarding any matter pending before the Public Service Commission when providing such assistance would create a conflict of interest.

SECTION 39. (A) To foster economic development and future jobs in this State resulting from the supply-chains associated with the same while supporting the significant and growing energy and capacity needs of the State, enhance grid resiliency, and maintain reliability, the General Assembly finds that the State of South Carolina should take steps necessary to encourage the development of a diverse mix of long-lead, clean generation resources that may include advanced small modular reactors, biomass as defined in Section 12-63-20(B)(2) of the S.C. Code, hydrogen-capable resources, and the Carolina Long Bay Project, and should preserve the option of efficiency development of such long-lead resources with timely actions to establish or maintain eligibility for or capture available tax or other financial incentives or address operational needs.

(B) For an electrical utility to capture available tax or other financial or operational incentives for South Carolina ratepayers in a timely manner, the commission may find that actions by an electrical utility in pursuit of the directives in Section 58-37-35(A) are in the public interest, provided that the commission determines that such proposed actions are in the public interest and reasonably balance economic development and industry retention benefits, capacity expansion benefits, resource adequacy and diversification, emissions reduction levels, and potential risks, costs, and benefits to ratepayers and otherwise comply with all other legal requirements applicable to the electrical utility's proposed action. For the South Carolina Public Service Authority, the Office of Regulatory Staff and the Public Service Authority's board of directors shall apply the same principles described in this subsection in evaluating and approving actions proposed by the management of the Public

Service Authority to achieve the objectives of this section.

SECTION 40. All reasonable and prudent costs incurred by an electrical utility necessary to effectuate this act, that are not precluded from recovery by other provisions of this act and that do not have a recovery mechanism otherwise specified in this act or established by state law, shall be deferred for commission consideration of recovery in any proceeding initiated pursuant to Section 58-27-870, and allowed for recovery if the commission determines the costs are reasonable and prudent.

SECTION 41. An electrical utility, including the Public Service Authority, may not offer a tariff, rider, or rate proposal for a reduced electric rate, nor any other form of incentive that would result in a reduced electric rate to a data center until July 1, 2034. For purposes of this section, "data center" means any facility that primarily contains electronic equipment used to process, store, and transmit digital information which may be (a) a free-standing structure; or (b) a facility within a larger structure, that uses environmental control equipment to maintain the proper conditions for the operation of electronic equipment.

SECTION 42. Section 58-40-10(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) "Renewable energy resource" means solar photovoltaic and solar thermal resources, wind resources, hydroelectric resources, geothermal resources, tidal and wave energy resources, recycling resources, hydrogen fuel derived from renewable resources, combined heat and power derived from renewable resources, and biomass resources as defined in Section 12-63-20(B)(2).

SECTION 43. The General Assembly finds that the sections presented in this act constitute one subject as required by Section 17, Article III of the South Carolina Constitution, in particular finding that each change and each topic relates directly to or in conjunction with other sections to the subject of the regulation of electrical utilities, the provision of electricity, and economic development as clearly enumerated in the title. The General Assembly further finds that a common purpose or relationship exists among the sections, representing a potential plurality but not disunity of topics, notwithstanding that reasonable minds might differ in identifying more than one topic contained in the act.

SECTION 44. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act,

and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 45. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. HARDEE explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	McCabe

McCravy	McDaniel	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 728. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Bill Hixon

S. 1021--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1021 -- Senators Davis, Matthews and Campsen: A BILL TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT TO 2035; AND TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO THE ABANDONED BUILDINGS TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE MAXIMUM TAX CREDIT THAT MAY BE EARNED.

Reps. HIOTT, B. NEWTON, CARTER, GUFFEY, SESSIONS, HARRIS, MAGNUSON, GUEST, WEST, CHAPMAN, GAGNON, BEACH, CROMER, GILLIAM, WHITE, CHUMLEY and LONG requested debate on the Bill.

S. 577--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 577 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-8-530, SECTION 12-8-540, SECTION 12-8-570, SECTION 12-8-580, AND SECTION 12-8-595, ALL RELATING TO THE WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAXES, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE TOP MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATE.

Reps. HIOTT, B. NEWTON, CARTER, GUFFEY, SESSIONS, J. E. JOHNSON, GUEST and PACE requested debate on the Bill.

S. 969--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 969 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Setzler, K. Johnson, Young, Malloy, Senn, Stephens and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTEER EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN UNPAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 969 (LC-969.DG0009H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X.A. Section 12-6-3800(A), (B), and (C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) For the purposes of this section:

(1) “Independent institution of higher learning” has the same meaning as provided in Section 59-113-50.

(2) "Medical school-required clinical rotation", "physician assistant program-required clinical rotation", or "advanced practice nursing program-required clinical rotation" means a clinical rotation for a public teaching institution or independent institution of higher learning that:

(a) is established for a student who is enrolled in a South Carolina public teaching institution or an independent institution of higher learning, including:

(i) medical school;

(ii) a physician assistant program; and

(iii) an advanced practice nursing program; and

(b) includes a minimum of one hundred sixty hours of instruction in one of the following clinical settings:

(i) family medicine;

(ii) internal medicine;

(iii) pediatrics;

(iv) obstetrics and gynecology;

(v) emergency medicine;

(vi) psychiatry; ~~or~~

(vii) general surgery under the guidance of a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant; or

(viii) specialty care including, but not limited to, dermatology, hematology, neurology, and oncology.

(3) "Preceptor" means a physician, advanced practice nurse practitioner, or physician assistant who provides supervision and instruction during student clinical training experiences, is otherwise not compensated for doing so, and provides a minimum of two required clinical rotations within a calendar year.

(B)~~(1)~~ There is allowed an income tax credit for each clinical rotation a physician serves as the preceptor for a medical school-required clinical rotation, advanced practice nursing program-required clinical rotation, and physician assistant program-required clinical rotation.

~~(2) If at least fifty percent of~~ If the physician's practice ~~consists of a combined total of~~includes Medicaid insured~~,~~ or Medicare insured~~, and self-pay patients,~~ then the credit is equal to one thousand dollars for each rotation served, not to exceed four thousand dollars a year. The provider must be a Medicaid-participating provider and have a minimum of at least one hundred Medicaid and Medicare patients combined or be a free clinic.

~~(3) If at least thirty percent of the physician's practice consists of a combined total of Medicaid insured, Medicare insured, and self-pay~~

~~patients, then the credit is equal to seven hundred fifty dollars for each rotation served, not to exceed three thousand dollars a year.~~

~~(4) If less than thirty percent of the physician's practice consists of a combined total of Medicaid insured, Medicare insured, and self-pay patients, then the credit is disallowed.~~

~~(5) The credits allowed by this subsection are not cumulative and may not be combined.~~

(C)~~(1)~~ There is allowed an income tax credit for each clinical rotation an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant serves as the preceptor for an advanced practice nursing or physician assistant-required clinical rotation. The credit is equal to one thousand dollars for each rotation served, not to exceed four thousand dollars a year. The provider must be a Medicaid-participating provider and have a minimum of at least one hundred Medicaid and Medicare patients combined or be a free clinic.

~~(2) If at least fifty percent of the advanced practice registered nurse's or physician assistant's practice consists of a combined total of Medicaid insured, Medicare insured, and self-pay patients, then the credit is equal to seven hundred fifty dollars for each rotation served, not to exceed three thousand dollars a year.~~

~~(3) If at least thirty percent of the advanced practice registered nurse's or physician assistant's practice consists of a combined total of Medicaid insured, Medicare insured, and self-pay patients, then the credit is equal to five hundred dollars for each rotation served, not to exceed two thousand dollars a year.~~

~~(4) If less than thirty percent of the advance practice registered nurse's or physician assistant's practice consists of a combined total of Medicaid insured, Medicare insured, and self-pay patients, then the credit is disallowed.~~

~~(5) The credits allowed by this subsection are not cumulative and may not be combined.~~

B. Section 4 of Act 45 of 2019 is amended to read:

Section 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and shall apply to tax years 2020 through ~~2025~~2029. Section 12-6-3800 and Section ~~12-6-1140(.)~~12-6-1140(14) are repealed January 1, ~~2026~~2030.

C. This SECTION takes effect upon approval by the Governor and applies to tax years beginning after 2024.

SECTION X.A. Section 4-37-30(A)(9) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(9) The tax authorized by this section is in addition to all other local sales and use taxes and applies to the gross proceeds of sales in the

applicable jurisdiction which are subject to the tax imposed by Chapter 36 ~~of,~~ Title 12 and the enforcement provisions of Chapter 54 ~~of,~~ Title 12. The gross proceeds of the sale of items subject to a maximum tax in Chapter 36 ~~of,~~ Title 12 are exempt from the tax imposed by this section. The gross proceeds of the sale of food lawfully purchased with United States Department of Agriculture food stamps are exempt from the tax imposed by this section. For any tax authorized by this section pursuant to a referendum held on or after November 5, 2024, unprepared food items eligible for purchase with United States Department of Agriculture food coupons may be exempt from the tax imposed pursuant to this section at the election of the governing body of a county as may be provided in the authorizing ordinance required by item (1). The tax imposed by this section also applies to tangible personal property subject to the use tax in Article 13, Chapter 36 ~~of,~~ Title 12.

B. This SECTION takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Henderson-Myers	Henegan

Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Dear Mr. Clerk,

For the House Journal, please be informed that I would have voted in favor of second reading with amendment on S. 969. Thank you for your assistance with this request.

Rep. Paula Calhoon

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 969. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Brandon L. Cox

S. 862--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 862 -- Senators Shealy and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-30, RELATING TO CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PRE-SERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

Reps. ERICKSON, HIOTT, B. NEWTON, CARTER, FELDER, GUFFEY, SESSIONS, GUEST, WEST, KIRBY, HOSEY, HEWITT, LONG and OREMUS requested debate on the Bill.

S. 946--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 946 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-1210, RELATING TO THE STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE REGULATION OF CHILDCARE FACILITIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MEMBERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-1220, RELATING TO COMMITTEE DUTIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE QUORUM OF MEMBERS REQUIRED TO VOTE FROM EIGHT TO SIX.

Reps. HIOTT, B. NEWTON, CARTER, SESSIONS, GUEST, HEWITT, CALHOON and ERICKSON requested debate on the Bill.

S. 241--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 241 -- Senators Garrett and Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 84 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF GENETIC COUNSELORS, TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD OF GENETIC COUNSELOR EXAMINERS, TO PROVIDE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE BY THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE RELATED DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,

LICENSING AND REGULATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS AND IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Reps. M. M. SMITH, CARTER, HIOTT, HARRIS, SESSIONS, MAGNUSON, GUEST, WHITE, BUSTOS and JEFFERSON requested debate on the Bill.

S. 445--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 445 -- Senators Garrett and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 49, TITLE 44 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES TO APPROVE A CREDENTIALING ENTITY TO DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR RECOVERY HOUSING; TO REQUIRE THE APPROVED CREDENTIALING ENTITY TO ESTABLISH RECOVERY HOUSING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES BASED UPON NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED QUALITY STANDARDS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 49 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

Reps. M. M. SMITH, HIOTT, GUFFEY, SESSIONS, ERICKSON, CARTER, DAVIS, HEWITT and JEFFERSON requested debate on the Bill.

S. 455--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 455 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-29-230, RELATING TO TESTING REQUIRED WHEN A HEALTH CARE WORKER IS EXPOSED TO BLOODBORNE DISEASE, SO AS TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO PHYSICIAN WITH HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, TO INCLUDE DENTISTS IN THE DEFINITION OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AND TO ADD HEPATITIS C TO THE LIST OF BLOODBORNE DISEASES.

Reps. M. M. SMITH, HIOTT, CARTER, DAVIS, B. NEWTON, SESSIONS, GUFFEY, MCCRAVY, WEST, HEWITT, ANDERSON and LONG requested debate on the Bill.

S. 558--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 558 -- Senators Verdin and Senn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-31-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE FOR THE TUBERCULOSIS TESTING OF APPLICANT RESIDENTS AND NEWLY ADMITTED RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES IN THIS STATE.

Reps. M. M. SMITH, DAVIS, HIOTT, CARTER, B. NEWTON, MCCRAVY, SESSIONS, B. L. COX, WEST, HEWITT, JEFFERSON and ERICKSON requested debate on the Bill.

S. 858--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 858 -- Senators Davis, Garrett, Kimbrell, Setzler and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-130, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE FACILITY LICENSURE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME"; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-170, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-267 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR LICENSING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 858 (LC-858.VR0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 44-7-170(A)(4) and (5) and inserting:

(4) acute hospital care at home programs and services delivered

by a licensed acute care hospital. The delivery of acute hospital care at home programs and services by a licensed acute care hospital does not require a written exemption from the department. Additionally, patients enrolled in the hospital care at-home program shall not be considered within the licensed bed capacity of the hospital participating in the program.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 4, by striking Section 44-69-75(A), (B), and (C) and inserting:

Section 44-69-75. (A) A home health agency shall obtain a certificate of need before licensure. Procedures for applying for a certificate must be in accordance with the "State Certification of Need and Health Facility Licensure Act". No certificate is required for home health agencies providing home health services before July 1, 1980.

(B)(1) A continuing care retirement community licensed pursuant to Title 37, Chapter 11, may provide home health services and is exempt from subsection (A) if:

~~(1)~~(a) the continuing care retirement community furnishes or offers to furnish home health services only to residents who reside in living units provided by the continuing care retirement community pursuant to a continuing care contract;

~~(2)~~(b) the continuing care retirement community maintains a current license and meets applicable home health agency licensing standards;

~~(3)~~(c) residents of the continuing care retirement community may choose to obtain home health services from other licensed home health agencies.

(2) Staff from other areas of the continuing care retirement community may deliver the home health services, but at no time may staffing levels in any area of the continuing care retirement community fall below minimum licensing standards or impair the services provided.

(3) If the continuing care retirement community includes charges for home health services in its base contract, it is prohibited from billing additional fees for those services. Continuing care retirement communities certified for Medicare or Medicaid, or both, must comply with governmental reimbursement requirements concerning charges for home health services.

(4) For purposes of this subsection "resident", "living unit", and "continuing care contract" have the same meanings as provided in Section 37-11-20.

(C) Subsection (B) applies only to multi-level continuing care

retirement communities which incorporate a skilled nursing facility.

(D) The continuing care retirement community shall not bill in excess of its costs. These costs will be determined on nonfacility-based Medicare and/or Medicaid standards.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy

Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Robbins
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Taylor	Trantham
Vaughan	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:
Harris

Total--1

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 1074--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1074 -- Senators Davis and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF A CMA, SO AS TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A QUALIFIED CMA; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-196, RELATING TO DELEGATION OF TASKS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, PURSUANT TO THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES, MAY DELEGATE NURSING TASKS TO UAP UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT.

Reps. M. M. SMITH, HIOTT, DAVIS, CARTER, B. L. COX, WEST, HEWITT, JEFFERSON, SANDIFER and WHITMIRE requested debate on the Bill.

S. 134--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 134 -- Senators Hembree, Gustafson, Verdin, Climer and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-85 SO AS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS BY REQUIRING SCHOOL BOARDS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT PROVIDE LIVE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF SUCH MEETINGS, TO EXTEND APPLICABILITY OF THESE PROVISIONS TO THE GOVERNING BODIES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE JULY 1, 2024.

Reps. ERICKSON, SANDIFER, ROBBINS, HIOTT, CARTER, SESSIONS, GUFFEY, MCCRAVY and HEWITT requested debate on the Bill.

S. 1188--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1188 -- Senators Tedder and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-240, RELATING TO EXPULSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIREMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF THE PUPIL.

Reps. ERICKSON, HIOTT, CARTER, B. NEWTON, LIGON, GUFFEY, SESSIONS, MCCRAVY, WEST, LONG, LEBER and SANDIFER requested debate on the Bill.

S. 1051--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1051 -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION

50-25-1330, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE H. TAYLOR BLALOCK, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HUNTING OF WATERFOWL FOR FIVE YEARS.

Reps. HIOTT, FORREST, CARTER, LIGON, SESSIONS, GUFFEY, MCCRAVY, KIRBY, HEWITT and LEBER requested debate on the Bill.

S. 903--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 903 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 5 OF ACT 91 OF 2021, RELATING TO FLOUNDER CATCH LIMITS, SO AS TO REPEAL THE SUNSET CLAUSE.

Reps. HIOTT, CARTER, MCDANIEL, GUFFEY, SESSIONS, GAGNON, WEST, HAGER, LEBER and SANDIFER requested debate on the Bill.

S. 955--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 955 -- Senators Campsen and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-400 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING THE LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-325, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE COMMERCIAL TRAP LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-350, RELATING TO THE TRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSES, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE FROM THE GENERAL TRANSFER PROHIBITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-360, RELATING TO LICENSES TO ENGAGE IN SHEDDING PEELER CRABS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT AN APPLICANT'S OR LICENSEE'S BUSINESS PREMISES BE CAPABLE OF PEELER SHEDDING OPERATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-545, RELATING TO TRAPS FOR TAKING BLUE CRAB, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MATERIAL, DIMENSIONS, AND ESCAPE VENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRAPS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1302 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A RECREATIONAL LIMIT OF

ONE-HALF BUSHEL OF BLUE CRABS PER PERSON PER DAY NOT TO EXCEED ONE BUSHEL PER BOAT; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1345 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CRAB TRAPS IN THE WATERS OF THIS STATE FROM JANUARY 16 THROUGH JANUARY 29 OF EACH YEAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-330, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT LIMITS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TRAPS THAT MAY BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES FROM TWO TO TEN WITH A RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-540, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING LICENSES SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COST OF THE RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT.

Reps. HIOTT, CARTER, LIGON, HEWITT, BUSTOS, LEBER, SANDIFER and MAGNUSON requested debate on the Bill.

S. 1001--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1001 -- Senator Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-430, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF INMATE LABOR IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO INMATE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM MAY EARN LESS THAN THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Trantham
Vaughan	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 1001. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Heather Bauer

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. RUTHERFORD moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1234 -- Senator Fanning: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 21 SOUTH IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF WEST CHURCH STREET AND LONGTOWN ROAD TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY LINE "DONALD PRIOLEAU SR. ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS STRETCH OF ROAD CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5522 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins,

Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE LEGISLATURES FOR THEIR SUPERB LEADERSHIP AND FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE LEGISLATIVE INSTITUTION AND TO CONGRATULATE THE ORGANIZATION ON ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY IN 2025.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5523 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF STEVEN NED BROWN AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5524 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LARRY MARK, THE OWNER AND FOUNDER OF FURNITURE WAREHOUSE DESIGN GALLERY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FIFTY-TWO YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE BEAUFORT COMMUNITY, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5525 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard,

Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE SIXTY-EIGHTH BEAUFORT WATER FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON JULY 12 THROUGH 21, 2024, AND TO HONOR THOSE WHO ORGANIZE, SPONSOR, VOLUNTEER FOR, AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5526 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. BLAKELY N. SCOTT OF COLUMBIA FOR HIS FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS PASTOR OF

FIRST NAZARETH BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO WISH HIM MUCH BLESSING AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5527 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND PASTOR JOHN K. BAXTER AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE BLYTHEWOOD AND COLUMBIA COMMUNITIES.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5528 -- Reps. Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CATAWBA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR PERCUSSION AND INDOOR WINDS ENSEMBLES, DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL

OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 WGI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5529 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. RONALD L. RHAMES, PRESIDENT OF MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE, UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5530 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF UNION NATIVE JAMES HAROLD SIMS, SR., AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5531 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott,

Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. DONNA-NEISHA STEELE UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 SAXE GOTHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5532 -- Reps. May, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOSHUA SHUMPERT, CHIEF OF THE SOUTH CONGAREE POLICE DEPARTMENT, UPON THE OCCASION OF

HIS RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5533 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEATHWOOD HALL GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

S. 841--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 841 -- Senators Alexander and Senn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE

"PROSECUTORS PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 30 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE CURRENT AND FORMER PROSECUTORS HAVE THE OPTION OF MAKING PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION HELD BY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE, TO PROVIDE LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED PROCEDURES FOR EXERCISING THIS OPTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION SHALL CREATE A FORM FOR USE BY PROSECUTORS WHEN REQUESTING NONDISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION, AND TO SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FORM.

Reps. HIOTT, CARTER, LIGON, TAYLOR, SESSIONS, M. M. SMITH, MCCRAVY, B. L. COX, WEST and SANDIFER requested debate on the Bill.

S. 112--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 112 -- Senators Allen, Hembree and Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 34-11-90, RELATING TO JURISDICTION FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING CHECKS AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A METHOD TO EXPUNGE CONVICTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 17-22-910, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR EXPUNGEMENT, SO AS TO ADD MULTIPLE MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES OF CHECK FRAUD TO THOSE OFFENSES ELIGIBLE FOR EXPUNGEMENT.

Reps. HIOTT, HART, CARTER, HIXON, LIGON, SESSIONS, M. M. SMITH, MCCRAVY, B. L. COX, GUEST, WEST and ROBBINS requested debate on the Bill.

S. 954--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 954 -- Senators Hembree, Senn and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION

17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Reps. HIOTT, CARTER, HIXON, LIGON, SESSIONS, KING, M. M. SMITH, MCCRAVY and HART requested debate on the Bill.

S. 947--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 947 -- Senators Hembree, Senn, McLeod and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO ALLOW SENTENCING FOR THE CRIME OF KIDNAPPING AND OTHER CRIMES.

Reps. HIOTT, CARTER, SESSIONS, BLACKWELL, MCCRAVY, M. M. SMITH and WEST requested debate on the Bill.

S. 1166--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1166 -- Senators Tedder, Stephens and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE S.C. CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 1166 (LC-1166.CM0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 17-1-65(B) and inserting:

(B) The State must dismiss all charges pending against a person for unlawful possession of a handgun pursuant to Section 16-23-20 that were nullified by the enactment of the S.C. Constitutional Carry/Second Amendment Preservation Act of 2024, notwithstanding the savings

clause contained in SECTION 25 of that act. However, if such unlawful possession of a handgun charge was used as probable cause for another offense arising from the same incident, this section does not mandate that those associated charges be dismissed. Dismissal of the Section 16-23-20 charge may not serve as a basis or support for any civil action due to the arrest of the Section 16-23-20 charge by law enforcement officers or prosecutors.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ELLIOTT explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon

Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Gibson	McCravy

Total--2

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 207--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 207 -- Senator Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 57-23-1160 SO AS TO CREATE THE PIEDMONT GATEWAY SCENIC BYWAY AND TO IDENTIFY THE THREE SEGMENTS THAT COMPRISE THE BYWAY.

Reps. ERICKSON, HIOTT, CARTER, GUFFEY, SESSIONS, M. M. SMITH, MAGNUSON, MCCRAVY and WEST requested debate on the Bill.

S. 968--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 968 -- Senators Peeler and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80(A)(6) AND (B), RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO VOLUNTARILY DISCLOSE HIS BLOOD TYPE.

Reps. ERICKSON, HIOTT, CARTER, HIXON, GUFFEY, SESSIONS, MCCRAVY, M. M. SMITH, B. L. COX and GUEST requested debate on the Bill.

S. 974--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 974 -- Senator Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 59-104-20, 59-149-10, AND 59-150-370, ALL RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION" FOR PURPOSES OF THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS, THE LEGISLATIVE INCENTIVES FOR FUTURE EXCELLENCE (LIFE) SCHOLARSHIPS, AND THE SC HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO ADD AN INSTITUTION ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITING COMMISSION OF CAREER SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES TO THE DEFINITION.

Reps. ERICKSON, HIOTT, CARTER, HIXON, GUFFEY, B. NEWTON, SESSIONS, M. M. SMITH, B. L. COX, WEST and LONG requested debate on the Bill.

S. 125--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 125 -- Senators Hembree, Turner, Young, Setzler, Fanning and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-15, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL LIFE SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE STIPEND TO EDUCATION MAJORS AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER

EDUCATION PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO DEFINE EDUCATION MAJOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-25, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE STIPEND TO EDUCATION MAJORS AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-50, RELATING TO A NUMERICAL ACT EQUIVALENT, SO AS TO SET THE EQUIVALENT SCORE OF THE ACT TO 22; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-20, RELATING TO PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, SO AS TO ALLOW A STUDENT WHO USES A PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND A TWO-YEAR INSTITUTION SHALL RECEIVE A MAXIMUM OF FOUR CONTINUOUS SEMESTERS.

Reps. ERICKSON, HIXON, CARTER, O'NEAL, SESSIONS, M. M. SMITH, B. L. COX, GUFFEY, WEST, ROBBINS, CALHOON, BUSTOS and LONG requested debate on the Bill.

S. 881--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 881 -- Senators M. Johnson, McLeod, Devine and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING THE "PROHIBITION OF UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS ACT"; AND TO MAKE THE PROHIBITIONS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS THAT ARE RECORDED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT OR THAT ARE EXECUTED MODIFIED, EXTENDED, OR AMENDED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

Reps. SANDIFER, HIOTT, CARTER, HIXON, BLACKWELL, OREMUS, O'NEAL, LIGON, GUFFEY, MAGNUSON, HARRIS, M. M. SMITH, MCCRAVY, WILLIAMS, WEST, HART, JEFFERSON, BUSTOS and LONG requested debate on the Bill.

S. 434--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 434 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-78-55 SO

AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO CLAUSE OF A SERVICE CONTRACT WHICH STATES THAT THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED RENEWED FOR A SPECIFIED ADDITIONAL PERIOD, UNLESS THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER GIVES NOTICE TO THE PROVIDER OF HIS INTENTION TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM, SHALL BE ENFORCEABLE AGAINST THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER.

Reps. SANDIFER, HIOTT, CARTER, HIXON, ERICKSON, BLACKWELL, M. M. SMITH, GUFFEY, WEST, WHITMIRE, CALHOON and JEFFERSON requested debate on the Bill.

S. 700--REQUESTS FOR DEBATE

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 700 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES PROVIDERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS.

Reps. SANDIFER, HIOTT, HIXON, CARTER, ERICKSON, BLACKWELL, B. NEWTON, LIGON, M. M. SMITH, MCCRAVY, WEST, JEFFERSON, CALHOON, WHITMIRE and BUSTOS requested debate on the Bill.

S. 1099--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1099 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-360, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LAURENS COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

Rep. TAYLOR moved that the House recede until 3:00 p.m., which was agreed to.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 3:00 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

OBJECTION TO RECALL

Rep. BAMBERG asked unanimous consent to recall S. 423 from the Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs.

Rep. DAVIS objected.

S. 557--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 557 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Kimbrell, Adams, Rice, Rankin, Reichenbach, Young, Loftis, Climer, Garrett, Alexander, Campsen and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.

Rep. POPE moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 5101--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Joint Resolution were taken up for consideration:

H. 5101 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

Rep. POPE moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 5023--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 5023 -- Reps. Brewer, Gilliam, Lawson, Sessions, Schuessler, Hager, Hartnett, Gatch, Mitchell, Hewitt, Robbins, J. Moore, Wooten, Guffey, O'Neal, J. L. Johnson, Pedalino and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-219 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE WORK ZONE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-15, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-130, RELATING TO LICENSE EXAMINATIONS AND BASIC AND CLASSIFIED LICENSES, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE.

Rep. POPE moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 5100--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 5100 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. POPE moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 5314--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Concurrent Resolution were taken up for consideration:

H. 5314 -- Reps. Haddon and Burns: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 25 (WHITE HORSE ROAD) AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 183 (SALUDA DAM ROAD) IN THE GREENVILLE COUNTY TOWN OF BEREA "HAROLD M. BATSON, JR. MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Rep. POPE moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 4947--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following House Resolution was taken up:

H. 4947 -- Reps. Pace, A. M. Morgan, May, Trantham, Oremus, Magnuson, Kilmartin, Cromer, S. Jones, O'Neal, White, T. A. Morgan, Harris, McCabe and Beach: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CONCERNS RAISED BY GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT REGARDING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO ENFORCE IMMIGRATION LAWS AND PROTECT THE STATES

AND CONDEMN PRESIDENT BIDEN'S ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO FAITHFULLY EXECUTE IMMIGRATION LAWS ENACTED BY CONGRESS.

Rep. POPE moved to adjourn debate on the Resolution which was agreed to.

S. 1267--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1267 -- Senator Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF HIGHWAY 17 FROM 8TH AVENUE NORTH TO STARWATCH DRIVE IN HORRY COUNTY "GEORGE RAYFORD VEREEN HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Rep. POPE moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution which was agreed to.

S. 1268--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1268 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 315 IN JASPER COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 170 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17 "BISHOP DELORIS M. YOUNG HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Rep. POPE moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution which was agreed to.

S. 1304--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1304 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME

THE PORTION OF BLUFF ROAD IN RICHLAND COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH WINDY DRIVE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH PINEVIEW DRIVE "DEPUTY SHERIFF JACOB ERIC SALRIN MEMORIAL WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Rep. POPE moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution which was agreed to.

S. 1297--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1297 -- Senator Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF BOUNDARY STREET AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 34 BYPASS (BOB LAKE BOULEVARD) IN NEWBERRY COUNTY "HENRY S. REEDER INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Rep. POPE moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution which was agreed to.

S. 1302--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1302 -- Senator Malloy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 15 AND BROWNTOWN ROAD IN LEE COUNTY "WALLACE A. 'BULL' BERRY INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Rep. POPE moved to adjourn debate on the Concurrent Resolution which was agreed to.

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. POPE.

S. 915--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 915 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Setzler, Verdin, Davis, Hutto, Kimbrell, Young, Senn, Fanning and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO CREATE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY AND PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AGENCY; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO DISSOLVE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS AND CREATE THE STATE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND POLICY; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO THE MEDIATION OF GRIEVANCES BY THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY, THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY, AND ALL DIRECT REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY AND TO DIRECTORS OF THE COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-70, RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR TO BE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; AND TO REPEAL TITLE 44, CHAPTER 9 RELATING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

Rep. POPE moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 5438--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5438 -- Reps. Hiott, McCravy and Magnuson: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM LIBRARY MATERIALS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5269, PURSUANT TO THE

PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. POPE moved to adjourn debate on the Joint Resolution, which was agreed to.

S. 1017--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1017 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Climer, Setzler and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY THAT EQUALS THE CORPORATION'S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY ASSESSED AS AGRICULTURAL OR RELATED THERETO MAY NOT BE ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY.

Rep. POPE moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 1046--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1046 -- Senators Hembree, Climer, M. Johnson, Peeler, Corbin, Cromer, Shealy, Grooms, Bennett, Gambrell, Loftis, Rice, Gustafson, Martin, Verdin, Turner, Kimbrell, Reichenbach, Cash, Harpootlian, McLeod and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-10, RELATING TO JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS, INITIAL TERMS, AND SUBSEQUENT TERMS, TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT, EXCEPT THOSE FIRST APPOINTED, THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SENATE PRESIDENT, THE SENATE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN, THE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND THE HOUSE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO NOMINEE MAY BE A FAMILY MEMBER OF A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-20, RELATING TO INVESTIGATION BY COMMISSION AND PUBLICATION OF VACANCIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-30, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND EXECUTIVE SESSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS BE LIVE STREAMED; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-70, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DUAL OFFICES, PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR, AND PLEDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FLOOR PRIVILEGES AND PROHIBITIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND ESTABLISHING SET TIMES FOR THE RELEASE OF REPORTS AND THE SEEKING OF PLEDGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FORMAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT OF QUALIFICATIONS SHALL OCCUR NO EARLIER THAN TWELVE DAYS AFTER NOMINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO NOMINATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SHALL BE RELEASED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE A MAJORITY VOTE OF EACH HOUSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERMS AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FULL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OF THE COUNTY THE MAGISTRATE WILL SERVE.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 1046 (LC-1046.AHB0081H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting

words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 19, Title 2 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

CHAPTER 19

South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission

Screening and Election of Justices and Judges

Section 2-19-5. (A) There is created the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission composed of thirteen members who must be appointed as follows:

(1) four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and of these appointments:

(a) three members must be members of the House of Representatives; and

(b) one member must be selected from the South Carolina Bar who must be a member of the Bar in good standing with ten years' experience in the practice of law;

(2) four members appointed by the Senate and of these appointments:

(a) two members must be appointed by the President of the Senate one of whom must be a member of the Senate and one of whom must be selected from the South Carolina Bar and must be a member in good standing with ten years' experience in the practice of law; and

(b) two members must be appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee both of whom must be members of the Senate; and

(3) five members appointed by the Governor:

(a) one of which must be a retired judge from the statewide judicial system who shall serve as chairman; and

(b) all of which must be members in good standing of the South Carolina Bar with at least ten years' experience in the practice of law.

(B) No person is eligible for appointment if he individually contributed to a campaign of one of the appointing authorities in the most recent election. Nonlegislative members may not be a public employee or serve in another elected office.

(C) Members of the commission shall serve for a term of two years and may serve no more than two consecutive terms. However, a member of the House of Representatives or Senate who ceases to serve as a member of the General Assembly will have his service on the commission terminated upon the end of his service in the General Assembly. Additionally, a member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term may serve two full terms thereafter. The initial appointments must be made as follows:

(1) one member each appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to subsection (A)(1)(a) and (b) shall serve an initial term of one year and may be reappointed to a following two-year term;

(2) one member each appointed by the President of the Senate and the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee pursuant to subsection (A)(2)(a) and (b) shall serve an initial term of one year and may be reappointed to a following two-year term; and

(3) two members appointed by the Governor pursuant to subsection (A)(3)(b) shall serve an initial term of one year and may be reappointed to a following two-year term.

(D) In making appointments to the commission, race, gender, national origin, and other demographic factors shall be considered to ensure nondiscrimination to the greatest extent possible as to all segments of the population of the State.

(E) The chairman of the commission appointed pursuant to subsection (A)(3)(a) shall serve a two-year term after which he may be reappointed. Other officers may be elected as the commission considers necessary.

(F) A vacancy on the commission must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for the original selection.

(G) Current members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission who have served more than four years as a member of the commission are not eligible for appointment to the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission pursuant to the provisions of this chapter.

(H) No member of the commission shall receive any compensation for commission services, except those set by law for travel, board, and lodging expenses incurred in the performance of commission duties.

(I) No member of the commission is eligible for nomination and appointment as a judge or justice of the state court system or administrative law court while serving on the commission and for a period of one year thereafter.

(J) The commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of this chapter including, but not limited to, rules and limits governing campaigning, ethics, and live-streaming of meetings.

Section 2-19-10. ~~(A) Whenever~~When an election is to be held by the General Assembly in Joint Session, for members of the judiciary, ~~a~~the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission, composed of ~~ten~~thirteen members, shall ~~be appointed, in the manner prescribed by this~~

~~section, to~~ consider the qualifications of the candidates. The ~~Judicial Merit Selection Commission~~commission shall meet at least once annually and at other times as may be designated by the chairman. The commission~~, at its first meeting and then annually, shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman who~~ shall ~~serve for a term of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified, and~~ adopt rules necessary to the purposes of the commission. These rules shall address, among other things:

(1) the confidentiality of records and other information received concerning candidates for judicial office;

(2) the conduct of proceedings before the commission;

(3) receipt of public statements in support of or in opposition to any of the candidates;

(4) procedures to review the qualifications of retired judges for continued judicial service;

(5) contacting incumbent judges regarding their desire to seek ~~re-election~~reelection;

(6) prohibition against candidates communicating with individual members of the commission concerning the qualifications of candidates unless specifically authorized by the commission.

A member may succeed himself as chairman~~ or vice chairman~~. ~~Six~~Seven members of the commission constitute a quorum at all meetings.

~~(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission shall consist of the following individuals:~~

~~(1) five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and of these appointments:~~

~~(a) three members must be serving members of the General Assembly; and~~

~~(b) two members must be selected from the general public;~~

~~(2) three members, appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, who must be serving members of the Senate; and~~

~~(3) two members, appointed by the President of the Senate, who must be selected from the general public.~~

~~(C) In making appointments to the commission, race, gender, national origin, and other demographic factors should be considered to ensure nondiscrimination to the greatest extent possible as to all segments of the population of the State.~~

~~(D) The term of office of a member of the commission who is not a member of the General Assembly shall be for four years subject to a right of removal at any time by the person appointing him, and until his~~

~~successor is appointed and qualifies. A member of the commission who is a serving member of the General Assembly shall serve for the term of office to which he has been elected.~~

~~(E) A vacancy on the Judicial Merit Selection Commission must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for the original selection.~~

~~(F) No member of the commission shall receive any compensation for commission services, except those set by law for travel, board, and lodging expenses incurred in the performance of commission duties.~~

~~(G) No member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission is eligible for nomination and appointment as a judge or justice of the state court system or administrative law judge division while serving on the commission and for a period of one year thereafter.~~

Section 2-19-20. (A) It is the responsibility of the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission to determine when judicial vacancies are to occur in the ~~administrative law judge division~~Administrative Law Court and on the family court, circuit court, court of appeals, or Supreme Court and to expeditiously investigate in advance the qualifications of those who seek ~~nomination~~the position. For purposes of this chapter, a vacancy is created in the ~~administrative law judge division~~ Administrative Law Court or on the family court, circuit court, court of appeals, or Supreme Court when any of the following occurs: a term expires; a new judicial position is created; or a judge can no longer serve due to resignation, retirement, disciplinary action, disability, or death.

(B) The commission, upon receiving notice of a judicial vacancy, ascertaining that a judicial vacancy shall occur, or receiving the decision of an incumbent judge regarding his seeking ~~re-election~~reelection, shall notify the Supreme Court of the vacancy for publication in the advance sheets provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court at least thirty days prior to closing applications for the vacancy. The commission shall, if practicable, also notify the South Carolina Bar, other professional legal organizations it considers appropriate, and each newspaper of this State with daily circulation of the vacancy at least thirty days prior to closing applications for the vacancy. This notice must include, but not be limited to, the judicial office in which the vacancy occurs, the address to which, and the date by which interested candidates may apply.

(C) The ~~Judicial Merit Selection Commission~~commission shall announce and publicize vacancies and forthcoming vacancies in the ~~administrative law judge division~~ Administrative Law Court, on the family court, circuit court, court of appeals, and Supreme Court. A

person who desires to be considered for ~~nomination~~a position as justice or judge may make application to the commission. No person may concurrently seek more than one judicial vacancy. The commission shall announce the names of those persons who have applied.

(D) Any person wishing to seek a judicial office, which is elected by the General Assembly, shall file a notice of intention to seek the office with the ~~Judicial Merit Selection Commission~~commission. Upon receipt of the notice of intention, the commission shall begin to conduct the investigation of the candidate as it considers appropriate and may in the investigation utilize the services of any agency of state government. This agency shall, upon request, cooperate fully with the commission.

Section 2-19-25. (A) The South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission is authorized to investigate and obtain information relative to any candidate for an ~~administrative law~~ Administrative Law Court judgeship or a family court, circuit court, court of appeals, or Supreme Court judgeship from any state agency or other group including, but not limited to, court administration and any law enforcement agency, to the extent permitted by law. And, as part of the investigation, candidates for election to judicial office or reelection to judicial office must disclose any sanctions, including private reprimands, to the commission.

(B) There is created the Bar and Citizens' Judicial Qualifications Committee. The chairman of the commission shall notify the president of the South Carolina Bar of the judgeships to be filled and of the candidates for those judgeships no later than four weeks before the scheduled date for the public hearing. The chairman of the commission shall ~~also~~ request the South Carolina Bar to form this committee to be made up of members of the South Carolina Bar and citizens for each geographic district set by the commission.

(C) The committee may utilize electronic ballot box survey polling or other forms of electronic surveys as it deems appropriate, and shall offer the commission an assessment of each candidate's qualifications for the judgeship sought, and the date by which the assessment must be returned to the commission. This assessment must specify the ~~bar's~~committee's finding as to whether each candidate is qualified or unqualified for the judgeship sought and the reasons for that finding. The commission may receive the ~~bar's~~committee's assessment in that form and at that time it desires but shall attach the assessments to its findings of fact in such form as the commission considers appropriate. Failure of the ~~bar~~committee to return the assessment by the date requested is not a ground for delaying the applicable hearings or election.

(D) The commission shall forward the names of justices and judges

who are at the midpoint in their terms to the committee in order for the committee to conduct midterm reviews utilizing the electronic ballot box survey polling or other forms of electronic surveys as it deems appropriate. The results of the midterm reviews must be forwarded to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Midterm reviews also must be provided to the commission at the next public screening of each judicial candidate.

Section 2-19-30. (A) Upon completion of the investigation, the chairman of the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission shall schedule a public hearing concerning the qualifications of the candidates. Any person who desires to testify at the hearing, including candidates, shall furnish a written statement of his proposed testimony to the commission no later than two weeks prior to the date and time set for the hearing unless sufficient cause is determined by the ~~Judicial Merit Selection Commission~~commission for allowing the submitting individual's testimony after the deadline. The commission shall determine the persons who shall testify at the hearing. All testimony, including documents furnished to the commission, must be submitted under oath and persons knowingly furnishing false information either orally or in writing are subject to the penalties provided by law for perjury and false swearing.

(B) During the course of the investigation, the commission may schedule an executive session at which each candidate, and other persons whom the commission wishes to interview, may be interviewed by the commission on matters pertinent to the candidate's qualification for the office to be filled.

(C) ~~A~~At a reasonable time thereafter the commission shall render its tentative findings as to whether the candidate is qualified for the office to be filled and its reasons therefor as to each candidate.

(D) As soon as possible after the completion of the hearing, a verbatim copy of the testimony, documents submitted at the hearing, and findings of fact must be transcribed and published or otherwise made available in a reasonable number of copies to the members of both houses prior to the date of the scheduled election, and a copy ~~thereof~~ shall be furnished to each candidate and anyone else upon request. A charge for these copies may be made as authorized in the Freedom of Information Act.

(E) A candidate may withdraw at any stage of the proceedings and in this event no further inquiry or consideration of his candidacy shall be made. All materials concerning that candidate including his report, transcript, application, materials, and other information gathered during

the commission's investigation must be kept confidential and destroyed as soon as possible after the candidate's written notification to the commission of his withdrawal. The information concerning a withdrawn candidate also shall be exempt from disclosure pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 30. However, once a public hearing begins and a candidate has been sworn in, a candidate may withdraw but all materials concerning the candidate as delineated in this subsection must be retained and may not be destroyed by the commission.

Section 2-19-35. (A) The responsibility of the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission is to investigate and consider the qualifications of the candidates for judicial office in ~~the administrative law judge division~~Administrative Law Court or on the family court, circuit court, court of appeals, or Supreme Court. Investigations and consideration of the commission should include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

(1) constitutional qualifications;

(2) ethical fitness;

(3) professional and academic ability;

(4) character pursuant to the canons of judicial conduct and legal ethics;

(5) reputation;

(6) physical health;

(7) mental stability;

(8) experience; and

(9) judicial temperament pursuant to the canons of judicial conduct and legal ethics.

(B) ~~In making nominations, race~~Race, gender, national origin, and other demographic factors ~~should~~shall be considered by the commission to ensure nondiscrimination to the greatest extent possible as to all segments of the population of the State.

~~Section 2-19-40. Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, when there is no known opposition to a candidate, and there appears to be no substantial reason for having a public hearing, whether or not a candidate is an incumbent, and no request is made by at least six members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission for a public hearing, the commission chairman upon recommendation of the commission may determine that the public hearing is unnecessary and it may not be held.~~ Reserved.

Section 2-19-50. All records, information, and other material that the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission has obtained or used to make its findings of fact, except materials, records, and

information presented under oath at the public hearing, must be kept strictly confidential. ~~After the commission has reported its findings of fact, all records, information, and material required to be kept confidential must be destroyed.~~ The information required to be kept confidential also shall be exempt from disclosure pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 30.

Section 2-19-60. (A)The South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission in the discharge of its duties may administer oaths and affirmations, take depositions, and issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, and other records considered necessary in connection with the investigation of the candidate.

(B) No person shall be excused from attending and testifying or from producing books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, or other records before the ~~Judicial Merit Selection Commission~~commission on the ground that the testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, required of him may tend to incriminate him or subject him to a penalty or forfeiture. But no individual shall be prosecuted or subjected to any criminal penalty based upon testimony or evidence submitted or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter, or thing concerning which he is compelled, after having claimed his privilege against self-incrimination, to testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, except that the individual so testifying shall not be exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury and false swearing committed in so testifying.

(C) In case of contumacy by any person or refusal to obey a subpoena issued to any person, any circuit court of this State or circuit judge ~~thereof~~ within the jurisdiction of which the person guilty of contumacy or refusal to obey is found, resides, or transacts business, upon application by the ~~Judicial Merit Selection Commission~~commission may issue to this person an order requiring him to appear before the commission to produce evidence if so ordered or to give testimony touching the matter under investigation. Any failure to obey an order of the court may be punished as a contempt~~ hereof~~. Subpoenas shall be issued in the name of the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission and shall be signed by the commission chairman. Subpoenas shall be issued to those persons as the commission may designate.

Section 2-19-70. (A) No member of the General Assembly may be elected to a judicial office while he is serving in the General Assembly nor shall that person be elected to a judicial office for a period of one

year after he either:

(1) ceases to be a member of the General Assembly; or

(2) fails to file for election to the General Assembly in accordance with Section 7-11-15.

(B) The privilege of the floor in either house of the General Assembly may not be granted to any candidate or any immediate family member of a candidate unless the family member is serving in the General Assembly, during the time the candidate's application is pending before the commission and during the time his nomination by the commission for election to a particular judicial office is pending in the General Assembly.

(C) No candidate for judicial office may seek, directly or indirectly, the pledge of a member of the General Assembly's vote or the assistance of a member in seeking another member's vote, directly or indirectly, or contact a member of the General Assembly regarding screening for the judicial office until the qualifications of all candidates for that office have been determined by the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission, ~~and~~ the commission has formally released its report as to the qualifications of all candidates for the vacancy to the General Assembly, and until one week before the election. No member of the General Assembly may offer his pledge until the qualifications of all candidates for that office have been determined by the ~~Judicial Merit Selection Commission~~commission, ~~and~~ until the commission has formally released its report ~~as to the qualifications of its nominees~~of all qualified candidates to the General Assembly, and until one week before the election. ~~The formal release of the report of qualifications shall occur no earlier than forty-eight hours after the nominees have been initially released to members of the General Assembly.~~ For purposes of this section, indirectly seeking a pledge means the candidate, or someone acting on behalf of and at the request of the candidate, requesting a person to contact a member of the General Assembly on behalf of the candidate before ~~nominations for that office are formally made~~ the report of all qualified candidates by the commission, and until one week before the election. The prohibitions of this section do not extend to an announcement of candidacy by the candidate and statements by the candidate detailing the candidate's qualifications.

(D) No member of the General Assembly may trade anything of value, including pledges to vote for legislation or for other candidates, in exchange for another member's pledge to vote for a candidate for judicial office.

(E) Violations of this section may be considered by the ~~merit~~

~~selection~~ commission when it considers the candidate's qualifications. Violations of this section by members of the General Assembly shall be reported by the commission to the House or Senate Ethics Committee, as may be applicable. Violations of this section by nonlegislative commission members shall be reported by the commission to the State Ethics Commission. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, the violator must be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety days. Cases tried under this section may not be transferred from general sessions court pursuant to Section 22-3-545.

Section 2-19-80. (A) The commission ~~shall make nominations to the General Assembly of candidates and their qualifications for election to the Supreme Court, court of appeals, circuit court, family court, and the administrative law judge division. It~~ shall review the qualifications of all applicants for a judicial office and ~~select therefrom and~~ submit to the General Assembly the names and qualifications of ~~the three~~all candidates whom it considers~~ best~~ qualified for the judicial office under consideration. ~~If fewer than three persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the commission concludes there are fewer than three candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit to the General Assembly only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than three names.~~

(B) The ~~nominations of the commission for any judgeship are binding on the~~ General Assembly~~, and it~~ shall not elect a person not ~~nominated~~found qualified by the commission. Nothing shall prevent the General Assembly from rejecting all persons ~~nominated~~found qualified by the commission for a judicial office under consideration. In this event, the commission shall submit another group of names and qualifications for that position. Further ~~nominations~~procedures in the manner required by this chapter must be made until the office is filled.

(C)(1) If the commission does not find the incumbent justice or judge qualified for the judicial office held and sought, his name shall not be submitted to the General Assembly for ~~re-election~~ reelection and upon expiration of his then current term of office, he shall cease serving in that judicial position.

(2) If the commission finds an incumbent judge not qualified for the office sought, or if an incumbent judge dies, withdraws, or becomes otherwise disqualified for the office sought between the time he makes application for the office and the date of the election ~~therefor~~, the election for the office may not be held at that scheduled time, and the commission shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this

chapter to make other ~~nominations~~arrangements for the office as though a new vacancy without an incumbent exists in that office, including reopening the application process with all required notices. Nothing prevents the commission from including in its new ~~nominations~~list of qualified candidates the names and qualifications of persons other than the incumbent judge it included ~~in its previous nominations~~previously.

(D) The commission shall accompany its ~~nominations~~list of all qualified candidates to the General Assembly with reports ~~or recommendations~~ as to the qualifications of particular candidates. These reports must be released on the first day of the legislative session.

(E) A period of at least ~~two~~four weeks, but no more eight weeks, must elapse between the date of the commission's ~~nominations~~release of the list of all qualified candidates to the General Assembly and the date the General Assembly conducts the election for these judgeships.

Section 2-19-90. (A) The General Assembly shall meet in joint session for the election of judges at least four weeks, but no more than eight weeks, after the date of the release of its list of qualified candidates and the reports. The date and time for the joint session shall be set by concurrent resolution upon the recommendation of the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission. The ~~Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission~~presiding officer of the joint session shall announce the ~~commission's nominees~~candidates for each judicial race, and no further nominating or seconding speeches shall be allowed by members of the General Assembly. In order to be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of the vote of the members of the General Assembly voting in joint session.

(B) For judicial elections, at the end of each balloting when there is more than one candidate, the candidate, or candidates in the event of tie, having received the fewest total number of votes will be eliminated and will not be considered on the next ballot. This procedure will continue until only one candidate remains and is therefore elected.

Section 2-19-100. In order to be eligible for appointment by the Chief Justice to serve, any retired justice or judge of this State must have been reviewed by the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission under procedures it shall establish to review retired judges' qualifications for continued judicial service and be found by the commission to be qualified to serve in these situations within four years of the date of his appointment to serve, except that if a justice or judge retired before the expiration of his then current term, no further review of that justice or judge is required until that term would have expired.

Section 2-19-110. Upon a vacancy in the office of

master-in-equity, candidates ~~therefor~~ shall submit an application to the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission. Upon completion of reports and recommendations, the commission shall submit such reports and recommendations on all qualified master-in-equity candidates to the appropriate county legislative delegations. The county legislative delegations ~~shall~~ may then submit the name of a candidate to the Governor for consideration for appointment. Nothing shall prevent the delegation from rejecting a candidate and directing the commission to reopen the process. ~~Nothing~~And, nothing shall prevent the Governor from rejecting the person nominated by the delegation. In this event, the delegation shall submit another name for consideration. No person found not qualified by the commission may be appointed to the office of master-in-equity. For purposes of this section, a vacancy is created in the office of the master-in-equity when any of the following occurs: a term expires, a new judicial position is created, or a judge no longer can serve due to resignation, retirement, disciplinary action, disability, or death. The ~~Judicial Merit Selection Commission~~commission may begin screening prior to the actual date of the vacancy in the case of an expiration of term, resignation, or retirement pursuant to written notice ~~thereof~~.

Section 2-19-120. ~~(A) The Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, upon the advice of the commission, shall select members to serve on Citizens Committees on Judicial Qualifications for each geographic district set by the commission. These committees shall, under the rules adopted by the commission, advise the commission concerning judicial candidates. The committees shall report their findings to the commission in such form as prescribed by the commission.~~

~~(B) The members appointed to the Citizens Committees on Judicial Qualifications shall be compensated with an emolument of one hundred dollars per round of screening.~~

(A) There is created a Magistrates Review Subcommittee which must be comprised of nine members, five of which shall constitute a quorum, and which shall be comprised of the four members appointed by the President of the Senate and the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee and the five members appointed by the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Section 2-19-5(A)(2) and (3).

(B) After a magistrate candidate is forwarded by the Senate to the subcommittee, the subcommittee will conduct the same review as other judicial candidates and may conduct a public hearing in the same manner as other judicial candidates if the subcommittee deems it necessary. The

subcommittee will forward a report on a magistrate's qualifications to the Senate and Governor prior to the time for the Governor's appointment. The Governor's appointment process followed by advice and consent of the Senate is pursuant to Section 22-1-10.

SECTION 2. Section 22-1-10(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A)(1) The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, may appoint magistrates in each county of the State for a term of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualified pursuant to item (2), or until their positions are terminated as provided in subsection (B), Section 22-1-30, or Section 22-2-40.

(2) A magistrate may serve in a holdover capacity for no more than fourteen days from the expiration of the magistrate's term. If a magistrate is not appointed within this time because of the Senate's failure to give advice and consent, then the Governor may make a temporary appointment until advice and consent is received for a permanent appointment. Any magistrate or magistrate candidate who has been reprimanded by the Supreme Court of South Carolina or any other disciplinary authority may not be appointed or reappointed unless approved by a majority of the Senate after the Senate is informed of the reprimand or disciplinary action.

(3) Magistrates serving the counties of Abbeville, Allendale, Bamberg, Beaufort, Calhoun, Cherokee, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Colleton, Dillon, Edgefield, Florence, Greenville, Hampton, Jasper, Lancaster, Lee, Marion, McCormick, Oconee, Pickens, Saluda, Sumter, and Williamsburg shall serve terms of four years commencing May 1, 1990. Magistrates serving the counties of Aiken, Anderson, Barnwell, Berkeley, Charleston, Chester, Darlington, Dorchester, Fairfield, Georgetown, Greenwood, Horry, Kershaw, Laurens, Lexington, Marlboro, Newberry, Orangeburg, Richland, Spartanburg, Union, and York shall serve terms of four years commencing May 1, 1991.

(4) At least ninety days before the date of the commencement of the terms provided in the preceding paragraph and every four years thereafter, each county governing body must inform, in writing, the Senators representing that county of the number of full-time and part-time magistrate positions available in the county, the number of work hours required by each position, the compensation for each position, and the area of the county to which each position is assigned. If the county governing body fails to inform, in writing, the Senators representing that county of the information as required in this section, then the compensation, hours, and location of the full-time and part-time

magistrate positions available in the county remain as designated for the previous four years.

(5) Each magistrate's number of work hours, compensation, and work location must remain the same throughout the term of office, except for a change (1) specifically allowed by statute or (2) authorized by the county governing body at least four years after the magistrate's most recent appointment and after a material change in conditions has occurred which warrants the change. Nothing provided in this section prohibits the raising of compensation or hours and compensation during a term of office. No magistrate may be paid for work not performed except for bona fide illness or as otherwise provided by law.

(6) The number of magistrates to be appointed for each county and their territorial jurisdiction are as prescribed by law before March 2, 1897, for trial justices in the respective counties of the State, except as otherwise provided in this section.

SECTION 3. Section 22-3-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 22-3-10. Magistrates have concurrent civil jurisdiction in the following cases:

(1) in actions arising on contracts for the recovery of money only, if the sum claimed does not exceed ~~seven~~ twenty-five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars;

(2) in actions for damages for injury to rights pertaining to the person or personal or real property, if the damages claimed do not exceed ~~seven~~ twenty-five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars;

(3) in actions for a penalty, fine, or forfeiture, when the amount claimed or forfeited does not exceed ~~seven~~twenty-five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars;

(4) in actions commenced by attachment of property, as provided by statute, if the debt or damages claimed do not exceed ~~seven~~ twenty-five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars;

(5) in actions upon a bond conditioned for the payment of money, not exceeding ~~seven~~twenty-five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars, though the penalty exceeds that sum, the judgment to be given for the sum actually due, and when the payments are to be made by installments an action may be brought for each installment as it becomes due;

(6) in any action upon a surety bond taken by them, when the penalty or amount claimed does not exceed ~~seven~~twenty-five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars;

(7) in any action upon a judgment rendered in a court of a magistrate or an inferior court when it is not prohibited by the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure;

(8) to take and enter judgment on the confession of a defendant in the manner prescribed by law when the amount confessed does not exceed ~~seven~~ twenty-five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars;

(9) in any action for damages or for fraud in the sale, purchase, or exchange of personal property, if the damages claimed do not exceed ~~seven~~ twenty-five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars;

(10) in all matters between landlord and tenant and the possession of land as provided in Chapters 33 through 41 of Title 27;

(11) in any action to recover the possession of personal property claimed, the value of which, as stated in the affidavit of the plaintiff, his agent, or attorney, does not exceed the sum of ~~seven~~ twenty-five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars;

(12) in all actions provided for in this section when a filed counterclaim involves a sum not to exceed ~~seven~~ twenty-five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars, except that this limitation does not apply to counterclaims filed in matters between landlord and tenant and the possession of land;

(13) in interpleader actions arising from real estate contracts for the recovery of earnest money, only if the sum claimed does not exceed ~~seven~~ twenty-five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars; and

(14) in actions for damages arising from a person's failure to return leased or rented personal property within seventy-two hours after the expiration of the lease or rental agreement, such damages to be based on the loss of revenue or replacement value of the property, whichever is less, if the damages claimed do not exceed ~~seven~~ twenty-five thousand ~~five hundred~~ dollars; however, the lease or rental agreement must set forth the manner in which the amount of the loss of revenue or replacement value of the item leased or rented is calculated.

SECTION 4. Section 22-3-550 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 22-3-550. ~~(A)~~ Magistrates have jurisdiction of all offenses which may be subject to the penalties of a fine or forfeiture not exceeding twenty-five ~~hundred~~thousand dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding ~~thirty days~~ one year, or both. In addition, a magistrate may order restitution in an amount not to exceed the civil jurisdictional amount provided in Section 22-3-10(2). In determining the amount of restitution, the judge shall determine and itemize the actual amount of damage or loss in the order. In addition, the judge may set an appropriate payment schedule.

A magistrate may hold a party in contempt for failure to pay the restitution ordered if the judge finds the party has the ability to pay. In addition, a magistrate may convert any unpaid restitution, fines, costs,

fees, surcharges, and assessments to a civil judgment as provided in Section 17-25-323(C).

~~(B) However, a magistrate does not have the power to sentence a person to consecutive terms of imprisonment totaling more than ninety days except for convictions resulting from violations of Chapter 11, Title 34, pertaining to fraudulent checks, or violations of Section 16-13-110(B)(1), relating to shoplifting. Further, a magistrate must specify an amount of restitution in damages at the time of sentencing as an alternative to any imprisonment of more than ninety days which is lawfully imposed. The provisions of this subsection do not affect the transfer of criminal matters from the general sessions court made pursuant to Section 22-3-545.~~

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN spoke in favor of the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke upon the amendment.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HENEGAN a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. RUTHERFORD continued speaking.

Rep. RUTHERFORD spoke against the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Reps. W. Newton and Jordan proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to S. 1046 (LC-1046.AHB0086H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 5 and inserting:

SECTION 5. This act takes effect on July 1, 2025.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. King proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to S. 1046 (LC-1046.AHB0083H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 2-19-5(A)(3)(a) and (b) and inserting:

(a) one must be a retired judge from the statewide judicial system who shall serve as chairman; one must be a nonmember of the South Carolina Bar; and

(b) the remaining appointees must be members in good standing of the South Carolina Bar with at least ten years' experience in the practice of law.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. KING explained the amendment.

Rep. JORDAN spoke against the amendment and moved to table the amendment.

Rep. KING demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 92; Nays 22

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long

Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Trantham	Vaughan
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--92

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bauer
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gilliard	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	J. Moore	Ott
Rivers	Spann-Wilder	Weeks
Williams		

Total--22

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. A. M. Morgan proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to S. 1046 (LC-1046.AHB0087H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Chapter 1, Title 2 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 2-1-105. (A) Notwithstanding another provision of law, after July 1, 2024, a person may not be elected or appointed to a judicial office that is filled by election or appointment of the General Assembly if that person is an immediate family member of a:

(1) sitting member of the General Assembly; or

(2) former member of the General Assembly whose most recent term of legislative service ended less than one year prior to the General Assembly's election or appointment of the office in question.

(B) The provisions of this section do not apply to an immediate family member of a sitting member of the General Assembly serving in a judicial office described in subsection (A) on the effective date of this section.

(C) For purposes of this section, the term "immediate family" is as defined in Section 2-17-10(7).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN explained the amendment.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. Bamberg proposed the following Amendment No. 6 to S. 1046 (LC-1046.AHB0089H), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. No later than July 1, 2025, the House of Representatives and Senate shall create Joint Rules for the sole purpose of the conduction of Joint Assemblies for judicial elections pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 19, Title 2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President of the Senate shall each appoint four members from their bodies to develop appropriate Joint Rules pursuant this SECTION for review and adoption by each body.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BAMBERG explained the amendment.

Rep. BAMBERG moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. CASKEY spoke in favor of the Bill.

Rep. SPANN-WILDER spoke against the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 112; Nays 6

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Hosey	King	McDaniel
Rivers	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder

Total--6

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. W. NEWTON moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5520 -- Rep. King: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF OGDEN ROAD IN YORK COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH HECKLE BOULEVARD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HARRISON STREET "DAISY ROGERS MCDUFFIE ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS ROAD CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

Rep. BANNISTER, from the Greenville Delegation, submitted a favorable report on:

H. 5388 -- Reps. Bannister, Elliott, Willis, W. Jones, Dillard, Vaughan and Haddon: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 919 OF 1928, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GREENVILLE AIRPORT COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS TO TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.

Ordered for consideration tomorrow.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5534 -- Reps. Chapman, Thayer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO THANK JOHN WILLIAM TUCKER, JR., AND RUTH SADLER HANEY FOR THEIR FAMILY'S GENEROUS DONATION OF A HISTORIC TRADITIONAL SOUTHERN LADDERBACK CHAIR TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE MUSEUM.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5535 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones,

W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HAMMOND SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5536 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF FOSTEEN "TINA" WARD

HARRIFORD OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5537 -- Reps. Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE REVEREND JUDY M. RICHARDSON FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE AS PRESIDING ELDER IN THE AME CHURCH AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5538 -- Rep. McCravy: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KIM RODGERS, A MULTILINGUAL LANGUAGE SPECIALIST AT PINECREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50, AND TO

CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE DISTRICT'S 2024-2025 TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5539 -- Rep. McCravy: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SARAH FUNKHOUSER, A FIRST GRADE TEACHER AT WOODFIELDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE DISTRICT'S 2024-2025 FIRST-YEAR TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5540 -- Reps. Bauer, Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE WALLIS BOND, A MATH INTERVENTIONIST AT BROCKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FOR BEING SELECTED AS A 2024

PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING STATE FINALIST.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5541 -- Reps. Bustos, Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ROSALEE COAXUM OF CHARLESTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER 91ST BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5542 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR MRS. DAISY ROGERS MCDUFFIE FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS SHE HAS MADE TO HER COMMUNITY AND TO CONGRATULATE

HER ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED SECOND BIRTHDAY.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1315 -- Senators Campsen and Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO TAKE ALL PRACTICAL STEPS TO INCREASE THE USE OF SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL IN THE STATE, REGIONALLY, AND NATIONALLY.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 5543 -- Reps. Gilliard, Henegan and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-775 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE HEALTH PLAN MUST PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR LACTATION CARE AND SERVICES BEGINNING WITH THE 2025 PLAN YEAR, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SCOPE OF COVERAGE, TO PROHIBIT THE APPLICATION OF COST-SHARING PROVISIONS TO COVERED LACTATION CARE AND SERVICES, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry

H. 5544 -- Reps. J. Moore and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA-COLOMBIA TRADE COMMISSION", TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TRADE COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5545 -- Reps. J. Moore and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA-

TAIWAN TRADE COMMISSION", TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TRADE COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. 5546 -- Reps. J. Moore and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA-CARIBBEAN ISLANDS TRADE COMMISSION", TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TRADE COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

S. 557--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 557 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Kimbrell, Adams, Rice, Rankin, Reichenbach, Young, Loftis, Climer, Garrett, Alexander, Campsen and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 5101--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Joint Resolution were taken up for consideration:

H. 5101 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 5023--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 5023 -- Reps. Brewer, Gilliam, Lawson, Sessions, Schuessler, Hager, Hartnett, Gatch, Mitchell, Hewitt, Robbins, J. Moore, Wooten, Guffey, O'Neal, J. L. Johnson, Pedalino and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-219 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE WORK ZONE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-15, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-130, RELATING TO LICENSE EXAMINATIONS AND BASIC AND CLASSIFIED LICENSES, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 5100--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 5100 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 5314--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN

The Senate Amendments to the following Concurrent Resolution were taken up for consideration:

H. 5314 -- Reps. Haddon and Burns: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 25 (WHITE HORSE ROAD) AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 183 (SALUDA DAM ROAD) IN THE GREENVILLE COUNTY TOWN OF BEREA "HAROLD M. BATSON, JR. MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Rep. HADDON explained the Senate Amendments.

The Senate Amendments were concurred in and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MAGNUSON a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

H. 4947--AMENDED AND ADOPTED

The following House Resolution was taken up:

H. 4947 -- Reps. Pace, A. M. Morgan, May, Trantham, Oremus, Magnuson, Kilmartin, Cromer, S. Jones, O'Neal, White, T. A. Morgan, Harris, McCabe and Beach: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CONCERNS RAISED BY GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT REGARDING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO ENFORCE IMMIGRATION LAWS AND PROTECT THE STATES AND CONDEMN PRESIDENT BIDEN'S ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO FAITHFULLY EXECUTE IMMIGRATION LAWS ENACTED BY CONGRESS.

Rep. Caskey proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4947 (LC-4947.AHB0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the resolution, as and if amended, after the first paragraph by adding:

Whereas, on May 31, 2023, Governor Henry McMaster deployed

South Carolina National Guard troops to help secure the southern border of Texas; and

Whereas, these forces included The Honorable Travis Moore who served as the Battalion Commander for these troops during their deployment; and

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly authorized the expenditure, through the 2023-2024 General Appropriations Act, of over $1.4 million to support the efforts of the South Carolina National Guard; and

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE spoke against the amendment.

Rep. PACE moved to continue the Resolution.

Rep. BRITTAIN demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 7; Nays 100

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Beach	Cromer	Harris
S. Jones	O'Neal	Pace
White		

Total--7

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
Crawford	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard

Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

So, the House refused to continue the Resolution.

Rep. BAMBERG spoke upon the amendment.
Rep. OTT spoke upon the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. FORREST a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. OTT continued speaking.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 12

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Dillard	Garvin	Henderson-Myers
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	King
J. Moore	Pendarvis	Rivers
Spann-Wilder	Thigpen	Williams

Total--12

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. Caskey proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to H. 4947 (LC-4947.AHB0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the resolution, as and if amended, after the first paragraph by adding:

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly has previously enacted Act 280 of 2008, The South Carolina Illegal Immigration Reform Act; and

Whereas, Act 280 of 2008 required the use of the E-Verify system for all business in South Carolina; and

Whereas, subsequent to the enactment of Act 280 of 2008, the South Carolina General Assembly has supported and funded the deployment and enforcement of the E-Verify system though the South Carolina Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation; and

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. CASKEY continued speaking.

Rep. CASKEY spoke in favor of the amendment.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. Caskey proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to H. 4947 (LC-4947.AHB0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the resolution, as and if amended, after the first paragraph by adding:

Whereas, the South Carolina General Assembly has enacted Act 109 of 2024 permanently establishing The Immigration Enforcement Unit of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division; and

Whereas, the General Appropriations Act of 2024-2025 will authorize funds to support the mission of The Immigration Enforcement Unit of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division; and

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey

Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total—101

Those who voted in the negative are:

King	McDaniel

Total--2

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. PACE spoke in favor of the Resolution.

The question then recurred to the adoption of the Resolution.

Rep. HIOTT demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 86; Nays 28

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns

Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Taylor	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	West
White	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--86

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Bamberg	Bauer
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Henderson-Myers
Hosey	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	J. Moore	Ott
Pendarvis	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis

Weeks Wetmore Wheeler
Williams

Total--28

So, the House Resolution, as amended, was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted in favor of H. 4947. I intended to vote against the adoption of the House Resolution.

Rep. Ivory Thigpen

S. 1267--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1267 -- Senator Hembree: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF HIGHWAY 17 FROM 8TH AVENUE NORTH TO STARWATCH DRIVE IN HORRY COUNTY "GEORGE RAYFORD VEREEN HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 1268--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1268 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 315 IN JASPER COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 170 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17 "BISHOP DELORIS M. YOUNG HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 1304--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1304 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF BLUFF ROAD IN RICHLAND COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH WINDY DRIVE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH PINEVIEW DRIVE "DEPUTY SHERIFF JACOB ERIC SALRIN MEMORIAL WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 1297--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1297 -- Senator Cromer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF BOUNDARY STREET AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 34 BYPASS (BOB LAKE BOULEVARD) IN NEWBERRY COUNTY "HENRY S. REEDER INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 1302--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1302 -- Senator Malloy: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 15 AND BROWNTOWN ROAD IN LEE COUNTY "WALLACE A. 'BULL' BERRY INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE

MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

H. 4116--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

H. 4116--Conference Report
The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., May 02, 2024

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:

H. 4116 -- Reps. Sandifer, M.M. Smith and King: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-19-295 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DIVIDING OF FEES OR OTHER COMPENSATION CHARGED OR RECEIVED BY LICENSEES OF THE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITH ANOTHER PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, OR LEGAL ENTITY FOR THE DELIVERY OR PERFORMANCE OF FUNERAL SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-100, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS REGULATING PRENEED FUNERAL CONTRACTS, SO AS TO INCREASE FINE RANGES AND PERMANENTLY BAR PERSONS CONVICTED OF A FELONY FROM CONDUCTING PRENEED CONTRACT SALES; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-110, RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST UNLICENSED PRENEED CONTRACT SALES PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE COMPLAINTS TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RESPOND MAY BE WRITTEN OR ORAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-305, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SAFE CREMATION ACT, SO AS TO REVISE A DEFINITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-360, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE SAFE CREMATION ACT, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES AND REQUIRE IMMEDIATE REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS TO THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-385, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS THAT CREMATORIES EMPLOY CERTAIN TRAINED STAFF TO PERFORM CREMATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL CREMATIONS BE PERFORMED BY THESE TRAINED STAFF MEMBERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF

EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-30, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LICENSURE TO PRACTICE FUNERAL SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONDUCT CONSTITUTING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES INCLUDES PARTIES WHO EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OR AUTHORITY OVER A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT OR ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO PROHIBIT CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, OR INDIVIDUALS IN WHOSE NAME APPEARS THE NAME OF A PERSON WITH A REVOKED OR LAPSED LICENSE FROM HAVING A LICENSE TO OPERATE A FUNERAL HOME; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, OR EMPLOYEES MAY NOT BE LIABLE FOR ACTS PERFORMED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES IN THE ABSENCE OF MALICE SHOWN AND PROVEN IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-80, RELATING TO INSPECTORS EMPLOYED BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO INSTEAD REQUIRE THE BOARD TO EMPLOY AT LEAST TWO INVESTIGATORS WHO MAY BE LICENSED EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS WITH CERTAIN EXPERIENCE BUT WHO HAVE NOT BEEN DISCIPLINED; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-110, RELATING TO CONDUCT CONSTITUTING UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BY A LICENSEE OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO MAKE GRAMMATICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-115, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLICENSED PERSONS WITH THIS JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-200, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITHOUT A LICENSE OR USING FALSE INFORMATION TO OBTAIN SUCH LICENSURE, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES, AND TO SUBJECT PERSONS WHO AID AND ABET UNLICENSED PERSONS OR ENTITIES IN ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICE WITHOUT LICENSURE TO THESE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-230, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AS AN EMBALMER OR A FUNERAL DIRECTOR, SO AS TO REVISE DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS; BY

AMENDING SECTION 40-19-250, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN COURSEWORK IN ETHICS, TO REQUIRE FOUR HOURS OF TOTAL ANNUAL COURSEWORK, TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK TO BE IN ETHICS, AND TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK BE COMPLETED IN PERSON; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-265, RELATING TO FUNERAL HOME, BRANCH FUNERAL HOME, AND CREMATORY PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE MANAGER RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-290, RELATING TO THE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PAYMENTS RECEIVED FOR FUNERAL MERCHANDISE BEING PURCHASED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE PAYMENTS MUST BE KEPT IN A TRUST ACCOUNT UNTIL THE MERCHANDISE IS DELIVERED FOR ITS INTENDED USE OR IS DELIVERED INTO THE PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE PURCHASER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF EMBALMERS, FUNERAL DIRECTORS, AND RELATED FACILITIES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 19, Title 40 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 40-19-295. No licensee whose license has been suspended or revoked, or who has applied for a license but whose application has been denied, may participate in any manner in a business licensed by the board until that person has obtained a license or the person's license has been restored. No business licensed by the board may permit or allow a person whose license has been suspended or revoked, or any person who has applied for a license but whose application has been denied, to participate in any manner in the business licensed by the board.

SECTION 2. Section 32-7-100(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) A person wilfully violating the provisions of this chapter is guilty

of a:

(1) misdemeanor, if the value of money obtained or sought to be obtained is ~~two~~ ten thousand dollars or less and, upon conviction or plea, the person ~~must~~may be fined ~~not less than one five~~ up to twenty-five thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than ~~thirty days~~ six months, or both;

(2) ~~felony, if the value of money obtained or sought to be obtained is more than two thousand dollars but less than ten thousand dollars, and, upon conviction, the person must be fined in the discretion of the court, or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both;~~

~~(3)~~ felony, if the value of money obtained or sought to be obtained is more than ten thousand dollars ~~or more~~, and, upon conviction or plea, the person must be fined in the discretion of the court in an amount not less than twenty-five thousand dollars, ~~or~~ imprisoned for not more than ten years, or both;

~~(4)~~ (3) in addition, a person convicted of a misdemeanor ~~or a felony~~ pursuant to this section may be prohibited from entering into further preneed funeral contracts, if the department, in its discretion, finds that the offense is sufficiently grievous. A person convicted of a felony pursuant to this chapter is subject to the following additional penalties when the value of the money obtained or sought to be obtained is:

(a) twenty-five thousand dollars or less, upon conviction or plea, the person is subject to a two year suspension from conducting preneed funeral contract sales, and restitution as may be ordered by the court;

(b) greater than twenty-five thousand dollars, but less than one hundred thousand dollars, upon conviction or plea, the person is subject to a five year suspension from conducting preneed funeral contract sales, and restitution as may be ordered by the court;

(c) greater than one hundred thousand dollars, upon conviction or plea, the person is subject to a ten year suspension from conducting preneed funeral contract sales, and restitution as may be ordered by the court.

SECTION 3. Section 32-7-110(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B)(1) Upon its own initiative or upon receipt of a written complaint, the department shall investigate a funeral home, funeral director, individual, or business the department has reason to believe is acting as a provider without a license. In order to conduct its investigation, the department shall review the books, records, and accounts of:

~~(1)~~(a) a funeral home or funeral director licensed by the State Board of Funeral Service even if the funeral home or funeral director is not licensed to sell preneed funeral contracts~~,~~; or

~~(2)~~(b) an individual or business the department has reason to believe is acting as a provider without a license. If the department discovers that a violation of this chapter has occurred by a funeral home, funeral director, individual, or business that is not licensed to sell preneed funeral contracts, the department may initiate an action for a violation of this chapter in the Administrative Law Court for a cease and desist order or assess an administrative fine not to exceed ten thousand dollars, or both.

(2) A person aggrieved by an order of the department may request a contested case hearing before the Administrative Law Court.

SECTION 4. Section 32-8-305(9) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(9) "Cremation" means the technical process using either alkaline hydrolysis or heat and flame that reduces human remains to components of either liquid and bone, or bone fragments, and which may include the pulverization of the bone fragments.

SECTION 5. Section 32-8-360(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) A person who violates a provision of this chapter is subject to a civil fine ~~not to exceed five~~ of up to twenty-five thousand dollars. A licensed funeral director or embalmer who violates a provision of this chapter must be reported to the State Board of Funeral Service for immediate investigation and disciplinary proceedings.

SECTION 6. Section 32-8-385 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 32-8-385. (A) A crematory is required to have in its employ at least one individual who has been trained in performing cremations by the licensed crematory authority who is his employer, and also by the manufacturer of the equipment to be used to perform cremations, or by some other appropriate method as provided by regulation of the board. Upon meeting the ~~above~~ requirements of this section, this individual is considered to be sufficiently trained for the purposes of this chapter. All cremations must be performed by a trained individual who has registered with the board.

(B) To be registered with the board, the individual must:

(1) complete an application in the format prescribed by the board;

(2) successfully complete a crematory operator training course approved by the board of not less than eight hours instructional time;

(3) have not been convicted of or pled guilty to a crime that directly relates to the duties, responsibilities, or fitness of the occupation or profession; and

(4) pay a fee as established in regulation not to exceed fifty dollars.

(C) Registrations under this section must be renewed every two years by submitting a renewal application and paying a renewal fee established

in regulation not to exceed fifty dollars.

(D) Registered trained individuals are subject to applicable provisions of Sections 40-1-110, Chapter 19 of Title 40, Chapter 8 of Title 32, and board regulations.

SECTION 7. Section 40-19-20(11) and (21) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(11) "Funeral director" means a person licensed by the board to engage for hire, for direct or indirect compensation, or for profit ~~in~~ or benefit and in exchange for or related to the profession of arranging, directing, or supervising funerals.

(21) "Owner" means a sole proprietor, partnership, limited partnership, corporation, limited liability corporation, or any business entity possessing authority ~~and~~ or control over a funeral establishment or its employees, agents, or representatives.

SECTION 8. Section 40-19-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-19-30. (A) It is unlawful for a person to engage in the practice of funeral service unless the person is licensed in accordance with this chapter. A person who engages or participates actively in directing or in the management of a funeral establishment is considered to be in the practice of funeral service.

(B) No permit to operate a funeral home may be issued to a corporation, partnership, or individual when the name of either an unlicensed person or a person whose license has been revoked or is suspended appears in the name of the corporation, partnership, or individually owned business. This prohibition does not apply to established funeral homes existing prior to July 1, 1969.

SECTION 9. Section 40-19-70 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-19-70. In addition to the powers and duties provided for in this chapter, the board also has those powers and duties set forth in Section 40-1-70. A member of the board, or its committees or employees, may not be liable for acts performed in the course of their official duties, except when gross negligence is shown and proven in a court of competent jurisdiction in this State.

SECTION 10. Section 40-19-80 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-19-80. The board shall employ ~~an inspector~~ at least two inspectors who must be ~~a~~ licensed ~~embalmer~~ embalmers and ~~funeral director~~funeral directors with ~~not~~ no fewer than five consecutive years' experience as a licensee under this chapter but who have not been disciplined during the time of their past or current licensure under this chapter.

SECTION 11. Section 40-19-110(9) of the S.C. Code is amended to

read:

(9) refusing to properly release a dead human body to the custody of the person or entity ~~who~~ that has the legal right to ~~effect~~ affect a release.~~;~~The release must include payment for the actual services provided by the initial funeral home as transferor of the dead human body over to the receiving transferee. The receiving transferee funeral home is responsible for the payment to the transferring funeral home at the time of the transfer of the dead human body;

SECTION 12. Section 40-19-115 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-19-115. The board has jurisdiction over the actions of licensees, unlicensed persons, and former licensees as provided for in Section 40-1-115.

SECTION 13. Section 40-19-200 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-19-200. A person who practices or offers to practice funeral service or who aids and abets any unlicensed person or unlicensed entity to engage in the practice of funeral service in this State in violation of this chapter or who knowingly submits false information for the purpose of obtaining a license is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, ~~must~~may be fined ~~not less than five hundred ten thousand dollars or more than twenty-five hundred twenty-five thousand~~ up to twenty-five thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

SECTION 14. Section 40-19-230(A) and (B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-19-230. (A) A person may be issued a license as an embalmer if the person:

(1) is at least eighteen years of age;

(2) has not been convicted of ~~a violent crime or found guilty of a felony or crime of moral turpitude~~or pled guilty to a crime that directly relates to the duties, responsibilities, or fitness of the occupation or profession;

(3) has a high school education or the equivalent of a high school education, the equivalence to be determined by the board;

(4) has completed successfully a regular course in an embalming college accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education and approved by the board;

(5) has completed a minimum of twenty-four months of service pursuant to Section 40-19-240 as an ~~apprentice~~ under the direct supervision of a licensed embalmer actively engaged in the practice of embalming in this State;

(6) has passed an examination prescribed by the board.

(B) A person may be issued a license as a funeral director if the person:

(1) is at least eighteen years of age;

(2) has not been convicted of ~~a violent crime or found guilty of a felony or crime of moral turpitude~~or pled guilty to a crime that directly relates to the duties, responsibilities, or fitness of the occupation or profession;

(3) has a high school education or the equivalent of a high school education and has a minimum of two years of successful attendance at an accredited academic college or successful completion of a regular course of not less than one year, twelve scholastic months, in an accredited mortuary college;

(4) has completed a minimum of twenty-four months of service pursuant to Section 40-19-240 as an ~~apprentice~~ funeral director under the direct supervision of a licensed funeral director actively engaged in the practice of funeral directing in this State;

(5) has passed an examination prescribed by the board.

SECTION 15. Section 40-19-250 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-19-250. The board shall develop in regulation a continuing education program and each licensee must attend a minimum of ~~three~~ four credit hours annually, of which one credit hour must be an ethics in funeral service course. This continuing education program must be offered, at a minimum, four times a year at locations easily accessible to participants. ~~and three~~Three of the four required hours must be available through correspondence courses, with at least two of the four hours requiring the physical attendance of the licensee. This continuing education requirement does not apply to a person who is not the manager of record of a funeral home, funeral establishment, or mortuary if the person has been licensed for thirty or more years ~~or~~ and is sixty years old or older.

SECTION 16. Section 40-19-265 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-19-265. (A) A permit for a funeral home may be issued if the applicant:

(1) submits an application on a form approved by the board;

(2) submits to and successfully passes an inspection approved by the board;

(3) submits the applicable nonrefundable fee;

(4) designates a manager who meets the requirements of Section 40-19-20(16) and is current and in good standing with the board and lives within a radius of ~~twenty-five~~seventy-five miles of the establishment;

(5) possesses the necessary equipment or merchandise, or both,

required by regulation;

(6) is in full compliance with Section 40-19-290.

(B) A permit for a branch funeral home may be issued if the applicant:

(1) submits an application on a form approved by the board;

(2) submits to and successfully passes an inspection approved by the board;

(3) submits the applicable nonrefundable fee;

(4) designates a manager who meets the requirements of Section 40-19-20(16) and is current and in good standing with the board and lives within a radius of ~~twenty-five~~seventy-five miles of the establishment;

(5) possesses the necessary equipment or merchandise, or both, required by regulation;

(6) is in full compliance with Section 40-19-290;

(7) provides the name of the parent funeral home.

(C) A permit for a retail sales outlet may be issued if the applicant:

(1) submits an application on a form approved by the board;

(2) submits to and successfully passes an inspection approved by the board;

(3) submits the applicable nonrefundable fee;

(4) is in full compliance with Section 40-19-290.

(D) A permit for a crematory may be issued if the applicant:

(1) submits an application on a form approved by the board;

(2) submits to and successfully passes an inspection approved by the board;

(3) submits the applicable nonrefundable fee;

(4) designates a manager who meets the requirements of Section 40-19-20(16) and is current and in good standing with the board and lives within a radius of ~~twenty-five~~seventy-five miles of the establishment;

(5) possesses the necessary equipment or merchandise, or both, required by regulation;

(6) is in full compliance with Section 40-19-290;

(7) provides evidence of employment of a factory trained operator.

(E) An application for a permit issued pursuant to this section must identify every person having the ability to direct the management or policies, or both, of the funeral establishment including, but not limited to, corporate officers employed, shareholders, partners, and other representatives of the corporation or business.

SECTION 17. Section 40-19-20(6) and (7) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(6) "Cremation" means ~~the reduction of the dead body by intense heat to residue~~the technical process using either alkaline hydrolysis or heat and flame that reduces human remains to components of either liquid and bone, or bone fragments, and which may include the pulverization of the bone fragments.

(7) "Crematory" means an establishment in which ~~the dead body is reduced to residue by intense heat~~cremation occurs.

SECTION 18. Section 40-19-290(E) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(E) Other than payments received for at-need funeral merchandise and funeral services, all payments received by any establishment licensed under this chapter for funeral merchandise being purchased must be placed in a trust account in a federally insured institution until the merchandise is delivered for its intended funeral services use as provided in the contract and in accordance with the sales agreement ~~or in the physical possession of the purchaser~~. Upon its own initiative or upon receipt of a complaint, the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs shall undertake investigations; review the books, records, and accounts of any establishment licensed under this chapter; subpoena witnesses; require audits and reports; and conduct hearings to determine if payments are being received in violation of the provisions of Chapter 7, Title 32.

SECTION 19. Section 40-19-20(12)(c) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(c) a ~~room containing a displayed stock of at least six adult~~ means of showing photographs or other representations of available caskets and other necessary funeral supplies;

SECTION 20. This act takes effect July 1, 2024.

Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Allen	/s/Rep. Sandifer
/s/Senator Climer	/s/Rep. M.M. Smith
/s/Senator Goldfinch	/s/Rep. King
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. SANDIFER explained the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	May
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. HIOTT.

S. 915--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 915 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Setzler, Verdin, Davis, Hutto, Kimbrell, Young, Senn, Fanning and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO CREATE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY AND PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AGENCY; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO DISSOLVE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS AND CREATE THE STATE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND POLICY; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO THE MEDIATION OF GRIEVANCES BY THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY, THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY, AND ALL DIRECT REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY AND TO DIRECTORS OF THE COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-70, RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR TO BE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; AND TO REPEAL TITLE 44, CHAPTER 9 RELATING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

H. 5438--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5438 -- Reps. Hiott, McCravy and Magnuson: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM LIBRARY MATERIALS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5269, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Joint Resolution,which was agreed to.

S. 1017--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1017 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Climer, Setzler and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY THAT EQUALS THE CORPORATION'S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY ASSESSED AS AGRICULTURAL OR RELATED THERETO MAY NOT BE ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 1017 (LC-1017.DG0005H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1.A., by striking Section 12-37-220(B)(11)(e)(ii)(B) and inserting:

(B) notwithstanding the unit mix prescribed by the safe harbor provisions of Revenue Procedure 96-32, all of the units in the property are devoted to providing housing to residents who qualify as low income under Revenue Procedure 96-32, then the exemption allowed by this subitem equals one hundred percent, unless, as determined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the

property is located within a zip code in a metropolitan area which uses the Small Area Fair Market Rents, and such metropolitan area includes any municipality located in the State of North Carolina with a population of five hundred thousand or more residents in which case the phrase "residents who qualify as low income" shall be replaced with "residents who do not exceed 130% of the very-low income limit";

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HEWITT explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Ballentine proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to S. 1017 (LC-1017.SA0006H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 12-37-220(B)(53) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(53) a renewable energy resource property ~~having a nameplate capacity of and operating at no greater than twenty kilowatts, as measured in alternating current~~ for a customer-generator. For purposes of this item, "renewable energy resource" and "customer-generator" ~~means property~~as defined in Section 58-40-10 includes solar energy equipment, facilities, or devices that support, collect, generate, transfer, monitor, or store thermal or electric energy~~. This definition includes~~ including, but ~~is~~ not limited to, all components that enhance the operational characteristics of the generating equipment, such as an advanced inverter or battery storage device, and equipment required to meet all applicable safety, performance, interconnection, and reliability standards established by the commission, the National Electrical Code, the National Electrical Safety Code, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Underwriters Laboratories, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and any local governing authorities.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BALLENTINE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Ott proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to S. 1017 (LC-1017.DG0007H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 12-37-160 and inserting:

Section 12-37-160. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any real property upon which farm buildings or agricultural structures exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 12-37-220(B)(14) are situated or any real property that is assessed pursuant to Section 12-43-220(d), or any real property under direct or indirect common ownership that is adjacent to the exempt property, may not be annexed by a municipality without the express written agreement of the owner of the real property to be annexed.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones

W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 1--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1 -- Senators Alexander, Turner, Senn, Young, Gustafson, Peeler, Setzler, Rankin, Adams, Bennett, Climer, Campsen and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DRUG-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO

ADD DRUG-INDUCED HOMICIDE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-190, RELATING TO SCHEDULE I DRUGS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-RELATED SUBSTANCES.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 1021--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1021 -- Senators Davis, Matthews and Campsen: A BILL TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT TO 2035; AND TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO THE ABANDONED BUILDINGS TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE MAXIMUM TAX CREDIT THAT MAY BE EARNED.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 577--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 577 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-8-530, SECTION 12-8-540, SECTION 12-8-570, SECTION 12-8-580, AND SECTION 12-8-595, ALL RELATING TO THE WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAXES, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE TOP MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATE.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 862--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 862 -- Senators Shealy and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-30, RELATING TO CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS

TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PRE-SERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 862 (LC-862.VR0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 63-13-30(A) and inserting:

(A) A caregiver ~~who begins employment~~ in a licensed or approved childcare center in South Carolina ~~after June 30, 1994,~~ must have at least a high school diploma ~~or General Educational Development (GED)~~, a high school equivalency credential recognized by the State Board of Education, Certificate of Completion, or a South Carolina High School Employability Credential ~~and at least six months' experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facility. If a caregiver does not meet the experience requirements, the caregiver must be directly supervised for six months by a staff person with at least one year experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facility~~. Within ~~six three months~~ thirty days of being employed, a caregiver must ~~have six clock hours of training in child growth and development and early childhood education or shall continue to be under the direct supervision of a caregiver who has at least one year of experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facility~~complete fifteen hours of health and safety service provider training. The caregiver shall be directly supervised for a period of at least thirty days by a staff person with at least one year of experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facility and until such time as the caregiver has completed the required health and safety service provider training, provided the caregiver is also in compliance with Section 63-13-40 relating to required background checks.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 63-13-30(B) and inserting:

(B) A caregiver who has ~~two years'~~ a high school diploma, a high school equivalency credential recognized by the State Board of Education, Certificate of Completion, or a South Carolina High School Employability Credential and at least six months' experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved facility ~~and is employed as of July 1, 1994, in a licensed or approved childcare center in South Carolina~~ is exempt from the ~~high school diploma and General Educational Development (GED)~~ requirements of subsection (A).

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered

SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 63-13-20 (7), (22), (23), and (26) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(7) "Complaint" means a written statement ~~reporting~~ as defined in 45 CFR 98.33(a)(4) that reports unsatisfactory conditions in a childcare facility but does not include a self-reported incident made by an agent or representative of the facility.

(22) "Regular approval" means a written notice issued by the department for a ~~two-year~~ three-year period to a department, agency, or institution of the State, or a county, city, or other political subdivision, approving the operation of a public childcare center or group childcare home in accordance with the provisions of the notice, this chapter, and the regulations of the department. The department shall begin issuing the written notices for regular approval beginning with the calendar year 2025.

(23) "Regular license" means a license issued by the department for ~~two~~ three years to an operator of a private childcare center or group childcare home or a family childcare home which elects to be licensed showing that the licensee is in compliance with the provisions of this chapter and the regulations of the department at the time of issuance and authorizing the licensee to operate in accordance with the license, this chapter, and the regulations of the department. The department shall begin issuing the written notices for regular approval beginning with the calendar year 2025.

(26) "Renewal" means in regard to childcare centers and group childcare homes, to grant an extension of a regular license or regular approval for another ~~two-year~~ three-year period provided an investigation of such facilities verifies that they are in compliance with the applicable regulations, in regard to family childcare homes, to place the name of the operator on the registration list for another year provided procedures indicated in this chapter have been completed. The department shall begin issuing the written notices for regular approval beginning with the calendar year 2025.

SECTION X. Article 1, Chapter 13, Title 63 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 63-13-125. (A) An operator of a private childcare facility and any person employed by or who contracts with an operator of a private childcare facility to provide direct childcare, annually shall complete and provide documentation to the Department of Social Services of a minimum of fifteen hours of training approved by the department. Individuals who have operated, or been employed by, a

private childcare facility for more five years are required to receive a minimum of ten hours of training per year. Individuals who have operated, or been employed by, a private childcare facility for more than twenty years are exempt from this requirement except for required health and safety training.

(B) The Office of First Steps to School Readiness, the South Carolina Department of Education, and the Department of Social Services may offer up to five hours of the ten hours virtually each year.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing

Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	May
McCabe	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

Rep. B. NEWTON moved that the House do now adjourn, which was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:04 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. WHITE, adjourned in memory of Robert Wayne Kneece, to meet at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Wednesday, May 8, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 10:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Proverbs: 24:12: "If you say, 'Look, we did not know this'—does not He who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not He who keeps watch over your soul know it? And will He not repay all according to their deeds?"

Let us pray. All powerful God, embrace us to remain in You and allow Your loving Word to yield fruit in us. Thank You for the day You have made. Bless our first defenders and first responders who care for us. Provide for each of us a rich amount of love for others. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who labor in this vineyard. Bless our men and women who serve our Country and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. TAYLOR moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of SGM Dwight L. Bradham, Sr., which was agreed to.

SGM Dwight L. Bradham, Sr.

Today, I request that the House adjourn in memory of SGM Dwight L. Bradham, Sr., U.S. Army retired. The SGM, a longtime Aiken resident, went to be with his Holy Father on April 28, 2024. SGM Bradham was a dedicated American patriot and public servant, a loving husband, and a caring father. He was also my friend. SGM Bradham was a most worthy man who gave his best when he was called upon to serve

and protect the interests of our country. America and South Carolina have lost a soldier who kept returning to duty for the sake of his nation.

Representative Bill Taylor

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler

Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present—120

STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE

Rep. MAY signed a statement with the Clerk that he came in after the roll call of the House and was present for the Session on Tuesday, May 7.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. THAYER a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BRADLEY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to a prior business commitment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. SPANN-WILDER a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. ANDERSON a temporary leave of absence.

STATEMENT BY REP. POPE

Rep. POPE made a statement relative to Rep. FELDER's service in the House.

STATEMENT BY REP. FELDER

Rep. FELDER made a statement relative to her service in the House.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bill was read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification:

S. 1292 -- Senator Massey: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 595 OF 1992, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS IN 2024, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

H. 5388--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5388 -- Reps. Bannister, Elliott, Willis, W. Jones, Dillard, Vaughan and Haddon: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 919 OF 1928, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GREENVILLE AIRPORT COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS TO TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 728--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 728 -- Senator Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197(A)(3), RELATING TO THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION OF "FIREFIGHTER" SHALL INCLUDE NON-RESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHO WORK IN THE STATE.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 969--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 969 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Setzler, K. Johnson, Young, Malloy, Senn, Stephens and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTEER EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN UNPAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 858--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 858 -- Senators Davis, Garrett, Kimbrell, Setzler and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-130, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE FACILITY LICENSURE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME"; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-170, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-267 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR LICENSING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 1001--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1001 -- Senator Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-430,

RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF INMATE LABOR IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO INMATE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM MAY EARN LESS THAN THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 1166--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1166 -- Senators Tedder, Stephens and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE S.C. CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 1099--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1099 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-360, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LAURENS COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 557--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 557 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Kimbrell, Adams, Rice, Rankin, Reichenbach, Young, Loftis, Climer, Garrett, Alexander, Campsen and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH

CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 5101--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE

The Senate Amendments to the following Joint Resolution were taken up for consideration:

H. 5101 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

Rep. Bannister proposed the following Amendment No. 2A to H. 5101 (LC-5101.DG0013H), which was adopted:

Amend the joint resolution, as and if amended, by striking SECTION 1 and inserting:

SECTION X. In accordance with the provisions of Section 36(B)(2) and (3), Article III, Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, and Section 11-11-320(C) and (D) of the S. C. Code, there is appropriated from the monies available in the Capital Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 the following amounts:

(1) H630 Department of Education	
(a) School Safety Mapping	$5,000,000
(b) School Facilities Safety Upgrades	$20,000,000
(2) H670 Educational Television Commission	
Microwave and Transmitter Upgrades Phase I	$5,000,000
(3) H640 Governor's School for Arts and Humanities	
Residence Hall Renovation and Upgrades Phase II	$5,000,000
(4) H090 Citadel	
(a) Engineering Building Replacement	$4,000,000
(b) Duckett Hall Renovation	$2,000,000
(c) Renovation of Workforce Housing	$1
(5) H120 Clemson University	

College of Veterinary Medicine $47,000,000
(6) H150 University of Charleston
Campus Expansion $7,000,000
(7) H170 Coastal Carolina
Pedestrian Walkway $5,000,000
(8) H180 Francis Marion
(a) Leatherman Science Facility/McNair Science Building Renovation $5,000,000
(b) Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Clinic $1,000,000
(9) H210 Lander
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $5,000,000
(10) H240 South Carolina State University
Replacement of the Whittaker Library $5,000,000
(11) H270 USC – Columbia
Health Sciences Campus $47,000,000
(12) H290 USC – Aiken
(a) Nursing/Health Sciences Building Expansion $2,500,000
(b) Pacer Collaborative Research Center $2,000,000
(c) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1,500,000
(d) Athletic Facilities Relocation $1
(13) H340 USC – Upstate
(a) School of Nursing Building $5,000,000
(b) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1
(14) H360 USC – Beaufort
New Convocation Center $11,500,000
(15) H370 USC – Lancaster
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1,100,000
(16) H380 USC Salkehatchie
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $412,000
(17) H390 USC Sumter
(a) Student Success Center $6,400,000
(b) Facilities Management Center $2,850,000
(c) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $3,000,000
(18) H400 USC – Union
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $413,000
(19) H470 Winthrop
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $5,000,000
(20) H510 Medical University of South Carolina
College of Medicine Academic Building $22,000,000
(21) H590 Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education
(a) Aiken Technical College

Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1,500,000
(b) Central Carolina Technical College
(i) Sumter Campus Advanced Manufacturing Training Center $2,300,000
(ii) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1
(c) Denmark Technical College
(i) Renovation of Barnwell Site at Ellington Road $2,000,000
(ii) Renovation of Industrial Tech Buildings $400,000
(d) Florence Darlington Technical College
(i) Industrial Trades Training Facility $2,200,000
(ii) Darlington County Campus $1
(e) Greenville Technical College
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $4,500,000
(f) Horry Georgetown Technical College
(i) Renovation of Grand Strand Building $2,300,000
(ii) Health Professions Training Complex $1
(g) Midlands Technical College
QuickJobs and Dual Enrollment $6,500,000
(h) Northeastern Technical College
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $300,000
(i) Orangeburg Calhoun Technical College
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $2,361,096
(j) Piedmont Technical College
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $2,300,000
(k) Spartanburg Community College
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1
(l) Technical College of the Lowcountry
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1,300,000
(m) Tri County Technical College
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $500,000
(n) Trident Technical College
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $2,300,000
(o) Williamsburg Technical College
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $500,000
(p) York Technical College
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $2,300,000
(22) J120 Department of Mental Health
Stone VA Nursing Home $5,000,000
(23) H790 Department of Archives and History
Exhibit Hall and Meeting Space Expansion $1,000,000

(24) P210 SC State University Public Service Activities
Construction of the South Carolina Limnology Research Center $2,000,000
(25) P320 Department of Commerce
SC Nexus $5,000,000
(26) Y140 State Ports Authority
North Charleston Economic Development Land Acquisition $55,000,000
(27) D300 Office of Resilience
Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve Fund $4,000,000
(28) P240 Department of Natural Resources
Waterfowl Impoundments Infrastructure Maintenance $1,200,000
(29) P400 Conservation Bank
(a) Conservation Grant Funding $6,000,000
(b) Working Ag Lands Grant Funding $1,000,000
(30) N040 Department of Corrections
(a) Cell Phone Interdiction $1
(b) Security and Maintenance Funds $4,500,000
(31) R400 Department of Motor Vehicles
SCDMV IT System Modernization $2,350,779
(32) A170 Legislative Services Agency
Network Infrastructure $753,766
(33) D500 Department of Administration
Healthcare Campus Relocation $14,511,113
(34) E240 Adjutant General
(a) SCEMD – State EOC Expansion $1
(b) Armory Revitalization $3,300,000
(35) E260 Department of Veterans' Affairs
(a) Veteran Homes Capital Improvements $20,000,000
(b) MJ "Dolly" Cooper State Veterans' Cemetery Committal Shelter II $1,280,000
(c) Military Enhancement Fund $2,000,000
(d) Veteran Trust Fund $1,000,000
Renumber sections to conform.
Amend title to conform.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

The Senate Amendments were amended, and the Joint Resolution was ordered returned to the Senate.

H. 5023--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 5023 -- Reps. Brewer, Gilliam, Lawson, Sessions, Schuessler, Hager, Hartnett, Gatch, Mitchell, Hewitt, Robbins, J. Moore, Wooten, Guffey, O'Neal, J. L. Johnson, Pedalino and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-219 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE WORK ZONE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-15, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-130, RELATING TO LICENSE EXAMINATIONS AND BASIC AND CLASSIFIED LICENSES, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 5100--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 5100 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Reps. BANNISTER, HERBKERSMAN, WHITMIRE,

STAVRINAKIS, LOWE, BALLENTINE, CRAWFORD, MOSS and MURPHY proposed the following Amendment No. 1A Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-amend back.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting the bill as passed by the House of Representatives on March 13, 2024, which is hereby incorporated into this amendment.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 3, line 18, opposite /Math Resources and Support/ by decreasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5	Column 6
1,000,000	

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 6, line 3, opposite /Regional Education Centers (R600)/ by decreasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5	Column 6
501,250	

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 6, line 11, opposite /Dept of Juvenile Justice (N120)/ by increasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5	Column 6
136,500	

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 6, line 20, opposite /Dept. of Corrections (N040)/ by increasing the amount in Columns 5 by:

Column 5	Column 6
178,750	

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 6, line 23, opposite /Project HYPE (H630)/ by increasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5	Column 6
200,000	

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 13, THE CITADEL, page 25, line 10, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
3,000,000	3,000,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 19, SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY, page 37, line 10, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
4,190,000	4,190,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 20A, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, page 39, line 7, opposite /NEW POSITIONS – ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
200,000	200,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 20A, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, page 39, line 9, opposite /NEW POSITIONS – ATTORNEY I/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
500,000	500,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 20A, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, page 39, line 10, opposite /NEW POSITIONS – STUDENT SERVICES MANAGER I/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
500,000	500,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 20A, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, page 39, line 14, opposite /NEW POSITIONS – PROFESSOR/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
720,000	720,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 20A, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, page 39, line 16, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
2,812,000	2,812,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 20A, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, page 41, line 14, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
2,000,000	2,000,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 20A, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, page 42, line 2, opposite /EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS/ by increasing the amounts in

Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
768,000	768,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 23, MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, page 57, line 34, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
2,000,000	2,000,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 33, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, page 81, line 5, opposite /CLTC - COMMUNITY LONG TERM CARE/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
1,500,000	1,500,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 33, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, page 81, line 6, opposite /COORDINATED CARE/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
2,000,000	2,000,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 33, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, page 81, line 31, opposite /DISABILITIES & SPECIAL NEEDS/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
500,000	500,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 38, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, page 99, line 19, opposite /CASE SERVICES/ by increasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5	Column 6
95,739	

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 38, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, page 100, line 12, opposite /CASE SERVICES/ by increasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5	Column 6
276,280	

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 38, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, page 100, line 17, opposite /IMD GROUP HOMES/ by increasing the amount in Column 5 by:

Column 5 Column 6

1,317,901

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 38, DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, page 100, line 26, opposite /CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by increasing the amount in Column 5 by:

	Column 5	Column 6
	229,786	
	(2.00)	(2.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 39, COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND, page 106, line 26, opposite /CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

	Column 5	Column 6
	(2.00)	(2.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 50, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, page 139, immediately after line 4, by inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6
FOREIGN OPERATIONS		
	1	1

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 50, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, page 141, immediately after line 33, by inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6
OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES		
	1	1

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 50, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, page 141, immediately after line 33, by inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6
DISTRIBUTION TO SUBDIVISIONS		
	1	1

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 53, S.C. CONSERVATION BANK, page 145, immediately after line 11, by inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6
WORKING AG LANDS GRANT		
	1	1

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 163, immediately after line 20, by inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6

CWP PROGRAM

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Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 163, immediately after line 20, by inserting a new lines to read:

Column 5 Column 6

NEW POSITIONS - LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER III

(2.00) (2.00)

NEW POSITIONS - PROGRAM ASSISTANT

(1.00) (1.00)

NEW POSITIONS - ACCOUNTANT/FISCAL ANALYST

(1.00) (1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 62, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, page 164, line 26, opposite /NEW POSITIONS - LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER II/ by increasing the amount(s) in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5 Column 6

348,486 348,486

(3.00) (3.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 63, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, page 167, line 24, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5 Column 6

45,000 45,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 63, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, page 167, line 26, opposite /SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5 Column 6

2,000,000 2,000,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 74, WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, page 185, line 7, opposite /Other Operating Expenses/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5 Column 6

2,500,000 2,500,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 91A, LEG.

DEPT - THE SENATE, page 209, line 7, opposite /Other Operating Expenses/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
300,000	300,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 91C, LEG. DEPT - CODIFICATION OF LAWS & LEG. COUNCIL, page 211, immediately after line 7, by inserting a new line to read:

	Column 5	Column 6
PROGRAM MANAGER II		
	120,000	120,000
	(1.00)	(1.00)

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 91C, LEG. DEPT - CODIFICATION OF LAWS & LEG. COUNCIL, page 211, line 8, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
6,000	6,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 91C, LEG. DEPT - CODIFICATION OF LAWS & LEG. COUNCIL, page 211, line 20, opposite /EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS/ by increasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
54,000	54,000

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 216, line 4, opposite /CLASSIFIED POSITIONS/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
1,912,770	1,912,770

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 92D, OFFICE OF RESILIENCE, page 217, line 26, opposite /OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
737,700	737,700

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 106, STATEWIDE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS, page 243, line 7, opposite /HEALTH INSURANCE - EMPLOYER/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
10,292,140	10,292,140

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 107, CAPITAL AND GENERAL RESERVE FUNDS, page 244, line 2,

opposite /Capital Reserve Fund/ by decreasing the amounts in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
20,347,881	20,347,881

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1A, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EIA, page 324, lines 31-33 by striking subsection (C).

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1A, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EIA, page 325, after line 35, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(SDE-EIA: Systematic Study of Higher Education) With the funds appropriated to the Education Oversight Committee, the Committee shall contract with state and national experts, consultants, and advisors to conduct a study that will ensure that South Carolina's public higher education system can provide the workforce for the future. The report will identify and recommend strategies that will address the sustainability, accessibility, and affordability of public higher education for the citizens of the State. The study shall address, but not be limited to, the following topics and analysis: (1) analysis of the impact of the declining birth rate on the current and future enrollment trends in public higher education from a State and from regional perspectives; (2) assessment of the utilization of existing physical space/buildings on existing campuses and projections of additional capital projects needed given enrollment trends and utilization of virtual technologies; (3) analysis of the graduation rates and credentials and diplomas earned in public higher education institutions compared to the workforce needs of the State; (4) recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of our public higher education system; and (4) identification of barriers that prevent citizens from earning a postsecondary degree or credential, which must include an analysis of the cost of a postsecondary degree or credential compared to other states in our region. The thirty-three public institutions of higher education, the Commission on Higher Education, the South Carolina Technical College System, and the Department of Employment Workforce will collaborate with and provide data as requested by the committee. Procurements by the committee of any experts, consultants, and advisors including, but not limited to, accountants and attorneys, are exempt from the purchasing procedures of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code in Chapter 35, Title 11, and any other provisions of the general law of this State in conflict with these directives. Procurements made by the committee pursuant to this*

provision shall be made with as much competition as is practicable under the circumstances. The committee shall submit the final report to the Governor, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, President of the Senate, and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee by June 30, 2025. In the event that the committee needs an extension of up to six months, the extension can be granted upon the approval of the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House. /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 3, LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, page 332, proviso 3.6, line 3, by striking */$16,348,953/* and inserting /*$12,348,952/*

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 3, LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, page 332, proviso 3.6, after line 5, by inserting:

/ *( ) Commission on Higher Education – College Transition Program Scholarships $1;*

( ) Commission on Higher Education – Newberry College Dyslexia Program $1,000,000;

( ) Education Oversight Committee – Governor's Study on Higher Education $3,000,000; /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 3, LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, page 332, proviso 3.6, line 11, by striking /*$30,000,000*/ and inserting /*$29,999,998*/.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 3, LOTTERY EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, page 332, proviso 3.6, after line 16, by inserting:

/ *( ) Commission on Higher Education – Technology – Public Four-Year, Two-Year, and State Technical $1;*

( ) Department of Education - Teacher Strategic Compensation Pilot Program $1;

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 11, COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, page 344, after line 4, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(CHE: Dual Enrollment Study) Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education, the commission shall convene an appropriately representative working group of stakeholders to examine the current process utilized to review and approve dual enrollment credit sites at the sixteen technical colleges in the State and the four two-year institutions at the University of South Carolina. The commission shall report the working group's findings and recommendations, if any, to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House*

Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, and the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee by June 30th of the current fiscal year./

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 49, DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM, page 407, after line 6, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(PRT: Criterion Club of Dillon Funds) Funds remaining of the $125,000 appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, Proviso 118.19 (B)(93)(ffff) to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism for the Criterion Club of Dillon shall be transferred and used for the Dillon School District 4 Facility upgrades.* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 50, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, page 410, after line 29, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(CMRC: Lexington County Repurpose) The $10,000,000 appropriated in Act No. 84 of 2023, by proviso 118.19, Item (87)(o) to the Town of Lexington for the Lexington Conference Center shall be redirected to be used for the Sunset Split project. Unexpended funds may be carried forward to be expended for the same purpose.* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 55, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, page 416, after line 29, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(DES: York Water Filtration Fund) Funds remaining of the $700,000 appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, Proviso 118.19 (B)(83)(h) to the Department of Environmental Health & Services for the York Water Filtration Plant shall be transferred and used for the Lincoln Road Sidewalk Project.* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 73, OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, page 446, paragraph 73.10, line 11, AFTER / *STATE.* / BY INSERTING:

/ *Grant funds provided by the SC Broadband Office under ARPA and the IIJA will be treated as contributions of capital of the recipients for South Carolina tax purposes.* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 73, OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, page 446, paragraph 73.10, line 25, by striking / *Energy Office* / and Inserting / *SC Broadband Office* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 93, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, page 470, after line 35, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(DOA: State House Complex Improvements) With the funds appropriated, the Department of Administration shall produce a cost*

analysis study related to the burying of the powerlines and infrastructure improvements on and around the State House Complex. A copy of this study shall be presented to the Governor, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee./

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 108, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY, page 492, after line 4, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(PEBA: Employer Contribution Requirement) A retired member who has been restored to active employment by appointment of the governor and whose compensation in that employment is subject to Section 8-11-160 of the Code of Laws shall be considered eligible for the provisions of Section 9-1-1590 if the member continues in such service for a period of at least thirty-six consecutive months at an annual compensation equal to or greater than seventy-five percent of his average final compensation at retirement.* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 108, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY, page 492, after line 4, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ ***(PEBA: JSRS Benefits)*** *For the current fiscal year, the monthly benefit of a member of the Retirement System for Judges and Solicitors of the State of South Carolina (JSRS) who was retired and continuing to serve as a judge as of May 1, 2024, pursuant to Section 9-8-60(7)(b), and who vacated his or her office no later than June 1, 2024, must be calculated based upon the position the judge held at the time he or she vacated office.* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 109, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, page 494, proviso 109.19, lines 20 - 30, by striking the proviso in its entirety.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 109, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, page 494, after line 30, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(DOR: Food Manufacturing Equipment) Clothing required by Current Good Manufacturing Practices pursuant to 21 C.F.R. Section 111.10, as it may be amended, at perishable prepared food manufacturing facilities defined by the North American Industry Classification System 311991 to prevent health hazards, including outer garments, gloves of an impermeable material, hairnets, headbands, beard covers, caps, hair covers or other effective hair restraints, and other attire required pursuant to 21 C.F.R. Section 110.10 for persons working in direct contact with food, food contact services, and food*

packaging materials to protect against contamination of food in perishable prepared food manufacturing facilities shall be exempt from all sales and use taxes. /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 112, DEBT SERVICE, page 495, paragraph 112.2, line 32, by inserting at the end to read:

/ All outstanding agency loans, to include any accrued interest, made pursuant to Proviso 112.2 of Act 264 of 2018 shall be deemed satisfied./

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 524, proviso 117.90, lines 19-24 , by striking the proviso in its entirety.

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 561, proviso 117.181, lines 1-3 , by striking the proviso in its entirety and inserting:

/ *117.181. (GP: Retiree Return to Work) For the current fiscal year, Section 9-1-1790 is suspended for any retiree under the South Carolina Retirement System or the Police Officers Retirement System who retired on or before December 31, 2023, and returns to employment with a public school district as a school bus driver.* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 561, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(GP: Required Net Yield) For the current fiscal year, the required net yield referenced in S.C. Code Sections 37-23-20(6), (15) is replaced with the average prime offer rate as defined in 12 C.F.R. 1026.35(a)(2) that applies to a comparable transaction, as published by the United States Consumer Financial Protection Bureau as of the last date the discounted interest rate for the transaction is set before consummation.* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 561, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(GP: Regulation review period) In the current fiscal year, the one hundred-twenty-day legislative review period for regulations is tolled, except for the period beginning on the second Tuesday in January and ending on the second Thursday in May. No funds appropriated or authorized in this act may be expended, in contradiction of this proviso, to make a regulation become effective by automatic approval by publication in the State Register.* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 561, after line 3, by adding an appropriately

numbered proviso to read:

/ *(GP: Judgeship) A judge who is elected to serve after the age of sixty-two shall vest in the retirement system in the same manner as that of solicitors.* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, pages 590-595, proviso 118.20, by striking the proviso in its entirety and inserting:

/ *(SR: Nonrecurring Revenue) (A) The source of revenue appropriated in subsection (B) is nonrecurring revenue generated from the following sources:*

(1) $57,879,811 from Contingency Reserve Fund;

(2) $453,077,259 from Fiscal Year 2023-24 Projected Surplus;

(3) $9,058,046 from Litigation Recovery Account;

(4) $5,151,700 from Excess Debt Service;

(5) $7,674,703 from Excess Statewide Employee Benefits;

(6) $74,500,000 from COVID-19 Vaccine Reserve Fund (Act 2 of 2021) – Admin 31070000;

(7) $22,133,208 from COVID-19 Vaccine Reserve Fund (Act 2 of 2021) – DHEC 31070000;

(8) $36,580,215 COVID-19 Vaccine Response Fund (Act 2 of 2021) – DHEC 31060000;

(9) $10,600,000 from Statewide Airport Growth Response in Act 239 of 2022 set aside pursuant to proviso 118.19(67.1);

(10) $7,000,000 Part 1A Transfer;

(11) ($4,955,000) for Fiscal Year 2023-24 Incremental Income Tax Reduction; and

(12) any residual certified unappropriated general fund dollars.

Any restrictions concerning specific utilization of these funds are lifted for the specified fiscal year. The above agency transfers shall occur no later than thirty days after the close of the books on Fiscal Year 2023-24 and shall be available for use in Fiscal Year 2024-25.

This revenue is deemed to have occurred and is available for use in Fiscal Year 2024-25 after September 1, 2024, following the Comptroller General's close of the state's books on Fiscal Year 2023-24.

(B) The appropriations in this provision are listed in priority order. Item (1) must be funded first and each remaining item must be fully funded before any funds are allocated to the next item. Provided, however, that any individual item may be partially funded in the order in which it appears to the extent that revenues are available.

The State Treasurer shall disburse the following appropriations by September 30, 2024, for the purposes stated:

(1) A150 - Codification of Laws and Legislative Council Printing Expenses $100,000;

(2) A170 - Legislative Services Agency Network Infrastructure $246,235;

(3) B040 - Judicial Department Legal Fees $5,000,000;

(4) D100 - State Law Enforcement Division

(a) Agency Operating $1,000,000;

(b) Animal Fighting Personnel and Equipment $217,800;

(c) Center for School Safety and Targeted Violence $7,197,226;

(d) CWP Program $1;

(e) Personnel Equipment $500,000;

(f)Specialized Vehicles $1;

(5) D300 - Office of Resilience Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve Fund $26,000,000;

(6) D500 - Department of Administration

(a) Audit Contracting $3,000,000;

(b) Cybersecurity and Asset Protection Systems $4,050,000;

(c) First Responder Communication Modernization (800MHz) $1,000,000;

(d) Rent Increase for State-Owned Buildings $1,000,000;

(e) Statehouse Grounds Study $200,000;

(7) E120 - Comptroller General's Office Office Modernization $1,250,000;

(8) E160 - State Treasurer's Office

(a) Audit Support $1,200,000;

(b) Database Services $192,000;

(9) E200 - Attorney General's Office

(a) Crime Victim Assistance SAVS Program $3,000,000;

(b) Legal Fees $1,800,000;

(c) Residential and Emergency Housing for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking Grants $1,000,000;

(10) E210 - Prosecution Coordination Commission
Diversion Program Database $11,310;
(11) E240 - Adjutant General's Office
(a) City of Bamberg - Tornado Response $1;
(b) Greenwood County - Emergency Services Complex $1;
(c) SC LEAP $36,000;
(d) SCEMD – State EOC Expansion $6,251,000;
(12) E260 - Department of Veterans' Affairs
(a) Military Child Education Coalition $182,000;
(b) Military Enhancement Fund $6,000,000;
(c) South Carolina Veteran Coalition and Mobile Application $150,000;
(d) Veteran Homes - Capital Improvements $29,048,440;
(e) Veteran Homes - Critical Capability Development $87,164;
(13) E280 - Election Commission
(a) Election Operations $1;
(b) State Matching Funds for 2023 HAVA Grant $216,977;
(c) Voting System Upgrade $1;
(14) E500 - Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office
Cybersecurity and IT Fees $300,000;
(15) E550 - State Fiscal Accountability Authority
AHSC Performance Management Study $130,000;
(16) F010 - General Reserve Fund
General Reserve Fund Contribution $1;
(17) H090 - The Citadel
(a) Duckett Hall Renovation $1,000,000;
(b) Renovation of Workforce Housing $1;
(18) H120 - Clemson University
College of Veterinary Medicine $1;
(19) H150 - University of Charleston
Campus Expansion $1;
(20) H180 - Francis Marion University
Leatherman Science Facility/ McNair Science Building Renovation $1;
(21) H210 - Lander University
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1;
(22) H240 - South Carolina State University

Replacement of the Whittaker Library $25,000,000;

(23) H270 - University of South Carolina - Columbia

Center for Civil Rights History and Research $1;

(24) H290 - University of South Carolina - Aiken

Athletic Facilities Relocation$1;

(25) H340 - University of South Carolina - Upstate

Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $2,000,000;

(26) H390 - University of South Carolina - Sumter

Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1;

(27) H470 - Winthrop University

Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1;

(28) H510 - Medical University of South Carolina

Dental Workforce $1;

(29) H590 - State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education

(a) Aiken Technical College - Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1,570,000;

(b) Central Carolina Technical College – Kershaw Campus Expansion $10,000,000;

(c) Sumter Campus Advanced Manufacturing Training Center $7,700,000;

(d) Florence-Darlington Technical College – Industrial Trades Training Facility $7,800,000;

(e) Darlington County Campus $1;

(f)Greenville Technical College – Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1;

(g) Horry-Georgetown Technical College – Health Professions Training Complex $1;

(h) Midlands Technical College – QuickJobs and Dual Enrollment $1;

(i)Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College – Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $838,904;

(j)Piedmont Technical College – Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1;

(k) Edgefield Campus Completion $1;

(l)Spartanburg Community College – Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1;

(m) Cherokee County Campus $1;

(n) Tri-County Technical College - Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1;

(o) Trident Technical College – Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1;

(p) York Technical College – Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement $1;

(q) Training Program Equipment and Materials $1;

(r) Electric Vehicle Training Equipment $1,250,000;

(30) H630 - Department of Education

(a) Character and Resiliency Education (CARE) and Civics Initiatives $1;

(b) Educational Experience Partnerships $1;

(c) Grants Committee $1;

(d) School of Workforce Innovation Pilot $1;

(e) Western York County Agriculture Arena $1;

(31) H650 - Governor's School for Science and Mathematics

Cooling Tower Replacement $320,000;

(32) H670 - Educational Television Commission

ETV Statewide Transparency Services $1;

(33) H710 - Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School

Dorm Improvement $650,000;

(34) H750 - School for the Deaf and the Blind

(a) Campus Upgrades $340,000;

(b) Campus Wide HVAC $3,000,000;

(c) Campus Wide Improvements $1;

(35) H790 - Department of Archives and History

(a) Digital Enhancements for Research Room Customers $300,000;

(b) Energy Surcharge and DTO Service Costs Offset $250,000;

(c) Exhibit Hall and Meeting Space Expansion $1;

(d) SC American Revolution Sestercentennial Commission $1;

(36) H910 - Arts Commission

Implementation of SCAC Hubs $2,000,000;

(37) H950 - State Museum Commission

Reimagine the Experience Permanent Gallery Improvement Project$1;

(38) H960 - Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum Commission

(a) Edens Collection of SC Artifacts $177,000;

(b) Renovate Gist Rotating Exhibit Gallery $213,000;

(39) J020 - Department of Health and Human Services

(a) Children's Hospital Collaborative$1;

(b) Meals on Wheels of Greenville – New Facility Construction $1;

(c) Middle Tyger Resource Center – Construction of New Facility$1;

(d) Oconee Memorial Hospital Foundation – Cancer Institute $1;

(e) Project Hope Foundation Autism Support – Expansion of Services in the Upstate$1;

(f)Safe Harbor - Improve Facilities and Services for Domestic Violence Victims $1;

(g) Williamsburg County - Renovate Facility for VA, DAODAS and Mental Health Services $1;

(40) J060 - Department of Public Health

(a) Community Violence Intervention and Prevention (CVIP)$500,000;

(b) Fiscal Impact of Restructuring - Facilities $1;

(c) Fiscal Impact of Restructuring - IT $1;

(d) IT Infrastructure Maintenance $3,000,000;

(e) Prostate Cancer Awareness Campaign$1;

(f)SmokeFree SC $1;

(41) J120 - Department of Mental Health

(a) Alternative Transportation Program$1;

(b) Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Youth Treatment at W.S. Hall$1;

(42) J160 - Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

Greenwood Genetics Center $1;

(43) K050 - Department of Public Safety

(a) Berkeley County - Rehabilitation of Berkeley County Regional Services Training Center $1;

(b) IT Infrastructure Maintenance $1,900,000;

(c) Newberry County Sheriff's Office – Tactical Vehicle and Technology Upgrades $1;

(d) Palmetto 800 Fire and EMS Pageland $1;

(e) Town of Yemassee Capital Improvements $1;

(f) Vehicle Equipment and Radars $500,000;

(g) Vehicle Maintenance Costs $1,000,000;

(h) Weapon Transition $1;

(44) L040 - Department of Social Services

(a) ESSAM-DDI Phase $1;

(b) Family Resource Center - Judicial Circuit 14 $1,000,000;

(45) L080 - Department of Children's Advocacy

SC Network of Children's Advocacy Centers $1;

(46) L120 - Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe

(a) Campus Security Cameras $400,000;

(b) De la Howe Hall Site Work $3,000,000;

(c) Meat Processing Lab and Cannery $1,000,000;

(47) L320 - Housing Finance and Development Authority

(a) City of Columbia - Neighborhood Revitalization and Weatherization $1;

(b) Dorchester County Community Outreach – Homeless Shelter Relocation and Expansion $1;

(48) N040 - Department of Corrections

(a) Agency Operating $7,989,000;

(b) Marion County - Improvements to County Detention Center $1;

(c) Transitional Care Unit and K9 Unit $500,000;

(49) N080 - Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services

IT Infrastructure Maintenance $1,200,000;

(50) N120 - Department of Juvenile Justice

(a) Cyber Security Remediation $1;

(b) IT Application Assessment $1;

(c) Master Plan Implementation $1;
(d) Technical Consulting and Assistance $2,500,000;
(51) P120 - Forestry Commission
Recruitment and Retention $350,000;
(52) P160 - Department of Agriculture
(a) ChangeSC Pilot Project $1;
(b) DHEC Food Protection Restructuring $1;
(c) Pee Dee State Farmers Market RV Park and Paving $1;
(d) State Farmers Market Safety and Traffic Upgrades $1;
(e) Technology Efficiency Infrastructure $1;
(53) P200 - Clemson University Public Service Activities
PSA Renovation, Repair, and Equipment $2,500,000;
(54) P210 - SC State University Public Service Activities
(a) Construction of the South
Carolina Limnology Research Center $1;
(b) Health Quad Initiative $250,000;
(55) P240 - Department of Natural Resources
(a) Agency Equipment $1;
(b) Body Worn Camera Implementation $1;
(c) Habitat Protection and Land Conservation $1;
(d) Hatchery Operations $500,000;
(e) Insurance Reserve Fund Increase and Utilities $2,500,000;
(f)Law Enforcement Boat Rotation $500,000;
(g) Technology Equipment Rotation and
Communication Lines$1;
(56) P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
(a) Agency Property Development $12,000,000;
(b) Beaufort County Economic Development
Corporation - Gullah Geechee Cultural Center and Market$1;
(c) Calhoun Falls Marina Replacement $1;
(d) City of Columbia - Marketplace at Congaree Pointe $1;
(e) City of Conway - Kingston Ferry and Trail $1;
(f)City of Darlington - Blue Street Ballfields
Renovation $1;
(g) City of Forest Acres –

Richland County Mall Redevelopment $1;

(h) City of Isle of Palms - Beach Renourishment $1;

(i) City of Laurens - Laurens Amphitheater Project $1;

(j) City of Myrtle Beach - Downtown Revitalization $1;

(k) City of North Myrtle Beach - Cherry Grove Dredging $1;

(l) City of Sumter - Downtown Lighting and Event Infrastructure $1;

(m) City of Sumter - Riley Ballpark Support Facilities $1;

(n) City of Sumter - Swan Lake Iris Gardens $1;

(o) City of West Columbia - Historic Mill Village Redevelopment and Mobility Improvements $1;

(p) City of Westminster - Streetscape and Recreation $1;

(q) City of York - Recreation Facility Upgrades and Additional Parking $1;

(r) Darla Moore Foundation - Art Fields $1;

(s) Destination Specific Grants $11,450,000;

(t) Film Incentives $10,000,000;

(u) Georgetown County - Murrells Inlet Dredging $1;

(v) Hickory Park Remodel $1;

(w) Historic Mitchelville Freedom Park - Interpretive Center $1;

(x) Horry County - Conway to Myrtle Beach Multi-Use Path $1;

(y) International African American Museum - Marketing Support $1;

(z) Lexington County Recreation Commission – Multi Sports Facility Complex $1;

(aa) Oconee County - Community Investments $1;

(bb) SCATR - Regional Promotions $1,100,000;

(cc) Sports Marketing Program $5,000,000;

(dd) State Park Boardwalk and Dock Improvements $1;

(ee) State Park Cabin Upgrades $1;

(ff) State Park Road Paving $1;
(gg) Statewide Marketing $1,000,000;
(hh) Sumter County - County Building Renovation $1;
(ii) Tourism Development $2,000,000;
(jj) Town of Cheraw - Downtown Revitalization $1;
(kk) Town of Clover - Construction of New Indoor Recreation Facility $1;
(ll) Town of Mount Pleasant - Mathis Ferry Trail $1;
(mm) Town of Mount Pleasant – Shem Creek Sustainability/Dredging $1;
(nn) Undiscovered SC Grant Program $250,000;
(oo) Venues at Arsenal Hill Project $1,000,000;
(57) P320 - Department of Commerce
(a) Charleston International Airport $20,000,000;
(b) City of Clinton - Industrial Park Upgrades $1;
(c) Closing Fund $10,000,000;
(d) Columbia Airport $1;
(e) Columbia Airport - Customs Expansion $1;
(f) Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport $4,000,000;
(g) Interagency Loan Repayment $1;
(h) LocateSC $1;
(i) Myrtle Beach International Airport $1;
(j) SC Nexus $10,000,000;
(k) Spartanburg Regional Airport $1;
(l) Strategic Existing Workforce Retraining $1;
(58) P400 - SC Conservation Bank
Conservation Grant Funding $13,000,000;
(59) P450 - Rural Infrastructure Authority
(a) Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund Match $4,082,990;
(b) Woodruff-Roebuck Water District - System Expansion $1;
(60) P500 - Department of Environmental Services
(a) Clean-Up of Uncontrolled Hazardous Waste Sites $2,500,000;
(b) Fiscal Impact of Restructuring - IT $1;
(c) IT Infrastructure Maintenance $1,977,443;
(d) Transfer - State Water Plan and River

Basin Planning Implementation $2,800,000;

(61) R360 - Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

(a) Matching Funds for Grants $503,095;

(b) Office of State Fire Marshal - Operational Expenses $1,054,333;

(62) R400 - Department of Motor Vehicles

(a) Act 37 of 2021 $1,600,000;

(b) SCDMV IT System Modernization $3,400,000;

(63) U120 - Department of Transportation

(a) Bridge Modernization (NR Proviso) $100,000,000;

(b) City of Columbia - Five Points Parking Garage $1;

(c) City of Columbia - Quiet Zone – Infrastructure and Technology at Rail Crossings $1;

(d) Pickens County CTC - Traffic Mitigation in Easley $1;

(e) SCDOT - Highway 90 Improvements $1;

(f) York County - Transportation Infrastructure $1;

(64) U300 - Division of Aeronautics

(a) Beaufort County Airports Board – Relocation of St. James Baptist Church $1;

(b) Investing for Statewide Airport System General Airports $1;

(65) X220 - Aid to Subdivisions - State Treasurer

Aid to Planning Districts $1,000,000;

(66) E240 - Adjutant General's Office

(a) City of Sumter - Military Museum $3,000,000;

(b) National Medal of Honor Center for Leadership $5,000,000;

(c) Polaris Tech Charter School – Jasper Area Emergency Response Center $500,000;

(67) E260 - Department of Veterans' Affairs

(a) City of Walterboro - Washington Street Plaza & Colleton Co. Veterans Memorial Rehab Project $125,000;

(b) Dillon VFW Post 6091 - Building Improvements $75,000;

(c) Operation Patriots FOB - Warrior Program $100,000;

(d) Upstate Circle of Friends - Vetforward Housing Project$96,000;

(68) H030 - Commission on Higher Education

(a) Riley Institute at Furman University – SCALE Afterschool Program $400,000;

(b) UIDP - HBCU Engage 205 $300,000;

(69) H630 - Department of Education

(a) Abbeville County Career Center – Automotive Technology Lab Equipment Upgrades $300,000;

(b) ActivEd - Walkabouts Active Learning Program $400,000;

(c) Back the Pack - Rock Hill Schools Education Foundation $80,000;

(d) Bettis Preparatory Leadership Academy – Multipurpose Shelter $550,000;

(e) BRAVO Foundation of Clarendon County – Teacher Innovation & Service Learning Grant Program $50,000;

(f)ColaJazz Foundation - Music Education Camps $100,000;

(g) Communities in Schools - Behavioral Programs $100,000;

(h) Due West Robotics - Palmetto Innovation and Technology Center $250,000;

(i)Foster Park Elementary - The Leader In Me $36,000;

(j)Greenbrier Resource Community Development Center - After-school Facility $50,000;

(k) Healthy Learners $100,000;

(l)Johnathan Foundation - Middle School Screenings $300,000;

(m) Laurens County School District 55 and 56 – CATE Center $1,500,000;

(n) Maroon Innovation Services Inc. - Literacy Program $175,000;

(o) Pattison's Academy - Service Continuity $211,000;

(p) SC First - Regional Robotics Competition $150,000;

(q) SC Football Hall of Fame - The Leadership Minute $905,000;

(r) Teachers Up & Kids Club $500,000;

(s) The Greater Waverly Foundation - Village Initiative $150,000;

(t) Trinity Educational Community Center - Project Tech $300,000;

(70) H790 - Department of Archives and History

(a) African American Settlement Communities Historic Commission, Inc. - 1904 Long Point School House Restoration $150,000;

(b) City of Florence - Historic Carolina Theatre $2,000,000;

(c) Cultural Arts Foundation Fountain Inn – Younts Center for Performing Arts $700,000;

(d) Dorchester Heritage Center, Inc. – Community Facility Construction $1,400,000;

(e) Lancaster Society for Historical Preservation, Inc. – Lancaster County Archives Center Construction $1,950,000;

(f) National Heritage Corridor - South Carolina 7 $250,000;

(g) Soapstone Empowerment Foundation – Historic Site Preservation $250,000;

(71) H870 - State Library

(a) Abbeville County Library - Computer Equipment $50,000;

(b) Clarendon County - Turbeville Library $950,000;

(c) Colleton County - Cottageville Library New Building $1,000,000;

(d) Pat Conroy Literary Center - Fall 2024 Signature Events $50,000;

(e) Sumter County - Main Library Renovations $800,000;

(72) H950 - State Museum Commission

(a) Children's Museum of the Lowcountry – Summerville Children's Museum $1,000,000;

(b) Darlington African American Museum - Upgrades $500,000;

(c) Dennis Community Development Corporation of Lee County - Improvements to Historic Dennis High School $100,000;

(d) Fork Shoals Historical Society – McCullough's House Inn Restoration $500,000;

(e) Friends of Honey Hill, Inc. - Honey Hill Battlefield $725,000;

(f) Friends of the Aiken Railroad Museum $350,000;

(g) Georgetown Rice Museum - Elevator Replacement $50,000;

(h) Gibbes Museum of Art - Art Charleston Festival $500,000;

(i) Goodwill Educational and Historical Society, Inc. – Improvements to Historic Goodwill Parochial School $594,000;

(j) Historic Bluffton Foundation - Heyward House Museum and Bluffton Welcome Center $200,000;

(k) Lincoln High School Preservation Alumni Association – African American History Museum $700,000;

(l) Parris Island Heritage Foundation Museum Enhancement $125,000;

(m) South Carolina Alliance of Children's Museums – Safety Improvements $500,000;

(n) St. George Rosenwald School - Children's Museum $213,000;

(o) The Charleston Museum - From Civil War to Civil Rights Exhibit $400,000;

(73) J020 - Department of Health and Human Services

(a) ALS Association - ALS Care Services $500,000;

(b) Bluffton Jasper Volunteers in Medicine – Sustainability Program $300,000;

(c) Community Medicine Foundation, Inc – Sickle Cell Program $750,000;

(d) Pregnancy Center & Clinic of the Low Country – Prenatal Medical Care $100,000;

(e) Rural Health Center, Inc. $500,000;

(f)SC Association of Pregnancy Care Centers – Statewide Pregnancy Care Center Support $3,000,000;

(g) The Kollock Alumni Association - Facility Upgrades $156,000;

(h) Town of McClellanville - McClellanville Medical Facility & Community Center $750,000;

(i)United Way of the Midlands - Young Men United $250,000;

(74) J060 - Department of Public Health

(a) Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County – Renovations $2,000,000;

(b) Berkeley County - EMS Apprenticeships for Veterans $270,000;

(c) Clarity Upstate - Audiology Services$150,000;

(d) EMS Closet $50,000;

(e) Greenville Prisma Health Sickle Cell $2,000,000;

(f)Hope Health Inc. - Men's Health Center $500,000;

(g) Kershaw County Health Services District – Indoor Pool and Community Health Center $1,500,000;

(h) Lions Vision Services - Palmetto Eyecare Program $500,000;

(i)Louvenia D. Barksdale Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation – Project Hope $100,000;

(j)MedEx Academy - Summer Educational Programs $150,000;

(k) No One Left Alone - Long COVID Research Support $900,000;

(l)Sandhills Medical Foundation - Expansion of Services in Mental and Healthcare $1,000,000;

(m) St. John Holistic Wellness Center $100,000;

(75) J120 - Department of Mental Health

(a) Department of Mental Health – Incarcerated Inmates Support $400,000;

(b) MIRCI $250,000;

(c) The Giving Back Fund c/o Mental Wealth Alliance–

Mental Health Gym $175,000;

(76) J160 - Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

(a) Osprey Village - Amenities Center $500,000;

(b) The Therapy Place - Therapeutic Pool and Critical Repairs $400,000;

(77) J200 - Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services

(a) DAODAS/ Athletic Coaches Association - Coaches vs Overdoses $800,000;

(b) Decisions.org - Cope EMS Wingman App $820,000;

(c) RIZE Prevention - Teen Drug Prevention Program $300,000;

(d) The Courage Center - Midlands Recovery Community Expansion and Operation $300,000;

(78) K050 - Department of Public Safety

(a) Abbeville Police Department - Vehicle Support $135,000;

(b) Allendale County - Sherriff's Department $620,000;

(c) Anderson County Sheriff's Office - Rapid Deploymen Command Vehicle $300,000;

(d) Beaufort County Sheriffs - Crime Lab $500,000;

(e) Berkeley County Emergency Services - Training Center Refurbishment$1,617,000;

(f)Berkeley County Sheriff's Office - Mobile Incident Command Vehicle $1,250,000;

(g) Calhoun County Sheriff's Office - Technology Upgrades $100,000;

(h) Chester County Sheriff's Office - Body Scanner and Drone Vehicle $265,000;

(i)City of Conway Police and Fire Departments – Radio Upgrades $500,000;

(j)City of Dillon - First Responder Equipment $100,000;

(k) City of Florence - Police Department Evidence Storage $1,000,000;

(l)City of Inman Police Department - Replacement of

Police Vehicles $125,000;

(m) City of Mauldin Police Department – Mobile Command Center & SRT Equipment $500,000;

(n) City of Sumter Police Department - Vehicles, Equipment, and Software $1,000,000;

(o) City of Walhalla - Police Station $4,250,000;

(p) Darlington County Sheriff's Department – LENSLOCK Cameras $63,000;

(q) Dillon County Sheriffs Office - Equipment & Training Facility Grant $100,000;

(r) Horry County Government - Public Safety Enhancements $4,000,000;

(s) Lancaster County Sheriff's Office – Equipment Replacement $600,000;

(t) Lee County Sheriff's Office - AFIS, Drone and Security and Safety Upgrades $80,000;

(u) Lexington County Sheriff's Office - A. Lewis McCarty Firearms Range and Training Facility $573,000;

(v) Marion County Sheriff's Office - Training Facility and Equipment $300,000;

(w) Richland County Sheriff's Department – Mobile Command Post $900,000;

(x) Serve and Connect - Law Enforcement Community Connection Program $1,000,000;

(y) Sumter County Sheriff's Office - Phase II of Training Center $879,000;

(z) Town of Batesburg-Leesville - First Responder Equipment $200,000;

(aa) Town of Bluffton Police Department - K9 Program $50,000;

(bb) Town of Varnville - Public Safety Communication Equipment $280,000;

(cc) Town of Yemassee - Yemassee Police Station $500,000;

(79) L040 - Department of Social Services

(a) ASAFO Community Development Association – Conflict to Careers Mentoring Program $200,000;

(b) Beaufort - Jasper YMCA of the Lowcountry $600,000;

(c) Bethany Christian Services - Post Adoption Services $150,000;

(d) Feed the City $100,000;

(e) Florence Crittenton Programs of SC - Housing and Support Services $400,000;

(f)Fostering the Family - Foster Support Programs $100,000;

(g) Jenkins Youth and Family Village/Orphan Aid Society, Inc. - Summer Enrichment Program $100,000;

(h) Juveniles Upholding Morals and Principles of Society (JUMPS) - Mentoring Initiatives $200,000;

(i)Midlands Community Development Corporation $300,000;

(j)Midlands Fatherhood Coalition - Site Expansion $644,000;

(k) My Community's Keeper Mentor Group - Advance Peace $70,000;

(l)Palmetto Hope Foundation - Charleston Navigation Center $200,000;

(m) Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Assault - New Beginnings Transitional Shelter $50,000;

(n) Richland County - Family Services Center $1,000,000;

(o) Smart Box - Food for All $50,000;

(p) The Hive Community Circle $500,000;

(q) The Salvation Army of Greenville County – Social Services Campus$500,000;

(r) Trent Hill Center $250,000;

(s) United Way Association of South Carolina, Inc. – AmeriCorps$1,014,000;

(80) L060 - Department on Aging

(a) Allendale County - Recreational Walking Trail $325,000;

(b) Antioch Senior Center $250,000;

(c) The Unumb Center of Neurodevelopment – Adult Residential Campus $3,000,000;

(d) Tri-City Visionaries Inc. - Senior Housing Repairs $400,000;

(81) L240 - Commission for the Blind

Sight Savers America - Vision Screenings $250,000;

(82) L320 - Housing Finance and Development Authority

(a) City of Columbia - Belvedere & Greenview Neighborhood Revitalization Programs $1,000,000;

(b) City of Columbia - Fairwold Housing Assistance Program $500,000;

(c) St. Francis Center on St. Helena Island - Home Repair Program $100,000;

(83) N080 - Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services

(a) Pilot Program at Orangeburg-Calhoun Detention Center $400,000;

(b) Turn90 - Prison Re-Entry Services $500,000;

(84) N120 - Department of Juvenile Justice

Palmetto Project - Charleston Alternative to Detention $250,000;

(85) P160 - Department of Agriculture

The FARM Center in Oconee County $985,000;

(86) P240 - Department of Natural Resources

(a) Beaufort County - Alljoy Boat Landing Improvements $1,200,000;

(b) Cross Chapter #45 of Wildlife Action, Inc – Updates to Wildlife Community Center $20,000;

(c) DNR - Waddell Mariculture Center Hatchery Support $250,000;

(87) P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism

(a) Arts Council of York County - Blues and Jazz Festival $25,000;

(b) Battery Park Alumni Association - Battery Park Elementary School Renovation $500,000;

(c) Bluffton Eagles Community Action Property Improvement $50,000;

(d) Bon Secours Wellness Arena - Renovation and Expansion $5,000,000;

(e) Brookgreen Gardens - Welcome Center & Conservatory Gardens $1,000,000;

(f)Cameron Community Club - Facility and Grounds Upgrades $262,000;

(g) Campbell Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church - Restoration and Rehabilitation $200,000;

(h) Cancer Survivors Park $500,000;

(i) Christmasville $72,000;

(j) City of Cayce - Riverwalk Expansion $500,000;

(k) City of Columbia - Riverfront Park Trail Enhancements $350,000;

(l) City of Gaffney - Henry L. Jolly Park Amphitheater Cover $500,000;

(m) City of Marion - Green St. Sports Complex $450,000;

(n) City of Seneca - Recreation Complex Addition $5,150,000;

(o) City of Spartanburg - Mary H. Wright Greenway $455,000;

(p) City of Sumter - African American Historic Park $1,500,000;

(q) City of Sumter - Richardson Competition Facilities $5,900,000;

(r) Coastal Carolina YMCA - Community Outreach and Program Support $500,000;

(s) Dorchester County - Oakbrooks Sports Complex $1,000,000;

(t) Dorchester Heritage Center, Inc. - The Wall That Heals $64,000;

(u) Edgefield County Star Park $750,000;

(v) Festival on the Avenue $100,000;

(w) Forty-One Community Center - Building Renovations $100,000;

(x) Freedom Walkway Event $10,000;

(y) Greenville Zoo - Farmyard $1,000,000;

(z) Hagood Mill Foundation - Heritage Pavilion Enclosure $1,000,000;

(aa) Holly Hill Youth Sports Organization - Activity Bus $120,000;

(bb) Indian Land Green $1,000,000;

(cc) Land United Foundation - Indian Land Athletic Fields $350,000;

(dd) Mill Town Players - Historic Pelzer Auditorium $1,000,000;

(ee) Mount Moriah Baptist Church - Prayer Garden $35,000;

(ff) N.O.W.W. Empowerment Housing and Community Projects $25,000;

(gg) Pineville Eadytown Community Park – Park Improvements $98,000;

(hh) Richland County Recreation Commission – Aquatics Center $6,000,000;

(ii) Riverbanks Zoo & Gardens - Infrastructure $1,000,000;

(jj) SC Parks, Recreation and Tourism - Hunting Island Roads and Grounds Improvements$2,500,000;

(kk) Spartanburg County Government - The Daniel Morgan Trail System $2,000,000;

(ll) Special Olympics - 2024 Unified Outreach Initiative $300,000;

(mm) Sumter County - Patriot Park Amphitheater $3,300,000;

(nn) Surf Dreams Foundation - Surf Clinics $10,000;

(oo) The RECing Crew Inc. - North Augusta Multipurpose Miracle League Field $175,000;

(pp) The South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association – North vs. South All-Star Football Game $100,000;

(qq) Town of Aynor - Levister Recreation Center $1,500,000;

(rr) Town of Cowpens - East Spartanburg Sports Center $2,500,000;

(ss) Town of Eutawville - The 2024 Eutaw Village Festival $45,000;

(tt) Town of Irmo - New Town Hall $500,000;

(uu) Town of Jefferson - Blue Jay Nest Gymnasium $120,000;

(vv) Town of Latta - Historic Edwards House $50,000;

(ww) Town of Summerville - Main St. Resiliency Project$1,500,000;

(xx) Town of Williamston - Mineral Springs and Brookdale Parks $750,000;

(yy) Tri-Community Center, Inc. - Upfit for National Shelter System Site Designation $50,000;

(zz) Umoja Village - Community Projects $250,000;

(aaa) Upstate Greenways & Trails Alliance – Foothills Trail Revitalization $300,000;

(bbb) Wassamassaw Recreation League (WRL) – Outdoor Projects and Upgrades $20,000;

(ccc) Williamsburg County - Muddy Creek Community Center and Park $100,000;

(ddd) York County - Worth Mountain Park Upgrades $750,000;

(88) P320 - Department of Commerce

(a) City of Mauldin - Multi-Purpose Stadium $6,000,000;

(b) City of Myrtle Beach - Revitalization and Tech Hub $5,000,000;

(c) SC Center for Visual Arts - Downtown Building Revitalization Acquisition $400,000;

(d) South Carolina Research Authority - AI Symposium $55,000;

(e) State Christmas Tree Ornaments – Columbia Garden Club Foundation $5,000;

(f) Vision Center, Inc. - Conference Center Renovations $2,000,000;

(89) P450 - Rural Infrastructure Authority

(a) Charleston County Public Works - Hollings Road Drainage Improvements $1,000,000;

(b) Chester County Wastewater Recovery – Sewer Expansion on I-77 NE Quadrant $2,000,000;

(c) City of Clemson - Pendleton-Clemson Sewer Upgrade $1,500,000;

(d) City of Dillon - Public Works $570,000;

(e) City of Georgetown - Stormwater Pump Station Upgrade $375,000;

(f) City of Honea Path, SC - Water and Sewer Line Repair $175,000;

(g) City of Inman Public Works - Sewer Extension $767,000;

(h) City of Isle of Palms - Stormwater Infrastructure $1,250,000;

(i)City of Iva - Water and Sewer Line Repair $175,000;

(j)City of Sumter - Utility Replacement and Repair $1,000,000;

(k) City of West Columbia - Water System Improvements $2,000,000;

(l)Dorchester County - Greater St. George Water Treatment $2,945,000;

(m) Dupont Wappoo Drainage Improvement Project $1,000,000;

(n) Greenville Water - 60 Inch Water Main Project, Phase II $1,000,000;

(o) Lancaster County Water and Sewer District – Regional Water Transmission Infrastructure $500,000;

(p) MetroConnects - Judson Mill Village Wastewater Rehabilitation Project $2,500,000;

(q) Spartanburg Sanitary Sewer District - Cinder Branch Pump Station and Force Main Project $2,500,000;

(r) Town of Chesterfield - Sewer Rehabilitation Project$1,200,000;

(s) Town of Harleyville - Radio Read Water Meter Improvements $125,000;

(t)Town of Kershaw - Sewer Pump Station $1,200,000;

(u) Windermere Drainage and Outfall Improvement Project$1,000,000;

(90) P500 - Department of Environmental Services

(a) Clarendon County - Newman Branch Swamp Clearing $950,000;

(b) Daufuskie Marsh Tacky Society - Land Improvement and Infrastructure $20,000;

(c) Easley Combined Utilities - Upper Saluda Watershed Restoration $2,200,000;

(d) Grand Strand Humane Society $2,000,000;

(e) James Island Public Service District – Environmental Mitigation $500,000;

(f)Kind Keeper - No-Kill Animal Shelter $300,000;

(g) Pawmetto Lifeline - Veterinary Services $250,000;

(91) R360 - Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation

(a) Allendale County - St. Mark Community Upgrades $1,200,000;

(b) Alligator Fire District - Asphalt Driveways $31,000;

(c) Anderson Fire Department - Safety Equipment $125,000;

(d) Bethany Santiago Fire Department $400,000;

(e) Boiling Springs Fire Department – Urban/Wildland Interface Truck $450,000;

(f)Boiling Springs Fire District - Safety Equipment $350,000;

(g) Calhoun Falls Fire Department - Refurbishment $102,000;

(h) Center Rock Fire Department Station 11 – Annex Building $100,000;

(i)Centerville Fire Station 9 - Critical Repairs $91,000;

(j)Chesnee Community Fire Department – Frontline Fire Engine$750,000;

(k)Chester County Emergency Services - West Chester Fire Department and Ambulance Expansion $500,000;

(l)City of Bennettsville - Fire Department$750,000;

(m) City of Florence - Fire Engine Apparatus $1,250,000;

(n)City of Goose Creek - Fire and Police Training Facility $1,500,000;

(o) City of York - Fire Apparatus $1,200,000;

(p) CKC Fire Department - Station Construction $725,000;

(q) Clarendon County - Fire Rescue Station Ten Replacement $550,000;

(r) Corinth Fire Department - Improvements $750,000;

(s) Dillon County Fire Dept. Station 2 – Equipment Upgrades $200,000;

(t)Double Springs Fire Department - Renovation $13,000;

(u) Fire House #2 with Police Substation $3,400,000;

(v) Lake View Rescue Squad - Extrication Equipment $40,000;

(w) Oakdale Fire Department - Fire Station Relocation $500,000;

(x) Oakland Volunteer Fire Dept. - Brush Truck $70,000;

(y) Rock Hill Fire Department - Ballistic Vests $13,000;

(z) Sharon Volunteer Fire Department - Equipment and Upgrades $250,000;

(aa) South Spartanburg Fire District – Firefighter Safety and ADA Compliance $965,000;

(bb) Townville Fire Department Station #17 - Air Packs $55,000;

(cc) Zion Fire Department - Phase II Renovation $56,000;

(92) R600 - Department of Employment and Workforce

Heart of Life - Youth Workforce Development Program $200,000;

(93) U120 - Department of Transportation

(a) Charleston County - Highway 61 Corridor Improvements $2,000,000;

(b) City of Belton - Sidewalk Repair $800,000;

(c) City of Columbia - Assembly St. Railroad Grade Separation Project $5,000,000;

(d) City of Columbia - Bridge to the Greenway $2,500,000;

(e) City of Columbia - Five Points Project $2,500,000;

(f)City of Greenville - East North Gateway $2,250,000;

(g) City of Greenville - Infrastructure Improvements $2,250,000;

(h) City of Travelers Rest - N. Poinsett Hwy Project $1,000,000;

(i)Department of Transportation - Devine Street Corridor $2,000,000;

(j)Greenville County - Bracken Road $2,900,000;

(k) Historic Sol Legare Community Safety Project $1,000,000;

(l)Horry County - Augusta Plantation Interchange at SC 31 $2,000,000;

(m) Lexington County - Caulks Ferry Road Interchange$1,000,000;

(n) Locust Hill Road / Highway 290 Widening $1,000,000;

(o) SCDOT - Old Buncombe Rd Crash Mitigation Project$915,000;

(94) X220 - Aid to Subdivisions - State Treasurer

(a)Aiken County Administration - Financial Assistance for Ambulance Replacements$370,000;

(b)Anderson County - Caroline Community Center $150,000;

(c)Bamberg County - Courthouse Critical Repairs $1,500,000;

(d)Bishopville Depot Renovation & Community Health and Wellness Center $1,000,000;

(e)Capital City/ Lake Murry Country RTB - Lake Murray Regional Visitor's Center $100,000;

(f)Catholic Charities - Next Level Services and Getting Ahead Programs$100,000;

(g)Central Midlands Council of Government – Deferred Maintenance and Upfit of CMCOG Office $1,000,000;

(h) City of Beaufort - Cyber Security Education Facility $1,500,000;

(i)City of Columbia - Beltline Community Improvements $1,500,000;

(j)City of Conway - Conservation Property $75,000;

(k) City of Florence - Freedom Blvd Water Line Extension $5,000,000;

(l)City of Fountain Inn - Municipal Center $1,300,000;

(m) City of Loris - Old Loris High School Revitalization $1,000,000;

(n) City of Orangeburg - New City Hall $1,500,000;

(o) City of Rock Hill - Southside Home Improvement Program $500,000;

(p) City of Simpsonville - Traffic Realignment and Downtown Improvements $1,000,000;

(q) Dillon County - Emergency Services Facility $1,500,000;

(r) Georgetown County - Brick Chimney Road Phase II $1,000,000;

(s)Nicholtown Community Center - Community Center Refurbishment$550,000;

(t)Omegas of Spartanburg - Uplift Center Renovations $452,000;

(u) River Road/Brownswood Road Safety Upgrades $5,000,000;

(v)SC Appalachian Council of Governments – Building Expansion $400,000;

(w) Town of Clover - American Thread $1,500,000;

(x) Town of Lynchburg - Town Hall Renovations $40,000;

(y) Town of North - Parks and Recreation Facilities $75,000;

(z) Town of Pamplico - Zero Turn Mower $13,000;

(aa) Town of Ridgeville - Community Center Improvement $267,000;

(bb) Town of Troy - Revitalization Projects $156,000;

(cc) Town of Turbeville - Town Hall Renovations $40,000;

(dd) Town of Winnsboro - Washington and Congress Downtown District Improvements $1,000,000;

(ee) West Greenville Community Center $500,000; and

(ff) Williamsburg County - Alex Chatman Judicial Complex Renovations $500,000.

(C) Unexpended funds appropriated pursuant to this provision may be carried forward to succeeding fiscal years and expended for the same purposes. /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 595, after line 17, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(SR: Homestead Exemption Fund) (A) The source of revenue appropriated in subsection (B) is nonrecurring revenue generated from the following source:*

$600 million from the Homestead Exemption Fund.

Any restrictions concerning specific utilization of these funds are

suspended for the specified fiscal year. The above agency transfer shall occur no later than thirty days after the close of the books on Fiscal Year 2023-24 and shall be available for use in Fiscal Year 2024-25 after September 1, 2024, following the Comptroller General's close of the State's book on Fiscal Year 2023-24.

(B) The appropriations in this provision are listed in priority order. Item (1) must be funded first and each remaining item must be fully funded before any funds are allocated to the next item. Provided, however, that any individual item may be partially funded in the order in which it appears to the extent that revenues are available.

The State Treasurer shall disburse the following appropriations by September 30, 2024 for the purposes stated:

(1) $150 million of the Homestead Exemption Fund balance to counties to be used to provide a property tax credit for owner-occupied property in the current fiscal year against county operating taxes. The funds are to be distributed in the proportion that the population of the county is to the total population of the State. Population data must be as determined in the decennial United States Census and the most recent update to that data as determined by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office. The credit is an amount determined by dividing the total estimated revenues credited to the county by the number of parcels in the county eligible for the credit. Counties are required to reflect this credit as a separate line on the property tax bill with the phrase "South Carolina Legislative Tax Credit" and the amount of the credit. The Department of Revenue shall provide, by July 31, an estimate of the amount of funds to be disbursed to each county and shall disburse these funds no later than December 1. By March 31st, counties must notify the department of the total amount of these credits issued and return any portion of the funds received in excess of the amount necessary to provide this credit. The department shall have the authority to audit this credit.

(2) U200 - County Transportation Funds CTC Acceleration Fund $1;

(3) U120 – Department of Transportation

(a) Bridge Acceleration Fund $1;

(b) Rural Road Safety Program $1;

(3.1) Of the funds appropriated to the Rural Road Safety Program, an amount not to exceed $21,500,000 shall be used to improve aviation facility access, support traffic flow, and promote economic development.

(4) P450 – Rural Infrastructure Authority

(a) Rural Infrastructure Fund $1;

(b) Statewide Water and Sewer Fund $1;

and

(5) H270 – University of South Carolina Health Sciences Campus Bond Avoidance $1.

Funding included in item 3 above shall be utilized to enhance both programs and shall not supplant any funds currently designated for these purposes. Allocations of funding contained in items 2, 3, and 4 above shall take into account the availability of matching federal funds.

(C) Unexpended funds appropriated pursuant to this provision may be carried forward to succeeding fiscal years and expended for the same purposes. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 93; Nays 7

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McGinnis

Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--93

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Harris
S. Jones	Magnuson	O'Neal
Pace		

Total--7

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. KIRBY proposed the following Amendment No. 4A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc NameCOUNCIL\DG\5100C014. CC.DG24.DOCX), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 299, after line 35, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(SDE: Williamsburg County School District) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Education, the department shall prepare a written report on the Williamsburg County School District which is under management by the department. The report must be provided to the Williamsburg County Legislative Delegation by January 1st. The report must include the initial reasons cited by the State Superintendent of Education for declaring a state of emergency that resulted in the department assuming management of the district, the year in which the declaration was made, and the steps taken by the department to address such matters. This report also must include recommended actions to end the management of the district, including a plan that contains stated benchmarks and timelines for returning*

management of the school district back to the locally elected school board. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. KIRBY explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers

Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. GUFFEY proposed the following Amendment No. 5A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\h2-interscholastic athletics.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 299, after line 35, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(SDE: Interscholastic athletics) (A) No funds appropriated or authorized in this act that are distributed to a school district may be used to deny individual students who attend independent schools in this State the opportunity to try out for and, if selected, participate in an interscholastic athletic program offered at a public school in the district if the:*

(1) student resides within the attendance zone boundaries of the public school;

(2) independent school that the student attends is not a member of the South Carolina High School League and the private school's enrollment for grades nine through twelve does not exceed two hundred students;

(3) independent school attended by the student does not offer the particular sport for the student's gender;

(4) particular sport in which the student seeks to participate is offered at the public school located in the attendance zone where the student resides;

(5) student notifies the superintendent of the public school district in writing of his intent to try out in the particular sport as a representative of the public school before the beginning date of the season for the sport in which he wishes to try out;

(6) student pays for all sport-specific fees charged by the public school for an individual student to participate in the particular sport;

(7) student meets all public school district eligibility requirements with the exception of the:

(a) school district's school or class attendance requirements; and

(b) class and enrollment requirements of the association administering the interscholastic sports;

(8) student and the student's parent or guardian agree for the student to be subject to the code of conduct of the public school; and

(9) student was not expelled from the same public school during the same academic year.

(B) Additionally, a public school district may not expend funds to contract with a private entity that supervises interscholastic athletic programs if the private entity prohibits the participation of independent school students in interscholastic athletic programs supervised by the entity.

(C) Eligibility requirements for new students to participate in interscholastic athletics shall be no more restrictive in language or application than the rules or policies of the association, body, or entity that were in effect on January 1, 2020.

(D) A public school may expend funds on students specified in subsection (A) to participate in an interscholastic athletic program.

(E) The provisions of this proviso shall not be construed as imputing any public school academic, athletic, or extracurricular policies or procedures to any private school that a student attends if that student also participates in a public high school league sport pursuant to the terms of this act outside of the requirements related to maintaining a certain grade-point average and grade level for participating in and attending regularly scheduled practices of the sports team.

(F) For purposes of this proviso, "independent school" means a school:

(1) established by an entity other than the State or a subdivision of the State;

(2) supported primarily by private or nonpublic funds; and

(3) operated by private individuals operating in their private capacity and not by people who are publicly elected or appointed to

operate the school./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. GUFFEY explained the amendment.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. GUFFEY continued speaking.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 87; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Trantham	Vaughan	West

Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--87

Those who voted in the negative are:

Atkinson	Bamberg	Bauer
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Hosey	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	McDaniel
Pendarvis	Rivers	Weeks
Williams		

Total--19

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. KILMARTIN moved to reconsider the vote whereby Amendment 1A was adopted.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to table the motion to reconsider.

Rep. BEACH demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 94; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes

Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	W. Jones	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Chumley	Cromer
Harris	S. Jones	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Trantham
White		

Total--16

So, the motion to reconsider was tabled.

Rep. GUFFEY proposed the following Amendment No. 6A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\5100C015.CC.DG24.DOCX):

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 65, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, page 438, after line 12, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(CORR: Cell Phone Jamming) From the funds appropriated to the*

Department of Corrections, in order to promote safety within the correctional facility, the director of the department may designate one of its correctional facilities in which to employ technology that jams celluar phone signals from contraband cellular phones. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. GUFFEY explained the amendment.

Rep. GUFFEY moved to adjourn debate on the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. BAUER proposed the following Amendment No. 7A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-state treasurer salary.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 98, STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE, page 229, line 2, opposite /STATE TREASURER/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
163,999	163,999

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BAUER explained the amendment.

Rep. MURPHY spoke against the amendment.

Rep. MURPHY moved to table the amendment.

Rep. BAUER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 20

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis

Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Trantham	Vaughan
West	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bauer	Bernstein	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Dillard	Garvin
Gatch	Gilliard	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Hosey	Jefferson
W. Jones	King	McDaniel
Ott	Rivers	Rose
Weeks	Wetmore	

Total--20

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 8A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-agency lease payments.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 31, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, page 73, line 10, opposite /AGENCY LEASE PAYMENTS/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
3,514,513	3,514,513

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IA, Section 35, DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH, page 84, line 10, opposite /AGENCY LEASE PAYMENTS/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
1,025,107.50	1,025,107.50

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 36, DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS, page 91, line 8, opposite /AGENCY LEASE PAYMENTS/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
836,301.50	836,301.50

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Section 37, DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES, page 95, line 7, opposite /AGENCY LEASE PAYMENTS/ by decreasing the amount(s) in Columns 5 and 6 by:

Column 5	Column 6
181,619	181,619

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE spoke in favor of the amendment.
Rep. HERBKERSMAN spoke against the amendment.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN moved to table the amendment.

Rep. BEACH demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 96; Nays 19

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg

Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Ott	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Guffey	Hager
Harris	S. Jones	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	O'Neal

Oremus	Pace	Trantham
White		

Total--19

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 9A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\h2-gold and silver as tender.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 561, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(GP: Gold and Silver Tender) For the current fiscal year, gold and silver coins minted foreign or domestic shall be legal tender in the State of South Carolina.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. CASKEY spoke upon the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MURPHY raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 9A to H. 5100 was not germane.

Rep. PACE argued contra.

The SPEAKER stated that the amendment did not have the principal purpose of appropriating funds or raising revenue and he sustained the Point of Order. The amendment was ruled out of order.

Rep. BAUER proposed the following Amendment No. 10A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-food safety inspections.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 44, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, page 400, after line 8, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(AGRI: Food Safety Inspections) Using funds appropriated for this fiscal year, as part of its retail food safety inspections of school cafeterias, the South Carolina Department of Agriculture's review of the*

premises shall include the entire physical facility where the school cafeteria is located. This review shall include a review of the entirety of the building itself and any surrounding areas that may impact cafeteria personnel, facilities, or operations. The Department of Agriculture shall verify that the school cafeteria and all adjacent indoor and outdoor areas are maintained in a way that complies with applicable regulations and maximizes student health and safety. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BAUER explained the amendment.

Rep. SANDIFER moved to table the amendment.

Rep. BAUER demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 62; Nays 46

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Beach	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Felder	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McGinnis
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Pace	Pope	Robbins
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor

Vaughan	West	Whitmire
Willis	Yow	

Total--62

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Burns
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	Dillard	Erickson
Garvin	Gatch	Gilliard
Haddon	Hager	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
King	Kirby	Magnuson
McCabe	McDaniel	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Oremus
Ott	Pedalino	Rivers
Rose	Trantham	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	Williams
Wooten		

Total--46

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. STAVRINAKIS proposed the following Amendment No. 12A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-activity buses.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 299, after line 35, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(SDE: Activity Buses) In the current fiscal year, school districts may offer the services of activity buses to nonprofit organizations and may charge a fee for the use of the buses.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. STAVRINAKIS explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 88; Nays 17

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Kilmartin	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--88

Those who voted in the negative are:

Atkinson	Beach	Calhoon
Cromer	Gibson	Gilliam

Harris	Hayes	S. Jones
Kirby	Magnuson	May
McCabe	T. A. Morgan	Oremus
Pace	White	

Total--17

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 13A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-transfer policy.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 11, COMMISSION ON HIGER EDUCATION, page 344, after line 4, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ (CHE: Transfer Policy) All public comprehensive institutions shall establish and implement a transfer policy that will provide students a clear path to degree completion. The policy must ensure students transferring in with an AA or AS degree shall receive at least 60 applicable transfer credits towards fulfilling general education requirements. Course prerequisites and minimum credit requirements for awarding degrees shall still apply. By December 15, the comprehensive institutions must submit their transfer policy to the Commission on Higher Education and ensure it is easily accessible on their website. Independent institutions may participate voluntarily. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. GAGNON proposed the following Amendment No. 14A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-calhoun falls.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 561, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(GP: Town of Calhoun Falls Audit) Of the funds appropriated in this act and/or carried forward from the previous fiscal year, the Office of the State Auditor, in coordination with the Office of the Inspector General, is directed to contract a firm to conduct a forensic audit on the finances of the Town of Calhoun Falls from Fiscal Year 2019-20 through Fiscal Year 2023-24. The State Auditor shall oversee the auditing process and provide interim and final reports to the Town of Calhoun Falls, the Abbeville County Delegation, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee upon completion.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. GAGNON explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan

Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. HAGER proposed the following Amendment No. 15A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\011\H2-HAMPTON COUNTY AUDIT.DOCX), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 561, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(GP: Hampton County Audit) Of the funds appropriated in this act and/or carried forward from the previous fiscal year, the Office of the State Auditor, in coordination with the Office of the Inspector General,*

is directed to contract a firm to conduct a forensic audit on the finances of Hampton County from Fiscal Year 2015-16 through Fiscal Year 2023-24. The State Auditor shall oversee the auditing process and provide interim and final reports to the Hampton County Council, the Hampton County Delegation, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and the Chairman of the House Ways & Means Committee upon completion. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. HAGER explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell

J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 5100, Amendment No. 15A. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Amendment.

Rep. Jay West

Rep. POPE proposed the following Amendment No. 16A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-pors scrs return to work.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 108, PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFIT AUTHORITY, page 491, proviso 108.16, after line 36, by inserting an appropriately numbered subsection to read:

/ *( ) For compensation earnings during the current fiscal year, the earnings limitation does not apply if compensation received by the retired member from the covered employer is for employment in a critical needs fire service position. As determined by the South Carolina Fire Mobilization Oversight Committee. For this provision to apply, the South Carolina Fire Mobilization Oversight Committee must review and approve, from the documentation provided by the covered employer, that*

no qualified, non retired member is available for employment in the position, and that the member selected for employment meets the requirements of this provision. No later than January 1st of the current year, the South Carolina Fire Mobilization Oversight Committee must submit a report to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee of the positions requested for inclusion in the earnings limitation exception under this provision. The earnings limitation exception in this provision only applies to those positions approved by the General Assembly for the fiscal year in response to the report submitted by the South Carolina Fire Mobilization Oversight Committee. The South Carolina Fire Mobilization Oversight Committee shall develop guidelines and curriculum for these officers to be recertified./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. POPE explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 115; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson

J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--115

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 17A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-fire academy instructors.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 561, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(GP: Fire Academy Instructors) Any certified instructor of the South Carolina Fire Academy who has retired from the Police Officers Retirement System (PORS) or the South Carolina Retirement System (SCRS) on or before December 31, 2023, may return to employment at the South Carolina Fire Academy within the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation as a critical needs Fire Academy*

Instructor without affecting the monthly retirement allowance that they are receiving from PORS or SCRS. The South Carolina Fire Academy must develop guidelines and curriculum for these instructors to be recertified as fire academy instructors if they have been inactive for a year or more. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese

B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 18A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-state of education emergency.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1A, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION - EIA, page 325, after line 35, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(SDE-EIA: State of Education Emergency) With funds appropriated to the Department of Education for the current fiscal year, the State Superintendent of Education may seek a state-of-education emergency declaration for a district if a report of the State Inspector General finds substantive governance deficiencies rising to the level of violations of federal or state statute or regulation. The enactment of this provision, including due process protections for the district, shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Section 59-18-1640. Management of the district under the state-of-education emergency may include direct management, consolidation with another district, charter management, public/private management, or contracting with an educational management organization or another school district.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 116; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen

Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--116

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 19A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-inspector general report.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 561, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(GP: Inspector General Report) If an investigation performed by the office of the State Inspector General results in recommendations for subsequent audits or raises concerns supporting subsequent audits, the appropriate oversight agency may conduct or hire an outside auditing firm to conduct the audits. The audit process shall be overseen by the State Inspector General, in coordination with the oversight agency. The agency or political subdivision being audited must pay reasonable costs associated with the audit.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Caskey

Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 20A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-education scholarship trust fund.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 299, after line 35, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(SDE: Education Scholarship Trust Fund) Pursuant to the funds appropriated to the Education Scholarship Trust Fund program, the department may accept scholarship applications on a rolling basis after the March 15th deadline, if available space and funds exist. The ESTF program may accept any student who meets the requisite age specifications and is the child of active-duty military personnel who was killed while on active-duty status or an active-duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who has received permanent change of station orders to a military base and who, as a result, will reside in South Carolina and meets the requisite age specifications. For the current fiscal year, the requirements of Section 59-8-140(F)(1) and Section 59-8-115 (E)(4)(b) are suspended.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager

Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 21A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-charter authorizer fees.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 299, after line 35, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(SDE: Charter Authorizer Fees) From the funds appropriated, the South Carlina Public Charter School District and a registered public or*

independent institution of higher learning sponsor of a charter school may retain no more than two percent of the total state appropriations for each charter school it authorizes to cover the costs for overseeing its charter schools. The sponsor's administrative fee does not include costs incurred in delivering services that a charter school may purchase at its discretion from the sponsor, however, a sponsor is prohibited from selling services to schools over which the sponsor has oversight. This does not prohibit a school or a sponsor from purchasing services from a statewide contract or any other approved collective purchasing agreement. A sponsor shall post on its website, in a conspicuous location, any services that may be purchased by schools and the cost of the services. The sponsor's fee is not applicable to federal money or grants received by the charter school. The sponsor shall use its funding provided pursuant to this proviso exclusively for the purpose of fulfilling sponsor obligations in accordance with applicable charter school law./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson

S. Jones	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN proposed the following Amendment No. 22A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\h2-pfas pilot program.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 55, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, page 416, after line 29, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(DES: PFAS Pilot Program) There is established within the Department of Environmental Services the PFAS Removal Evaluation Fund. The Department of Environmental Services shall use the fund to create and implement the PFAS Removal Evaluation Pilot Program. The purpose of the pilot program is to evaluate and facilitate the implementation of emerging technologies to remove PFAS compounds from industrial wastewater. The department will establish the selection criteria, terms, and conditions for participation in the pilot program. A*

progress report on the viability of the piloted technologies and their effectiveness in PFAS removal shall be submitted to the General Assembly no later than June 30, 2025. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions

M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN proposed the following Amendment No. 23A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\h2-building maintenance.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 593, proviso 118.19, after line 15, by inserting:

/ *( ) PFAS Pilot Program $900,000;*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott

Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gatch	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 24A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\5100C012.JN. SA24.DOCX), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 98, STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE, page 475, after line 5, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(TREAS: Study Committee) From the funds appropriated to the State Treasurer's Office, the Treasurer shall create a study committee to examine the feasibility of establishing gold and silver as legal tender. The committee also shall examine the possibility of the creation of a state depository for precious metal bullion.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MURPHY raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 24A was not germane to H.5100.

The SPEAKER sustained the Point of Order. The amendment was ruled out of order.

Rep. ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 25A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-dual enrollment study.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 11, COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, page 344, by amending amendment bearing document number H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\011\H2-AMEND BACK.DOCX by deleting the following new proviso in its entirety:

/ *(CHE: Dual Enrollment Study) Of the funds appropriated to the Commission on Higher Education, the commission shall convene an appropriately representative working group of stakeholders to examine the current process utilized to review and approve dual enrollment credit sites at the sixteen technical colleges in the State and the four two-year institutions at the University of South Carolina. The commission shall report the working group's findings and recommendations, if any, to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, and the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee by June 30th of the current fiscal year.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Gagnon	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler

White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON proposed the following Amendment No. 26A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-dual enrollment study sde.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 1, DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, page 299, after line 35, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/*(SDE: Dual Enrollment Study) Of the funds appropriated to the Department of Education, the department shall convene an appropriately representative working group of stakeholders to examine the current process utilized to review and approve dual enrollment credit sites at the sixteen technical colleges in the State and the four two-year institutions at the University of South Carolina. The commission shall report the working group's findings and recommendations, if any, to the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee, and the Chairman of the House Education and Public Works Committee by June 30th of the current fiscal year.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 112; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain

Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Gagnon	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--112

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. BANNISTER proposed the following Amendment No. 27A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-richland county - emergency operations.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 590, proviso 118.20, item (79)(n) by amending amendment bearing document number H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\011\H2-AMENDBACK.DOCX by striking / *Family Services* / *and inserting* / *Emergency Operations* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 114; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin

King	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--114

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. A.M. MORGAN proposed the following Amendment No. 29A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\h2-voter registration form.docx), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 561, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(GP: Voter Registration Forms) No funds appropriated to the department pursuant to this appropriations act shall be used to distribute voter registration forms or voter registration declination forms to noncitizens.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN explained the amendment.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. A. M. MORGAN spoke in favor of the amendment.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

Rep. BURNS moved that the House recede until 2:12 p.m.

Rep. B. NEWTON demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 17; Nays 95

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Beach	Blackwell	Burns
Bustos	Chumley	Haddon
Harris	Jefferson	Kilmartin
McCabe	O'Neal	Pace
Rivers	Sessions	Wetmore
White	Williams	

Total--17

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Brewer
Brittain	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan

King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Oremus
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wheeler	Whitmire	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--95

So, the House refused to recede.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. B. NEWTON raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 29A was not germane.

SPEAKER G. M. SMITH stated that the amendment's principal effect was not to appropriate funds or affect revenue, and he sustained the Point of Order.

MOTION TO APPEAL RULING OF THE SPEAKER TABLED

Rep. MAY appealed the Ruling of the Speaker and the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* was called to the Chair to act as Presiding Officer.

Rep. CASKEY spoke against the motion to appeal the ruling of the Speaker.

Rep. MAGNUSON spoke in favor of the motion to appeal the ruling of the Speaker.

Rep. LOWE spoke against the motion to appeal the ruling of the Speaker.

Rep. LOWE moved to table the appeal.

Rep. WILLIAMS demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 14

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gatch	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	Ott
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Burns	Chumley	Cromer
Harris	S. Jones	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Pace
Trantham	White	

Total--14

So, the motion to appeal the Ruling of the Speaker was tabled.

Reps. A.M. MORGAN and BEACH proposed the following Amendment No. 30A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\5100C007.JN.SA24.DOCX), which was ruled out order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 561, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(GP: Voter Registration Forms) From the funds appropriated in this act, any voter registration form or voter registration declination form that is provided to an individual in this State must include a question about citizenship.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. A. M. MORGAN explained the amendment.

Rep. OTT spoke against the amendment.

Rep. GATCH spoke against the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GUFFEY a temporary leave of absence.

Rep. GATCH continued speaking.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. KING raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 30A was not germane to H. 5100.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* stated that the amendment's principal effect was not to appropriate funds or affect revenue. He sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. WOOTEN proposed the following Amendment No. 31A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-lexington cc redirect.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 50, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, page 410, after line 29, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(CMRC: Lexington County CC Repurpose) The $1,000,000 appropriated in Act No. 94 of 2021, by proviso 118.18(77) to the town of Lexington for the Lexington County Convention Center and the $5,000,000 appropriated in Act 239 of 2022, by proviso 118.19(93)(rrrrrr) to the Town of Lexington for the Lexington County Conference Center shall be redirected to be used for the Sunset Split project. Unexpended funds may be carried forward to be expended for the same purpose.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. STAVRINAKIS explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gilliam	Guest
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson

S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Reps. M. M. SMITH and ELLIOTT proposed the following Amendment No. 32A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\5100C011.JN.SA24.DOCX), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 561, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(GP: Sunday Sales) (A) For the current fiscal year, Section 61-6-4160 of the S.C. Code is suspended. The Department of Revenue is authorized to issue permits for the sale of alcoholic liquors on Sundays for off-premises consumption on Sunday between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act in counties or municipalities where a majority of the qualified electors voting in a referendum vote in favor of the issuance of*

the permit. The referendum may be conducted by petition or by ordinance in accordance with the referendum procedures set forth in Section 61-6-2010(C)(1), (3), and (D) of the S.C. Code. The question on the ballot must be:

"Shall the South Carolina Department of Revenue be authorized to issue permits to licensed retail dealers in this (county) (municipality) to allow for the sale of alcoholic liquors for off-premises consumption on Sunday between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. in compliance with the provisions of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act?"

(B) Permits issued by the Department of Revenue may be issued in all parts of a municipality if any part of the municipality is located in a county where the issuance of these permits is allowed. The filing fee and purposes for which the revenue may be used by the municipality or county shall be as provided in Section 61-6-2010(B) of the S.C. Code.

(C) The department may charge a nonrefundable filing fee of one hundred dollars for processing each permit application. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MAGNUSON raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 32A was not germane to H. 5100.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* stated that the amendment's principal effect violated Rule 5.3.B, and sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. PACE proposed the following Amendment No. 35A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-clarendon and colleton county libraries.docx), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 590, proviso 118.20, by amending amendment bearing document number H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\011\H2-AMEND BACK.DOCX by deleting items (71)(b) and (71)(c) in their entirety.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. PACE explained the amendment.

Rep. PACE moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Rep. Herbkersman proposed the following Amendment No. 37A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\5100C019.CC. DG24.DOCX), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 561, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(GP: Food Safety) Using funds appropriated to the agency for which the administration of the food safety program was transferred pursuant to Act 60 of 2023, as part of its retail food safety inspections of school cafeterias, the successor agency's review of the premises shall include the entire physical facility where the school cafeteria is located. This review shall include a review of the entirety of the building itself and any surrounding areas that may impact cafeteria personnel, facilities, or operations. The successor agency shall verify that the school cafeteria and all adjacent indoor and outdoor areas are maintained in a way that complies with applicable regulations and maximizes student health and safety.*/

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett

Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Thigpen
Trantham	West	Wetmore
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

Rep. BEACH proposed the following Amendment No. 38A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\5100C020.CC.DG24.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, PART IB, SECTION 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, PROVISO 118.20, BY AMENDING AMENDMENT H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\

H-WM\001\H2-AMEND BACK.DOCX, PAGE 25 BY striking item (56)(t) and inserting:

/*(t) Film Incentives $1;* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BEACH explained the amendment.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. J. L. JOHNSON a temporary leave of absence.

Rep. BEACH continued speaking.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. BRITTAIN raised the Point of Order that Amendment No. 38A to H. 5100 violated Rule 5.3.B and was not germane to H. 5100.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* overruled the Point of Order and stated that the amendment was germane to the bill.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to table the amendment.

Rep. BEACH demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 93; Nays 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
W. Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel

McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--93

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Pace	Trantham	White

Total--15

So, the amendment was tabled.

Rep. M.M. SMITH proposed the following Amendment No. 39A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-nr items reallocation.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 590, proviso 118.20, Item (78)(e) by amending amendment bearing document number H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\011\H2-AMEND BACK.DOCX by deleting / *Berkeley County Emergency Services - Training Center Refurbishment $1,617,000; / and inserting / City of Hanahan – Enhancing Hawks Nest Park & Completing Steward Street Park $1,150,000; /*

Amend the amendment further, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 590, proviso 118.20, by adding a new item at the end to read:

/ *( ) South Carolina Infant Mental Health Association – Safe Babies Court $467,000; /*

Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 91; Nays 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Sandifer
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire

Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Gibson	Gilliam	Haddon
Harris	S. Jones	Magnuson
May	McCabe	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Pace	White

Total--15

So, the amendment was adopted.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

Rep. OTT proposed the following Amendment No. 40A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\5100C014. JN.SA24.DOCX), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 73, OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, page 447, after line 26, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

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Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MAGNUSON raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 40A was not germane to H. 5100.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT sustained the Point of Order and ruled the amendment out of order.

Rep. BANNISTER proposed the following Amendment No. 41A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\011\h2-balancing.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE, page 590, proviso 118.20, Item (59)(a), by

amending amendment bearing document number H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\011\H2-AMEND BACK.DOCX by deleting / *$4,082,990;* / and inserting / *$3,232,990;* /
Renumber sections to conform.
Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 113; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Ott

Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--113

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was adopted.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WHEELER a temporary leave of absence due to a court appearance.

Rep. BAMBERG proposed the following Amendment No. 3A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\SA\5100C009.JN.SA24.DOCX), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 117, GENERAL PROVISIONS, page 561, after line 3, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(GP: Self-Defense Shooting Data Reporting) (A) From the funds appropriated, in the current fiscal year, when a law enforcement agency investigates a use of deadly force, if a law enforcement agency declines to arrest the person who used deadly force, the local law enforcement agency shall submit a report which documents all investigative efforts to the South Carolina Judicial Council.*

(B) In the current fiscal year, when a prosecutor declines to prosecute a person who used deadly force because the prosecutor determines that there is not probable cause for a criminal prosecution, the prosecutor shall submit a report which documents all investigative

efforts to the South Carolina Judicial Council.

(C) In the current fiscal year, the Judicial Council of South Carolina shall publish a report on a publicly accessible website analyzing reports the Council received from local law enforcement agencies and prosecutors that declined to arrest or prosecute a person who used deadly force. The report shall include demographic information from the reports, including the race and gender of each person who used deadly force and the race and gender of each person or persons against whom deadly force was used.

(D) The Judicial Council of South Carolina shall collect and compile statistics on all criminal cases in which the justification described in article 6, Chapter 11, Title 16 of the S.C. Code, was raised, including dismissals, trial convictions, and trial acquittals, as well as demographic information, including the race and gender of the person who sought the justification and the race and gender of the person or persons against whom the person who sought the justification used force. The Judicial Council shall publish a report detailing the statistics collected during the current fiscal year on a publicly accessible website./

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BAMBERG explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. LOWE raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 3A was not germane to H. 5100.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order and ruled the amendment to be out of order.

Rep. GUFFEY proposed the following Amendment No. 6A H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name COUNCIL\DG\5100C015.CC. DG24.DOCX), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 65, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, page 438, after line 12, by adding an appropriately numbered paragraph to read:

/ *(CORR: Cell Phone Jamming) From the funds appropriated to the Department of Corrections, in order to promote safety within the correctional facility, the director of the department may designate one of its correctional facilities in which to employ technology that jams celluar phone signals from contraband cellular phones.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. GUFFEY spoke in favor of the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. McDANIEL raised the Rule 5.3.B Point of Order that Amendment No. 6A was not germane to H. 5100.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order and ruled the amendment to be out of order.

Rep. KING proposed the following Amendment No. 28A H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\012\H2-JEFFERSON ST. PARK.DOCX), which was tabled:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, proviso 118.20, Item (73)(c) by amending amendment h:\legwork\house\amend\

h-wm\0011\h2-amend back.docx, page 28 by striking:

/*(c) Community Medicine Foundation, Inc – Sickle Cell Program $750,000;*

/ and inserting:

/*(c) Community Medicine Foundation, Inc – Sickle Cell Program $550,000;* /

Amend the bill further, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE proviso 118.20, by amending amendment h:\legwork\house\amend\

h-wm\0011\h2-amend back.docx, page 24, after *P280 - Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism by inserting:*

/*( ) York Count School District – Jefferson Field Development $200,000;/*

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. KING moved to table the amendment, which was agreed to.

Reps. BANNISTER and COBB-HUNTER proposed the following Amendment No. 36A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name H:\LEGWORK\HOUSE\AMEND\H-WM\011\H2-HFDACOLLABORATION V2.DOCX), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 42, HOUSING FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, page 398, proviso 42.7, lines 15-17 , by striking the proviso in its entirety and inserting:

/ *42.7. (HFDA: Collaboration) To address the issues of lack of affordable home ownership across the state, the South Carolina Housing Finance and Development Authority shall collaborate with Habitat for Humanity South Carolina and may spend up to fifteen million dollars of existing funds to explore funding opportunities aimed at increasing and preserving the supply of affordable housing and workforce housing in the State.* /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus

Ott	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Trantham
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Calhoon	Cromer
Gibson	Gilliam	Harris
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Pace	White

Total--15

So, the amendment was adopted.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 5100, Amendment No. 36A. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Amendment.

Rep. Bill Herbkersman

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 5100, Amendment No. 36A. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Amendment.

Rep. David Vaughan

Reps. HADDON, HIOTT, FELDER, POPE, J.E. JOHNSON, and SCHUESSLER proposed the following Amendment No. 42A to H. 5100 Passed By The House (Doc Name h:\legwork\house\amend\h-wm\012\h2-agribusiness fund.docx), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, Part IB, Section 44, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, page 400, after line 8, by adding an appropriately numbered proviso to read:

/ *(AGRI: Agribusiness Fund Allocations)* Of the funds appropriated in Act 84 of 2023, Section 118.19, Item (33)(c) to Growing Agribusiness Fund, shall be redirected as follows:

(1) $5,000,000 for Meat Processing Lab and Cannery at the Governor's School for Agriculture at John de la Howe;

(2) $1,000,000 for City of Pickens for City Hall Renovations;

(3) $1,000,000 for Pickens Regional Joint Water System;

(4) $200,000 for York County School District – Jefferson Field Development;

(5) $4,000,000 for Fort Mill Community Center Renovations;

(6) $3,770,000 for Town of Aynor for the Levister Recreation Center;

(7) $730,000 for Horry County - County Transportation Funds for the Traffic Signal at US 378 and Juniper Bay Road; and

(8) $750,000 for SOS Care - Autism Community Training Homes Phase 4 Construction. /

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend totals and titles to conform.

Rep. HIOTT explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 4

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott

Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pedalino
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Magnuson	McCabe	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan		

Total--4

So, the amendment was adopted.

RECORD FOR VOTING

I inadvertently voted in favor of Amendment 42A to H. 5100. Had I known that the amendment was redirecting funds from the current year's budget, I would have voted against the amendment.

Rep. Russell Ott

The Senate Amendments were amended, and the Bill was ordered returned to the Senate.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING
H. 5100--General Appropriations Bill

In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced part, section, and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Amendment Numbers Agency Name

22A SECTION 55, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
23A SECTION 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is [check applicable reasons(s)]:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. Thomas C. “Case” Brittain, Jr.

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In accordance with **§8-13-700(B) of the S.C. Code**, I abstained from voting on **H. 5100, the annual General Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2024-2025,** for the below referenced Part, Section and/or amendment because of a potential conflict of interest and wish to have my recusal noted for the record in the House Journal of this date:

Amendment Numbers Agency Name

22A SECTION 55, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
23A SECTION 118, STATEWIDE REVENUE

The reason for abstaining on the above referenced legislation is:

a. A potential conflict of interest may exist in that an economic interest of myself, an immediate family member, or an individual or business with which I am associated may be affected in violation of **S.C. Code § 8-13-700(B).**

b. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-740(C)** because of representation of a client before a particular agency or commission by me or an individual or business with whom I am associated within the past year.

c. A potential conflict may exist under **S.C. Code § 8-13-745(B) and (C)** because a contract for goods or services may be entered into within the next year with an agency, commission, board, department, or other entity funded through the general appropriation bill by myself, an individual with whom I am associated in partnership with or a business or partnership in which I have a greater than 5% interest.

Rep. G. Murrell Smith, Jr.

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Rep. BANNISTER moved that the House recede until 3:45 p.m., which was agreed to.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HENEGAN a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 3:45 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

H. 4624--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4624 -- Reps. Hiott, G. M. Smith, McCravy, Davis, Vaughan, Trantham, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Oremus, Hartnett, Leber, Long, Nutt, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Murphy, Mitchell, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, West, Gilliam, Cromer, Kilmartin, O'Neal, Yow, S. Jones,

Landing, Ballentine, Sandifer, Crawford, Guest, Willis, Ligon, Forrest, Pace, W. Newton, Bradley, Erickson, Gibson, Blackwell and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO DEFINE GENDER, SEX, AND OTHER TERMS, TO PROHIBIT THE PROVISION OF GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES TO A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-32-36 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF AND OFFICIALS FROM WITHHOLDING KNOWLEDGE OF A MINOR'S PERCEPTION OF THEIR GENDER FROM THE MINOR'S PARENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. HIOTT moved cloture on the entire matter, which was agreed to.

Rep. M. M. SMITH moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, cloture having been orderd, which was agreed to.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 1017 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Climer, Setzler and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY THAT EQUALS THE CORPORATION'S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY ASSESSED AS AGRICULTURAL OR RELATED THERETO MAY NOT BE ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY.

S. 1046 -- Senators Hembree, Climer, M. Johnson, Peeler, Corbin, Cromer, Shealy, Grooms, Bennett, Gambrell, Loftis, Rice, Gustafson, Martin, Verdin, Turner, Kimbrell, Reichenbach, Cash, Harpootlian,

McLeod and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-10, RELATING TO JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS, INITIAL TERMS, AND SUBSEQUENT TERMS, TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT, EXCEPT THOSE FIRST APPOINTED, THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SENATE PRESIDENT, THE SENATE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND THE HOUSE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO NOMINEE MAY BE A FAMILY MEMBER OF A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-20, RELATING TO INVESTIGATION BY COMMISSION AND PUBLICATION OF VACANCIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-30, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND EXECUTIVE SESSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS BE LIVE STREAMED; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-70, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DUAL OFFICES, PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR, AND PLEDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FLOOR PRIVILEGES AND PROHIBITIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND ESTABLISHING SET TIMES FOR THE RELEASE OF REPORTS AND THE SEEKING OF PLEDGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FORMAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT OF QUALIFICATIONS SHALL OCCUR NO EARLIER THAN TWELVE DAYS AFTER NOMINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO NOMINATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SHALL BE RELEASED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE A MAJORITY VOTE OF EACH HOUSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10,

RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERMS AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FULL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OF THE COUNTY THE MAGISTRATE WILL SERVE.

S. 862 -- Senators Shealy and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-30, RELATING TO CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PRE-SERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

S. 1234--ADOPTED AND RETURNED TO SENATE WITH CONCURRENCE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

S. 1234 -- Senator Fanning: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 21 SOUTH IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY FROM THE INTERSECTION OF WEST CHURCH STREET AND LONGTOWN ROAD TO THE RICHLAND COUNTY LINE "DONALD PRIOLEAU SR. ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS STRETCH OF ROAD CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

H. 5520--ADOPTED AND SENT TO SENATE

The following Concurrent Resolution was taken up:

H. 5520 -- Rep. King: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF OGDEN ROAD IN YORK COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH HECKLE BOULEVARD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HARRISON STREET "DAISY ROGERS MCDUFFIE ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS ROAD CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and sent to the Senate.

MOTION PERIOD

The motion period was dispensed with on motion of Rep. FORREST.

S. 915--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 915 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Setzler, Verdin, Davis, Hutto, Kimbrell, Young, Senn, Fanning and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO CREATE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY AND PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AGENCY; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO DISSOLVE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS AND CREATE THE STATE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND POLICY; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO THE MEDIATION OF GRIEVANCES BY THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY, THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY, AND ALL DIRECT REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY AND TO DIRECTORS OF THE COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-70, RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR TO BE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; AND TO REPEAL TITLE 44, CHAPTER 9 RELATING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

The Committee on Judiciary proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 915 (LC-915.VR0018H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

CHAPTER 12

Executive Office of Health and Policy

Section 44-12-10. There is created within the executive branch of the state government an agency to be known as the Executive Office of Health and Policy with the organization, duties, functions, and powers

defined in this chapter and other applicable provisions of law.

Section 44-12-20. The Secretary of Health and Policy shall be the head and governing authority of the office. The secretary must be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, subject to removal from office by the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-3-240(B).

Section 44-12-30. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Policy.

(2) "Office" means the Executive Office of Health and Policy.

(3) "Department" or "departments" means any one or more of the component departments housed within the office.

(4) "State Health Plan" means the cohesive, coordinated, and comprehensive state plan for public health services developed by the secretary.

Section 44-12-40. In performing his duties as authorized by this chapter, the secretary:

(1) shall develop a cohesive, coordinated, and comprehensive State Health Plan for public health services provided by the component departments housed within the office so that there is a maximum level of coordination among the component departments. The plan should serve as a blueprint for the State to assess and improve the quality of care that South Carolinians receive. The plan should be continually updated and must include, at a minimum, an inventory, projections, and standards for health services, facilities, equipment, and workforce which have the potential to substantially impact delivery of care, costs, and accessibility within the State. The plan should also address how to improve health services delivery in the State, recognize operational efficiencies, and maximize resource utilization. The secretary shall establish and appoint members to a health planning advisory committee to provide advice in the development of the plan. Members of the advisory committee should include health care providers, consumers, payers, and public health professionals. Members of the advisory committee are allowed the usual mileage and subsistence as provided for members of boards, committees, and commissions;

(2) shall review and approve or disapprove all regulations promulgated by the component departments prior to their submission to the General Assembly;

(3) shall be the sole advisor of the State concerning all questions involving the protection of public health within its limits;

(4) shall have the authority to determine the appropriate course of treatment for patients with complex or co-occurring diagnoses

necessitating involvement of two or more component departments;

(5) shall, subject to applicable federal law, require data sharing to the fullest extent possible among the component departments when necessary to accomplish the goals of the plan;

(6) shall, to the extent practicable, consolidate administrative services among the component departments. Consolidated administrative services include, but are not limited to:

(a) financial and accounting support, such as accounts payable and receivable processing, procurement processing, journal entry processing, and financial reporting assistance;

(b) human resources administrative support, such as transaction processing and reporting, payroll processing, and human resources training;

(c) budget support, such as budget transaction processing and budget reporting assistance; and

(d) information technology;

(7) shall, with regard to information technology, ensure that the office and the component departments comply with all plans, policies, and directives of the Department of Administration;

(8) may employ such persons as he determines are necessary to carry out the office's duties; and

(9) may enter into contracts with public agencies, institutions of higher education, and private organizations or individuals for the purpose of carrying out the office's duties.

Section 44-12-50. (A) The Executive Office of Health and Policy shall consist of the following component departments:

(1) the Department of Health Financing;

(2) the Department of Public Health;

(3) the Department on Aging;

(4) the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities; and

(5) the Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services.

(B)(1) The component departments shall be headed by a department director appointed by the secretary. Department directors shall serve at the will and pleasure of the secretary. In the case of a vacancy in a department director's position prior to the appointment of a successor, the secretary may assign an employee of the department or the office to perform the duties required of the vacant position on an interim basis.

(2) The secretary shall develop the budget for the office with each component department constituting a separate program area. The secretary shall consult with each component department director in

developing the priorities and funding request for his component department.

(3) The secretary may, to the extent authorized through the annual appropriations act or relevant permanent law, organize the administration of the office, including the assignment of personnel to the office and among its component departments, as is necessary to carry out the office's duties.

Section 44-12-60. The component departments shall carry out their duties, functions, and powers as provided in their respective enabling statutes and as otherwise provided by laws subject to the management decisions, policy development, and standards established of and by the secretary as provided in this chapter.

SECTION 2. Section 1-30-10(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) There are hereby created, within the executive branch of the state government, the following departments:

1. Department of Administration
2. Department of Agriculture
~~3. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services~~
~~4.~~3. Department of Commerce
~~5.~~4. Department of Corrections
~~6. Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~
~~7.~~5. Department of Education
~~8. Department of Public Health~~
~~9. Department of Health and Human Services~~
~~10.~~6. Department of Insurance
~~11.~~7. Department of Juvenile Justice
~~12.~~8. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
~~13. Department of Mental Health~~
~~14.~~9. Department of Motor Vehicles
~~15.~~10. Department of Natural Resources
~~16.~~11. Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism
~~17.~~12. Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services
~~18.~~13. Department of Public Safety
~~19.~~14. Department of Revenue
~~20.~~15. Department of Social Services
~~21.~~16. Department of Transportation
~~22.~~17. Department of Employment and Workforce
~~23. Department on Aging~~
~~24.~~18. Department of Veterans' Affairs.
~~25.~~19. Department of Environmental Services

20. Executive Office of Health and Policy

SECTION 3. Section 8-17-370 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(21) The Secretary of Health and Policy, the directors of the component departments of the Executive Office of Health and Policy, all direct reports to the Secretary and to directors of the component departments, and all direct reports to division directors within the Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services.

SECTION 4. The Code Commissioner is directed to change the following headings in the S.C. Code:

(1) Chapter 6, Title 44 shall be entitled "Department of Health Financing";

(2) Chapter 1, Title 44 shall be entitled "Department of Public Health";

(3) Chapter 20, Title 44 shall be entitled "Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities"; and

(4) Chapter 9, Title 44 shall be entitled "Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services".

SECTION 5. Chapter 49, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

SECTION 6. (A) Upon the effective date of this act, the Directors of the Departments of Public Health and Aging shall serve as the interim department directors of their respective departments within the Executive Office of Health and Policy, unless otherwise removed by the Secretary of Health and Policy, until such time as a successor is appointed by the secretary and assumes the position. The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services shall serve as the interim Director of the Department of Health Financing, unless otherwise removed by the Secretary of Health and Policy, until such time as a successor is appointed by the secretary and assumes the position. The Director of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs shall serve as the interim Director of the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities, unless otherwise removed by the Secretary of Health and Policy, until such time as a successor is appointed by the secretary and assumes the position. In the case of a vacancy in the director's position in one or more of the departments on or after the effective date of this act and prior to the appointment of a successor, the Secretary of Health and Policy may assign an employee of the department or the Executive Office of Health and Policy to perform the duties required of the vacant position in the interim.

(B) Upon the effective date of this act, the Director of the Department of Mental Health shall serve as the interim Director of the

Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services, unless otherwise removed by the Secretary of Health and Policy, until such time as a successor is appointed by the secretary and assumes the position. In the case of a vacancy in the director's position at the Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services on or after the effective date of this act and prior to the appointment of a successor, the Secretary of Health and Policy may assign an employee of the department or the Executive Office of Health and Policy to perform the duties required of the vacant position in the interim.

(C) Upon the effective date of this act, the Director of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall serve as the interim Director of the Division on Alcohol and Drug Addiction of the Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services until such time as a replacement is appointed by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services. Prior to the appointment of the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Secretary of Health and Policy has the discretion to remove the division director. In the case of a vacancy in the director's position at the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services or the Division on Alcohol and Drug Addiction on or after the effective date of this act and prior to the appointment of a successor by the Director of the Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services, the Secretary of Health and Policy may assign an employee of the department or the Executive Office of Health and Policy to perform the duties required of the vacant position in the interim.

(D) Nothing in this act prevents the Secretary of Health and Policy from reappointing the directors of their respective departments serving in those roles as of the effective date of this act.

(E) The Governor's initial appointee as Secretary of Health and Policy shall serve in an interim capacity with the powers and duties assigned to the Secretary through this act until such time as the Senate provides advise and consent regarding the appointment. Should the Senate not advise and consent to the initial appointee prior to sine die adjournment of the 2025 regular session, the office shall be vacant, and the interim appointee shall not serve in hold over status.

SECTION 7. (A) Except for personnel and funds transferred pursuant to subsection (B) of this Section, the Departments of Health Financing, Public Health, Aging, and Intellectual and Related Disabilities shall operate as component departments of the Executive Office of Health and Policy in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year using the

authority and funds appropriated to the Departments of Health and Human Services, Public Health, Aging, and Disabilities and Special Needs as standalone agencies in the appropriations act of 2024. Except for personnel and funds transferred pursuant to subsection (B) of this Section, the Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services shall operate as a component department of the Executive Office of Health and Policy in the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year using the authority and funds appropriated to the Departments of Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services as standalone agencies in the appropriations act of 2024.

(B) Upon appointment and confirmation, the Secretary of Health and Policy may cause the transfer to the Executive Office of Health and Policy such: (1) personnel and attendant funding included in the administrative areas of the 2024 appropriations act and (2) operating expenses included in the administrative areas of the 2024 appropriations act of one or more of the component departments of the Office as, in the determination of the Secretary, is necessary to carry out the duties of the Office. The Department of Administration shall cause all necessary actions to be taken to accomplish any such transfer and shall in consultation with the Secretary prescribe the manner in which the transfer provided for in this section shall be accomplished. The Department of Administration's actions in facilitating the provisions of this section are ministerial in nature and shall not be construed as an approval process over any of the transfers.

(C) Except for those positions transferred pursuant to this section or otherwise specifically referenced in this act, employees of the Departments of Health and Human Services, Public Health, Aging, Disabilities and Special Needs, Mental Health, or Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall maintain their same status with the appropriate component department of the Executive Office of Health and Policy. Employees of the Departments of Public Health and Aging shall become employees of their respective departments within the Executive Office of Health and Policy. Employees of the Department of Health and Human Services shall become employees of the Department of Health Financing within the Executive Office of Health and Policy. Employees of the Departments of Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services shall become employees of the Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services within the Executive Office of Health and Policy. Employees of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs shall become employees of the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities.

(D) Nothing in this act affects bonded indebtedness, if applicable, real and personal property, assets, liabilities, contracts, regulations, or policies of the Departments of Health and Human Services, Public Health, Aging, Disabilities and Special Needs, Mental Health, or Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services existing on the effective date. All applicable bonded indebtedness, real and personal property, assets, liabilities, contracts, regulations, or policies shall continue in effect in the name of the Executive Office of Health and Policy or the appropriate component division.

SECTION 8. A. Section 44-1-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-1-20. There is created the South Carolina Department of Public Health to be headed by a director who is appointed by the Secretary of Health and Policy pursuant to Section 44-12-50(B)(1).

B. Sections 44-1-80 through 44-1-140 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 44-1-80. (A) The ~~Board of Health and Environmental Control~~ Department of Public Health or its designated agents must investigate the reported causes of communicable or epidemic disease. The Department of Public Health, upon approval by the Governor, may ~~and must~~ enforce or prescribe ~~these~~ preventive measures as may be needed to suppress or prevent the spread of these diseases by proper quarantine or other measures of prevention, as may be necessary to protect the citizens of the State. The ~~Board of Health and Environmental Control~~ Department of Public Health or its designated agents shall declare, when the facts justify it, any place as infected and, in case of hydrophobia or other diseases transmitted from animals to man, must declare such animal or animals quarantined, and must place all such restrictions upon ingress and egress of persons or animals therefrom as may be, in its judgment, necessary to prevent the spread of disease from the infected locality.

(B)(1) Whenever the ~~board~~ department learns of a case of a reportable illness or health condition, an unusual cluster, or a suspicious event that it reasonably believes has the potential to cause a public health emergency, as defined in Section 44-4-130, it is authorized to notify the appropriate public safety authority, tribal authorities, and federal health and public safety authorities.

(2) The sharing of information on reportable illnesses, health conditions, unusual clusters, or suspicious events between authorized personnel must be restricted to information necessary for the treatment, control, investigation, and prevention of a public health emergency. Restriction of access to this information to those authorized personnel

for the protection of public health ensures compliance with all state and federal health information privacy laws.

(3) The ~~board~~ department and its agents must have full access to medical records and nonmedical records when necessary to investigate the causes, character, and means of preventing the spread of a qualifying health event or public health emergency. For purposes of this item, "nonmedical records" mean records of entities, including businesses, health facilities, and pharmacies, which are needed to adequately identify and locate persons believed to have been potentially exposed or known to have been infected with a contagious disease.

~~(4) An order of the board given to effectuate the purposes of this subsection is enforceable immediately by the public safety authority.~~

~~(5)~~(4) For purposes of this subsection, the terms qualifying health event, public health emergency, and public safety authority have the same meanings as provided in Section 44-4-130.

Section 44-1-90. The ~~State Board of Health and Environmental Control~~ Department of Public Health or its designated agents, when it is deemed necessary by the municipal officers of any town or city or the governing body of any county, may (a) visit cities, towns, villages or localities where disease is prevalent or threatened, (b) investigate and advise with the local authorities or persons as to such measures as may tend to prevent the spread of disease or to remove or abate causes that may tend to cause or intensify disease, (c) advise, when practicable or possible, as to measures of sanitation or hygiene and (d) investigate and advise as to all matters respecting water supply, sewage, drainage, ventilation, heating, lighting or other measures connected with public sanitation or safety.

Section 44-1-100. ~~All~~ If so ordered by the Governor, all sheriffs and constables in the several counties of this State and police officers and health officers of cities and towns must aid and assist the Director of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ and must carry out and obey his orders, or those of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, to enforce and carry out any and all restrictive measures and quarantine regulations that may be prescribed. During a state of public health emergency, as defined in Section 44-4-130, the director may request assistance in enforcing orders issued pursuant to this chapter and pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 44, from the public safety authority, as defined in Section 44-4-130, other state law enforcement authorities, and local law enforcement. The public safety authority may request assistance from the South Carolina National Guard in enforcing orders made pursuant to this chapter or pursuant to

Chapter 4, Title 44, which may be deployed or activated only upon order of the Governor.

Section 44-1-110. ~~The Department of Health and Environmental Control is invested with all the rights and charged with all the duties pertaining to organizations of like character and is the sole advisor of the State in all questions involving the protection of the public health within its limits.~~ The Department of Public Health shall advise the Secretary of Health and Policy on all questions involving the protection of public health within its limits.

~~It~~ The Department of Public Health shall, through its representatives, investigate the causes, character, and means of preventing the epidemic and endemic diseases as the State is liable to suffer from and the influence of climate, location, and occupations, habits, drainage, scavengering, water supply, heating, and ventilation. It shall have, upon request, full access to the medical records, tumor registries, and other special disease record systems maintained by physicians, hospitals, and other health facilities as necessary to carry out its investigation of these diseases. No physician, hospital, or health facility, or person in charge of these records is liable in any action-at-law for permitting the examination or review. Patient-identifying information elicited from these records and registries must be kept confidential by the department and it is exempt from the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 30. It shall supervise and control the quarantine system of the State. It may establish quarantine both by land and sea.

Section 44-1-130. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ may divide the State into health districts and establish in these districts advisory boards of health which shall consist of representatives from each county in the district. Boards of health now existing in the districts shall have representation on the district advisory board. Counties not having local boards of health shall be represented by individuals appointed by the county legislative delegation. The number of members of a district advisory board shall be determined by the department with due consideration to the population and community needs of the district. District advisory boards of health shall be subject to the supervisory and advisory control of the department. District advisory boards are charged with the duty of advising the district medical director or administrator in all matters of sanitary interest and scientific importance bearing upon the protection of the public health.

The district medical director or administrator shall be secretary of the advisory board and the district advisory board shall elect annually from its membership a chairman.

Section 44-1-140. (A) The Department of Public Health may make, adopt, promulgate, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations from time to time requiring and providing for:

(1) the thorough sanitation and disinfection of all passenger cars, sleeping cars, steamboats, and other vehicles of transportation in this State and all convict camps, penitentiaries, jails, hotels, schools, and other places used by or open to the public;

~~(2) the sanitation of hotels, restaurants, cafes, drugstores, hot dog and hamburger stands, and all other places or establishments providing eating or drinking facilities and all other places known as private nursing homes or places of similar nature, operated for gain or profit;~~

~~(3) the safety and sanitation in the harvesting, storing, processing, handling and transportation of mollusks, fin fish, and crustaceans;~~

~~(4) the safety, safe operation and sanitation of public swimming pools and other public bathing places, construction, tourist and trailer camps, and fairs;~~

~~(5)~~(2) the care, segregation, and isolation of persons having or suspected of having any communicable, contagious, or infectious disease; and

~~(6)~~(3) the thorough investigation and study of the causes of all diseases, epidemic and otherwise, in this State, the means for the prevention of contagious disease and the publication and distribution of such information as may contribute to the preservation of the public health and the prevention of disease.

(B) The department may make separate orders and rules to meet any emergency not provided for by general rules and regulations, for the purpose of suppressing nuisances dangerous to the public health and communicable, contagious, and infectious diseases and other danger to the public life and health.

(C) Prior to the submission of rules or regulations pursuant to this section, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

C. Sections 44-1-151 through 44-1-152 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 44-1-151. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all shellfish involved in any violation of law, including any regulation, regarding shellfish may be confiscated and disposed of at the discretion of the arresting officer. Any person convicted of a second offense of harvesting shellfish in any polluted area shall, upon such conviction, be fined not less than two hundred dollars and not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not less than thirty days and not more than sixty

days. Any person convicted of a third or subsequent offense of harvesting shellfish in any polluted area shall, upon such conviction, be fined not less than five hundred dollars and not more than one thousand or imprisoned for not less than sixty days and not more than ninety days. All equipment, including, but not limited to, vehicles, boats, motors, trailers, harvesting equipment, weapons, spotlights, bags, boxes, or tools, used or in any other manner involved in a first offense of harvesting shellfish in any polluted area may be impounded at the discretion of the arresting officer. The equipment impounded shall be delivered to the sheriff of the county in which the arrest was made and shall be retained by the sheriff. Such equipment may not be returned to the owner until the case has been finally disposed of. All equipment, including, but not limited to, vehicles, boats, motors, trailers, harvesting equipment, weapons, spotlights, bags, boxes, or tools, used or in any other manner involved in a second, third, or subsequent offense of harvesting shellfish in any polluted area shall be confiscated. All such confiscated equipment shall be sold at auction by the sheriff of the county in which such second, third, or subsequent offense took place and by a representative of the ~~State~~ Department of ~~Health and~~ Environmental ~~Control~~ Services, except for weapons, which, following confiscation, shall be disposed of in the manner set forth in Sections 16-23-50, 16-23-460, and 16-23-500.

Section 44-1-152. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all revenue from any fine or any forfeiture of bond for any violation of any shellfish law or regulation provided by this title must be deposited monthly with the treasurer of the county in which the arrest for such violation was made. One-third of such revenue must be retained by the county treasurer to be used for the general operating needs of the county pursuant to the direction of the governing body of the county. Two-thirds of such revenue must be remitted quarterly to the ~~state~~ Department of ~~Health and~~ Environmental ~~Control~~ Services of which one-half is to be used in enforcing shellfish laws and regulations and one-half of such revenue must be remitted quarterly to the state's general fund. All monies derived from auction sales of confiscated equipment pursuant to Section 44-1-151 must be deposited, retained, remitted, and used in the same manner as provided in this section for all revenue derived from any fine or any violation of any shellfish law or regulation. A report of fines for forfeitures of bonds regarding shellfish violations must be sent to the ~~state~~ Department of ~~Health and~~ Environmental ~~Control~~ Services monthly by each magistrate and clerk of court in this State. A report of monies derived from auction of sales of confiscated equipment must be sent to

the ~~state~~ Department of ~~Health and~~ Environmental ~~Control~~ Services monthly by each sheriff.

D. Sections 44-1-165 through 44-1-300 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 44-1-165. (A) There is established within the Department of ~~Health and~~ Environmental ~~Control~~ Services the Expedited Review Program to provide an expedited process for permit application review. Participation in this program is voluntary and the program must be supported by expedited review fees promulgated in regulation pursuant to subsection (B)(1). The department shall determine the project applications to review, and the process may be applied to any one or all of the permit programs administered by the department.

(B)(1) Before January 1, 2009, the department shall promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The regulations shall include, but are not limited to, definitions of "completeness" for applications submitted, consideration of joint federal- state permitting activities, standards for applications submitted that advance environmental protection, and expedited process application review fees.

(2) Regulations promulgated pursuant to this section must not alter public notice requirements for any permits, certifications, or licenses issued by the department.

(C) Until such time as regulations are promulgated pursuant to subsection (B), the department shall conduct a pilot expedited review program to determine the most environmentally sound, cost efficient, and economically beneficial process for implementation of a statewide expedited review program. The department shall determine which permit programs, or subcomponents of a program, to include in the pilot program and also may establish pilot program expedited process application fees.

(D) There is created the Expedited Review Fund that is separate and distinct from the general fund of the State and all other funds. Fees established in regulation pursuant to subsection (B)(1) and assessed pursuant to subsection (C) must be credited to the fund and used for the costs of implementing the expedited review program. Interest accruing to the fund must be retained by the fund and used for the same purposes. Revenue in the fund not expended during a fiscal year, including fees generated pursuant to subsection (C), must be carried forward to the succeeding fiscal year and must be used for the same purposes.

(E) No later than January 1, 2008, the department shall report to the Board of Health and Environmental Control the department's findings

on the implementation of the pilot expedited review program provided for in subsection (C).

Section 44-1-170. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ may direct and supervise the action of the local boards of health in incorporated cities and towns and in all townships in all matters pertaining to such local boards.

Section 44-1-180. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ may establish charges for maintenance and medical care for all persons served in State health centers and other health facilities under the jurisdiction of the department and by personnel of the department and of the health units under its jurisdiction in homes and any other places where health services are needed. The terms "medical care" and "health services" include the services of physicians, dentists, optometrists, nurses, sanitarians, physical therapists, medical social workers, occupational therapists, health aides, speech therapists, X-ray technologists, dietitians, nutritionists, laboratory technicians, and other professional and subprofessional health workers. The charges, which may be adjusted from time to time, shall be reasonable and based on the total costs of the services rendered, including operating costs, depreciation costs, and all other elements of costs.

Section 44-1-190. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall make such investigations as it deems necessary to determine which persons or which of the parents, guardians, trustees, committees or other persons or agencies legally responsible therefor are financially able to pay the expenses of the care and treatment, and may contract with any person or agency for the care and treatment of any person to the extent permitted by the resources available to the department. The department may require any county or State agency to furnish information which would be helpful to it in making the investigations. In arriving at the amount to be charged, the department shall have due regard for the financial condition and estate of the person, his present and future needs and the present and future needs of his lawful dependents, and whenever considered necessary to protect him or his dependents, may agree to accept a sum less than the actual cost of services. No person shall be deprived of available health services solely because of inability to pay. No fees shall be charged for services which in the judgment of the department should be made freely available in order to protect and promote the public health.

Section 44-1-200. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ may provide home health services to those persons living in areas of the State in which adequate home health

services are not available and may charge fees for such services. Home health services shall include care of the ill and disabled rendered at home including, but not limited to, bedside care, treatment and rehabilitation services. In order that it may provide such services, the department may employ the necessary personnel, including nurses, physical therapists, speech therapists, occupational therapists, medical social workers, home health aides, nutritionists, and supervisory personnel, and may purchase equipment and materials necessary to maintain an effective program. The department shall, wherever possible, assist and advise nonprofit agencies or associations in the development of home health services programs and may enter into agreements with such agencies or associations specifying the type of assistance and advice it will provide.

Section 44-1-210. All fees and charges collected pursuant to Sections 44-1-180 to 44-1-200, including vital statistics fees as now provided by law, shall be deposited in the State Treasury and shall be used in the operation of the public health program of the bureau, division, district health unit or local county health department which performed the services for which the fees and charges were collected. An annual report shall be made to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, Executive Budget Office and the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office of the receipts and expenditures made under the provisions of Sections 44-1-180 to 44-1-200.

Section 44-1-215. Notwithstanding Section 13-7-85, the Department of Health and Environmental Control may retain all funds generated in excess of those funds remitted to the general fund in fiscal year 2000-2001 from fees listed in Regulation R61-64 Title B.

Section 44-1-220. All skilled and intermediate care nursing facilities licensed by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall be required to furnish an item-by-item billing for all charges to the patient or the person paying such bill, upon request by such patient or person. Items which remain unpaid are not required to be itemized again. Such requests for itemized billing shall remain in effect until further notification by the patient or person paying such bill. Provided, that the provision herein shall not apply to the contracted amount of a state or federal agency. Any amount above such contract shall be itemized as provided herein.

Section 44-1-230. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall give consideration to any benefits available to an individual, including private, group or other insurance benefits, to meet, in whole or in part, the cost of any medical or health services. Such benefits shall be utilized insofar as possible; provided, however, the

availability of such benefits shall not be the sole basis for determining eligibility for program services of the department. Insurance carriers shall not deny payment of benefits otherwise available to the insured solely on the basis that an individual has applied for, or has been deemed eligible to receive, or has received, services, or on the basis that payments have been made for services by the department.

Section 44-1-260. Upon conducting an early periodic screening, diagnosis, and treatment screening (EPSDT), or another physical examination of a child from which it is determined that the child may benefit from the use of assistive technology, the department or person conducting the screening or examination may refer the child to an appropriate agency for an assistive technology evaluation. For purposes of this section, "assistive technology" means a device or service which is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capacities of an individual with a disability. An "assistive technology device" is an item, piece of equipment, or product system, whether acquired commercially, off the shelf, modified, or customized that is used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capacities of an individual with a disability including, but not limited to, aids for daily living, augmentative communication devices, wheelchairs, and mobility aids, seating and positioning aids, computer aids, environmental controls, home and workplace modifications, prosthetics and orthotics, or aids for vision or hearing impairments. An "assistive technology service" is a service that directly assists an individual with a disability in the selection, acquisition, or use of an assistive technology device.

Section 44-1-280. The ~~Board and~~ Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ in establishing priorities and funding for programs and services which impact on children and families during the first years of a child's life, within the powers and duties granted to it, must support, as appropriate, the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness initiative, as established in Title 59, Chapter 152, at the state and local levels.

Section 44-1-290. A corporation or person whose only purpose is furnishing, supplying, marketing, or selling treated effluent for irrigation purposes, shall not be considered a public utility for purposes of Title 58 by virtue of the furnishing, supplying, marketing, or selling of the treated effluent, provided that the effluent has not been permitted for consumption by the ~~department~~ Department of Environmental Services or other regulatory agency.

Section 44-1-300. The ~~department~~ Department of Agriculture shall not use any funds appropriated or authorized to the ~~department~~

Department of Agriculture to enforce Regulation 61-25 to the extent that its enforcement would prohibit a church or charitable organization from preparing and serving food to the public on their own premises at not more than one function a month or not more than twelve functions a year.

E. Section 44-1-310 (A) and (J) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall establish a Maternal Morbidity and Mortality Review Committee to review maternal deaths and to develop strategies for the prevention of maternal deaths. The committee must be multidisciplinary and composed of members deemed appropriate by the department. The committee also may review severe maternal morbidity. The department may contract with an external organization to assist in collecting, analyzing, and disseminating maternal mortality information, organizing and convening meetings of the committee, and performing other tasks as may be incident to these activities, including providing the necessary data, information, and resources to ensure successful completion of the ongoing review required by this section.

(J) Reports of aggregated nonindividually identifiable data for the previous calendar year must be compiled and disseminated by March first of the following year in an effort to further study the causes and problems associated with maternal deaths. Reports must be distributed to the General Assembly, the Director of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, health care providers and facilities, key governmental agencies, and others necessary to reduce the maternal death rate.

F. Section 44-1-310 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(M) The Executive Office of Health and Policy shall have access to the data collected pursuant to Section 44-1-370 as necessary for the execution of duties of the Secretary of Health and Policy and in furtherance of the State Health Plan. The Executive Office of Health and Policy shall not disclose this data except as permitted by law.

G. Section 44-1-315 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-1-315. (A) For purposes of the section, "impacted location" means any facility issued or otherwise subject to a permit, license, or approval from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources that has now been determined to be located within the jurisdiction of the ~~South Carolina~~ Department of ~~Health and~~ Environmental ~~Control~~ Services as a result of the amendments to Section 1-1-10, effective January 1, 2017.

(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the ~~South Carolina~~ Department of ~~Health and~~ Environmental ~~Control~~ Services, in issuing

any environmental permit, license, or approval to an impacted location shall provide a schedule of compliance that allows the permittee a reasonable period of time to be no greater than five years to come into compliance with any South Carolina environmental rule, regulation, or standard established by the department or by law that has no corresponding rule, regulation, or standard under North Carolina law or regulation, or is more stringent than the corresponding rule, regulation, or standard established under North Carolina law or regulation. The department may include increments of progress applicable in each year of the schedule established under this subsection, and may shorten the period of compliance as necessary to prevent an imminent threat to the public health and environment. The department may extend a permittee's compliance schedule under this section beyond five years upon written application by the permittee only if the department determines that circumstances reasonably require such an extension, and the extension of time would pose no threat to public health or the environment.

H.Sections 44-1-30, 44-1-40, 44-1-50, 44-1-70, 44-1-143, 44-1-145, and 44-1-148 of the S.C. Code are repealed.

SECTION 9. Article (1), Chapter 6, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Article 1

General Provisions

Section 44-6-5. As used in this chapter:

~~(1) "Department" means the State Department of Health and Human Services.~~

~~(2) "Office" means the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.~~

~~(3) "Costs of medical education" means the direct and indirect teaching costs as defined under Medicare.~~

~~(4) "Market basket index" means the index used by the federal government on January 1, 1986, to measure the inflation in hospital input prices for Medicare reimbursement. If that measure ceases to be calculated in the same manner, the market basket index must be developed and regulations must be promulgated by the commission using substantially the same methodology as the federal market basket uses on January 1, 1986. Prior to submitting the regulations concerning the index to the General Assembly for approval pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, the department shall submit them to the Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee for review.~~

~~(5) "Medically indigent" means:~~

~~(a) all persons whose gross family income and size falls at or below the federal Community Service Administration guidelines and~~

~~who meet certain qualifying criteria regarding real property allowance, qualifying services, residency requirements, and other sponsorship, and migrant or seasonal farm workers who have no established domicile in any state; and~~

~~(b) all persons whose gross family income and size falls between one hundred percent and two hundred percent of the Community Service Administration guidelines who meet certain other qualifying criteria regarding real property allowance, qualifying services, residency requirements, and other sponsorship and whose medical bill is sufficiently large in relation to their income and resources to preclude full payment. For the purposes of this definition, the qualifying criteria for real property allowance shall permit ownership of up to fifty acres of farmland upon which the family has resided for at least twenty-five years.~~

~~(6) "Net inpatient charges" means the total gross inpatient charges, minus the unreimbursed cost of medical education and the unreimbursed cost of providing medical care to medically indigent persons. The cost of care provided by a hospital to meet its Hill-Burton obligation is not considered an unreimbursed cost of providing medical care to medically indigent persons.~~

~~(7) "South Carolina growth index" means the percentage points added to the market basket index to adjust for the South Carolina specific experience. The Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee shall complete a study which identifies and quantifies those elements which should be included in the growth index. The elements may include, but are not limited to: population increases, aging of the population, changes in the type and intensity of hospital services, technological advances, the cost of hospital care in South Carolina relative to the rest of the nation, and needed improvements in the health status of state residents. Based on the study, the department shall develop and promulgate regulations for the annual computation of the growth index. Prior to submitting the regulations concerning the index to the General Assembly for approval pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, the department shall submit them to the Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee for review. Until a formula for computing the South Carolina growth index is promulgated, the annual index must be six and six-tenths percent which is equal to the average percentage difference between South Carolina hospital expenditures and the federal market basket index for the previous ten years.~~

~~(8) "State resident" means a person who is domiciled in South Carolina. A domicile once established is lost or changes only when one~~

~~moves to a new locality with the intention of abandoning his old domicile and intends to live permanently or indefinitely in the new locale.~~

~~(9) "Target rate of increase" means the federal market basket index as modified by the South Carolina growth index.~~

~~(10) "General hospital" means any hospital licensed as a general hospital by the Department of Health and Environmental Control.~~

(1) "Costs of medical education" means the direct and indirect teaching costs as defined under Medicare.

(2) "Department" means the Department of Health Financing.

(3) "General hospital" means any hospital licensed as a general hospital by the Department of Public Health.

(4) "Market basket index" means the index used by the federal government on January 1, 1986, to measure the inflation in hospital input prices for Medicare reimbursement. If that measure ceases to be calculated in the same manner, the market basket index must be developed and regulations must be promulgated by the department using substantially the same methodology as the federal market basket uses on January 1, 1986. Prior to submitting the regulations concerning the index to the General Assembly for approval pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, the department shall submit them to the Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee for review.

(5) "Medically indigent" means:

(a) all persons whose gross family income and size falls at or below the federal Community Service Administration guidelines and who meet certain qualifying criteria regarding real property allowance, qualifying services, residency requirements, and other sponsorship, and migrant or seasonal farm workers who have no established domicile in any state; and

(b) all persons whose gross family income and size falls between one hundred percent and two hundred percent of the Community Service Administration guidelines who meet certain other qualifying criteria regarding real property allowance, qualifying services, residency requirements, and other sponsorship and whose medical bill is sufficiently large in relation to their income and resources to preclude full payment. For the purposes of this definition, the qualifying criteria for real property allowance shall permit ownership of up to fifty acres of farmland upon which the family has resided for at least twenty-five years.

(6) "Net inpatient charges" means the total gross inpatient charges, minus the unreimbursed cost of medical education and the unreimbursed

cost of providing medical care to medically indigent persons. The cost of care provided by a hospital to meet its Hill-Burton obligation is not considered an unreimbursed cost of providing medical care to medically indigent persons.

(7) "Office" means the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

(8) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Policy.

(9) "South Carolina growth index" means the percentage points added to the market basket index to adjust for the South Carolina specific experience. The elements of the South Carolina growth index may include, but are not limited to, population increases, aging of the population, changes in the type and intensity of hospital services, technological advances, the cost of hospital care in South Carolina relative to the rest of the nation, and needed improvements in the health status of state residents. The department shall develop and promulgate regulations for the annual computation of the growth index.

(10) "State resident" means a person who is domiciled in South Carolina. A domicile once established is lost or changes only when one moves to a new locality with the intention of abandoning his old domicile and intends to live permanently or indefinitely in the new locale.

(11) "Target rate of increase" means the federal market basket index as modified by the South Carolina growth index.

Section 44-6-10. There is created the ~~State~~ Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing which shall be headed by a Director appointed by the~~ Governor, upon the advice and consent of the Senate~~ Secretary of Health and Policy. The director is subject to removal by the ~~Governor~~ Secretary pursuant to the provisions of~~ Section 1-3-240~~ Section 44-12-50(B)(1).

Section 44-6-30. The department shall:

(1) administer Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid)~~, including the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Program, and the Community Long-Term Care System~~;

(2) be designated as the South Carolina Center for Health Statistics to operate the Cooperative Health Statistics Program pursuant to the Public Health Services Act;

~~(3) be prohibited from engaging in the delivery of services.~~

(3) administer payments for programs as designated by the Secretary;

(4) be prohibited from engaging in the delivery of services.

Section 44-6-35. In administering home- and community-based waiver programs, the department shall, to the extent possible, maintain

the waiver status of an eligible family member of a member of the armed services who maintains his South Carolina state residence, regardless of where the service member is stationed. Consequently, a person on a waiver waiting list would return to the same place on the waiting list when the family returns to South Carolina. Furthermore, the eligible family member previously enrolled in a waiver program and who received active services would be reinstated into the waiver program once Medicaid eligibility is established, upon their return to South Carolina. It is not the intent of this section to authorize services provided outside the South Carolina Medicaid Service Area. These provisions are contingent upon the department receiving federal approval.

Section 44-6-40. For all health and human services interagency programs provided for in this chapter, the department shall have the following duties:

(1) Prepare and approve state and federal plans prior to submission to the appropriate authority as required by law for final approval or for state or federal funding, or both.

Such plans shall be guided by the goal of delivering services to citizens and administering plans in the most effective and efficient ways possible.

(2) Compile and maintain in a unified, concise, and orderly form information concerning programs provided for in this chapter.

(3) Continuously review and evaluate programs to determine the extent to which they:

(a) meet fiscal, administrative, and program objectives; and

(b) are being operated cost effectively.

(4) Evaluate plans and programs in terms of their compatibility with state objectives and priorities giving specific attention to areas outlined in Section 44-6-70.

(5) Formulate for consideration and promulgation criteria, standards, and procedures that ensure assigned programs are administered effectively, equitably, and economically and in accordance with statewide policies and priorities.

(6) Inform the ~~Governor and the General Assembly~~ Secretary as to the effectiveness of the criteria, standards, and procedures promulgated pursuant to item (5) ~~of this section~~.

(7) ~~Develop in conjunction with other state agencies~~ Cooperate with the Secretary in the development of an information system to provide data on comparative client and fiscal information needed for programs.

(8) Develop a mechanism for local planning.

(9) ~~Obtain from participating state agencies~~ Coordinate with the Secretary to obtain information considered necessary by the department to perform duties assigned to the department.

Section 44-6-45. The ~~State~~ Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing may collect administrative fees associated with accounts receivable for those individuals or entities which negotiate repayment to the agency. The administrative fee may not exceed one and one-half percent of the amounts negotiated and must be remitted to the State Treasurer and deposited to the credit of the general fund of the State.

Section 44-6-50. In carrying out the duties provided for in Section 44-6-30, the department shall:

(1) Contract for health and human services eligibility determination with performance standards regarding quality control as required by law or regulation.

(2) Contract for operation of certified Medicaid management information claims processing system. ~~For the first year of its operation it shall contract for such system with the Department of Social Services.~~

(3) Contract for other operational components of programs administered under this chapter as considered appropriate.

(4) Monitor and evaluate all contractual services authorized pursuant to this chapter to assure effective performance. Any contract entered into under the provisions of this chapter must be in accordance with the provisions of the South Carolina Consolidated Procurement Code.

(5) Establish a procedure whereby inquiries from members of the General Assembly concerning the department's work and responsibility shall be answered as expeditiously and definitely as possible in coordination with the Secretary.

Section 44-6-70. A state plan must be prepared by the department for each program assigned to it and the department must also prepare resource allocation recommendations based on such plans. The resource allocation recommendations must be approved pursuant to state and federal law. The state plans must address state policy and priority areas of service with specific attention to the following objectives:

(a) Prevention measures as addressed in health and human services programs.

(b) Achievement of a balanced health care delivery system assuring that regulations, coverage, and reimbursement policies assure that while the most appropriate care is given, tailored to the client's needs, it is delivered in the most cost-effective manner.

(c) Simplification of paperwork requirements.

(d) Achievement of optimum cost effectiveness in administration and delivery of services provided quality of care is assured.

(e) Improvement of effectiveness of third party reimbursement efforts.

(f) Assurance of maximum utilization of private and nonprofit providers in administration and service delivery systems, provided quality of care is assured.

(g) Encouragement of structured volunteer programs in administration and service delivery.

Section 44-6-80. The department must submit to the~~ Governor, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office, and the Executive Budget Office, and the General Assembly~~ Secretary an annual report concerning the work of the department including details on improvements in the cost effectiveness achieved since the enactment of this chapter and must recommend changes for further improvements.

Interim reports must be submitted as needed to advise the~~ Governor and the General Assembly~~ Secretary of substantive issues.

Section 44-6-90. The department may promulgate regulations to carry out its duties. Prior to submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

All state and local agencies whose responsibilities include administration or delivery of services which are covered by this chapter shall cooperate with the department and comply with its regulations.

Section 44-6-100. The department employees shall have such general duties and receive such compensation as determined by the director, with the authority given by the Secretary. The director shall be responsible for administration of state personnel policies and general ~~department~~ personnel policies of the Executive Office of Health and Policy. The director shall have sole authority to employ and discharge employees subject to such personnel policies and funding available for that purpose.

In all instances, the director shall serve as the chief administrative officer of the department and shall have the responsibility of executing policies, directives, and actions of the department either personally or by issuing appropriate directives to the employees.

The goal of the provisions of this section is to ensure that the department's business is conducted according to sound administrative practice~~, without unnecessary interference with its internal affairs~~.

Public officers and employees shall be guided by this goal and comply with these provisions.

Section 44-6-110. A Medicaid provider, outside of the geographical boundary of South Carolina but within the South Carolina Medicaid Service Area, as defined by R. 126-300(B) of the Code of State Regulations, prior to the effective date of the amendments to Section 1-1-10, which are effective January 1, 2017, shall not lose status as a Medicaid provider as a result of the clarification of the South Carolina-North Carolina border.

Section 44-6-115. (A) Pharmacy services are a benefit under South Carolina Medicaid, subject to approval by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The department shall establish a fee schedule for the list of pharmacy services.

(B)(1) The following services are covered pharmacy services that may be provided to a Medicaid beneficiary:

(a) dispensing self-administered hormonal contraceptives, as outlined and authorized in Section 40-43-230; and

(b) administering injectable hormonal contraceptives, as outlined and authorized in Section 40-43-230.

(2) Covered pharmacy services shall be subject to department protocols and utilization controls.

(C) A pharmacist shall be enrolled as an ordering, referring, and dispensing provider under the Medicaid program prior to rendering a pharmacist service that is submitted by a Medicaid pharmacy provider for reimbursement pursuant to this section.

(D) The director of the department shall seek any necessary federal approvals to implement this section. This section shall not be implemented until the necessary federal approvals are obtained and shall be implemented only to the extent that federal financial participation is available.

(E) This section does not restrict or prohibit any services currently provided by pharmacists as authorized by law including, but not limited to, this chapter or the Medicaid state plan.

SECTION 10. A. Section 44-6-140(A)(2) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) payment on a timely basis to the hospital by the ~~commission~~ department or patient or both, of the maximum allowable payment amount determined by the ~~commission~~ department; and

B. Section 44-6-146(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) Every fiscal year the State Treasurer shall withhold from the portion of the Local Government Fund allotted to the counties a sum

equal to fifty cents per capita based on the population of the several counties as shown by the latest official census of the United States. The money withheld by the State Treasurer must be placed to the credit of the ~~commission~~ department and used to provide Title XIX (Medicaid) services.

C. Section 44-6-150 (A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) There is created the South Carolina Medically Indigent Assistance Program administered by the department. The program is authorized to sponsor inpatient hospital care for which hospitals shall receive no reimbursement. A general hospital equipped to provide the necessary treatment shall:

(1) admit a patient sponsored by the program; and

(2) accept the transfer of a patient sponsored by the program from a hospital which is not equipped to provide the necessary treatment.

In addition to or in lieu of an action taken affecting the license of the hospital, when it is established that an officer, employee, or member of the hospital medical staff has violated this section, the South Carolina Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall require the hospital to pay a civil penalty of up to ten thousand dollars.

D. Section 44-6-170 (A), (B), (C), and (I) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) As used in this section:

(1) "Office" means the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

(2) "Council" means the Data Oversight Council.

~~(3) "Committee" means the Joint Legislative Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee.~~

(B) There is established the Data Oversight Council comprised of:

(1) one hospital administrator;

(2) the chief executive officer or designee of the South Carolina Hospital Association;

(3) one physician;

(4) the chief executive officer or designee of the South Carolina Medical Association;

(5) one representative of major third-party health care payers;

(6) one representative of the managed health care industry;

(7) one nursing home administrator;

(8) three representatives of nonhealth care-related businesses;

(9) one representative of a nonhealth care-related business of less than one hundred employees;

(10) the executive vice president or designee of the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce;

(11) a member of the Governor's office staff;

(12) the director or his designee of the South Carolina Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~;

(13) the executive director or his designee of the ~~State~~ Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing.

The members enumerated in items (1) through (10) must be appointed by the ~~Governor for three-year terms and~~ Secretary until their successors are appointed and qualify; the remaining members serve ex officio. The ~~Governor~~ Secretary shall appoint one of the members to serve as chairman. The office shall provide staff assistance to the council.

(C) The duties of the council are to:

(1) make periodic recommendations to the ~~committee and the General Assembly~~ Secretary concerning the collection and release of health care-related data by the State which the council considers necessary to assist in the formation of health care policy in the State;

(2) convene expert panels as necessary to assist in developing recommendations for the collection and release of health care-related data;

(3) approve all regulations for the collection and release of health care-related data to be promulgated by the office;

(4) approve release of health care-related data consistent with regulations promulgated by the office;

(5) recommend to the office appropriate dissemination of health care-related data reports, training of personnel, and use of health care-related data.

(I) A person, as defined in Section 44-7-130, seeking to collect health care data or information for a registry shall coordinate with the office to utilize existing data collection formats as provided for by the office and consistent with regulations promulgated by the office. With the exception of information that may be obtained from the Office of Vital Records, Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, in accordance with Section 44-63-20 and Regulation 61-19 and disease information required to be reported to the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ under Sections 44-29-10, 44-29-70, and 44-31-10 and Regulations 61-20 and 61-21 and notwithstanding any other provision of law, no hospital or health care facility or health care professional required by this section to submit health care data is required to submit data to a registry which has not complied with this section.

E. Section 44-6-170 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(J) The Executive Office of Health and Policy shall have access to data collected pursuant to Section 44-6-170 as necessary for the execution of duties of the Secretary of Health and Policy and in furtherance of the State Health Plan. The Executive Office of Health and Policy shall not disclose this data except as permitted by law.

F. Section 44-6-190 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-6-190. The department may promulgate regulations pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act. Appeals from decisions by the department are heard pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, Administrative Law Judge, Article 5, Chapter 23 of Title 1 of the 1976 Code.

The department shall promulgate regulations to comply with federal requirements to limit the use or disclosure of information concerning applicants and recipients to purposes directly connected with the administration of the Medicaid program.

Prior to submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

G. Section 44-6-400 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-6-400. As used in this article:

(1) "Department" means the Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing.

(2) "Nursing home" means a facility subject to licensure as a nursing home by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ and subject to the permit provisions of Article 2, Chapter 7 of Title 44 and which has been certified for participation in the Medicaid program or has been dually certified for participation in the Medicaid and Medicare programs.

(3) "Resident" means a person who resides or resided in a nursing home during a period of an alleged violation.

(4) "Survey agency" means the South Carolina Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ or any other agency designated to conduct compliance surveys of nursing facilities participating in the Title XIX (Medicaid) program.

H. Section 44-6-530 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-6-530. Before instituting an action under this article, the Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing shall determine if the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services has jurisdiction under federal law. In such cases, it shall coordinate its efforts with the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services to maintain an action against the nursing home. In an action against a nursing home owned and operated by the

State of South Carolina, the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services has exclusive jurisdiction.

I. Section 44-6-540 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-6-540. The department is authorized to promulgate regulations, pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, to administer this article, and to ensure compliance with the requirements for participation in the Medicaid program. Prior to submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

J. Section 44-6-720(B)(4)(b)(iv) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(iv) other deductions provided in regulations of the ~~State Health and Human Services Finance Commission~~ Department of Health Financing;

K. Section 44-6-730 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-6-730. The ~~State Health and Human Services Finance Commission~~ Department of Health Financing shall promulgate regulations as are necessary for the implementation of this article and as are necessary to comply with federal law. Prior to submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy. In addition, the ~~commission~~ department shall amend the state Medicaid plan in a manner that is consistent with this article.

L. Section 44-6-1010 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-6-1010. There is created within the Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee. The committee must consist of fifteen members appointed by the director and serving at the pleasure of the director of the department. The members must include eleven physicians and four pharmacists licensed to practice in South Carolina and actively engaged in providing services to the South Carolina Medicaid population. The physicians may include, but are not limited to, doctors who have experience in treating diabetes, cancer, HIV/AIDS, mental illness, and hemophilia and who practice in internal medicine, primary care, and pediatrics.

M. Article (5), Chapter 6, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

SECTION 11.A. Section 44-7-77 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-77. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ and the State Department of Social Services, in conjunction with the South Carolina Hospital Association, shall develop and implement a program to promote obtaining voluntary acknowledgments of paternity as soon after birth as possible and where possible before the release of the newborn from the hospital. A voluntary

acknowledgment including those obtained through an in-hospital program shall contain the requirements of Section 63-17-60(A)(4) and the social security number, or the alien identification number assigned to a resident alien who does not have a social security number, of both parents, and must be signed by both parents. The signatures must be notarized. As part of its in-hospital voluntary acknowledgment of paternity program, a birthing hospital as part of the birth registration process, shall collect, where ascertainable, information which is or may be necessary for the establishment of the paternity of the child and for the establishment of child support. The information to be collected on the father or on the putative father if paternity has not been established includes, but is not limited to, the name of the father, his date of birth, home address, social security number, or the alien identification number assigned to a resident alien who does not have a social security number, and employer's name, and additionally for the putative father, the names and addresses of the putative father's parents.

B. Section 44-7-80(6) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(6) "Department" means the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~.

C. Section 44-7-84 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-84. (A) In the annual appropriations act, the General Assembly shall establish the maximum number of Medicaid patient days for which the department is authorized to issue Medicaid nursing home permits. The ~~State~~ Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing shall provide the number of Medicaid patient days available to the department within thirty days after the effective date of the annual appropriations act.

(B) Based on a method the department develops for determining the need for nursing home care for Medicaid patients in each area of the State, the department shall determine the distribution of Medicaid patient days for which Medicaid nursing home permits can be issued. Nursing homes holding a Medicaid nursing home permit must be allocated Medicaid days based on their current allocation and available funds. Requests for days must be submitted to the department no later than June fifteenth each year. The department shall issue permits to the facilities by August first of each year. The application must state the specific number of Medicaid patient days the nursing home will provide. If a nursing home requests fewer days than the previous year, or is permitted fewer days, those days first must be offered to the facilities within the same county currently holding a Medicaid nursing home permit. However, if Medicaid patient days remain available after being offered

to those nursing homes currently holding a Medicaid patient days permit in that county, then existing nursing homes with a restricted Certificate of Need, within the same county, may apply for a Medicaid nursing home permit to receive the Medicaid permit days remaining available. Following the initial allocation of Medicaid patient days, any additional Medicaid permit days must be credited to a statewide pool and the days must be allocated to those counties showing the greatest need based on the average number of fully eligible Medicaid nursing facility applicants by county in the Community Long Term Care awaiting placement reports for the past twelve months. The Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing shall provide this information to the department no later than July fifteenth of each year. The Medicaid permit days must be proportionately allocated to each facility within the county that currently holds a Medicaid permit and is currently in compliance with its Medicaid permit. A facility is deemed to be in compliance for allocation of these additional Medicaid permit days if it has not exceeded its stated Medicaid permit by more than seven percent. In addition, a nursing home that provides less than ninety percent of the stated Medicaid permit in any fiscal year may not apply for additional Medicaid permit days in the next fiscal year. If a nursing home fails to provide ninety percent of the stated Medicaid permit days for two consecutive fiscal years, the department may issue a Medicaid nursing home permit for fewer days than requested in order to ensure that the nursing home will serve the minimum number of Medicaid patients and that the State will optimize the available Medicaid days. If a nursing home has its Medicaid patient days reduced, the freed days first must be offered to other facilities in the same county before being offered to other nursing homes in the State. The department shall analyze the performance of nursing homes that are under the permit minimum or exceed the permit maximum for a fiscal year, including utilization data from the ~~State~~ Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing, anticipated back days, delayed payments, CLTC waiting list, and other factors considered significant by the department. A nursing home which terminates its Medicaid contract must not be penalized for not meeting the requirements of this section if the nursing home was in compliance with its permit at the time of the cancellation. Facilities designated as Special Focus Facilities may not be issued additional Medicaid permit days while they remain on the Special Focus list.

(C) If the Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing or the General Assembly decreases the number of Medicaid patient days available to the department, the department shall proportionately

decrease the authorized Medicaid patient days for each nursing home. If additional Medicaid patient days are authorized in the following year, they must be restored proportionately to each nursing home in accordance with subsection (B).

D. Section 44-7-90 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-90. (A) Based on reports from the ~~State~~ Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing, the department shall determine each nursing home's compliance with its Medicaid nursing home permit. Violations of this article include:

(1) a nursing home exceeding by more than five percent the number of Medicaid patient days stated in its permit;

(2) the provisions of any Medicaid patient days by a home without a Medicaid nursing home permit.

(B) A nursing home which exceeds its Medicaid patient days stated in its permit may be fined on the number of Medicaid patient days exceeding the permit days multiplied by its daily Medicaid per diem. Medicaid permit days provided to Complex Care residents, as certified by the Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing, must not be counted against the facility's Medicaid permit for the first six months of their care. Any complex care provided after six months must be counted toward the facility's Medicaid patient days under the permit days times their daily Medicaid per diem rate less the statewide average patient per diem recurring income times thirty percent. Complex Care reimbursement must not be used in the fine calculation. A facility may be fined incrementally for exceeding its Medicaid permit. Violations above five and up to ten percent of the stated permit may be fined at thirty percent of its Medicaid per diem rate less the statewide average patient per diem recurring income times the number of excess Medicaid permit days. A facility may be fined fifty percent of its Medicaid per diem rate less the statewide average patient per diem recurring income for each day above ten and up to fifteen percent of its Medicaid permit. A facility may be fined seventy percent of its Medicaid per diem rate less the statewide average patient per diem recurring income for each day in excess of fifteen percent of its stated Medicaid permit. A facility may appeal to the department any fine for days over its permit based on the facility's inability to discharge a resident based on the requirements of Section 44-7-88 if the facility can prove:

(1) the resident's primary pay source upon admission was not Medicaid;

(2) the resident did not convert to Medicaid within twenty days of being admitted as a Medicare or Medicaid replacement policy

resident; and

(3) the resident did not convert to Medicaid within thirty days of being admitted as a private pay resident.

(C) In the event of a voluntary or involuntary discontinuation of participation of a nursing facility in the Medicaid program, the State must ensure that the facility provides for patient safety and freedom of choice. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ and the Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing must determine the availability of existing patient days statewide for the purpose of relocating these patients. Based upon this determination, the department, at its discretion, may reallocate the patient days from a facility discontinuing its Medicaid participation to a facility that participates in the Medicaid program and agrees to accept the residents from the facility that is discontinuing Medicaid participation. The Medicaid permit day shall permanently remain with the facility accepting the resident. In the allocation of patient days from the facility discontinuing Medicaid participation, the department must give first priority to restoring a county's allocation where a facility holding a permit closes, or discontinues participation in Medicaid. A nursing home receiving beds under the provisions of this subsection must not be a Special Focus Facility at the time of allocation.

(D~~) Effective July 1, 2014,~~ All nursing facility providers holding a Medicaid permit must report their daily Medicaid resident census information to the ~~South Carolina~~ Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing or its contractor for the purpose of maintaining a statewide bed locator and permit day tracking system.

(E) Each Medicaid day above the allowable range is considered a separate violation. A fine assessed against a nursing home must be deducted from the nursing home's Medicaid reimbursement.

E. Section 44-7-130 (4), (10), and (24) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(4) ~~"Board" means the State Board of Health and Environmental Control~~ Reserved.

(10) "Department" means the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~.

~~(24) "Solely for research" means a service, procedure, or equipment which has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) but which is currently undergoing review by the FDA as an investigational device. FDA research protocol and any applicable Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) policies and regulations must be followed by a facility proposing a project "solely for research".~~

(24) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Policy.

(25) "Solely for research" means a service, procedure, or equipment which has not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) but which is currently undergoing review by the FDA as an investigational device. FDA research protocol and any applicable Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) policies and regulations must be followed by a facility proposing a project "solely for research".

F. Section 44-7-150(A)(3) and (5) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(3) adopt in accordance with Article I of the Administrative Procedures Act substantive and procedural regulations considered necessary by the department and approved by the ~~board~~ Secretary to carry out the department's licensure duties under this article;

(5) promulgate regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, that establish fees as authorized by this article. Prior to the submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

G. Section 44-7-170(A) of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(4) the establishment or addition of inpatient psychiatric beds pursuant to an agreement with a South Carolina state agency to apply appropriated funds for increased access or availability of services.

H. Section 44-7-190 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-190. ~~(A)~~ The department shall adopt, upon approval of the ~~board~~ Secretary, Project Review Criteria which, at a minimum, must provide for the determination of need for health care facilities, beds, services and equipment, including demographic needs, appropriate distribution, and utilization; accessibility to underserved groups; availability of facilities and services without regard to ability to pay; absence of less costly and more effective alternatives; appropriate financial considerations, including method of financing, financial feasibility, and cost containment; consideration of impact on health systems resources; site and building suitability; consideration of quality of care; and relevant special considerations as may be appropriate. ~~The Project Review Criteria must be adopted as a regulation pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.~~

~~(B) The project review criteria promulgated in regulation must be used in reviewing all projects under the Certificate of Need process. When the criteria are weighted to determine the relative importance for the specific project, the department may reorder the relative importance of the criteria no more than one time after the project review meeting. When an application has been appealed, the department may not change~~

~~the weighted formula.~~

~~(C) Project review criteria must prioritize timely access to health care services and seek a balance between competition in the marketplace and regulation in the provision of health care and must support reasonable patient choice in health care facilities and services. The department shall promulgate regulations within one year of the effective date of this act identifying how the department will incorporate these considerations in reviewing Certificate of Need applications.~~

I. Section 44-7-200 (C), (D), and (E) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

~~(C) Upon publication of this notice and until a contested case hearing is requested pursuant to Section 44-1-60(G):~~

~~(1) members of the board and persons appointed by the board to hold a final review conference on staff decisions may not communicate directly or indirectly with any person in connection with the application; and~~

~~(2) no person shall communicate, or cause another to communicate, as to the merits of the application with members of the board and persons appointed by the board to hold a final review conference on staff decisions.~~

~~A person who violates this subsection is subject to the penalties provided in Section 1-23-360.~~

~~(D)~~(C) After receipt of an application with proof of publication and payment of the initial application fee, the department shall publish in the State Register a notice that an application has been accepted for filing. Within fifteen days of acceptance of the application, the department may request additional information as may be necessary to complete the application. The applicant has fifteen days from the date of the request to submit the additional information. If the applicant fails to submit the requested information within the fifteen-day period, the application is considered withdrawn.

~~(E)~~(D) After a Certificate of Need application has been filed with the department, state and federal elected officials are prohibited from communicating with the department with regard to the Certificate of Need application at any time. This prohibition does not include written communication of support or opposition to an application. Such written communication must be included in the administrative record.

J. Section 44-7-210 (C), (D), (E), (F), and (G) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) On the basis of staff review of the application, the staff shall make a staff decision to grant or deny the Certificate of Need and the

staff shall issue a decision in accordance with Section 44-1-60(D). Notice of the decision must be sent to the applicant and affected persons who have asked to be notified. The decision becomes the final agency decision unless a timely written request for a final review is filed with the department as provided for in Section 44-1-60(E).

However, a person may not file a request for final review of a contested case hearing in opposition to the staff decision on a Certificate of Need unless the person provided written notice to the department during the staff review that he is an affected person and specifically states his opposition to the application under review.

~~(D) The staff's decision is not the final agency decision until the completion of the final review process provided for in Section 44-1-60(F).~~

~~(E)~~(D) A contested case hearing of the final agency decision must be requested in accordance with Section 44-1-60(G). The issues considered at the contested case hearing considering a Certificate of Need are limited to those presented or considered during the staff review.

~~(F)~~(E) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including Section 1-23-650(C), in a contested case arising from the department's decision to grant or deny a Certificate of Need application, grant or deny a request for exemption under Section 44-7-170, or the issuance of a determination regarding the applicability of Section 44-7-160, the following apply:

(1) each party may name no more than five witnesses who may testify at the contested case hearing;

(2) each party is permitted to take only the deposition of a person listed by an opposing party as a witness who may testify at the contested case hearing and one Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 30(b)(6) deposition;

(3) each party is permitted to serve only ten interrogatories pursuant to Rule 33 of the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure;

(4) each party is permitted to serve only ten requests for admission, including subparts;

(5) each party is permitted to serve only fifteen requests for production, including subparts; and

(6) the parties shall complete discovery within one hundred twenty days after the assignment of the administrative law judge.

~~(G)~~(F) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a contested case arising from the department's decision to grant or deny a Certificate of Need application, grant or deny a request for exemption under Section 44-7-170, or the issuance of a determination regarding the applicability

of Section 44-7-160, the Administrative Law Court shall file a final decision no later than twelve months after the contested case is filed with the Clerk of the Administrative Law Court. An affected person who was a party to the contested case has a right to appeal to the Supreme Court final decisions issued by the Administrative Law Court for a contested case arising from the department's decision to grant or deny a Certificate of Need application, grant or denial of a request for exemption under Section 44-7-170, or the issuance of a determination regarding the applicability of Section 44-7-160.

K. Section 44-7-260 (B) and (E) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) The licensing provisions of this article do not apply to:

(1) infirmaries for the exclusive use of the student bodies of privately-owned educational institutions which maintain infirmaries;

(2) community-based housing sponsored, licensed, or certified by the~~ South Carolina~~ Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities~~ and Special Needs~~. The Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities~~ and Special Needs~~ shall provide to the Department of Public Health~~ and Environmental Control~~ the names and locations of these facilities on a continuing basis; or

(3) homeshare programs designated by the Department of~~ Mental~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services, provided that these programs do not serve more than two persons at each program location, the length of stay does not exceed fourteen consecutive days for one of the two persons, and the temporarily displaced person must be directly transferred from a homeshare program location. The Department of ~~Mental~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services shall provide to the Department of Public Health~~ and Environmental Control~~ the names and locations of these programs on a continuing basis.

(E) No person, regardless of his ability to pay or county of residence, may be denied emergency care if a member of the admitting hospital's medical staff or, in the case of a transfer, a member of the accepting hospital's medical staff determines that the person is in need of emergency care. "Emergency care" means treatment which is usually and customarily available at the respective hospital and that must be provided immediately to sustain a person's life, to prevent serious permanent disfigurement, or loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member or organ, or to provide for the care of a woman in active labor if the hospital is so equipped and, if the hospital is not so equipped, to provide necessary treatment to allow the woman to travel to a more appropriate facility without undue risk of serious harm. In addition to or in lieu of any action taken by the South Carolina Department of Public

Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ affecting the license of any hospital, when it is established that any officer, employee, or member of the hospital medical staff has recklessly violated the provisions of this section, the department may require the hospital to pay a civil penalty of up to ten thousand dollars.

L. Section 44-7-265 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-265. The department shall promulgate regulations for licensing freestanding or mobile technology. Prior to submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy. At a minimum, the regulations must include:

(1) standards for the maintenance and operation of freestanding or mobile technology to ensure the safe and effective treatment of persons served;

(2) a description of the professional qualifications necessary for personnel to operate the equipment and interpret the test results;

(3) minimum staffing requirements to ensure the safe operation of the equipment and interpret the test results; and

(4) that all freestanding or mobile technology must be in conformance with professional organizational standards.

M. Section 44-7-266(D) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(D) The department shall promulgate regulations within one year of the effective date of this act setting forth the necessary duties to comply with this provision. Prior to submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

N. Section 44-7-370 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-370. (A) The ~~South Carolina~~ Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall establish a Residential Care Committee to advise the department regarding licensing and inspection of community residential care facilities.

(1) The committee consists of the Long Term Care Ombudsman, three operators of homes with ten beds or less, four operators of homes with eleven beds or more, and three members to represent the department appointed by the ~~commissioner~~ director for terms of four years.

(2) The terms must be staggered and no member may serve more than two consecutive terms. Any person may submit names to the ~~commissioner~~ director for consideration. The advisory committee shall meet at least once annually with representatives of the department to evaluate current licensing regulations and inspection practices. Members shall serve without compensation.

(B) The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall appoint a Renal Dialysis Advisory Council to advise the department regarding licensing and inspection of renal dialysis centers. The council must be consulted and have the opportunity to review all regulations promulgated by the ~~board~~ department affecting renal dialysis prior to submission of the proposed regulations to the General Assembly.

(1) The council is composed of a minimum of fourteen persons, one member recommended by the Palmetto Chapter of the American Nephrology Nurses Association; one member recommended by the South Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Patients on Hemodialysis and Transplants; three physicians specializing in nephrology recommended by the South Carolina Renal Physicians Association; two administrators of facilities certified for dialysis treatment or kidney transplant services; one member recommended by the South Carolina Kidney Foundation; one member recommended by the South Carolina Hospital Association; one member recommended by the South Carolina Medical Association; one member of the general public; one member representing technicians working in renal dialysis facilities; one member recommended by the Council of Nephrology Social Workers; and one member recommended by the Council of Renal Nutritionists. The directors of dialysis programs at the Medical School of the University of South Carolina and the Medical University of South Carolina, or their designees, are ex officio members of the council.

(2) Members shall serve four-year terms and until their successors are appointed and qualify. No member of council shall serve more than two consecutive terms. The council shall meet as frequently as the ~~board~~ director considers necessary, but not less than twice each year. Members shall serve without compensation.

O. Section 44-7-392 (B) and (C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) The confidentiality provisions of subsection (A) do not prevent committees appointed by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ from issuing reports containing solely nonidentifying data and information.

(C) Nothing in this section affects the duty of a hospital licensed by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ to report accidents or incidents pursuant to the department's regulations. However, anything reported pursuant to the department's regulations must not be considered a waiver of any privilege or confidentiality provided in subsection (A).

P. Section 44-7-180 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

SECTION 12.A. Section 44-7-510(4) of the S.C. Code is amended to

read:

(4) "Department" means the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~.

B. Section 44-7-570(D) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(D) The department shall promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of this article including any fees and application costs associated with the monitoring and oversight of cooperative agreements approved under this article. Prior to submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

C. Section 44-7-1420 (2) and (4) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) Unless measures are adopted to alleviate such need, the shortage of such facilities will become increasingly more urgent and serious~~; and~~.

(4) It is the purpose of this article to empower the governing bodies of the several counties of the State under the terms and conditions of this article to finance the acquisition, enlargement, improvement, construction, equipping and providing of such hospital facilities to the end that the public health and welfare of the people of the State will be promoted at the least possible expense to those utilizing such hospital facilities so provided. In this connection, such governing bodies shall function under the guidance of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority of South Carolina and the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ and shall be vested with all powers necessary to enable them to accomplish the purposes of this article, which powers shall be in all respects exercised for the benefits of the inhabitants of the State and to promote the public health and welfare of its citizens.

D. Section 44-7-1440 of the S.C. Code before the numbered items is amended to read:

Section 44-7-1440. Subject to obtaining approvals from the Authority required by Section 44-7-1590 and from the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, required by Section 44-7-1490, the several counties of the State functioning through their respective county boards shall be empowered:

E. Section 44-7-1490 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-1490. The county board shall not undertake the acquisition, construction, expansion, equipping or financing of any hospital facilities unless and until such approval of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ for such undertaking as may be required under Article 3, Chapter 7, Title 44, shall have been obtained.

F. Section 44-7-1590 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-1590. (A) No bonds may be issued pursuant to the provisions of this article until the proposal of the county board to issue the bonds receives the approval of the authority. Whenever a county board proposes to issue bonds pursuant to the provisions of this article, it shall file its petition with the authority setting forth:

(1) a brief description of the hospital facilities proposed to be undertaken and the refinancing or refunding proposed;

(2) a statement setting forth the action taken by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ in connection with the hospital facilities;

(3) a reasonable estimate of the cost of hospital facilities;

(4) a general summary of the terms and conditions of the proposed loan agreement; and

(5) such other information as the authority requires.

(B) Upon the filing of the petition the authority, as soon as practicable, shall conduct the review as it considers advisable, and if it finds that the proposal of the governing board is intended to promote the purposes of this article, it is authorized to approve the proposal. At any time following the approval, the county board may proceed with the issuance of the bonds in accordance with the proposal as approved by the authority. Notice of the approval of the proposal by the authority must be published at least once by the authority in a newspaper having general circulation in the county where the hospital facilities are or are to be located. The notice must set forth the action taken by the county board pursuant to Section 44-7-1480 and the action taken by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ pursuant to Section 44-7-1490.

(C) Any interested party, within twenty days after the date of the publication of the notice, but not afterwards, may challenge the action so taken by the authority, the county board, or the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, by action de novo in the court of common pleas in any county where the hospital facilities are to be located.

G. Section 44-7-1660(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) The county board may not enter into a subsidiary loan agreement to finance the acquisition, construction, expansion, equipping, or financing of any hospital facilities until approval of the agreement by the ~~South Carolina~~ Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ as may be required under Article 3 ~~of~~, Chapter 7 ~~of~~, Title 44.

H. Section 44-7-1690 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-1690. Notice of the approval by a county board of any intergovernmental loan agreement or subsidiary loan agreement must be published at least once in a newspaper having general circulation in each county by the respective county board prior to the execution of such agreements. With respect to a subsidiary loan agreement, the notice must set forth the action taken by the county board and the ~~South Carolina~~ Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ pursuant to Section 44-7-1660. The intergovernmental loan agreement and subsidiary loan agreement must be filed with the clerk of court of the authorizing issuer and the clerk of court of the project county prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized thereby.

Any interested party may, within twenty days after the date of the publication of the notice, challenge the action taken by the county board of the authorizing issuer or the project county in approving the intergovernmental loan agreement by action de novo in the court of common pleas of the project county or the authorizing issuer.

Any interested party may, within twenty days after the date of the publication of the notice, challenge the action taken by the county board in approving the subsidiary loan agreement or the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ with respect to the hospital facilities by action de novo in the court of common pleas in any county where the hospital facilities are to be located.

SECTION 13.A. Section 44-7-2420(1) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(1) "Department" means the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~.

B. Section 44-7-2430(C)(1) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(1) The ~~Board of Health and Environmental Control~~ Secretary of Health and Policy shall appoint an advisory committee that must have an equal number of members representing all involved parties. The ~~board~~ secretary shall seek recommendations for appointments to the advisory committee from organizations that represent the interests of hospitals, consumers, businesses, purchasers of health care services, physicians, and other professionals involved in the research and control of infections.

C. Section 44-7-2450(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) Nothing in this section affects the duty of a facility or activity licensed by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ to report accidents or incidents pursuant to the department's regulations. However, anything reported pursuant to the department's regulations

must not be considered to waive any privilege or confidentiality provided in subsection (A).

D. Section 44-7-2460(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) The department may promulgate regulations as necessary to carry out its responsibilities under this article. Prior to the submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

SECTION 14.A. Section 44-7-2550 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-2550. The department shall promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of this article. Prior to the submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy. Through regulation or interagency agreement when appropriate the department may develop standards addressing the coordination and provision of early intervention services, including personnel qualifications and health, safety, and program standards for the facilities where the services are offered.

B. Section 44-7-2910(B)(1)(e) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(e) a residential program operated or contracted for operation by the Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services or the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities ~~and Special Needs~~;

C. Section 44-7-2940 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-2940. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall verify that a direct care entity is conducting criminal record checks as required in this article before the department issues a renewal license for the direct care entity. The department shall act as the channeling agency for any federal criminal record checks required by this article.

D. Section 44-7-3430 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-7-3430. All clinical staff, clinical trainees, medical students, interns, and resident physicians of a hospital shall wear badges clearly stating their names, using at a minimum either first or last names with appropriate initials, their departments, and their job or trainee titles. All clinical trainees, medical students, interns, and resident physicians must be explicitly identified as such on their badges. This information must be clearly visible and must be stated in terms or abbreviations reasonably understandable to the average person, as recognized by the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~.

E. Sections 44-7-3455 through 44-7-3460 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 44-7-3455. The provisions of this article do not apply to hospitals owned or operated by the Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services or by specialized hospitals licensed exclusively for treatment of alcohol or drug abuse and which are under contract with the Department of ~~Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Section 44-7-3460. The Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ shall administer and enforce the provisions of this article in accordance with procedures and penalties provided in law and regulation.

SECTION 15. A. Chapter 9, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

CHAPTER 9

~~State Department of Mental Health~~ Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services

Section 44-9-10. There is hereby created the ~~State Department of Mental Health~~ Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services which shall have jurisdiction over all of the State's mental hospitals, clinics and centers, joint State and community sponsored mental health clinics and centers and facilities for the treatment and care of alcohol and drug addicts, including the authority to name each facility. The department shall be vested with all the functions, powers, and duties of the South Carolina Commission on Alcoholism and the South Carolina Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and shall have full authority for formulating, coordinating and administering the state plans for controlling narcotics and controlled substances and alcohol abuse. The Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services shall promote comprehensive, client-centered services in the areas of mental health and substance use treatment in furtherance of the goals of the State Health Plan.

Section 44-9-20. All the powers and duties vested in the South Carolina Mental Health Commission immediately prior to March 26, 1964 are hereby transferred to and vested in the Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services. All records, files and other papers belonging to the South Carolina Mental Health Commission shall be continued as part of the records and files of the Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services.

Section 44-9-30. (A)(1) There is created the ~~governing board~~ advisory board for the ~~State Department of Mental Health~~ Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services known as the South

Carolina ~~Mental Health Commission~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services Advisory Board. The ~~commission~~ advisory board shall consist of seven members, one from each congressional district, appointed by the ~~Governor, upon the advice and consent of the Senate~~ Secretary of Health and Policy.

(2) The ~~Governor~~ Secretary of Health and Policy shall consider consumer and family representation when appointing members.

(B) The members serve for terms of five years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. The terms of no more than two members may expire in one year. The ~~Governor~~ Secretary of Health and Policy may remove a member ~~pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-3-240~~ when the Secretary determines removal is in the best interest of the State. A vacancy must be filled by the ~~Governor~~ Secretary of Health and Policy for the unexpired portion of the term.

~~(C) The commission shall determine policies and promulgate regulations governing the operation of the department and the employment of professional and staff personnel.~~

~~(D)~~(C) The members shall receive the same subsistence, mileage, and per diem provided by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions.

Section 44-9-40. ~~The Mental Health Commission shall appoint and remove a State Director of Mental Health, who is the chief executive of the State Department of Mental Health. Subject to the supervision and control of the Mental Health Commission, the state director shall administer the policies and regulations established by the commission.~~ The Secretary of Health and Policy shall appoint, and may remove at will, a Director of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services, who is the chief executive of the Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services. The director must be a person of proven executive and administrative ability with appropriate education and substantial experience in the ~~field of mental illness treatment~~ delivery of behavioral health services, including addiction services. ~~The director must appoint and remove all other officers and employees of the Department of Mental Health, subject to the approval of the Mental Health Commission.~~ Department employees shall have such general duties and receive such compensation as determined by the director, within the authority given by the Secretary. The director shall be responsible for administration of state personnel policies and general personnel policies of the Executive Office of Health and Policy. The director shall have sole authority to employ and discharge employees subject to such personnel policies and funding available for that purpose.

Section 44-9-50. (A) The Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services may be divided into such divisions as may be authorized by the ~~director of Mental Health and approved by the commission~~ Director of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services. One of the divisions must be a Division on Alcohol and Drug Addiction which shall have primary responsibility in the State for treatment of alcohol and drug addicts. One of the divisions must be a Division for Long Term Care which shall have primary responsibility for care and treatment of elderly persons with mental and physical disabilities to the extent that their needs are not met in other facilities either public or private.

(B) The department shall appoint a supervisor of adult education for the prevention of alcoholism, who shall be responsible for activating and implementing an adequate alcoholic education program for the citizens of this State above high school age. The program shall be designed to prevent or reduce alcoholism in this State and to create a recognition and understanding of the problem. The department shall furnish the supervisor of adult education for the prevention of alcoholism adequate ways and means to accomplish an effective educational program for the prevention of alcoholism in this State.

In carrying out the provisions of this section, the department and the supervisor of adult education for the prevention of alcoholism may consult and work in conjunction with groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous, the Yale Center of Alcohol Studies of Yale University, the Research Council on Problems of Alcohol of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the South Carolina Medical Association, the Christian Action Council, the Committee on Alcoholism of the South Carolina Conference of Social Work and other groups or agencies that are able to assist in the study, prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics and in a scientific educational program on the problems of alcohol.

(C) The department shall establish a program to provide alcohol and drug abuse intervention, prevention, and treatment services for the public schools of the State. The department shall provide staff and support necessary to administer the program. Funds for this program must be annually appropriated by the General Assembly from the Education Improvement Act of 1984 Fund as it determines appropriate. The appropriated funds must be forwarded to the Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services from the Education Improvement Act of 1984 Fund in the manner the State Treasurer shall direct.

Section 44-9-60. The director of the Department of ~~Mental Health~~

Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services may appoint a director of each hospital. Each director must be knowledgeable in the treatment of the mentally ill and in hospital administration. The director of each hospital under the jurisdiction of the Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services is responsible for the employment of all personnel at the hospital, subject to the approval of the director of the department. The director of the department may serve as director of one or more hospitals or other mental health facilities.

Section 44-9-70. The ~~State~~ Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services is hereby designated as the state's ~~mental~~ behavioral health authority for purposes of administering federal funds allotted to South Carolina under the provisions of the National Mental Health Act, as amended. The ~~State~~ Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services is further designated as the state agency authorized to administer minimum standards and requirements for mental health clinics as conditions for participation in federal-state grants-in-aid under the provisions of the National Mental Health Act, as amended, and is authorized to promote and develop community mental health outpatient clinics. Provided, that nothing in this article shall be construed to prohibit the operation of outpatient mental health clinics by the ~~South Carolina Medical College Hospital~~ Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Provided, further, that nothing herein shall be construed to include any of the functions or responsibilities now granted the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, or the administration of the State Hospital Construction Act (Hill-Burton Act), as provided in the ~~1976~~ S.C. Code ~~of Laws and amendments thereto~~.

Section 44-9-80. Payments made to a mental health facility which are derived in whole or in part from Federal funds which become available after June 30, 1967, and which are provided with the stipulation that they be used to improve services to patients shall not be considered fees from paying patients under the terms of Act No. 1100 of 1964 but may be utilized by the ~~State~~ Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services to improve South Carolina's comprehensive mental health program.

Section 44-9-90. The ~~commission~~ Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services shall:

~~(1) form a body corporate in deed and in law with all the powers incident to corporations;~~

~~(2)~~(1) cooperate with persons in charge of penal institutions in this State for the purpose of providing proper care and treatment for mental

patients confined in penal institutions because of emergency;

~~(3)~~(2) inaugurate and maintain an appropriate mental health education and public relations program;

~~(4)~~(3) collect statistics bearing on mental illness, drug addiction, and alcoholism;

~~(5)~~(4) provide vocational training and medical treatment which must tend to the mental and physical betterment of patients and which is designed to lessen the increase of mental illness, drug addiction, and alcoholism;

~~(6)~~(5) encourage the directors of hospitals and their medical staffs in the investigation and study of these subjects and of mental health treatment in general; ~~and~~

~~(7)~~(6) provide for and promote a statewide system for the delivery of mental health services to treat, care for, reduce, and prevent mental illness and provide mental health services for citizens of this State, whether or not in a hospital. The system must include services to prevent or postpone the commitment or recommitment of citizens to hospitals and shall account for citizens with mild to moderate persistent, chronic, or acute systems requiring care;

(7) coordinate with state agencies and other providers to ensure the appropriate provision of care for individuals with co-occurring diagnoses. The department shall coordinate and cooperate with the Secretary of Health and Policy in complex cases;

(8) perform all functions, powers, and duties of the commissioner of the narcotics and controlled substances section of the State Planning and Grants Division (Division of Administration in the Office of the Governor) previously transferred to the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, except those powers and duties related to the traffic of narcotics and controlled substances as defined in Section 44-53-130 which shall be vested in the State Law Enforcement Division;

(9) establish a block grant mechanism to provide such monies as may be appropriated by the General Assembly for this purpose to each of the agencies designated under Section 61-12-20(a). The agencies designated under Section 61-12-20(a) must expend any funds received through this mechanism in accordance with the county plans required under Section 61-12-20(b); and

(10) determine policies and promulgate regulations governing the operation of the department and the employment of professional and staff personnel. Prior to the submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

Section 44-9-100. The ~~commission~~ department may:

(1) prescribe the form of and information to be contained in applications, records, reports, and medical certificates provided for under this chapter, Chapter 11, Chapter 13, Article 1 of Chapter 15, Chapter 17, Chapter 22, Chapter 23, Chapter 24, Chapter 27, Chapter 48, and Chapter 52;

(2) require reports from the director of a state hospital relating to the admission, examination, diagnosis, discharge, or conditional discharge of a patient;

(3) investigate complaints made by a patient or by a person on behalf of a patient;

(4) adopt regulations not inconsistent with this chapter, Chapter 11, Chapter 13, Article 1 of Chapter 15, Chapter 17, Chapter 22, Chapter 23, Chapter 24, Chapter 27, Chapter 48, and Chapter 52 as it may find to be reasonably necessary for the government of all institutions over which it has authority and of state mental health facilities and the proper and efficient treatment of persons with a mental illness or substance abuse disorder. Prior to the submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy;

(5) take appropriate action to initiate and develop relationships and agreements with state, local, federal, and private agencies, hospitals, and clinics as the commission considers necessary to increase and enhance the accessibility and delivery of emergency and all other types of mental health and substance abuse services; and

(6) develop such rules and regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this chapter as it may find to be reasonably appropriate for the government of the county plans called for in Section 61-12-20(b), and the financial and programmatic accountability of funds provided under this section and all other funds provided by the department to agencies designated under Section 61-12-20(a).

Section 44-9-110. ~~The Mental Health Commission may accept on behalf of the Department of Mental Health or any of its facilities or services,~~ The Department of Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services may accept gifts, bequests, devises, grants, donations of money or real and personal property of whatever kind, but no such gift or grant shall be accepted upon the condition that it shall diminish an obligation due the department. The ~~Commission~~ department may refuse to accept any such gift or grant and the acceptance of any such gift or grant shall not incur any obligation on the part of the State. Any gift or grant given to a specific facility or service shall be used for that facility or service only, or to its successor. The ~~Commission~~ department may promulgate

rules and regulations governing the disposition of such gifts and grants. Prior to submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

Section 44-9-120. The ~~Commission~~ department shall submit an annual report to the ~~Governor~~ Secretary of Health and Policy before the eleventh day of January of each year setting forth its activities, the financial affairs and the state and condition of the state mental health facilities and any other statistical information which is usually required of facilities of the type over which it has charge. The report shall include any recommendations which in the opinion of the ~~Commission~~ department will improve the ~~mental~~ behavioral health program of the State. ~~A copy of the report shall also be submitted to the General Assembly.~~

Section 44-9-160. Wherever in the ~~1976~~ S.C. Code reference is made to the State Hospital, it shall mean a state hospital; wherever reference is made requiring the signature of the superintendent of any mental health facility, it shall mean the superintendent or his designee; and wherever reference is made to the State Commissioner of Mental Health, it shall mean the ~~State~~ Director of the Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services.

B. Chapter 9, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 44-9-95. (A) The department shall be vested with the following powers and duties relating to narcotics and controlled substances:

(1) The department shall arrange for the exchange of information between governmental officials concerning the use and abuse of controlled substances.

(2) Results, information, and evidence received from the Department of Public Health relating to the regulatory functions of this chapter and Article 3, Chapter 53, Title 44, including results of inspections conducted by such department, may be relied upon and acted upon by the department in conformance with its administration and coordinating duties under this chapter and Article 3, Chapter 53, Title 44.

(3) The department shall:

(a) plan, coordinate and cooperate in educational programs for schools, communities, and the general public designed to prevent and deter misuse and abuse of controlled substances;

(b) promote better recognition of the problems of misuse and abuse of controlled substances within the regulated industry and among interested groups and organizations;

(c) assist the regulated industry, interested groups, and organizations in contributing to the reduction of misuse and abuse of controlled substances;

(d) consult with interested groups and organizations to aid them in solving administrative and organizational problems;

(e) evaluate procedures, projects, techniques, and controls conducted or proposed as part of educational programs on misuse and abuse of controlled substances;

(f) disseminate the results of research on misuse and abuse of controlled substances to promote a better public understanding of what problems exist and what can be done to combat them;

(g) assist in the education and training of state and local law enforcement officials in their efforts to control misuse and abuse of controlled substances;

(h) encourage research on misuse and abuse of controlled substances;

(i) cooperate in establishing methods to assess accurately the effects of controlled substances and to identify and characterize controlled substances with potential for abuse; and

(j) cooperate in making studies and in undertaking programs of research to:

(i) develop new or improved approaches, techniques, systems, equipment, and devices to strengthen the enforcement of this section, Sections 44-9-10 and 44-9-90, and Article 3, Chapter 53, Title 44;

(ii) determine patterns of misuse and abuse of controlled substances and the social effects thereof; and

(iii) improve methods for preventing, predicting, understanding and dealing with the misuse and abuse of controlled substances.

(B) The department may enter into contracts with public agencies, institutions of higher education, and private organizations or individuals for the purpose of conducting research, demonstrations, or special projects which bear directly on misuse and abuse of controlled substances.

(C) The department may enter into contracts for educational and research activities without performance bonds.

(D) The department is authorized to accept gifts, bequests, devises, contributions, and grants, public or private, including federal funds, or funds from any other source for use in furthering the purpose of the department. The department is authorized to administer the grants and

contracts arising from the federal program entitled the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1986, P.L. 99-570.

C. Chapter 9, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 44-9-105. (A) The department shall develop and initiate negotiation of the service contracts through which it provides funds to service providers to accomplish the purposes set forth in this chapter. The department may, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, disburse state and federal funds appropriated to it for substance abuse services directly to the service provider.

(B) The service contract shall:

(1) delineate the responsibilities of the department and the service provider;

(2) specify conditions that must be met for the receipt of state and federal funds;

(3) identify the groups of individuals to be served with state and federal funds;

(4) contain specific outcome measures for individuals receiving services, provider performance measures, satisfaction measures for individuals receiving services, and participation and involvement measures for individuals receiving services and their family members;

(5) contain provisions that enable the department to enforce the service contract in the event that the service provider fails to substantially comply with the requirements of its service contract, which shall include:

(a) provisions to ensure that the service provider is notified when it fails to substantially comply with the requirements of its service contract;

(b) a remediation process to allow the service provider, after failing to substantially comply with its service contract, to come into substantial compliance with its service contract;

(c) provisions for withholding or reducing funds, repayment of funds, or termination of all or part of a service contract in accordance with the provisions of subsection (E) in the event that the service provider fails to come into substantial compliance with the provisions of its service contract despite utilization of the remediation process described in subsection (B); and

(d) provisions for appeal of an enforcement action undertaken by the department; and

(6) include requirements for the service provider to report specific information about (i) its revenues, costs, and services; (ii) individuals served; and (iii) any other information deemed necessary by

the department, which shall be displayed in a consistent, comparable format developed by the department.

(D) The department shall develop and implement a process for regular, ongoing monitoring of the performance of service providers to ensure compliance with the requirements of service contracts entered into pursuant to this section.

(E) If a service provider fails to comply with the requirements of its service contract, the department shall utilize the remediation process described in the service contract to allow the service provider to come into compliance. The department shall notify the service provider upon initiation of the remediation process and provide regular updates regarding the service provider's progress toward coming into compliance.

If a service provider fails to come into compliance after utilization of the remediation process, the department shall, after affording the service provider an adequate opportunity to use the appeal process described in the service contract, terminate all or a portion of the service contract.

(F) Upon terminating all or a portion of a service contract pursuant to subsection (E), the department may, negotiate a performance contract with another service provider to obtain services that were the subject of the terminated performance contract.

(G) No service provider shall be eligible to receive state or federal funds for substance abuse services, unless (i) its performance contract has been approved or renewed by the department; (ii) it provides service, cost, and revenue data and information, and aggregate and individual data and information about individuals receiving services to the department in the format prescribed by the department; (iii) it uses standardized cost accounting and financial management practices approved by the department; and (iv) the service provider is in compliance with its service contract or is making progress to become compliant through the department's remediation process.

SECTION 16.A. Sections 44-20-10 through 44-20-440 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 44-20-10. This chapter may be cited as the~~ "South Carolina Intellectual Disability, Related Disabilities, Head Injuries, and Spinal Cord Injuries Act"~~ "South Carolina Intellectual and Related Disabilities Act".

Section 44-20-20. The State of South Carolina recognizes that a person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury,~~ or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism is a person who experiences the benefits of

family, education, employment, and community as do all citizens. It is the purpose of this chapter to assist persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism by providing services to enable them to participate as valued members of their communities to the maximum extent practical and to live with their families or in family settings in the community in the least restrictive environment available.

When persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism cannot live in communities or with their families, the State shall provide quality care and treatment in the least restrictive environment practical.

In order to plan and coordinate state and locally funded services for persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism, a statewide network of ~~local boards of disabilities and special needs~~ county intellectual and related disabilities boards is established. Services will be delivered to clients in their homes or communities through these boards and other local providers.

It is recognized that persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism have the right to receive services from public and other agencies that provide services to South Carolina citizens and to have those services coordinated with the services needed because of their disabilities.

South Carolina recognizes the value of preventing intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism through education and research and supports efforts to this end.

The State recognizes the importance of the role of parents and families in shaping services for persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism as well as the importance of providing services to families to enable them to care for a family member with these disabilities.

Admission to services of the South Carolina Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities ~~and Special Needs~~ does not terminate or reduce the rights and responsibilities of parents. Parental involvement and participation in mutual planning with the department to meet the needs of the client facilitates decisions and treatment plans that serve the best interest and welfare of the client.

Section 44-20-30. As used in this chapter:

~~(1) "Applicant" means a person who is believed to have intellectual disability, one or more related disabilities, one or more head injuries, one or more spinal cord injuries, or an infant at high risk of a developmental disability who has applied for services of the South Carolina Department~~

~~of Disabilities and Special Needs.~~

~~(2) "Client" is a person who is determined by the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs to have intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, or spinal cord injury and is receiving services or is an infant at risk of having a developmental disability and is receiving services.~~

~~(3) "Commission" means the South Carolina Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs, the policy making and governing body of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.~~

~~(4) "County disabilities and special needs boards" means the local public body administering, planning, coordinating, or providing services within a county or combination of counties for persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, or spinal cord injuries and recognized by the department.~~

~~(5) "Day programs" are programs provided to persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, or spinal cord injuries outside of their residences affording development, training, employment, or recreational opportunities as prescribed by the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.~~

~~(6) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.~~

~~(7) "Director" means the South Carolina Director of the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs, the chief executive director appointed by the commission.~~

~~(8) "Disabilities and special needs services" are activities designed to achieve the results specified in an individual client's plan.~~

~~(9) "High risk infant" means a child less than thirty-six months of age whose genetic, medical, or environmental history is predictive of a substantially greater risk for a developmental disability than that for the general population.~~

~~(10) "Least restrictive environment" means the surrounding circumstances that provide as little intrusion and disruption from the normal pattern of living as possible.~~

~~(11) "Improvements" means the construction, reconstruction of buildings, and other permanent improvements for regional centers and other programs provided by the department directly or through contract with county boards of disabilities and special needs, including equipment and the cost of acquiring and improving lands for equipment.~~

~~(12) "Intellectual disability" means significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period.~~

~~(13) "Obligations" means the obligations in the form of notes or bonds or contractual agreements issued or entered into by the commission pursuant to the authorization of this chapter and of Act 1377 of 1968 to provide funds with which to repay the proceeds of capital improvement bonds allocated by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.~~

~~(14) "Regional residential center" is a twenty-four hour residential facility serving a multicounty area and designated by the department.~~

~~(15) "Related disability" is a severe, chronic condition found to be closely related to intellectual disability or to require treatment similar to that required for persons with intellectual disability and must meet the following conditions:~~

~~(a) It is attributable to cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or any other condition other than mental illness found to be closely related to intellectual disability because this condition results in impairment of general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior similar to that of persons with intellectual disability and requires treatment or services similar to those required for these persons.~~

~~(b) It is manifested before twenty-two years of age.~~

~~(c) It is likely to continue indefinitely.~~

~~(d) It results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, understanding and use of language, learning, mobility, self-direction, and capacity for independent living.~~

~~(16) "Residential programs" are services providing dwelling places to clients for an extended period of time with assistance for activities of daily living ranging from constant to intermittent supervision as required by the individual client's needs.~~

~~(17) "Revenues" or "its revenues" means revenue derived from paying clients at regional residential centers and community residences but does not include Medicaid, Medicare, or other federal funds received with the stipulation that they be used to provide services to clients.~~

~~(18) "State capital improvement bonds" means bonds issued pursuant to Act 1377 of 1968.~~

~~(19) "Department" shall mean the State Department of Administration as constituted pursuant to Chapter 11, Title 1.~~

(1) "Advisory board" means the South Carolina Advisory Board of Intellectual and Related Disabilities, the policy-making body of the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities.

(2) "Applicant" means a person who is believed to have intellectual disability, one or more related disabilities, one or more head injuries, one

or more spinal cord injuries, autism, or an infant at high risk of a developmental disability who has applied for services of the South Carolina Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities.

(3) "Autism" means autism spectrum disorder as defined in the most recent edition of Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders.

(4) "Client" means a person who is determined by the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities to have intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, spinal cord injury, or autism and is receiving services or is an infant at risk of having a developmental disability and is receiving services.

(5) "County intellectual and related disabilities boards" or "county boards" means the local public body administering, planning, coordinating, or providing services within a county or combination of counties for persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, spinal cord injuries, or autism and recognized by the department.

(6) "Day programs" means programs provided to persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, spinal cord injuries, or autism outside of their residences affording development, training, employment, or recreational opportunities as prescribed by the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities.

(7) "Department" means the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities.

(8) "Director" means the Director of the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities, the chief executive director appointed by the Secretary of Health and Policy.

(9) "High risk infant" means a child less than thirty-six months of age whose genetic, medical, or environmental history is predictive of a substantially greater risk for a developmental disability than that for the general population.

(10) "Improvements" means the construction, reconstruction of buildings, and other permanent improvements for regional centers and other programs provided by the department directly or through contract with county intellectual and related disabilities boards, including equipment and the cost of acquiring and improving lands for equipment.

(11) "Intellectual and related disabilities services" means activities designed to achieve the results specified in the individual client's plan.

(12) "Intellectual disability" means significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period.

(13) "Least restrictive environment" means the surrounding circumstances that provide as little intrusion and disruption from the normal pattern of living as possible.

(14) "Obligations" means the obligations in the form of notes or bonds or contractual agreements issued or entered into by the department pursuant to the authorization of this chapter and of Act 1377 of 1968 to provide funds with which to repay the proceeds of capital improvement bonds allocated by the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

(15) "Regional residential center" means a twenty-four-hour residential facility serving a multicounty area and designated by the department.

(16) "Related disability" means a severe, chronic condition found to be closely related to intellectual disability or to require treatment similar to that required for persons with intellectual disability and must meet the following conditions:

(a) It is attributable to cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or any other condition other than mental illness found to be closely related to intellectual disability because this condition results in impairment of general intellectual functioning or adaptive behavior similar to that of persons with intellectual disability and requires treatment or services similar to those required for these persons.

(b) It is manifested before twenty-two years of age.

(c) It is likely to continue indefinitely.

(d) It results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of major life activity: self-care, understanding and use of language, learning, mobility, self-direction, and capacity for independent living.

(17) "Residential programs" means services providing dwelling places to clients for an extended period of time with assistance for activities of daily living ranging from constant to intermittent supervision as required by the individual client's needs.

(18) "Revenues" or "its revenues" means revenue derived from paying clients at regional residential centers and community residences but does not include Medicaid, Medicare, or other federal funds received with the stipulation that they be used to provide services to clients.

(19) "Secretary" means the Secretary of Health and Policy.

(20) "State capital improvement bonds" means bonds issued pursuant to Act 1377 of 1968.

(21) "State Health Plan" means the state plan for health developed by the Secretary of Health and Policy.

Section 44-20-210. ~~There is created the South Carolina~~

~~Commission on Disabilities and Special Needs. The commission consists of seven members. One member must be a resident of each congressional district appointed by the Governor upon the advice and consent of the Senate.~~ There is created the South Carolina Advisory Board of Intellectual and Related Disabilities. The advisory board consists of seven members appointed by the Secretary of Health and Policy. They shall serve for four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Members of the ~~commission~~ advisory board are subject to removal by the ~~Governor pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-3-240~~ Secretary pursuant to the provisions of Section 44-12-50(B)(1). A vacancy may be filled by the ~~Governor~~ Secretary for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 44-20-220. ~~The commission shall determine the policy and promulgate regulations governing the operation of the department and the employment of professional staff and personnel. The members of the commission shall receive subsistence, mileage, and per diem as may be provided by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions. The commission shall appoint and in its discretion remove a South Carolina Director of Disabilities and Special Needs who is the chief executive officer of the department. The commission may appoint advisory committees it considers necessary to assist in the effective conduct of its responsibilities. The commission may educate the public and state and local officials as to the need for the funding, development, and coordination of services for persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, and spinal cord injuries and promote the best interest of persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, and spinal cord injuries. The commission is authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out the provisions of this chapter and other laws related to intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, or spinal cord injuries. In promulgating these regulations, the commission must consult with the advisory committee of the division for which the regulations shall apply.~~ The advisory board shall advise the department on the policy and issues affecting the clients of the department. The members of the advisory board shall receive subsistence, mileage, and per diem as may be provided by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions. The advisory board may appoint advisory committees it considers necessary to assist in the effective conduct of its responsibilities. The advisory board shall submit a written annual report to the director of any policy recommendations.

Section 44-20-230. ~~Subject to the supervision, direction, and~~

~~control of the commission, the director shall administer the policies and regulations established by the commission. The director may appoint and in his discretion remove all other officers and employees of the department subject to the approval of the commission.~~ The department shall be headed by a director appointed by the Secretary. The director is subject to removal by the Secretary pursuant to the provisions of Section 44-12-50(B)(1). The director shall administer the policies and regulations of the department. Department employees have such general duties and receive such compensation as determined by the director, within the authority given by the Secretary. The director shall be responsible for the administration of state personnel policies and general personnel policies of the Secretary of Health and Policy. The director shall have the sole authority to employ and discharge employees subject to the personnel policies and funding available for that purpose.

Section 44-20-240. There is created the ~~South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~ Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities, which has authority over all of the state's services and programs for the treatment and training of persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism. This authority does not include services delivered by other agencies of the State as prescribed by statute, unless the services are delivered pursuant to the State Health Plan enacted by the Secretary of Health and Policy. The department is authorized to promulgate regulations governing the operation of the department and to carry out the provisions of this chapter and other laws related to intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, spinal cord injuries, and autism. Prior to the submission of these regulations, the department must receive approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy. ~~The department must be comprised of an Intellectual Disability Division, an Autism Division, and a Head and Spinal Cord Injuries Division. The department may be divided into additional divisions as may be determined by the director and approved and named by the commission. Responsibility for all autistic services is transferred from the Department of Mental Health to the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs.~~

Section 44-20-250. The department shall coordinate services and programs with other state and local agencies for persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism in accordance with the State Health Plan. The department may negotiate and contract with local agencies, county ~~boards of disabilities and special needs~~ intellectual and related disabilities boards, private organizations, and foundations in order to implement the planning and

development of a full range of services and programs for persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism, subject to law and the availability of fiscal resources. The department has the same right to be reimbursed for expenses in providing intellectual and related disabilities ~~and special needs~~ services through a contractual arrangement as it has to be reimbursed for expenses provided through direct departmental services. The department shall develop service standards for programs of the department and for programs for which the department may contract and shall review and evaluate these programs on a periodic basis. The department shall regularly provide to the Secretary a reporting on operation of the county intellectual and related disabilities boards to include information reported by the county boards to the department as required in Section 44-20-385.

Section 44-20-255. (A) Upon execution of the deed as provided in subsection (B) of this section, ownership of the tract of real property in Richland County described in Section 1 of Act 1645 of 1972 is confirmed in the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities as the successor agency to the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs ~~as~~, the successor agency to the South Carolina Department of Mental Retardation.

(B) The State Department of Administration shall cause to be executed and recorded an appropriate deed conveying the tract to the ~~South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~ Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities.

(C) Proceeds of a subsequent sale of the tract that is the subject of this section may be retained by the ~~South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs~~ Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities.

Section 44-20-260. The department, with funds available for these purposes, may conduct research to determine the causes, proper treatment, and diagnosis of intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism and may use facilities and personnel under its control and management for carrying out the research so long as the rights of the client are preserved and prior consent is obtained pursuant to Section 44-26-180.

Section 44-20-270. The department is designated as the state's intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism authority for the purpose of administering federal funds allocated to South Carolina for intellectual disability programs, related disability programs, head injury programs, ~~and~~ spinal cord injury

programs, and autism programs. This authority does not include the functions and responsibilities granted to the South Carolina Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~ or to the South Carolina Department of Vocational Rehabilitation or the administration of the "State Hospital Construction and Franchising Act".

Section 44-20-280. The department may negotiate and contract with an agency of the United States or a state or private agency to obtain grants to assist in the expansion and improvement of services to persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism and may expend the grants under the terms and conditions of the award.

Section 44-20-290. The director or his designee may employ at regional centers security guards who are vested and charged with the powers and the duties of peace officers. They may arrest felons and misdemeanants, eject trespassers, and, without warrant, arrest persons for disorderly conduct who are trespassers on the grounds of the regional center and have them tried in a court of competent jurisdiction. Officers so employed must be bonded and under the direct supervision of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division and shall report directly to the director or his designee.

Section 44-20-300. The department may acquire motor vehicle liability insurance for employees operating department vehicles or private vehicles in connection with their official departmental duties to protect against liability.

Section 44-20-310. The department may sell timber from its forest lands with the proceeds from the sales to be deposited in the general fund of the State. Before a sale, the Department of Administration shall consult with the State Forester to determine the economic feasibility of the sale, and a sale must not be made without the approval of the department.

Section 44-20-320. The department or any of its programs may accept gifts, bequests, devises, grants, and donations of money, real property, and personal property for use in expanding and improving services to persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism available to the people of this State. However, nothing may be accepted by the department with the understanding that it diminishes an obligation for paying care and maintenance charges or other monies due the department for services rendered. The ~~commission~~ department may formulate policies and promulgate regulations governing the disposition of gifts, bequests, devises, grants, and donations. If they are given to a specific service

program of the department they must remain and be used for that program only or to its successor program.

Section 44-20-330. The department may grant easements, permits, or rights-of-way on terms and conditions it considers to be in the best interest of the State, across, over, or under land held by the department for the construction of water, sewer, drainage, natural gas, telephone, telegraph, and electric power lines.

Section 44-20-340. (A) A person, hospital, or other organization may provide information, interviews, reports, statements, written memoranda, documents, or other data related to the condition and treatment of a client or applicant to the department, and no liability for damages or other relief arises against the person, hospital, or organization for providing the information or material.

(B) All records pertaining to the identity of a person whose condition or treatment has been studied by the department are confidential and privileged information. However, upon the written request of the client, the client's or applicant's parent with legal custody, legal guardian, or spouse with the written permission of the client or applicant or under subpoena by a court of law, the department may furnish pertinent records in its possession to appropriate parties.

Section 44-20-350. (A) Reasonable reimbursement to the State for its fiscal outlay on behalf of services rendered by the department or any other agency authorized by the department to offer services to clients is a just obligation of the person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism, his estate, or his parent or guardian under the conditions and terms provided in this section.

(B) The department or an agency authorized by the department to offer services to clients may charge for its services. However, no service may be denied a client or his parent or guardian because of inability to pay part or all of the department's or other agency's expenses in providing that service. Where federal reimbursement is authorized for services provided, the department initially shall seek federal reimbursement. No charge or combination of charges may exceed the actual cost of services rendered. The ~~commission~~ department shall approve the procedures established to determine ability to pay and may authorize its designees to reduce or waive charges based upon its findings.

(C) Parents, guardians, or other responsible relatives must not be charged for regional center or community residential services provided by the department for their child or ward. However, a person receiving

nonresidential services or his parent or guardian may be assessed a charge for services received, not to exceed cost. The department ~~with the approval of the commission~~ may determine for which services it charges.

(D) The department shall establish a hearing and review procedure so that a client or his parent or guardian may appeal charges made for services or may present to officials of the department information or evidence to be considered in establishing charges. The department may utilize legal procedures to collect lawful claims.

(E) The department may establish by regulation charges for other services it renders.

Section 44-20-355. The department shall assess and collect a fee on all Intermediate Care Facilities for the persons with intellectual disability, as defined in Section 44-7-130(19). Providers holding licenses on these facilities shall pay to the department a fee equal to eight dollars and fifty cents a patient day in these facilities. The department shall pay all proceeds from the fee into the general fund of the State.

Section 44-20-360. (A) The physical boundaries of Midlands Center, Coastal Center, Pee Dee Center, and Whitten Center are designated as independent school districts. These facilities may elect to participate in the usual activities of the districts, to receive state and federal aid, and to utilize other benefits enjoyed by independent school districts in general.

(B) The ~~commission~~ department operates as the board of trustees for these districts for administrative purposes, including the receipt and expenditure of funds granted to these districts for any purpose.

Section 44-20-365. No regional center of the department may be closed except as authorized by the General Assembly by law in an enactment that specifies by name the regional center to be closed.

Section 44-20-370. (A) The department shall:

(1) notify applicants when they have qualified under the provisions of this chapter;

(2) establish standards of operation and service for county ~~disabilities and special needs~~ intellectual and related disabilities programs funded in part or in whole by state appropriations to the department or through other fiscal resources under its control;

(3) review service plans submitted by county ~~boards of disabilities and special needs~~ intellectual and related disabilities boards and determine priorities for funding plans or portions of the plans subject to available funds;

(4) review county programs covered in this chapter;

(5) offer consultation and direction to county boards;

(6) take other action not inconsistent with the law to promote a high quality of services to persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism and their families.

(B) The department shall seek to develop and utilize the most current and promising methods for the training of persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism. It shall utilize the assistance, services, and findings of other state and federal agencies. The department shall disseminate these methods to county boards and programs providing related services.

Section 44-20-375. (A) Before July 1, 1992, county boards of intellectual and related disabilities ~~and special needs~~ must be created within a county or within a combination of counties by ordinance of the governing bodies of the counties concerned. The ordinance must establish the number, terms, appointment, and removal of board members and provide for their powers and duties in compliance with state law and the process for appointing board members which existed on January 1, 1991, must be preserved in the ordinance. However, where the county legislative delegation or county council recommends board members to the appointing authority, the delegation may transfer its authority to recommend to the council or the council may transfer its authority to the delegation. If there is a transfer, preservation of the authority to recommend existing on January 1, 1991, is not required, and the new recommending authority must be contained in the ordinance.

(B) County boards of intellectual and related disabilities ~~and special needs~~ established before January 1, 1991, shall continue to exist, operate, and function as they existed on January 1, 1991, until created by ordinance pursuant to subsection (A).

(C) After June 30, 1992, the department shall recognize only county boards of intellectual and related disabilities ~~and special needs~~ that plan, administer, or provide services to persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism within a county or combination of counties which are created or established pursuant to this section, including those whose members are appointed by the Governor. A county board of intellectual and related disabilities ~~and special needs~~ created by ordinance before January 1, 1991, is considered created pursuant to this section, provided the ordinance includes and complies with the provisions of subsection (A).

(D) A county board of intellectual and related disabilities ~~and special needs~~ is a public entity.

(E) In Dorchester County, appointments made pursuant to this

section are governed by the provisions of Act 512 of 1996.

(F) In Georgetown County, appointments made pursuant to this section are governed by the provisions of Act 515 of 1996.

Section 44-20-378. A county board of intellectual and related disabilities ~~and special needs~~ established pursuant to Section 44-20-375 must consist of not less than five members. If the board is created within a combination of counties, the number of members representing each county must be proportional to the county's population in relation to the total population of the counties served by the board. However, a county participating in a multicounty board must not have less than two members. The term of the members is four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. Vacancies for unexpired terms must be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. A member may be removed by the appointing authority for neglect of duty, misconduct, or malfeasance in office after being given a written statement of reasons and an opportunity to be heard.

Section 44-20-380. (A) ~~County disabilities and special needs boards~~ County intellectual and related disabilities boards are encouraged to utilize lawful sources of funding to further the development of appropriate community services to meet the needs of persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism and their families.

(B) County boards may apply to the department for funds for community services development under the terms and conditions as may be prescribed by the department. The department shall review the applications and, with the approval of the Secretary and subject to state appropriations to the department or to other funds under the department's control, may fund the programs it considers in the best interest of service delivery to the citizens of the State with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism.

(C) Subject to the approval of the department, county boards may seek state or federal funds administered by state agencies other than the department, funds from local governments or from private sources, or funds available from agencies of the federal government. The county boards may not apply directly to the General Assembly for funding or receive funds directly from the General Assembly.

Section 44-20-385. Subject to the provisions of this chapter and the regulations of the department each county ~~disabilities and special needs~~ intellectual and related disabilities board:

(1) is the administrative, planning, coordinating, and service delivery body for county disabilities and special needs services funded

in whole or in part by state appropriations ~~to the department or funded from other sources under the department's control~~. It is a body corporate in deed and in law with all the powers incident to corporation including the power to incur debt insofar as that debt is payable from contract, grant, or other revenues and is not the debt of the State or its other political subdivisions. A county board may purchase and hold real and mortgage property and erect and maintain buildings. The department shall approve all debt of a county board to be paid in whole or in part from contract, grant, or other revenues provided by the State. However, the department has no responsibility for the debt so approved;

(2) shall submit an annual plan and projected budget to the department for approval and consideration of funding;

(3) shall review and evaluate on at least an annual basis the county ~~disabilities and special needs~~ board services provided pursuant to this chapter and report its findings and recommendations to the department;

(4) shall promote and accept local financial support for the county program from private and other lawful sources and promote public support from municipal and county sources;

(5) shall employ personnel and expend its budget for the direct delivery of services or contract with those service vendors necessary to carry out the county intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~and~~ spinal cord injuries, and autism services program who meet specifications prescribed by the department;

(6) shall plan, arrange, implement, and monitor working agreements with other human service agencies, public and private, and with other educational and judicial agencies;

(7) shall provide the department records, reports, and access to its sponsored services and facilities the department may require and submit its sponsored services and facilities to licensing requirements of the department or to the licensing requirements of other state or local agencies having this legal authority;

(8) shall represent the best interest of persons with intellectual disability, related disabilities, head injuries, ~~or~~ spinal cord injuries, or autism to the public, public officials, and other public or private organizations.

Section 44-20-390. (A) In order to provide assistance to families and individuals the department shall provide an initial intake and assessment service to a person believed to be in need of services and who makes application for them. An assessment must be provided ~~through diagnostic centers~~ at a diagnostic center of the department or a diagnostic center approved by the department. If upon completion of the

assessment, the applicant is determined to have intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury,~~ or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism, and be in need of services, he may become a client of the department and eligible for services. A service plan must be designated for each person assessed. A person determined to have intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury,~~ or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism, and who chooses to become a client of the department, must be provided with the delivery or coordination of services by the department. A person determined not to have intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury,~~ or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism may be provided by the department with referral and assistance in obtaining appropriate services or further evaluation.

(B) Service plans must recommend the services to assist the individual in developing to the fullest potential in the least restrictive environment available. The department shall determine the "least restrictive environment" and may contract with individuals or organizations for a reasonable sum as determined by the department to provide the services. The department shall review service plans of its clients at least periodically according to standards prescribing the frequency to ensure that appropriate services are being provided in the least restrictive environment available. The parents, the legal guardian, the client, and other appropriate parties must be included in the review. The department shall develop standards prescribing the service plan review.

(C) No individual believed to have intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury,~~ or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism may be admitted to the services of the department until he has been examined at a diagnostic center of the department or a diagnostic center approved by the department and certified by the department on the basis of acceptable data to have intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury,~~ or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism, ~~or~~ unless he is an infant at risk of a developmental disability and in need of the department's services.

(D) The applicant shall meet residency requirements in at least one of the following categories:

(1) The applicant or his spouse, parent, with or without legal custody, or legal guardian is domiciled in South Carolina.

(2) The applicant or his spouse, parent, with or without legal custody, or legal guardian lives outside South Carolina but retains legal residency in this State and demonstrates to the department's satisfaction his intent to return to South Carolina.

(3) The applicant or his spouse or parent, with or without legal custody, or legal guardian is a legal resident of a state which is an active

member of the Interstate Compact on Mental Health and qualifies for services under it.

Section 44-20-400. Upon the written request of the person, the person's parents, parent with legal custody, or lawful custodian or legal guardian and subject to the availability of suitable accommodations and services, a person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism may be admitted to the services of the department for evaluation and diagnosis and shall remain in the residential services of the department for that period required to complete the diagnostic study. However, this period may not exceed thirty days except upon approval of the director or his designee. Individuals admitted under the provisions of this section are subject to the same regulations and departmental policies as regular admissions. The department may prescribe the form of the written application for diagnostic services.

Section 44-20-410. A person who is determined to be eligible for services is subject to the following considerations regarding his order of admission to services and programs:

(1) relative need of the person for special training, supervision, treatment, or care;

(2) availability of services suitable to the needs of the applicant.

Section 44-20-420. The director or his designee may designate the service or program in which a client is placed. The appropriate services and programs must be determined by the evaluation and assessment of the needs, interests, and goals of the client. The designation must align with the State Health Plan.

Section 44-20-430. The director or his designee has the final authority over applicant eligibility, determination, or services and admission order, subject to policies adopted by the ~~commission~~ Secretary, and direction as specified in the State Health Plan.

Section 44-20-440. Subject to the availability of suitable services and programs and subject to the provisions of "Requirement for Admission to Services", "Order in which Person May be Admitted", and "Final Authority over Eligibility", the director or his designee may admit a client to the services of the department upon the written request of the parents of the person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism, a parent with legal custody, spouse, lawful custodian or legal guardian, or the person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism seeking to be admitted to the department's services if the person is twenty-one years of age or over and competent to make the decision.

The department shall prescribe the form of the application for services.

B. Chapter 20, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 44-20-372. (A) The department shall develop and initiate negotiation of the service contracts through which it provides funds to service providers to accomplish the purposes set forth in this chapter. The department may, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, disburse state and federal funds appropriated to it for intellectual and related disabilities services directly to the service provider.

(B) The service contract shall:

(1) delineate the responsibilities of the department and the service provider;

(2) specify conditions that must be met for the receipt of state and federal funds;

(3) identify the groups of individuals to be served with state and federal funds;

(4) contain specific outcome measures for individuals receiving services, provider performance measures, satisfaction measures for individuals receiving services, and participation and involvement measures for individuals receiving services and their family members;

(5) contain provisions that enable the department to enforce the service contract in the event that the service provider fails to substantially comply with the requirements of its service contract, which shall include:

(a) provisions to ensure that the service provider is notified when it fails to substantially comply with the requirements of its service contract;

(b) a remediation process to allow the service provider, after failing to substantially comply with its service contract, to come into substantial compliance with its service contract;

(c) provisions for withholding or reducing funds, repayment of funds, or termination of all or part of a service contract in accordance with the provisions of subsection (E) in the event that the service provider fails to come into substantial compliance with the provisions of its service contract despite utilization of the remediation process described in subsection (B); and

(d) provisions for appeal of an enforcement action undertaken by the department; and

(6) include requirements for the service provider to report specific information about (i) its revenues, costs, and services; (ii) individuals served; and (iii) any other information deemed necessary by

the department, which must be displayed in a consistent, comparable format developed by the department.

(C) The department shall develop and implement a process for regular, ongoing monitoring of the performance of service providers to ensure compliance with the requirements of service contracts entered into pursuant to this section.

(D) If a service provider fails to comply with the requirements of its service contract, the department shall utilize the remediation process described in the service contract to allow the service provider to come into compliance. The department shall notify the service provider upon initiation of the remediation process and provide regular updates regarding the service provider's progress toward coming into compliance. If a service provider fails to come into compliance after utilization of the remediation process, the Department shall, after affording the service provider an adequate opportunity to use the appeal process described in the service contract, terminate all or a portion of the service contract.

(E) Upon terminating all or a portion of a service contract pursuant to subsection E, the Department may, negotiate a performance contract with another service provider to obtain services that were the subject of the terminated performance contract.

(F) No service provider is eligible to receive state or federal funds for intellectual and related disabilities services, unless (i) its performance contract has been approved or renewed by the department; (ii) it provides service, cost, and revenue data and information, and aggregate and individual data and information about individuals receiving services to the department in the format prescribed by the department; (iii) it uses standardized cost accounting and financial management practices approved by the department, and (iv) the service provider is in compliance with its service contract or is making progress to become compliant through the department's remediation process.

C. Section 44-20-490(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) When the department determines that a client may benefit from being placed in an employment situation, the department shall regulate the terms and conditions of employment, shall supervise persons with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury, ~~or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism so employed, and may assist the client in the management of monies earned through employment to the end that the best interests of the client are served.

D. Section 44-20-510 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-20-510. Placement of a person with intellectual

disability, a related disability, head injury,~~ or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism in a program of the department does not preclude his attendance in community-based public school classes when the individual qualifies for the classes.

SECTION 17.A. Section 44-20-710 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-20-710. No day program in part or in full for the care, training, or treatment of a person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury,~~ or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism may deliver services unless a license first is obtained from the department. For the purpose of this article "in part" means a program operating for ten hours a week or more. Educational and training services offered under the sponsorship and direction of school districts and other state agencies are not required to be licensed under this article.

B. Section 44-20-740 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-20-740. No day program may accept a person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury,~~ or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism for services other than those for which it is licensed. No program may serve more than the number of clients as provided on the license. An applicant for a license shall file an application with the department in a form and under conditions the department may prescribe. The license must be issued for up to three years unless sooner suspended, revoked, or surrendered. The license is not transferable and must not be assigned.

C. Section 44-20-900(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) The department, in accordance with the laws of the State governing injunctions and other processes, may maintain an action in the name of the State against a person for establishing, conducting, managing, or operating a day program for the care, training, and treatment of a person with intellectual disability, a related disability, head injury,~~ or~~ spinal cord injury, or autism without obtaining a license as provided in this article. In charging a defendant in a complaint in the action, it is sufficient to charge that the defendant, upon a certain day and in a certain county, provided day program services without a license, without averring more particular facts concerning the charge.

SECTION 18. Article (7), Chapter 20, Title 44 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Article 7

Capital Improvements~~ for Disabilities and Special Needs~~

Section 44-20-1110. The department has authority for all of the state's~~ disabilities and special needs~~ intellectual and related disabilities

services and programs.

~~Section 44-20-1120. The commission may raise monies for the construction of improvements under the terms and conditions of this article.~~

Section 44-20-1130. The aggregate of the outstanding principal amounts of state capital improvement bonds issued for the ~~commission~~ department may not exceed twenty million dollars.

Section 44-20-1140. If the ~~commission~~ department determines that improvements are required for a residential regional center or community facility, it may make application for them to the State Fiscal Accountability Authority or Department of Administration, as appropriate. The application must contain:

(1) a description of the improvements sought and their estimated cost;

(2) the number of paying clients receiving services from the department, the amount of fees received from the clients during the preceding fiscal year, and the estimated amount to be received from them during the next succeeding fiscal year;

(3) the revenues derived from the paying clients during the preceding three fiscal years;

(4) a suggested maturity schedule, which may not exceed twenty years, for the repayment of monies to be made available to the commission for state capital improvement bonds;

(5) a statement showing the debt service requirements of other outstanding obligations.

Section 44-20-1150. The State Fiscal Accountability Authority or Department of Administration, as appropriate, may approve, in whole or in part, or may modify an application received from the ~~commission~~ department. If it finds that a need for the improvements sought by the ~~commission~~ department exists, it may contract to make available to the ~~commission~~ department funds to be realized from the sale of state capital improvements bonds if it finds that the revenues for the preceding fiscal year, if multiplied by the number of years, which may not exceed twenty, contemplated by the suggested or revised maturity schedule for the repayment of the monies to be made available to the ~~commission~~ department, result in the production of a sum equal to not less than one hundred twenty-five percent of the aggregate principal and interest requirement of all outstanding obligations and all obligations to be incurred by the ~~commission~~ department.

Section 44-20-1160. Upon receiving the approval of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority or Department of Administration, as

appropriate, the ~~commission~~ department shall obligate itself to apply all monies derived from its revenues to the payment of the principal and interest of its outstanding obligations and those to be issued and to deliver to the county board its obligations.

Section 44-20-1170. (A) Following the execution and delivery of its obligations, the ~~commission~~ department shall remit to the State Treasurer all its revenues, including accumulated revenues not applicable to prior obligations, for credit to a special fund. The special fund must be applied to meet the sums due by the ~~commission~~ department under its obligations. These monies from the special fund must be applied by the State Treasurer to the payment of the principal of and interest on outstanding state capital improvement bonds.

(B) If the accumulation of revenues of the ~~commission~~ department in the special fund exceeds the payment due or to become due during the then current fiscal year and an additional sum equal to the maximum annual debt service requirement of the obligations for a succeeding fiscal year, the State Fiscal Accountability Authority or the Department of Administration, as applicable, may permit the ~~commission~~ department to withdraw the excess and apply it to improvements that have received the approval of the ~~authority or department~~ State Fiscal Accountability Authority or the Department of Administration, as applicable, or to transfer the excess out of the special fund for contract awards to ~~local disabilities and special needs boards~~ county intellectual and related disabilities boards for needed improvements at the local level and for nonrecurring prevention, assistive technology, and quality initiatives at the regional centers and ~~local~~ county boards.

SECTION 19.A. Section 43-21-10 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 43-21-10. There is created the Department on Aging. The department must be supported by an Advisory Council on Aging consisting of one member from each of the ten planning and service areas and five members from the State at large. The director of the department shall provide statewide notice that nominations may be submitted to the director from which the ~~Governor~~ Secretary of Health and Policy shall appoint the members of the council. The members must be citizens of the State who have an interest in and a knowledge of the problems of an aging population. In making appointments to the council, consideration must be given to assure that the council is composed of appointees who are diverse in age, who are able and disabled, and who are active leaders in organizations and institutions that represent different concerns of older citizens and their families. The chair must be

elected by the members of the advisory council from its members for a term of two years and until a successor is elected. Members of the council shall serve without compensation but shall receive mileage and subsistence authorized by law for members of boards, commissions, and committees. The advisory council shall meet at least once each quarter and special meetings may be called at the discretion of the director of the department. Rules and procedures must be adopted by the council for the governance of its operations and activities.

B. Section 43-21-20 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 43-21-20. The members of the advisory council shall serve for terms of four years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. The terms of the members expire on June thirtieth and all vacancies must be filled in the manner of the original appointment for the unexpired portion of the term only. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms.

The ~~Governor~~ Secretary of Health and Policy may terminate a member of the council for any reason pursuant to the provisions of ~~Section 1-3-240, and the reason for the termination must be communicated to each member of the council~~ Section 44-12-50(B)(1).

C. Section 43-21-40 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 43-21-40. The department shall be the designated state agency to implement and administer all programs of the federal government relating to the aging, requiring acts within the State which are not the specific responsibility of another state agency under the provisions of federal or state law. The department may accept and disburse any funds available or which might become available pursuant to the purposes of this chapter, upon approval from the Secretary of Health and Policy.

The department shall study, investigate, plan, promote, and execute a program to meet the present and future needs of aging citizens of the State, in accordance with the State Health Plan, and it shall receive the cooperation of other state departments and agencies in carrying out a coordinated program.

It shall also be the duty of the department to encourage and assist in the development of programs for the aging in the counties and municipalities of this State. It shall consult and cooperate with the Secretary of Health and Policy, with public and voluntary groups, with county and municipal officers and agencies, and with any federal or state agency or officer for the purpose of promoting cooperation between state and local plans and programs, and between state and interstate plans and programs for the aging.

Without limiting the foregoing, the department is specifically authorized to:

(a) initiate requests for the investigation of potential resources and problems of the aging people of the State, encourage research programs, initiate pilot projects to demonstrate new services, and promote the training of personnel for work in the field of aging;

(b) promote community education in the problems of older people through institutes, publications, radio, television, and the press;

(c) cooperate with, encourage, and assist local groups, both public and voluntary, which are concerned with the problems of the aging;

(d) encourage the cooperation of agencies in dealing with problems of the aging and offer assistance to voluntary groups in the fulfillment of their responsibility for the aging;

(e) serve as a clearinghouse for information in the field of aging;

(f) appoint such committees as it deems necessary for carrying out the purposes of this chapter, such committee members to serve without compensation;

(g) engage in any other activity deemed necessary by the department to promote the health and well-being of the aging citizens of this State, not inconsistent with the purposes of this chapter or the public policies of the State, including the State Health Plan;

(h) certify homemakers and home health aides pursuant to the Federal Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 and subsequent amendments to that act and through regulations promulgated in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act establish and collect fees for the administration of this certification program. Fees collected must be placed on deposit with the State Treasurer. Accounting records must be maintained in accordance with the Comptroller General's policies and procedures. Unused fees may be carried forward to the next fiscal year for the same purpose;

(i) award grants and contracts to public and private organizations for the purpose of planning, coordinating, administering, developing, and delivering aging programs and services;

(j) designate area agencies on aging as required by the Older Americans Act;

(k) administer the Senior Citizens Center Permanent Improvement Fund established pursuant to Section 12-21-3441 and community services programs in accordance with Section 12-21-3590.

D. Sections 43-21-60 through 43-21-140 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 43-21-60. The Department on Aging shall submit an

annual report to the Secretary of Health and Policy, the Governor, and ~~to~~ the General Assembly on or before January first of each year. The report shall deal with the present and future needs of the elderly and with the work of the department during the year.

Section 43-21-70. The ~~Governor~~ Secretary of Health and Policy shall appoint ~~with the advice and consent of the Senate~~ a director to be the administrative officer of the Department on Aging who shall serve at the ~~Governor's~~ Secretary's pleasure and who is subject to removal pursuant to the provisions of ~~Section 1-3-240~~ Section 44-12-50(B)(1).

Section 43-21-80. ~~The director shall appoint any other personnel and consultants considered necessary for the efficient performance of the duties prescribed by this chapter and shall fix the compensation therefore in accordance with the Human Resource Management Division of the State Department of Administration and Merit System requirements.~~ The director shall administer the policies and regulations of the department. Department employees shall have such general duties and receive such compensation as determined by the director, within the authority given by the Secretary. The director shall be responsible for the administration of state personnel policies and general personnel policies of the Executive Office of Health and Policy. The director shall have sole authority to employ and discharge employees subject to such personnel policies and funding available for that purpose.

~~Section 43-21-100. The Department on Aging shall prepare the budget for its operation which must be submitted to the Governor and to the General Assembly for approval.~~

~~Section 43-21-110. The General Assembly shall provide an annual appropriation to carry out the work of the commission.~~

~~Section 43-21-120. There is created the Coordinating Council to the Department on Aging to work with the department on the coordination of programs related to the field of aging, and to advise and make pertinent recommendations, composed of the following: the Director of the Department of Health and Environmental Control, the State Director of Social Services, the Director of the Department of Mental Health, the Superintendent of Education, the Director of the State Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the Executive Director of the South Carolina State Department of Employment and Workforce, the Secretary of Commerce, the Commissioner of the State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, the Director of the Clemson University Extension Service, the Director of the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, the Director of the South Carolina Retirement System, the Executive Director of the South Carolina Municipal~~

~~Association, the Executive Director of the State Office of Economic Opportunity, the Executive Director of the South Carolina Association of Counties, the Commissioner of the Commission for the Blind, the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Director of the Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, and the Chairperson of the Commission on Women.~~

~~The council shall meet at least once each six months and special meetings may be called at the discretion of the chairman or upon request of a majority of the members.~~

~~The chairman of the advisory commission and the director of the Department on Aging, who shall serve as secretary to the council, shall attend the meetings of the council.~~

~~The director of each agency or department making up the council shall serve as chairman of the council for a term of one year. The office of chairman is held in the order in which the membership of the council is listed in this section.~~

Section 43-21-130. (A) There is created the Long Term Care Council (council) composed of the following voting members:

(1) the ~~Governor or his designee~~ Long Term Care Ombudsman;

(2) the Director of the Department of Social Services;

(3) the Director of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~;

(4) the Director of the Department of ~~Mental Health~~ Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse Services;

(5) the Director of the Department of Intellectual and Related Disabilities ~~and Special Needs~~;

(6) the Director of the ~~Division~~ Department on Aging;

(7) the Director of the Department of Health ~~and Human Services~~ Financing;

~~(8) the Chairman of the Joint Legislative Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee, or his designee;~~

~~(9) the Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging, or his designee;~~

~~(10) one representative of each of the following groups appointed by the Lieutenant Governor annually:~~

~~(a) long term care providers;~~

~~(b) long term care consumers;~~

~~(c) persons in the insurance industry developing or marketing a long term care product.~~

(8) one representative of each of the following groups appointed by the Secretary of Health and Policy annually:

(a) long term care providers;

(b) long term care consumers;

(c) persons in the insurance industry developing or marketing a long term care product.

(B) Each director serving as a council member may authorize in writing a designee to vote on his behalf ~~at two meetings a year~~. Members appointed by the ~~Lieutenant Governor~~ Secretary to represent private groups serve without compensation.

(C) The council shall meet at least quarterly, provide for its own officers, and make an annual report to the Secretary of Health and Policy, the Governor, and the General Assembly before January second each year. This report must include new council recommendations.

Section 43-21-140. The council has no authority to direct or require any implementing action from any member agency. The council shall identify future policy issues in long term care and may conduct research and demonstration activities related to these issues. Through close coordination of each member agency's planning efforts, the council shall develop recommendations for a statewide service delivery system for all health-impaired elderly or disabled persons, regardless of the persons' resources or source of payment in furtherance of the State Health Plan. These recommendations must be updated annually as needed. The service delivery system must provide for:

(1) charges based on ability to pay for persons not eligible for Medicaid;

(2) coordination of community services;

(3) access to and receipt of an appropriate mix of long term care services for all health-impaired elderly or disabled persons;

(4) case management; and

(5) discharge planning and services.

The council, through its member agencies, shall study and make recommendations concerning the costs and benefits of: adult day care centers, in-home and institutional respite care, adult foster homes, incentives for families to provide in-home care, such as cash assistance, tax credits or deductions, and home-delivered services to aid families caring for chronically impaired elderly relatives.

SECTION 20. Section 48-6-60(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) The Department of Environmental Services may make, adopt, promulgate, and enforce reasonable rules and regulations from time to time requiring and providing for:

(1) the classification of waters;

~~(2) the control of disease-bearing insects, including the impounding of waters;~~

~~(3)~~(2) the control of industrial plants, including the protection of workers from fumes, gases, and dust, whether obnoxious or toxic;

~~(4)~~(3) the use of water in air humidifiers;

~~(5)~~(4) the regulation of the methods of disposition of garbage or sewage and any like refuse matter in or near any village, town, or city of the State, incorporated or unincorporated, and to abate obnoxious and offensive odors caused or produced by septic tank toilets by prosecution, injunction, or otherwise; ~~and~~

~~(6)~~(5) the alteration of safety glazing material standards and the defining of additional structural locations as hazardous areas, and for notice and hearing procedures by which to effect these changes~~.~~;

(6) the safety and sanitation regarding harvesting, storing, processing, handling, and transportation of mollusks, fin fish, and crustaceans; and

(7) the safety, safe operation, and sanitation of public swimming pools and other public bathing places, construction, tourist and trailer camps, and fairs.

SECTION 21. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. JORDAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Pace proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to S. 915 (LC-915.VR0019H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. This act may be cited as the "Medical Freedom Act."

SECTION 2. Chapter 17, Title 16 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 16-17-780. (A) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Novel vaccine" means a vaccine, as defined in Section 44-4-130, which has obtained Emergency Use Authorization, or which has otherwise not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or which has been licensed for use for less than ten years; and

(2) "Gene therapy" means any product that mediates its effects by transcription or translation of transferred genetic material or by

integrating into the host genome and that are administered as nucleic acids, viruses, or genetically engineered microorganisms.

(3) "Indemnified product" means any product including, but not limited to, a covered countermeasure, for which the manufacturers and distributors are shielded from direct civil or criminal liability to consumers for personal injuries and damages resulting from the use of the product as determined by state or federal law.

(B) It is unlawful for any person, partnership, for-profit or non-profit corporation, limited liability corporation, colleges, schools, or the State and its political subdivisions and their agents that employ one or more employees to mandate employees, contractors, students, patrons, customers, clients, or guests to receive a novel vaccine, indemnified product, or gene therapy described in this section as a precondition for employment, entry into buildings and grounds, attendance, participation, or purchase or receipt of any products and services offered.

(C) A person who violates the provisions of this section:

(1) for a first offense, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both;

(2) for a second offense, is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than two thousand five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than three years or both; and

(3) for a third or subsequent offense, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five thousand dollars or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both.

SECTION 3. Chapter 1, Title 41 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 41-1-55. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Agent" means any former supervisor or the employer's designee.

(2) "Employer" means any person, partnership, for-profit or non-profit corporation, limited liability corporation, or the State and its political subdivisions and their agents that employ one or more employees.

(3) "Employee" means any person employed by an employer.

(4) "Gene therapy" means any product that mediates its effects by transcription or translation of transferred genetic material or by integrating into the host genome and that are administered as nucleic acids, viruses, or genetically engineered microorganisms.

(5) "Novel vaccine" means a vaccine which has obtained

emergency use authorization, which has otherwise not been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or which has been licensed for use for less than ten years; and

(6) "Vaccine" means a suspension of attenuated or killed microorganisms, or of antigenic proteins derived from them, that is administered for prevention, amelioration, or treatment of infectious diseases.

(7) "Indemnified product" means any product including, but not limited to, a covered countermeasure, for which the manufacturers and distributors are shielded from direct civil or criminal liability to consumers for personal injuries and damages resulting from the use of the product as determined by state or federal law.

(B) Employers are prohibited from taking any adverse pre-employment or employment action including, but not limited to, discrimination, termination, suspension, involuntary reassignment, unpaid leave, demotion, harassment, coercion, or retaliation against an individual who declines to receive a novel vaccine, indemnified product, or gene therapy as defined in this section.

(C) If an employer violates the provisions of this section, an aggrieved employee shall have the right to apply for and receive unemployment benefits subject to the benefit amounts, duration, and requirements provided in Article 1, Chapter 35, Title 41, as well as back pay, front pay, lost wages, consequential damages, emotional damages, court and litigation costs, and attorney's fees.

(D) If an employer willfully or maliciously discriminates or commits a violation of this section, they shall also be liable to the employee or prospective employee for punitive damages in the treble amount of the actual damages awarded.

SECTION 4. Section 40-43-86(E) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(E)(1) A prescription drug order shall contain at a minimum, the:

(1)(a) full name and address of the patient;

(2)(b) name, address, telephone number, and degree classification of the prescriber; license number, and Drug Enforcement Agency registration number of the prescribing practitioner where required by law;

(3)(c) date of issuance;

(4)(d) name, strength, dosage form, and quantity of drug prescribed;

(5)(e) directions for use;

(6)(f) number of refills authorized. No prescription marked

"PRN" or any other unspecified number of refills may be refilled more than two years beyond the date it was originally written~~. Nothing in this subsection abridges the right of a pharmacist to refuse to fill or refill a prescription~~; ~~and~~

~~(7)~~(g) a written order signed by the prescriber, which shall bear the name of the patient; name, strength, and quantity of the drug or device prescribed; directions for use; date of issue; and, either rubber stamped, typed, printed by hand, or typeset, the name, address, telephone number, and degree classification of the prescriber; and, if a controlled substance is prescribed, the prescriber's federal registration number;

~~(8)~~(h) only one drug and set of instructions for each blank, if preprinted; and

~~(9)~~(i) a chart order is exempt from the requirements of this subsection.

(2) A pharmacist may refuse to fill or refill a prescription when:

(a) a contradiction is detected in the patient's records;

(b) patterns of narcotic abuse are observed in the patient's records;

(c) the order is not complete or unclear;

(d) the pharmacist objects to filling the prescription for religious, moral, or ethical reasons pursuant to the Medical Ethics and Diversity Act, Title 44, Chapter 139. Nothing in this subsection allows pharmacists to deny "right to try" prescriptions as defined in Section 44-137-10; or

(e) the prescription is for off label use of the prescribed drug, during a state of emergency declared by the Governor, and the patient is unable to pay for the prescription in cash. For the purposes of this subitem, "off label use" means the practice of prescribing a prescription drug for a different purpose than the federal Food and Drug Administration's approved purpose.

SECTION 5. Section 44-1-100 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-1-100. All sheriffs and constables in the several counties of this State and police officers and health officers of cities and towns ~~must~~ may aid and assist the Director of the Department of Public Health~~ and Environmental Control~~ and ~~must~~ may carry out and obey his orders, or those of the Department of Public Health~~ and Environmental Control~~, to enforce and carry out any and all restrictive measures and quarantine regulations that may be prescribed~~. During~~ during a state of public health emergency, as defined in Section 44-4-130~~, the director may request assistance in enforcing orders issued pursuant to this chapter and pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 44, from the public safety authority, as~~

~~defined in Section 44-4-130, other state law enforcement authorities, and local law enforcement. The public safety authority may request assistance from the South Carolina National Guard in enforcing orders made pursuant to this chapter or pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 44~~.

SECTION 6. Section 44-4-130 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-4-130. As used in the chapter:

(A) "Biological agent" means a microorganism, virus, infectious substance, naturally occurring or bioengineered product, or other biological material that could cause death, disease, or other harm to a human, an animal, a plant, or another living organism.

(B) "Bioterrorism" means the intentional use or threatened use of a biological agent to harm or endanger members of the public.

(C) "Chemical agent" means a poisonous chemical agent that has the capacity to cause death, disease, or other harm to a human, an animal, a plant, or another living organism.

(D) "Chemical terrorism" means the intentional use or threatened use of a chemical agent to harm or endanger members of the public.

(E) "Chain of custody" means the methodology of tracking specimens for the purpose of maintaining control and accountability from initial collection to final disposition of the specimens and providing for accountability at each stage of collecting, handling, testing, storing, and transporting the specimens and reporting test results.

(F) ~~"Commissioner"~~ "Director" means the ~~Commissioner~~ Director of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~.

(G) "Contagious disease" is an infectious disease that can be transmitted from person to person, animal to person, or insect to person.

(H) "Coroners, medical examiners, and funeral directors" have the same meanings as provided in Sections 17-5-5 and 40-19-10, respectively.

(I) ~~"DHEC"~~ "Department" means the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~, or any person authorized to act on behalf of the Department of Public Health ~~and Environmental Control~~.

(J) "Facility" means any real property, building, structure, or other improvement to real property or any motor vehicle, rolling stock, aircraft, watercraft, or other means of transportation.

(K) "Gene therapy" means any product that mediates its effects by transcription or translation of transferred genetic material or by integrating into the host genome and that are administered as nucleic acids, viruses, or genetically engineered microorganisms.

~~(K)~~(L) "Health care facility" means any nonfederal institution, building, or agency or portion thereof, whether public or private

(for-profit or nonprofit) that is used, operated, or designed to provide health services, medical treatment, or nursing, rehabilitative, or preventive care to any person or persons. This includes, but is not limited to, ambulatory surgical facilities, health maintenance organizations, home health agencies, hospices, hospitals, infirmaries, intermediate care facilities, kidney treatment centers, long-term care facilities, medical assistance facilities, mental health centers, outpatient facilities, public health centers, rehabilitation facilities, residential treatment facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and adult daycare centers. The term also includes, but is not limited to, the following related property when used for or in connection with the foregoing: laboratories, research facilities, pharmacies, laundry facilities, health personnel training and lodging facilities, and patient, guest, and health personnel food service facilities, and offices and office buildings for persons engaged in health care professions or services.

~~(L)~~(M) "Health care provider" means any person or entity who provides health care services including, but not limited to, hospitals, medical clinics and offices, special care facilities, medical laboratories, physicians, pharmacists, dentists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, registered and other nurses, paramedics, firefighters who provide emergency medical care, emergency medical or laboratory technicians, and ambulance and emergency medical workers. This includes out-of-state medical laboratories, provided that such laboratories have agreed to the reporting requirements of South Carolina. Results must be reported by the laboratory that performs the test, but an in-state laboratory that sends specimens to an out-of-state laboratory is also responsible for reporting results.

~~(M)~~(N) "Infectious disease" is a disease caused by a living organism or virus. An infectious disease may, or may not, be transmissible from person to person, animal to person, or insect to person.

~~(N)~~(O) "Isolation" and "quarantine" mean the compulsory physical separation (including the restriction of movement or confinement) of individuals and/or groups believed to have been exposed to or known to have been infected with a contagious disease from individuals who are believed not to have been exposed or infected, in order to prevent or limit the transmission of the disease to others; if the context so requires, "quarantine" means compulsory physical separation, including restriction of movement, of populations or groups of healthy people who have been potentially exposed to a contagious disease, or to efforts to segregate these persons within specified geographic areas. "Isolation"

means the separation and confinement of individuals known or suspected (via signs, symptoms, or laboratory criteria) to be infected with a contagious disease to prevent them from transmitting disease to others.

~~(O)~~(P) "Protected health information" means any information, whether oral, written, electronic, visual, pictorial, physical, or any other form, that relates to an individual's past, present, or future physical or mental health status, condition, treatment, service, products purchased, or provision of care, and that reveals the identity of the individual whose health care is the subject of the information, or where there is a reasonable basis to believe such information could be utilized (either alone or with other information that is, or reasonably should be known to be, available to predictable recipients of such information) to reveal the identity of that individual.

~~(P)~~(Q) "Public health emergency" means the occurrence or imminent risk of a qualifying health condition.

~~(Q)~~(R) "Public safety authority" means the Department of Public Safety, the State Law Enforcement Division, or designated persons authorized to act on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, the State Law Enforcement Division including, but not limited to, local governmental agencies that act principally to protect or preserve the public safety, or full-time commissioned law enforcement persons.

~~(R)~~(S) "Qualifying health condition" means:

(1) a natural disaster; or

~~(2)~~ an illness or health condition that may be caused by terrorism, epidemic or pandemic disease, widespread illness, or a novel infectious agent or biological or chemical agent and that poses a substantial risk of a significant number of human fatalities, ~~or serious economic impact to the agricultural sector, including food supply.~~ or incidents of permanent or long-term disability.

~~(S)~~(T) "Radioactive material" means a radioactive substance that has the capacity to cause bodily injury or death to a human, an animal, a plant, or another living organism.

~~(T)~~(U) "Radiological terrorism" means the intentional use or threatened use of a radioactive material to harm or endanger members of the public.

~~(U)~~(V) "Specimens" include, but are not limited to, blood, sputum, urine, stool, other bodily fluids, wastes, tissues, and cultures necessary to perform required tests, and environmental samples or other samples needed to diagnose potential chemical, biological, or radiological contamination.

~~(V)~~(W) "Tests" include, but are not limited to, any diagnostic or

investigative analyses necessary to prevent the spread of disease or protect the public's health, safety, and welfare.

~~(W)~~(X) "Trial court" is the circuit court for the county in which the isolation or quarantine is to occur or to the circuit court for the county in which a public health emergency has been declared. If that court is unable to function because of the isolation, quarantine, or public health emergency, the trial court is a circuit court designated by the Chief Justice upon petition and proper showing by the Department of Public Health.

(Y) "Vaccine" means a suspension of attenuated or killed microorganisms, or of antigenic proteins derived from them, that is administered for prevention, amelioration, or treatment of infectious diseases.

SECTION 7. Section 44-4-510 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-4-510. (A)(1) During a state of public health emergency, ~~DHEC~~ the department may perform voluntary physical examinations or tests as necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of individuals.

(2) ~~DHEC~~ The department may isolate or quarantine, pursuant to the sections of this act and its existing powers under Section 44-1-140, any symptomatic person or person who has been exposed to the contagious disease for which the public health emergency has been declared whose refusal of physical examination or testing results in uncertainty regarding whether he or she ~~has been exposed to or~~ is infected with ~~a~~ the contagious disease ~~or possibly contagious disease or otherwise poses a danger to public health~~.

(B)(1) Physical examinations or tests may be performed by any qualified person authorized to do so by ~~DHEC~~the department.

(2) Physical examinations or tests must not be reasonably likely to result in serious harm to the affected individual.

SECTION 8. Section 44-4-520 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-4-520. (A) During a state of public health emergency, ~~DHEC~~ the department may exercise the following emergency powers, in addition to its existing powers, over persons as necessary to address the public health emergency:

(1) to vaccinate persons as protection against infectious disease and to prevent the spread of contagious ~~or possibly contagious~~ disease;

(2) to treat persons exposed to or infected with disease; and

(3) to ~~prevent the spread of contagious or possibly contagious disease, DHEC may~~ isolate or quarantine, pursuant to the applicable sections of this act, symptomatic persons or persons exposed to the

disease who are unable or unwilling for any reason ~~(~~including, but not limited to, health, religion, or conscience~~)~~ to undergo vaccination or treatment pursuant to this section.

(B) Vaccinations or treatment, or both, must be provided only to those individuals who ~~agree~~ provide informed consent to the vaccinations or treatment, or both.

(C)(1) ~~Vaccination~~ Vaccinations may be performed by any qualified person authorized by ~~DHEC~~ the department.

(2) To be administered pursuant to this section, a vaccine must not be such as is reasonably likely to lead to serious harm to the affected individual.

(D)(1) Treatment must be administered by any qualified person authorized to do so by ~~DHEC.~~ the department.

(2) Treatment must not be such as is reasonably likely to lead to serious harm to the affected individual.

(E) For purposes of this section, "informed consent" means a written document that is signed and dated by an individual; or if the individual is a minor, by a parent or legal guardian; or if the individual is incapacitated or without sufficient mental capacity, by a designated health care agent pursuant to a health care power of attorney, that at a minimum includes:

(1) an explanation of the vaccine or treatment that is written in language that is understandable to the average lay person;

(2) a description of the potential risks and benefits resulting from vaccine or treatment, along with a realistic description of the most likely outcome;

(3) a statement acknowledging risks associated with the vaccine or treatment if the vaccine or treatment is an indemnified product as defined in Section 44-1-55(A)(7); and

(4) language that clearly indicates that the individual agrees to the administration of the vaccine or treatment, that the individual has had time to thoughtfully and voluntarily accept or decline the vaccine or treatment free from coercion.

(F) The safety and efficacy of vaccines, tests, and treatments performed and administered as provided in this section must be reviewed and adverse events monitored by the department. References to evidence-based data determined to validate vaccines, tests, and treatments including, but not limited to VAERS data, must be prominently posted on the department's public website.

SECTION 9. Section 44-4-530 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-4-530. (A) During a public health emergency, ~~DHEC~~

the department may isolate or quarantine an individual or groups of individuals who have been diagnosed with or exposed to the contagious disease for which the public health emergency was declared. ~~This includes individuals or groups who have not been vaccinated, treated, tested, or examined pursuant to Sections 44-4-510 and 44-4-520. DHEC~~ The department may also establish and maintain places of isolation and quarantine, ~~and~~ set rules, and make orders.

(B) ~~DHEC~~ The department must adhere to the following conditions and principles when isolating or quarantining individuals or groups of individuals:

(1) isolation and quarantine must be by the least restrictive means necessary to prevent the ~~spread~~ transmission of ~~a~~ the contagious or ~~possibly contagious~~ disease ~~to others~~ and may include, but are not limited to, confinement to private homes or other private and public premises;

(2) individuals isolated because of objective evidence of infection or contagious disease must be confined separately from quarantined asymptomatic individuals;

(3) the health status of isolated and quarantined individuals must be monitored regularly to determine if they require isolation or quarantine;

(4) an asymptomatic quarantined individual must be confined for no more than twenty-one days;

~~(4)~~(5) if a quarantined individual becomes infected or is reasonably believed to be infected with ~~a~~ the contagious ~~or possibly contagious~~ disease, he or she must be promptly removed to isolation;

~~(5)~~(6) isolated and quarantined individuals must be immediately released when they no longer pose a substantial risk of transmitting a contagious ~~or possibly contagious~~ disease to others;

~~(6)~~(7) the needs of persons isolated and quarantined must be addressed in a systematic and competent fashion including, but not limited to, providing adequate food, clothing, shelter, means of communication with those in isolation or quarantine and outside these settings, medication, and competent medical care;

~~(7)~~(8) premises used for isolation and quarantine must be maintained in a safe and hygienic manner and be designed to minimize the likelihood of further transmission of infection or other harms to persons isolated or quarantined~~; and~~

~~(8)~~(9) to the extent possible, cultural and religious beliefs must be considered in addressing the needs of the individuals and establishing and maintaining isolation and quarantine premises~~.~~ ; and

(10) individuals who have recovered from the contagious disease must not be separated from quarantined or isolated family members.

(C) A person subject to isolation or quarantine must comply with ~~DHEC's~~ the department's rules and orders, and must not go beyond the isolation or quarantine premises. Failure to comply with these rules and orders constitutes a ~~felony~~misdemeanor and, upon conviction, a person must be fined not more than ~~one thousand~~ two hundred dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days~~, or both~~.

(D)(1) ~~DHEC~~ The department may authorize physicians, health care workers, or others access to individuals in isolation or quarantine as necessary to meet the needs of isolated or quarantined individuals.

~~(2) No person, other than a person authorized by DHEC, shall enter isolation or quarantine premises. Failure to comply with this provision constitutes a felony and, upon conviction, a person must be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or both.~~

~~(3)~~(2) A person entering an isolation or quarantine premises with or without authorization ~~of DHEC~~from the department may be isolated or quarantined as provided for in this chapter.

~~(4)~~(3) The public safety authority and other law enforcement officers may arrest, isolate, or quarantine an individual who is acting in violation of an isolation or quarantine order after the order is given to the individual pursuant to Section 44-4-540(B)(3) ~~or after the individual is provided notice of the order. In a case where an individual is not the subject of an isolation or quarantine order under Section 44-4-540, law enforcement officers may provide written or verbal notice of the order~~. Law enforcement officers may arrest, isolate, or quarantine an individual who is acting in violation of isolation or quarantine ~~rules~~ orders after the ~~rules~~ orders are established and the individual is given written ~~or verbal~~ notice of the ~~rules~~ orders. An arrest warrant or ~~an additional~~ isolation or quarantine order is not required for arrest, isolation, or quarantine under Section 44-4-530(D)~~(4)~~(3).

(E) An employer may not fire, demote, or otherwise discriminate against an employee complying with an isolation or quarantine order issued pursuant to Section 44-1-80, 44-1-110, 44-1-140, 44-4-520, 44-4-530, or 44-4-540; however, nothing in this section prohibits an employer from requiring an employee to use annual or sick leave to comply with such an order.

SECTION 10. Section 44-4-540 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-4-540. (A) During a public health emergency, the isolation and quarantine of an individual or groups of individuals must

be undertaken in accordance with the procedures provided in this section.

~~—~~(B)(1) The ~~DHEC~~Department of Public Health may temporarily isolate or quarantine an individual or groups of individuals through an emergency order signed by the commissioner or his designee, if delay in imposing the isolation or quarantine would significantly jeopardize ~~DHEC's~~the department ability to prevent or limit the transmission of a contagious or possibly contagious disease to others.

(2) The emergency order must specify the following: (i) the identity of the individual or groups of individuals subject to isolation or quarantine; (ii) the premises subject to isolation or quarantine; (iii) the date and time at which isolation or quarantine commences; (iv) the suspected contagious disease, if known; and (v) a copy of Article V of this act and relevant definitions of this act.

(3) A copy of the emergency order must be given to the individual(s) or groups of individuals to be isolated or quarantined, or if impractical to be given to a group of individuals, it may be posted in a conspicuous place in the isolation or quarantine premises.

(4) Within ~~ten~~ five days after issuing the emergency order, ~~DHEC~~the department must file a petition pursuant to subsection (C) of this section for a court order authorizing the continued isolation or quarantine of the isolated or quarantined individual or groups of individuals.

(C)(1) ~~DHEC~~The department may make a written petition to the trial court for an order authorizing the isolation or quarantine of an individual or groups of individuals.

(2) A petition under subsection (C)(1) must specify the following: (i) the identity of the individual or groups of individuals subject to isolation or quarantine; (ii) the premises subject to isolation or quarantine; (iii) the date and time at which isolation or quarantine commences; (iv) the suspected contagious disease~~, if known~~; and (v) a statement of compliance with the conditions and principles for isolation or quarantine of Section 44-4-530(B); and (vi) a statement of the basis upon which isolation or quarantine is justified in compliance with this article. The petition must be accompanied by a sworn affidavit ~~of DHEC~~from the department attesting to the facts asserted in the petition, together with any further information that may be relevant and material to the court's consideration.

(3) Notice to individuals or groups of individuals identified in the petition must be accomplished within twenty-four hours in accordance with the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. If notice by mail or

fax is not possible, notice must be made by personal service.

(4) A hearing must be held on any petition filed pursuant to this subsection within five days of filing of the petition. ~~In extraordinary circumstances and for good cause shown, DHEC may apply to continue the hearing date on a petition filed pursuant to this section for up to ten days, which continuance the court may grant in its discretion giving due regard to the rights of the affected individuals, the protection of the public's health, the severity of the emergency, and the availability of necessary witnesses and evidence.~~

(5)(a) The court must grant the petition if, by a preponderance of the evidence, isolation or quarantine is shown to be reasonably necessary to prevent or limit the transmission of a contagious ~~or possibly contagious~~ disease.

(b) An order authorizing isolation or quarantine may do so for a period not to exceed~~30~~ the maximum number of days allowed pursuant to Section 44-4-530.

(c) The order must: (i) identify the isolated or quarantined individuals or groups of individuals by name or shared or similar characteristics or circumstances; (ii) specify factual findings warranting isolation or quarantine pursuant to this act; (iii) include any conditions necessary to ensure that isolation or quarantine is carried out within the stated purposes and restrictions of this act; and (iv) served on affected individuals or groups of individuals in accordance with the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure. If notice by mail or fax is not possible, notice must be made by personal service.

(d) Prior to the expiration of an order issued pursuant to this item, ~~DHEC~~ the department may move to continue the isolation or quarantine for additional periods not to exceed thirty days each. The court must consider the motion in accordance with standards set forth in this item.

(D)~~(A)~~(1) An individual or group of individuals isolated or quarantined pursuant to this act may apply to the trial court for an order to show cause why the individual or group of individuals should not be released. The court must rule on the application to show cause within forty-eight hours of its filing. If the court grants the application, the court must schedule a hearing on the order to show cause within twenty-four hours from issuance of the order to show cause. The issuance of the order to show cause does not stay or enjoin the isolation or quarantine order.

(2)(a) An individual or group of individuals isolated or quarantined pursuant to this act may request a hearing in the trial court for remedies regarding breaches to the conditions of isolation or

quarantine. A request for a hearing does not stay or enjoin the isolation or quarantine order.

(b) Upon receipt of a request under this subsection alleging extraordinary circumstances justifying the immediate granting of relief, the court must fix a date for hearing on the matters alleged not more than twenty-four hours from receipt of the request.

(c) Otherwise, upon receipt of a request under this subsection, the court must fix a date for hearing on the matters alleged within five days from receipt of the request.

(3) In any proceedings brought for relief under this subsection, in extraordinary circumstances and for good cause shown, ~~DHEC~~ the department may move the court to extend the time for a hearing up to forty-eight hours, which extension the court in its discretion may grant giving due regard to the rights of the affected individuals, the protection of the public's health, the severity of the emergency, and the availability of the necessary witnesses and evidence.

(E)~~(B)~~ A record of the proceedings pursuant to this section must be made and retained. In the event that, given a state of public health emergency, parties cannot personally appear before the court, proceedings may be conducted by their authorized representatives and be held via any means that allow all parties to fully participate.

(F)~~(C)~~ The court must appoint counsel to represent individuals or groups of individuals who are or who are about to be isolated or quarantined pursuant to the provisions of this act and who are not otherwise represented by counsel. Payment for these appointments must be made in accordance with other appointments for legal representation in actions arising outside of matters in this act, and is not the responsibility of any one state agency. Appointments last throughout the duration of the isolation or quarantine of the individual or groups of individuals. ~~DHEC~~ The department must provide adequate means of communication between such individuals or groups of individuals and their counsel. Where necessary, additional counsel for ~~DHEC~~ the department from other state agencies or from private attorneys appointed to represent state agencies, must be appointed to provide adequate representation for the agency and to allow timely hearings of the petitions and motions specified in this section.

~~(G) In any proceedings brought pursuant to this section, to promote the fair and efficient operation of justice and having given due regard to the rights of the affected individuals, the protection of the public's health, the severity of the emergency, and the availability of necessary witnesses and evidence, the court may order the consolidation of individual claims~~

~~into groups of claims where:~~

~~(1) the number of individuals involved or to be affected is so large as to render individual participation impractical;~~

~~(2) there are questions of law or fact common to the individual claims or rights to be determined;~~

~~(3) the group claims or rights to be determined are typical of the affected individuals' claims or rights; and~~

~~(4) the entire group will be adequately represented in the consolidation.~~

(G)~~(H)~~ Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (A), prior to the Governor declaring a public health emergency, as defined in Section 44-4-130, the isolation and quarantine of an individual or groups of individuals pursuant to Section 44-1-80, 44-1-110, 44-1-140, 44-4-520, 44-4-530, or 44-4-540 must be undertaken in accordance with the procedures provided in this section.

SECTION 11. Section 44-4-570 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 44-4-570. (A) ~~DHEC~~The department, in coordination with the appropriate licensing authority and the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, may exercise, for such period as the state of public health emergency exists, in addition to existing emergency powers, the following emergency powers regarding licensing of health personnel:

~~(1) to require in-state health care providers to assist in the performance of vaccination, treatment, examination, or testing of any individual as a condition of licensure, authorization, or the ability to continue to function as a health care provider in this State;~~

~~(2)~~(1) to accept the volunteer services of in-state and out-of-state health care providers consistent with Title 8, Chapter 25, to appoint such in-state and out-of-state health care providers as emergency support function volunteers, and to prescribe the duties as may be reasonable and necessary for emergency response; and

~~(3)~~(2) to authorize the medical examiner or coroner to appoint and prescribe the duties of such emergency assistant medical examiners or coroners as may be required for the proper performance of the duties of the office.

(B)(1) The appointment of in-state and out-of-state health care providers pursuant to this section may be for a limited or unlimited time but must not exceed the termination of the state of public health emergency. ~~DHEC~~The department may terminate the in-state and out-of-state appointments at any time or for any reason provided that any termination will not jeopardize the health, safety, and welfare of the

people of this State.

(2) The appropriate licensing authority may waive any or all licensing requirements, permits, or fees required by law and applicable orders, rules, or regulations for health care providers from other jurisdictions to practice in this State.

(C)(1) Any health care provider appointed by the department pursuant to this section must not be held liable for any civil damages as a result of medical care or treatment including, but not limited to, trauma care and triage assessment, related to the appointment of the health care provider and the prescribed duties unless the damages result from providing, or failing to provide, medical care or treatment under circumstances demonstrating a reckless disregard for the consequences so as to affect the life or health of the patient.

(2) This subsection applies if the health care provider does not receive payment from the State other than as allowed in Section 8-25-40 for the appointed services and prescribed duties. However, if the health care provider is an employee of the State, the health care provider may continue to receive compensation from the health care provider's employer. This subsection applies whether the health care provider was paid, should have been paid, or expected to be paid for the services at the time of rendering the services from sources including, but not limited to, Medicaid, Medicare, reimbursement under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 512, et seq., or private health insurance.

(D)(1) The appointment of emergency assistant medical examiners or coroners pursuant to this section may be for a limited or unlimited time, but must not exceed the termination of the state of public health emergency. The medical examiner or coroner may terminate the emergency appointments at any time or for any reason, if the termination will not impede the performance of the duties of the office.

(2) The medical examiner or coroner may waive any or all licensing requirements, permits, or fees required by law and applicable orders, rules, or regulations for the performance of these duties.

(3) Any emergency assistant medical examiner or coroner appointed pursuant to this section is immune from civil liability for damages resulting from services relating to and performed during the period of appointment unless the damages result from providing, or failing to provide, services under circumstances demonstrating a reckless disregard for the consequences.

SECTION 12. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be

unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 13. This act takes effect July 1, 2024.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. W. NEWTON raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 2 was not germane to S. 915.

Rep. PACE argued contra.

The SPEAKER stated that the amendment was very large, but that its substantial effect and impact went beyond the scope of the bill. He stated that the bill concerned the restructuring of various South Carolina state health agencies under one central authority, but the proposed amendment dealt with health care policies, labor law, pharmacy law, and how health care policies are to be carried out. Thus, he sustained the Point of Order and ruled the amendment out of order.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

Rep. G. M. Smith proposed the following Amendment No. 3 to S. 915 (LC-915.SA0027H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-12-20 and inserting:

Section 44-12-20. The Secretary of Health and Policy shall be the head and governing authority of the office. The secretary must be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of a majority vote of the members of the Senate and a majority vote of the members of the House of Representatives, subject to removal from office by the Governor pursuant to the provisions of Section 1-3-240(B).

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. G. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Harris proposed the following Amendment No. 4 to S. 915 (LC-915.VR0023H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Chapter 1, Title 1 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 27

Federal Treaties

Section 1-1-1710. (A) It is the intent of the General Assembly to defend the State of South Carolina against violations of the United States Constitution and further prevent the subjecting of the sovereignty and rights of the United States of America to the Charter of the United Nations.

(B) Notwithstanding another provision of law, no state agency, or political subdivision of this State, including school districts, or publicly funded organizations, or any elected or appointed official or employee of the same, may employ state funds, personnel, or facilities to implement the provisions of any treaty that has not received ratification by a two-thirds vote of the United States Senate as required by the United States Constitution, Article II, Section 2. This section must be expressly applied to any treaty drafted under the framework of "a WHO Convention, Agreement, or Other International Agreement on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness, and Response" or under color of amendments to the International Health Regulations.

(C) A violation of this section raises a cause of action in state court for injunctive and declaratory relief, plus compensatory damages of up to ten thousand dollars per violation, and attorney's fees. A state agency or political subdivision that publishes a rule, regulation, or guidance recommending or requiring compliance with a provision of a treaty that has not received ratification in the United States Senate bears the burden of proof to show that the rule, regulation, or guidance was developed independent of influence by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), or the United Nations (UN) and that the treaty was not a factor in determining whether to publish the rule, regulation, or guidance.

(D) This section is enacted under the authority of Article VI of the United States Constitution, the Tenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, and the inherent power reserved to South Carolina as a sovereign state.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. JORDAN raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 4 was not germane to S. 915.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. T. Moore proposed the following Amendment No. 5 to S. 915 (LC-915.SA0029H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 44-12-40(4) and inserting:

(4) shall have the authority to determine the appropriate course of treatment for patients with complex or co-occurring diagnoses necessitating involvement of two or more component departments, provided that the determination may not preempt or override treatment decisions arrived at between a patient and his physician;

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Reps. Murphy and Brewer proposed the following Amendment No. 6 to S. 915 (LC-915.VR0020H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 48-39-10(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) “Coastal zone” means all coastal waters and submerged lands seaward to the state's jurisdictional limits and all lands and waters in the counties, or portions of counties, of the State which contain any one or more of the critical areas. These counties are Beaufort, Berkeley, Charleston, Colleton, ~~Dorchester,~~ Horry, Jasper, ~~and~~ Georgetown, and the seaward portion of Dorchester County bounded beginning at the intersection of the county line and S.C. 165, then northward along S.C. 165 until its intersection with S.C. 642, then southeastward along S.C. 642 until its intersection with the county line.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. MURPHY explained the amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. MAGNUSON raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 6 was not germane to S. 915.

Rep. MURPHY argued conrtra.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order and ruled the amendment out of order.

Rep. Pace proposed the following Amendment No. 7 to S. 915 (LC-915.AHB0022H), which was ruled out of order:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. SECTION 10 of Act 142 of 2022 is amended to read:

SECTION 10. The provisions contained in Act 99 of 2021, the South Carolina COVID-19 Liability Immunity Act, are hereby reenacted, retroactive to the date that Act 99 of 2021 expired, by this act. Act 99 of 2021's provisions apply to all civil and administrative causes of action that arise ~~between~~ after March 13, 2020, ~~and December 31, 2023,~~ and are based upon facts that occurred during this time period.

SECTION 2. SECTION 12 of Act 142 of 2022 is amended to read:

SECTION 12. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor. ~~All provisions of this act are repealed on December 31, 2023, unless reauthorized by the General Assembly.~~

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

POINT OF ORDER

Rep. JORDAN raised the Rule 9.3 Point of Order that Amendment No. 7 was not germane to S. 915.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* sustained the Point of Order.

Rep. CROMER moved to adjourn debate on the Bill.

Rep. HIOTT moved to table the motion.

Rep. BEACH demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 95; Nays 14

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Oremus	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--95

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May

McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
O'Neal	Pace	

Total--14

So, the motion to adjourn debate was tabled.

Rep. PACE spoke against the Bill.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

RULE 5.21 INVOKED

Rep. CROMER invoked Rule 5.21.

The Reading Clerk began reading the Bill.

RULE 3.9 INVOKED

Rep. BAMBERG moved that Rule 3.9 be invoked. The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered a quorum call.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* announced that a quorum was present.

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* ordered the Reading Clerk to continue reading the Bill.

RULE 3.9 INVOKED

Rep. HIOTT invoked Rule 3.9 and requested an attendance vote.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey

Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present—113

Ten members requested that the SPEAKER send for the members absent without leave.

HOUSE STANDS AT EASE

The House stood at ease, subject to the arrival of the absent members.

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SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

RULE 5.21 RESCINDED

Rep. CROMER withdrew her request to read the Bill under Rule 5.21.

RULE 3.9 RESCINDED

Rep. HIOTT moved to rescind Rule 3.9

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace

Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, Rule 3.9 was rescinded.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
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Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	King

Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Oremus	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Cromer	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Nutt	O'Neal	Pace

Total--15

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. ATKINSON a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. MCDANIEL a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

H. 5438--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Joint Resolution was taken up:

H. 5438 -- Reps. Hiott, McCravy and Magnuson: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM LIBRARY MATERIALS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5269, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Joint Resolution, which was agreed to.

S. 1--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1 -- Senators Alexander, Turner, Senn, Young, Gustafson, Peeler, Setzler, Rankin, Adams, Bennett, Climer, Campsen and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF DRUG-INDUCED HOMICIDE, TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION, AND TO PROHIBIT AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-1-10, RELATING TO A LIST OF EXCEPTIONS FOR FELONIES AND MISDEMEANORS, SO AS TO ADD DRUG-INDUCED HOMICIDE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-190, RELATING TO SCHEDULE I DRUGS, SO AS TO ADD FENTANYL-RELATED SUBSTANCES.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 1021--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1021 -- Senators Davis, Matthews and Campsen: A BILL TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT TO 2035; AND TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO THE ABANDONED BUILDINGS TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE

THE AMOUNT OF THE MAXIMUM TAX CREDIT THAT MAY BE EARNED.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 1021 (LC-1021.DG0001H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. A. Article 25, Chapter 6, Title 12 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 12-6-3810. (A) As used in this section:

(1) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Commerce.

(2) "Eligible taxpayer" means any railroad owner located in this State that is classified by the United States Surface Transportation Board as a Class II or Class III railroad.

(3) "Qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures" means gross expenditures for maintenance, reconstruction or replacement of railroad infrastructure, including track, roadbed, bridges, industrial leads and sidings, and track-related structures owned or leased by a Class II or Class III railroad located in this State.

(4) "Eligible transferee" means any taxpayer subject to tax under Section 12-6-510, 12-6-530, 12-11-20, or 38-7-20.

(B)(1) There is allowed a credit against the tax imposed pursuant to Section 12-6-510, 12-6-530, 12-11-20, or 38-7-20 equal to fifty percent of an eligible taxpayer's qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures.

(2) For qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures the amount of the credit may not exceed five thousand dollars multiplied by the number of miles of railroad track owned or leased within this State by the eligible taxpayer as of the close of the taxable year.

(C)(1) Following the completion of qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures, the eligible taxpayer shall submit to the Department of Commerce a verification of qualified expenditures on a form provided for that purpose by the Department of Commerce. The verification must include a statement certifying:

(a) the status of the owner or lessee of the railroad as an eligible taxpayer;

(b) certification of the miles of railroad track owned or leased in this State;

(c) the qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement work

completed; and

(d) a description of the amount of qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures paid or incurred.

Within thirty days after receipt and approval of the foregoing documentation from the eligible taxpayer, the department shall issue a tax credit certificate in an amount equivalent to the amount of the qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures incurred by the eligible taxpayer, not to exceed the amount of the tax credits reserved for the project.

(2) At the end of each year, the department shall furnish to the Department of Revenue a list of all eligible taxpayers who have qualified for the credit along with the amount of the credit authorized.

(3) Section 12-54-240 may not apply to any information exchanged between the Department of Commerce and the Department of Revenue relating to the credit allowed pursuant to this section.

(D) The department may adopt rules to implement and administer this section and to enable the certification of the income tax credit amount earned by each eligible taxpayer.

(E) In order to obtain a credit against any state income tax due, an eligible taxpayer shall file the tax credit certificate with the taxpayer's South Carolina state income tax return.

(F) Any tax credit generated pursuant to the provisions of this section, to the extent not used, may be carried forward for each of the five years following the year of qualification.

(G)(1) An eligible taxpayer may transfer any unused credit to any eligible transferee by written agreement, at any time during the five years following the tax year the qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures are incurred. Any eligible transferee is entitled to claim the credit only for any period remaining for the tax credit.

(2) The eligible taxpayer and the eligible transferee must file jointly a copy of the written transfer agreement with the Department of Revenue, within thirty days of the transfer. The written agreement must contain the name, address, and taxpayer identification number of the eligible taxpayer and the eligible transferee, the tax year the eligible taxpayer incurred the qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures, the amount of credit being transferred, and the tax year or years for which the credit maybe claimed.

(H) The department shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee by July 1, 2026, and annually thereafter for the duration of the existence of this program, on the use of the credit, including the number of tax credits applied for and

the number of tax credits granted from the qualified railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures for which tax credits have been allowed.

B. This SECTION takes effect upon approval by the Governor and first applies to income tax years beginning after December 31, 2023. The provisions of this act are repealed on December 31, 2028, except that if the credit allowed by Section 12-6-3810, as added by this act, is earned before the repeal, then the provisions of Section 12-6-3810 continue to apply until the credits have been fully claimed.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. CASKEY explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Herbkersman proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to S. 1021 (LC-1021.SA0006H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding a subsection to Section 12-6-3810 to read:

(I) A member of a railroad construction limited liability company must refrain from competing with the company in the conduct of the company's business before the dissolution of the company. This section does not apply when the member becomes a member of another limited liability company, and that company does not have an enforceable noncompete provision in its operating agreement.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 33-44-409(b) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(b) A member's duty of loyalty to a member-managed company and its other members is limited to the following:

(1) to account to the company and to hold as trustee for it any property, profit, or benefit derived by the member in the conduct or winding up of the company's business or derived from a use by the member of the company's property, including the appropriation of a company's opportunity;

(2) to refrain from dealing with the company in the conduct or winding up of the company's business as or on behalf of a party having an interest adverse to the company; and

(3) to refrain from competing with the company in the conduct of the company's business before the dissolution of the company. <u>This</u>

item does not apply when the member becomes a member of another limited liability company, and that company does not have an enforceable noncompete provision in its operating agreement.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. HERBKERSMAN explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. PACE spoke against the Bill.

Rep. PACE moved that the House recur to the morning hour.

Rep. HIOTT moved to table the motion.

Rep. BEACH demanded the yeas and nays which were taken, resulting as follows:

Yeas 93; Nays 12

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy

Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--93

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Chumley	Cromer
Harris	S. Jones	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Pace

Total--12

So, the House tabled the motion to recur to the morning hour.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 8

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hager

Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Harris
Magnuson	May	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Pace	

Total--8

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

SPEAKER IN CHAIR

S. 577--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 577 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-8-530,

SECTION 12-8-540, SECTION 12-8-570, SECTION 12-8-580, AND SECTION 12-8-595, ALL RELATING TO THE WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAXES, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE TOP MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATE.

The Committee on Ways and Means proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 577 (LC-577.DG0002H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 12-2-140 (A) and (B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) Each state agency and each political subdivision of the State, is authorized, as necessary to comply with Internal Revenue Service Publication 1075, including amendments thereto and publications replacing Publication 1075, to obtain state and national criminal history background checks and investigations performed by the State Law Enforcement Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation on all applicants, prospective employees, employees, subcontractors, and contractors with access to federal tax information. The State Law Enforcement Division is authorized to conduct fingerprint-based state and national background checks for state agencies, state institutions, and political subdivisions of the State which have access to federal tax information in order to comply with Publication 1075.

(B) An applicant, prospective employee, employee, subcontractor, or contractor of a state agency or a political subdivision of the State with access to or that uses federal tax information must:

(1) agree to a national background check and the release of all investigative records to the applicable state agency or political subdivision for the purpose of verifying criminal history information for noncriminal justice purposes; and

(2) supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a state criminal history background check and investigation to be conducted by the State Law Enforcement Division, and then submit to a national criminal history background check to be conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Cobb-Hunter proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to S. 577 (LC-577.DG0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 31-12-30(6) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(6) "Redevelopment project" means buildings, improvements, including street improvements, water, sewer and storm drainage facilities, parking facilities, and recreational facilities. A project or undertaking authorized under Section 6-21-50 also may qualify as a redevelopment project under this chapter. All such projects may be owned by the authority, the municipality, the county, or other appropriate public body. This term includes portions of the redevelopment project located outside the redevelopment project area so long as they provide needed infrastructure support for the redevelopment project area or the municipality makes specific findings of benefit to the redevelopment project area. A redevelopment project for purposes of this chapter also includes affordable housing projects where all or a part of new property tax revenues generated in the tax increment financing district is used to provide or support publicly and privately owned affordable housing in the district or is used to provide infrastructure projects to support publicly and privately owned affordable housing in the district. The term "affordable housing" as used herein means residential housing for rent or sale that is appropriately priced for rent or sale to a person or family whose income does not exceed eighty percent of the median income for the local area, with adjustments for household size, according to the latest figures available from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

SECTION X. Section 31-12-210(F) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(F) The obligations must be issued not later than ~~fifteen~~ thirty-five years after the adoption of an ordinance by the municipality pursuant to Section 31-12-280 concurring in an authority's redevelopment plan.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 7 and inserting:

SECTION 7. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor except that the provisions of this act that amend Section 31-12-210 take effect on July 1, 2024.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. COBB-HUNTER explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks

West	Wetmore	Whitmire
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CONNELL a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

S. 946--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 946 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-1210, RELATING TO THE STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE REGULATION OF CHILDCARE FACILITIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MEMBERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-1220, RELATING TO COMMITTEE DUTIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE QUORUM OF MEMBERS REQUIRED TO VOTE FROM EIGHT TO SIX.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 946 (LC-946.VR0003H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 63-13-1210(A) and inserting:

(A) A State Advisory Committee on the Regulation of Childcare Facilities is established~~. It consists~~ consisting of ~~seventeen~~ fifteen members. Two members serve ex officio and thirteen are appointed by the Governor, in accordance with the following:

(1) ~~Five~~ Three of the members appointed must be parents of children who are receiving childcare services at the time of appointment, with no less than ~~three~~ two representing the~~ entrepreneurial~~ for-profit facilities.

(2) ~~Eight~~ Six of the members appointed must be representative of owners and operators of childcare facilities, one of which must be an operator of a childcare home. No less than ~~five~~ four other appointees must be operators of facilities subject to regulation who are actively engaged in the operation for profit with one appointed from a registered faith-based center.

(3) One member appointed shall represent the educational community of the State.

Nominees for membership on the advisory committee pursuant to items (1), (2), and (3) must be made from lists furnished the Governor by South Carolina organizations representing the various types of childcare facilities defined in this chapter.

(4) One member appointed shall represent the business community of the State. ~~Nominees for membership pursuant to this item must be made from lists furnished the Governor by the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce.~~

(5) Two members appointed shall represent church-operated childcare centers, one of whom must be an operator of a church childcare center and one of whom must be a parent of a child who is receiving childcare services in a church-operated childcare center at the time of appointment.

(6) The Executive Director of the Office of South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness or his designee and the State Child Advocate of the South Carolina Department of Children's Advocacy or his designee shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.

Amend the bill further, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. Section 63-13-1240 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 63-13-1240. The ~~department~~ South Carolina Department of Children's Advocacy shall provide reasonable secretarial and administrative support to the advisory committee.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 946. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Bill.

Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter

S. 241--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 241 -- Senators Garrett and Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 84 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF GENETIC COUNSELORS, TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD OF GENETIC COUNSELOR EXAMINERS, TO PROVIDE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE BY THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE RELATED DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS AND IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

The Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 241 (LC-241.WAB0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 40-84-40(B)(3)(b) and inserting:

(b) ABGC certification.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 40-84-40(C) and inserting:

(C) The board may issue a limited license to a limited licensee applicant who meets all of the requirements for licensure except the

certification requirement in this section and has obtained active candidate status establishing eligibility to sit for the certification examination administered by the ABGC or ACGC. A limited license shall expire automatically upon the earliest of:

(1) issuance of a full license;

(2) thirty days after the applicant fails to pass the certification examination; or

(3) one year from the date the limited license was issued.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 94; Nays 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	W. Jones
Jordan	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore

T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
West	Wetmore	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--94

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Calhoon	Cromer
Felder	Harris	S. Jones
Kilmartin	Magnuson	May
McCabe	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace

Total--15

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 445--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 445 -- Senators Garrett and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 49, TITLE 44 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES TO APPROVE A CREDENTIALING ENTITY TO DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR RECOVERY HOUSING; TO REQUIRE THE APPROVED CREDENTIALING ENTITY TO ESTABLISH RECOVERY HOUSING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES BASED UPON NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED QUALITY STANDARDS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING

SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 49 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions

G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 455--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 455 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-29-230, RELATING TO TESTING REQUIRED WHEN A HEALTH CARE WORKER IS EXPOSED TO BLOODBORNE DISEASE, SO AS TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO PHYSICIAN WITH HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, TO INCLUDE DENTISTS IN THE DEFINITION OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AND TO ADD HEPATITIS C TO THE LIST OF BLOODBORNE DISEASES.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson

Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 558--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 558 -- Senators Verdin and Senn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-31-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE FOR THE TUBERCULOSIS TESTING OF APPLICANT RESIDENTS AND NEWLY ADMITTED RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES IN THIS STATE.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss

Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 1074--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1074 -- Senators Davis and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF A CMA, SO AS TO CHANGE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A QUALIFIED CMA; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-196, RELATING TO DELEGATION OF TASKS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, PURSUANT TO THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT'S SCOPE OF PRACTICE GUIDELINES, MAY DELEGATE NURSING TASKS TO UAP UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE PHYSICIAN OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT.

Rep. OTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 134--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 134 -- Senators Hembree, Gustafson, Verdin, Climer and Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

ADDING SECTION 59-19-85 SO AS TO PROMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS TO SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS BY REQUIRING SCHOOL BOARDS TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES THAT PROVIDE LIVE ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF SUCH MEETINGS, TO EXTEND APPLICABILITY OF THESE PROVISIONS TO THE GOVERNING BODIES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION; AND TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT MUST BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE JULY 1, 2024.

Rep. ERICKSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 1188--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1188 -- Senators Tedder and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-240, RELATING TO EXPULSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIREMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF THE PUPIL.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 99; Nays 7

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson

Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Williams	Willis	Wooten

Total--99

Those who voted in the negative are:

Felder	Hardee	Hayes
Jefferson	McCabe	McCravy
Yow		

Total--7

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 1051--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1051 -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION

50-25-1330, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE H. TAYLOR BLALOCK, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HUNTING OF WATERFOWL FOR FIVE YEARS.

The Committee on Agriculture, Natural Res. and Environmental Affairs proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 1051 (LC-1051.PH0004H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 50-11-580 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 50-11-580. (A) The season for hunting and taking a male wild turkey is April 10 through May 10.~~:~~

~~(1) in Game Zones 1 and 2, April 1 through May 10; and~~

~~(2) in Game Zones 3 and 4, March 22 through April 30.~~

(B) The season bag limit for male wild turkeys is ~~three~~two statewide for residents and two statewide for nonresidents. The daily bag limit is one~~, provided that:~~

~~(1) only one male wild turkey may be taken from April 1 through April 10 from within Game Zones 1 and 2; and~~

~~(2) only one male wild turkey may be taken from March 22 through March 31 from within Game Zones 3 and 4~~.

(C) It is unlawful for a person to take a female wild turkey unless authorized by the department pursuant to Section 50-11-500(3).

(D) The department shall provide an annual report on wild turkey resources in South Carolina to the Chairman of the Senate Fish, Game and Forestry Committee and the Chairman of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

SECTION 2. Section 50-11-580(A) and (B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 50-11-580. (A) The season for hunting and taking a male wild turkey is~~April 10 through May 10.~~:

(1) in Game Zones 1 and 2, April 1 through May 10; and

(2) in Game Zones 3 and 4, March 22 through April 30.

(B) The season bag limit for male wild turkeys is ~~two~~three statewide for residents and two statewide for nonresidents. The daily bag limit is one, provided that:

(1) only one male wild turkey may be taken from April 1 through April 10 from within Game Zones 1 and 2; and

(2) only one male wild turkey may be taken from March 22 through March 31 from within Game Zones 3 and 4.

SECTION 3. The amendments in this act of Sections 1 and 2 of

Section 50-11-580 of the S.C. Code do not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under Sections 1 and 2 of Section 50-11-580. After the effective dates included in this act, the provisions of law referred to as amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the applicable effective dates of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the amended laws.

SECTION 4. Section 1 of this act takes effect January 1, 2025. Section 2 of this act takes effect January 1, 2030.

SECTION 5. Section 50-25-1330(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) It is unlawful on Lake H. Taylor Blalock to:

(1) operate personal watercraft, including jet skis;

(2) operate any boat, watercraft, or any other type of vessel between midnight and one hour before sunrise, except that public access to Lake H. Taylor Blalock for the purpose of hunting waterfowl on department leased premises shall be open on Wednesday mornings during the federal waterfowl hunting season beginning at 5:00 a.m., provided the hunting of waterfowl shall no longer be allowed on Lake H. Taylor Blalock after the ~~2023-2024~~ 2028-2029 federal waterfowl hunting season, unless reauthorized in statute;

(3) operate any boat, watercraft, or any other type of vessel with an outboard motor having horsepower in excess of the United States Coast Guard rating for the watercraft or with the Coast Guard rating plate missing or changed;

(4) operate, anchor, moor, or dock any boat, watercraft, or allow such vessel to enter within five hundred feet of any pump station, water intake of a dam, hydroelectric generator outfall, or spillways, and these restricted areas must be clearly marked with signs designed and installed by the Spartanburg Water System. Boats, watercraft, and other vessels operated for law enforcement, emergency medical service, or dam maintenance and repair are exempted from this requirement;

(5) operate, anchor, moor, or dock any boat, watercraft, or any other type of vessel within one hundred fifty feet of public fishing piers;

(6) operate sailing craft with a mast height in excess of thirty feet;

(7) wade, bathe, or swim within two hundred feet of any public landing, bridge, or restricted area, and these restricted areas must be clearly marked with signs designed and installed by the Spartanburg

Water System.

SECTION 6. Sections 3 and 5 of this act take effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. FORREST explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt

O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 903--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 903 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 5 OF ACT 91 OF 2021, RELATING TO FLOUNDER CATCH LIMITS, SO AS TO REPEAL THE SUNSET CLAUSE.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 955--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 955 -- Senators Campsen and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-400 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING THE LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-325, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE COMMERCIAL TRAP LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-350, RELATING TO THE TRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSES, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE

LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE FROM THE GENERAL TRANSFER PROHIBITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-360, RELATING TO LICENSES TO ENGAGE IN SHEDDING PEELER CRABS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT AN APPLICANT'S OR LICENSEE'S BUSINESS PREMISES BE CAPABLE OF PEELER SHEDDING OPERATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-545, RELATING TO TRAPS FOR TAKING BLUE CRAB, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MATERIAL, DIMENSIONS, AND ESCAPE VENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRAPS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1302 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A RECREATIONAL LIMIT OF ONE-HALF BUSHEL OF BLUE CRABS PER PERSON PER DAY NOT TO EXCEED ONE BUSHEL PER BOAT; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1345 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CRAB TRAPS IN THE WATERS OF THIS STATE FROM JANUARY 16 THROUGH JANUARY 29 OF EACH YEAR; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-330, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT LIMITS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TRAPS THAT MAY BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES FROM TWO TO TEN WITH A RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-540, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING LICENSES SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COST OF THE RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT.

Rep. HIOTT moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 841--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 841 -- Senators Alexander and Senn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROSECUTORS PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 30 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE CURRENT AND FORMER PROSECUTORS HAVE THE OPTION OF MAKING PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION HELD BY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE, TO PROVIDE LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED PROCEDURES FOR EXERCISING THIS OPTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND TO PROVIDE THE

SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION SHALL CREATE A FORM FOR USE BY PROSECUTORS WHEN REQUESTING NONDISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION, AND TO SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FORM.

Rep. JORDAN moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 112--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 112 -- Senators Allen, Hembree and Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 34-11-90, RELATING TO JURISDICTION FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING CHECKS AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A METHOD TO EXPUNGE CONVICTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 17-22-910, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR EXPUNGEMENT, SO AS TO ADD MULTIPLE MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES OF CHECK FRAUD TO THOSE OFFENSES ELIGIBLE FOR EXPUNGEMENT.

Rep. King proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 112 (LC-112.SA0006H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Chapter 1, Title 17 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 17-1-43. (A) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 17-1-40, not later than one hundred eighty days after an investigation by a law enforcement or prosecution agency reveals that a person was arrested as a result of mistaken identity, the law enforcement or prosecution agency with appropriate jurisdiction shall destroy the arrest records of that person made as a result of mistaken identity. The law enforcement or prosecution agency, as appropriate, shall establish a review process for verifying that a person's arrest records relating to mistaken identity in which no charges were filed have been destroyed as provided in this section. Neither the law enforcement or prosecution agency may charge or collect a fee for the destruction of arrest records pursuant to the provisions of this section.

(B) Law enforcement and prosecution agencies shall retain the

arrest and booking record, associated bench warrants, mug shots, and fingerprints of the person under seal for three years and one hundred twenty days. A law enforcement or prosecution agency may retain the information indefinitely for purposes of ongoing or future investigations and prosecution of the offense, administrative hearings, and to defend the agency and the agency's employees during litigation proceedings. The information must remain under seal. The information is not a public document and is exempt from disclosure, except by court order.

SECTION X. Chapter 1, Title 17 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 17-1-70. (A) A person charged with an offense listed in subsection (B) may petition the solicitor in the county in which the alleged offense occurred for dismissal of the alleged offense that has not been adjudicated by trial or guilty plea, or otherwise disposed of or dismissed, after five years from the date he was charged with the offense. If the petitioner has no other pending charges unrelated to the subject charge and no criminal convictions subsequent to the alleged offense, the solicitor must approve the dismissal of the offense charged and must do so within thirty days of receipt of the petition for dismissal.

(B) The following offenses are eligible for dismissal pursuant to the provisions of subsection (A):

(1) simple assault or assault and battery in the third degree pursuant to Section 16-3-600(E);

(2) public intoxication or disorderly conduct pursuant to Section 16-17-530;

(3) breach of trust with fraudulent intent pursuant to Section 16-13-230(1);

(4) open container in a motor vehicle pursuant to Section 61-4-110;

(5) trespassing pursuant to Section 16-11-600;

(6) misdemeanor drawing or uttering a fraudulent check pursuant to Sections 34-11-60 and 34-11-90;

(7) misdemeanor shoplifting pursuant to Section 16-13-110(B)(1);

(8) driving under suspension pursuant to Section 56-1-460(A)(1);

(9) simple possession of a controlled substance pursuant to Article 3, Chapter 53, Title 44; or

(10) a similar local or state offense for which, in the discretion of the solicitor, the elements are substantially similar as for any of the above listed offenses.

(C) Upon dismissal of the offense pursuant to the requirements of

this section, the solicitor in the county in which the alleged offense occurred shall notify the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) and SLED shall remove the pending charge from the petitioner's criminal record within ten days of notification of dismissal. Additionally, any arrest and booking records, associated bench warrants, mug shots, and fingerprints of the person must be destroyed and no evidence of the record pertaining to the charge or associated bench warrants may be retained by any municipal, county, or state agency. A municipal, county, or state agency, or an employee of a municipal, county, or state agency that intentionally violates this subsection is guilty of contempt of court.

Amend the bill further, by striking SECTION 3 and inserting:

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor except that the provisions of Chapter 1, Title 17 applies retroactively to offenses charged before the effective date of this act.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. KING explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris

Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 954--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 954 -- Senators Hembree, Senn and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-13-142 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, A CIRCUIT SOLICITOR, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REQUIRE THE DISCLOSURE OF ELECTRONIC

COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER RELATED RECORDS BY A PROVIDER OF AN ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION SERVICE OR REMOTE COMPUTING SERVICE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 947--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 947 -- Senators Hembree, Senn, McLeod and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO ALLOW SENTENCING FOR THE CRIME OF KIDNAPPING AND OTHER CRIMES.

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON moved to adjourn debate on the Bill, which was agreed to.

S. 207--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 207 -- Senator Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 57-23-1160 SO AS TO CREATE THE PIEDMONT GATEWAY SCENIC BYWAY AND TO IDENTIFY THE THREE SEGMENTS THAT COMPRISE THE BYWAY.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter

Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 968--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 968 -- Senators Peeler and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80(A)(6) AND (B), RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO VOLUNTARILY DISCLOSE HIS BLOOD TYPE.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton

Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 974--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 974 -- Senator Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 59-104-20, 59-149-10, AND 59-150-370, ALL RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION" FOR PURPOSES OF THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS, THE LEGISLATIVE INCENTIVES FOR FUTURE EXCELLENCE (LIFE) SCHOLARSHIPS, AND THE SC HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO ADD AN INSTITUTION ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITING COMMISSION OF CAREER SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES TO THE DEFINITION.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 108; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 125--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 125 -- Senators Hembree, Turner, Young, Setzler, Fanning and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-15, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL LIFE SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE STIPEND TO EDUCATION MAJORS AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO DEFINE EDUCATION MAJOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-25, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE STIPEND TO EDUCATION MAJORS AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-50, RELATING TO A NUMERICAL ACT EQUIVALENT, SO AS TO SET THE EQUIVALENT SCORE OF THE ACT TO 22; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-20, RELATING TO PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, SO AS TO ALLOW A STUDENT WHO USES A PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND A TWO-YEAR INSTITUTION SHALL RECEIVE A MAXIMUM OF FOUR CONTINUOUS SEMESTERS.

The Committee on Education and Public Works proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 125 (LC-125.WAB0009H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 59-149-15(B) and inserting:

(B) The Commission on Higher Education by regulation shall define what constitutes a science or mathematics major, applicable beginning with the 2024-2025 School Year to persons who did not receive a LIFE Scholarship stipend before the 2024-2025 School Year. This definition of a science or mathematics major must include, at a minimum, ~~but at a minimum shall include~~ majors in science or mathematics disciplines, computer science or informational technology,

engineering, accounting~~science education, math education~~, and health care and related disciplines including medicine and dentistry; provided, that nothing herein prevents a student from changing majors within acceptable science or mathematics disciplines. ~~Additionally, the Commission on Higher Education annually shall communicate with high school guidance counselors regarding the list of qualifying majors.~~

(C) The Commission on Higher Education shall by regulation define what constitutes an education major for purposes of this section, applicable beginning with the 2024-2025 School Year to persons who did not receive a LIFE Scholarship stipend before the 2024-2025 School Year. This definition of an education major must include, in addition to other subjects considered appropriate by the commission, (1) mathematics education majors, (2) science education majors, and (3) students who major in mathematics, science, or another subject and obtain teacher certification in a subject area related to their major prior to completion of their undergraduate degree. Additionally, the commission shall set forth eligibility criteria that the student shall meet to receive a LIFE Scholarship stipend, which must include a contractual requirement, including a default provision, that the stipend recipient shall upon graduation work in a South Carolina public school for at least one school year for every year the stipend is received.

(D) A person who qualified for the LIFE Scholarship stipend before the 2024-2025 School Year:

(1) shall remain so qualified and eligible for the LIFE Scholarship stipend on that basis, notwithstanding revisions in eligibility criteria applicable beginning with the 2024-2025 School Year; and

(2) is exempt from the contractual work requirement of education majors in subsection (C).

(E) The Commission on Higher Education annually shall communicate with high school guidance counselors regarding the list of qualifying majors in this section.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 2, by striking Section 59-104-25(B) and inserting:

(B) The Commission on Higher Education by regulation shall define what constitutes a science or mathematics major, applicable beginning with the 2024-2025 School Year to persons who did not receive a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship stipend before the 2024-2025 School Year. This definition of a science or mathematics major must include, at a minimum, ~~but at a minimum shall include~~ majors in science or mathematics disciplines, computer science or informational technology, engineering, accounting~~science education, math education~~,

and health care and related disciplines including medicine and dentistry; provided, that nothing herein prevents a student from changing majors within acceptable science or mathematics disciplines. ~~Additionally, the Commission on Higher Education annually shall communicate with high school guidance counselors regarding the list of qualifying majors.~~

(C) The Commission on Higher Education shall by regulation define what constitutes an education major for purposes of this section, applicable beginning with the 2024-2025 School Year to persons who did not receive a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship stipend before the 2024-2025 School Year. This definition of an education major must include, in addition to other subjects considered appropriate by the commission, (1) mathematics education majors, (2) science education majors, and (3) students who major in mathematics, science, or another subject and obtain teacher certification in a subject area related to their major prior to completion of their undergraduate degree. Additionally, the commission shall set forth eligibility criteria that the student shall meet to receive a Palmetto Fellows Scholarship stipend, which must include a contractual requirement, including a default provision, that the stipend recipient shall upon graduation work in a South Carolina public school for at least one school year for every year the stipend is received.

(D) A person who qualified for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship stipend before the 2024-2025 School Year:

(1) shall remain so qualified and eligible for the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship stipend on that basis, notwithstanding revisions in eligibility criteria applicable beginning with the 2024-2025 School Year; and

(2) is exempt from the contractual work requirement of education majors in subsection (C).

(E) The Commission on Higher Education annually shall communicate with high school guidance counselors regarding the list of qualifying majors in this section.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 59-149-50A(A) and inserting:

(A) (1) To be eligible for a LIFE Scholarship, a student must be either a student who has graduated from a high school located in this State, a student who has completed at least three of the final four years of high school within this State, a home school student who has successfully completed a high school home school program in this State in the manner required by law, a student who has graduated from a preparatory high school outside this State, while a dependent of a parent or guardian who is a legal resident of this State and has custody of the dependent, or a student whose parent or guardian has served in or has

retired from one of the United States Armed Forces within the last four years, paid income taxes in this State for a majority of the years of service, and is a resident of this State. These students also must meet the requirements of subsection (B) and be eligible for in-state tuition and fees as determined pursuant to Chapter 112, Title 59 and applicable regulations. In addition, the student must have graduated from high school with a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative grade average on a 4.0 scale and, subject to modification as provided in item (2), have scored 1100 or better on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or have the equivalent ACT score as determined by the Commission on Higher Education; provided that, if the student is to attend such a public or independent two-year college or university in this State, including a technical college, the SAT/ACT requirement does not apply. If a student chooses to attend such a public or independent institution of this State and does not make the required SAT/ACT score or the required high school grade point average, as applicable, the student may earn a LIFE Scholarship after his freshman year if he meets the grade point average and semester credit hour requirements of subsection (B). For the purpose of meeting the rank criteria pursuant to this section, the existing high school rank of a South Carolina resident attending an out-of-state high school may be used provided it is calculated pursuant to a state-approved, standardized grading scale at the respective out-of-state high school. If the Commission on Higher Education determines that a state-approved standardized grading scale substantially deviates from the South Carolina Uniform Grading Scale, the state-approved standardized grading scale shall not be used to meet the eligibility requirements for the LIFE Scholarship.

(2) After the 2024-2025 School Year, if the scoring scale range of the SAT is changed, the Commission on Higher Education shall adjust the minimum SAT/ACT score required in item (1) in order to maintain a minimum scoring requirement that is the functional equivalent of the 2024-2025 standards. In determining whether the SAT/ACT score of an applicant meets the minimum requirements of this section after such an adjustment is made, a college or university shall apply the minimum scoring requirement in effect on the date that the test was taken.

Amend the bill further, by deleting SECTION 4.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks

West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 881--ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 881 -- Senators M. Johnson, McLeod, Devine and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING THE "PROHIBITION OF UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS ACT"; AND TO MAKE THE PROHIBITIONS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS THAT ARE RECORDED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT OR THAT ARE EXECUTED MODIFIED, EXTENDED, OR AMENDED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

Rep. OTT explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott

Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

ABSTENTION FROM VOTING

May 8, 2024
The Honorable Charles Reid
Clerk of the South Carolina House of Representatives
213 Blatt Bldg.
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Clerk Reid,

I am notifying you in accordance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-700 of the SC Code, I hereby recuse myself from voting on S. 881, relating to the "Prohibition of Unfair Real Estate Service Agreements Act," making the prohibitions effective for any unfair real estate service agreements that are recorded on the effective date of this Act or that are executed, modified, extended, or amended on or after the effective date of this Act.

I will abstain from this vote because of a potential conflict of interest, as an economic interest of myself and the business with which I am associated may be affected. Please note this in the House Journal.

Sincerely,
Rep. Jordan Pace

S. 434--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 434 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-78-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO CLAUSE OF A SERVICE CONTRACT WHICH STATES THAT THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED RENEWED FOR A SPECIFIED ADDITIONAL PERIOD, UNLESS THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER GIVES NOTICE TO THE PROVIDER OF HIS INTENTION TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM, SHALL BE ENFORCEABLE AGAINST THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 434 (LC-434.PH0005H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 4, by striking Section 37-1-301(31) and (32) and inserting:

(31) "Automatic renewal provision" means a provision under which a service contract is renewed for a specified period of more than one month if the renewal causes the service contract to be in effect more than six months after the day of the initiation of the service contract. Such renewal is effective unless the consumer gives notice to the seller of the consumer's intention to terminate the service contract. This term does

not include a contract renewal for services provided by a telecommunications carrier or its affiliate when either the carrier or the affiliate is regulated by the South Carolina Public Service Commission or the Federal Communications Commission. This term also does not include a contract renewal for services provided by any broadband entity covered by Act 175 of 2020, known as the Broadband Accessibility Act.

(32) "Service contract" means a written contract for the performance of services over a fixed period of time or for a specified duration. This term does not include service contracts sold or offered for sale to persons other than a natural person or an individual for personal, family, or household purposes and does not include contracts for services provided by an entity incorporated under Chapter 49, Title 33.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BLACKWELL explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. BLACKWELL explained the Bill.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
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Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
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Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
M. M. Smith	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total—104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

S. 700--AMENDED AND ORDERED TO THIRD READING

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 700 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES PROVIDERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS.

The Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to S. 700 (LC-700.SA0005H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-820(1) and inserting:

(1) "Consumer" means a natural person who works and resides in the State of South Carolina. A provider may use the work address and mailing address provided by a consumer to determine such consumer's state of employment and residence for purposes of this article.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, Section 39-5-820, by striking the first undesignated paragraph immediately after item (7) and inserting:

A voluntary tip or gratuity shall not be deemed to be a fee.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-840(7) and (8) and inserting:

(7) If the provider solicits or receives a tip or gratuity from a consumer, the provider shall:

(a) clearly and conspicuously disclose to the consumer immediately prior to each transaction that a tip or gratuity amount may be zero and is voluntary;

(b) clearly and conspicuously disclose in its service contract with the consumer and elsewhere that tips or gratuities are voluntary and that the offering of earned wage access services, including the amount of proceeds a consumer is eligible to request and the frequency with which proceeds are provided to a consumer, is not contingent on whether the consumer pays any tip or gratuitiy or on the size of the tip or gratuity;

(c) not mislead or deceive consumers about the voluntary nature of such tips or gratuities; and

(d) make no representations that tips or gratuities will benefit any specific individuals.

(8) In any case in which a provider will seek repayment of outstanding proceeds, fees, or other payments, in connection with the activities covered by this article, including voluntary tips or gratuities from a consumer's account at a depository institution including via electronic transfer, the provider shall:

(a) comply with applicable provisions of the federal Electronic Fund Transfer Act and its implementing regulations;

(b) reimburse the consumer for the full amount of any overdraft or non-sufficient funds fees imposed on a consumer by the consumer's depository institution that were caused by the provider attempting to seek payment of any outstanding proceeds, fees, or other payments, in connection with the activities covered by this article, including voluntary

tips or gratuities, on a date before, or in an incorrect amount from, the date or amount disclosed to the consumer; and

(c) not be subject to the requirements in subitem (b) with respect to payments of outstanding amounts or fees incurred by a consumer through fraudulent or other unlawful means.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-850(1) and inserting:

(1) share with an employer any fees, voluntary tips or gratuities that were received from or charged to a consumer for earned wage access services;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-850(3) and inserting:

(3) accept payment of outstanding proceeds, fees, voluntary tips, or gratuities from a consumer via credit card or charge card;

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-850(9) and inserting:

(9) compel or attempt to compel payment by a consumer of outstanding proceeds, fees, voluntary tips, or gratuities to the provider through any of the following means:

(a) a suit against the consumer in a court of competent jurisdiction;

(b) use of a third party to pursue collection from the consumer on the provider's behalf; or

(c) sale of outstanding amounts to a third-party collector or debt buyer for collection from the consumer.

However, the limitations in this item shall not preclude the use by a provider of any of these methods to compel payment of outstanding amounts or fees incurred by a consumer through fraudulent or other unlawful means, nor shall they preclude a provider from pursuing an employer for breach of its contractual obligations to the provider.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 39-5-860(C) and inserting:

(C) Fees, voluntary tips, or gratuities paid by a consumer to a provider shall not be considered a loan finance charge for purposes of Section 37-3-109.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BLACKWELL explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. Ott proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to S. 700 (LC-700.HA0006H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 5, Title 39 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 8

South Carolina Earned Wage Access Services Act

Section 39-5-810. This article may be cited as the "South Carolina Earned Wage Access Services Act".

Section 39-5-820. As used in this article, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the term:

(1) "Consumer" means a natural person residing in the State of South Carolina. A provider may use the mailing address provided by a consumer to determine such consumer's state of residence for purposes of this article.

(2) "Consumer-directed wage access services" means offering or providing earned wage access services directly to consumers based on the consumer's representations and the provider's reasonable determination of the consumer's earned but unpaid income.

(3) "Earned but unpaid income" means salary, wages, compensation, or other income that a consumer or an employer has represented, and that a provider has reasonably determined, have been earned or have accrued to the benefit of the consumer in exchange for the consumer's provision of services to the employer or on behalf of the employer, including on an hourly, project-based, piecework, or other basis and including where the consumer is acting as an independent contractor of the employer, but have not, at the time of the payment of proceeds, been paid to the consumer by the employer.

(4) "Earned wage access services" means the business of providing consumer-directed wage access services or employer-integrated wage access services, or both.

(5)(a) "Employer" means:

(i) a person who employs a consumer; or

(ii) any other person who is contractually obligated to pay a consumer earned but unpaid income in exchange for consumer's provision of services to the employer or on behalf of the employer including on an hourly, project-based, piecework, or other basis and including where the consumer is acting as an independent contractor with respect to the employer.

(b) The term "employer" does not include:

(i) a customer of the employer; or

(ii) any other person whose obligation to make a payment of salary, wages, compensation, or other income to a consumer is not based on the provision of services by that consumer for or on behalf of such person.

(6) "Employer-integrated wage access services" means the business of delivering to consumers access to earned but unpaid income that is based on employment, income, and attendance data obtained directly or indirectly from an employer.

(7) "Fee" shall include a:

(a) fee imposed by a provider for delivery or expedited delivery of proceeds to a consumer; or

(b) subscription or membership fee imposed by a provider for a bona fide group of services that include earned wage access services.

A voluntary tip, gratuity, or other donation shall not be deemed to be a fee.

(8) "Outstanding proceeds" means proceeds remitted to a consumer by a provider that have not yet been repaid to that provider.

(9) "Person" means a partnership, association, corporation, or other business unit.

(10) "Proceeds" means a payment to a consumer by a provider that is based on earned but unpaid income.

(11) "Provider" means a person who is in the business of providing earned wage access services to consumers.

(12) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs.

Section 39-5-830. (1) A person, including a person that is not physically located in this State, may not provide earned wage access in this State unless the person is registered under this article as a provider. This article does not apply to any person doing business under authority of and as permitted by any law of this State or the United States relating to banks, credit unions, savings and loan associations, savings banks, or trust companies.

(2) A person required to be registered under subsection (1) shall apply to the department for a registration on a form and in the manner prescribed by the department. The application shall include all of the following information:

(a) the name of the provider;

(b) the name under which the provider transacts business, if different than listed for item (a);

(c) the address of the provider's principal office, which may be

outside of this State;

(d) the addresses of all of the provider's offices or retail stores, if any, in this State;

(e) if the provider provides earned wage access services at a location that is not an office or retail store in this State, a brief description of the manner in which the provider provides earned wage access services;

(f) the provider's federal employer identification number;

(g) a copy of the policy of the applicant relating to the privacy of information concerning users;

(h) a schedule of fees proposed to be charged to a user or employer for the provision of earned wage access services, which must include, without limitation, a statement identifying at least one option for a user to obtain earned wage access services from the applicant at no cost to the user;

(i) a statement that the applicant is applying to be registered as an employer-integrated earned wage access provider or a consumer-directed earned wage access provider, or both; and

(j) any other information or documentation the department requires to administer this article.

(3) Registration is on an annual basis and must on a form prescribed by the department. The annual renewable period runs from May first until June thirtieth. A provider that files its renewal and annual report on a timely basis may continue operating unless the registration is denied or revoked by the department.

(4) The application for a registration pursuant to subsection (2) or renewal pursuant to subsection (3) shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee of one thousand dollars payable to the department. All application and renewal fees collected by the department may be retained by the department and used to implement the provisions of this article.

(5) A provider shall file with the department, and maintain in force, a surety bond that is issued by a surety company authorized to do business in this State. The surety bond must be:

(a) in a form satisfactory to the department;

(b) payable to the State for the benefit of a claimant against the provider to secure the faithful performance of obligations of the provider with respect to earned wage access services;

(c) in an amount equal to $30,000; and

(d) maintained for three years after revocation, denial, or failure to renew the registration.

(6) A registration issued pursuant to this article is not transferable or assignable.

Section 39-5-840. A provider shall comply with all of the following requirements:

(1) The provider shall develop and implement policies and procedures to respond to questions raised by consumers and address complaints from consumers in an expedient manner.

(2) The provider shall offer to the consumer at least one reasonable option to obtain proceeds at no cost to the consumer and clearly explain how to elect that no-cost option.

(3) Before providing a consumer with earned wage access services, the provider shall provide a consumer with a written paper or electronic document, which can be included as part of the contract to provide earned wage access services, and which meets all of the following requirements:

(a) informs the consumer of the terms and conditions of the earned wage access services;

(b) clearly and conspicuously describes how the consumer may obtain proceeds at no cost to that consumer;

(c) provides a phone number or a website through which consumers can submit complaints about the provider's earned wage access services to the provider and the website and telephone number for the department;

(d) is written in a font and using language intended to be easily understood by a layperson;

(e) discloses any fees that may be directly imposed by the provider in connection with the provision of earned wage access services.

(4) The provider must inform the consumer of the fact of any material changes to the terms and conditions of the earned wage access services before implementing those changes for that consumer, using a font and language intended to be easily understood by a layperson.

(5) The provider shall provide proceeds to a consumer via any means mutually agreed upon by the consumer and provider.

(6) The provider shall comply with all local, state, and federal privacy and information security laws.

(7) If the provider solicits, charges, or receives a tip, gratuity, or other donation from a consumer, the provider shall:

(a) clearly and conspicuously disclose to the consumer immediately prior to each transaction that a tip, gratuity, or other donation amount may be zero and is voluntary;

(b) clearly and conspicuously disclose in its service contract with the consumer and elsewhere that tips, gratuities, or donations are voluntary and that the offering of earned wage access services, including the amount of proceeds a consumer is eligible to request and the frequency with which proceeds are provided to a consumer, is not contingent on whether the consumer pays any tip, gratuity, or other donation or on the size of the tip, gratuity, or other donation;

(c) not mislead or deceive consumers about the voluntary nature of such tips, gratuities, or other donations; and

(d) make no representations that tips, gratuities, or other donations will benefit any specific individuals.

(8) In any case in which a provider will seek repayment of outstanding proceeds, fees, or other payments, in connection with the activities covered by this article, including voluntary tips, gratuities, or other donations from a consumer's account at a depository institution including via electronic transfer, the provider shall:

(a) comply with applicable provisions of the federal Electronic Fund Transfer Act and its implementing regulations;

(b) reimburse the consumer for the full amount of any overdraft or non-sufficient funds fees imposed on a consumer by the consumer's depository institution that were caused by the provider attempting to seek payment of any outstanding proceeds, fees, or other payments, in connection with the activities covered by this article, including voluntary tips, gratuities, or other donations, on a date before, or in an incorrect amount from, the date or amount disclosed to the consumer; and

(c) not be subject to the requirements in subitem (b) with respect to payments of outstanding amounts or fees incurred by a consumer through fraudulent or other unlawful means.

(9) In any case in which a provider will seek repayment of outstanding proceeds, fees, or other payments in connection with the activities covered by this article, including voluntary tips, gratuities, or other donations from a consumer via payroll deduction, the provider's terms and conditions shall inform the consumer that by using the provider's earned wage access services, the consumer consents to repayment from the consumer's employer or its payroll services provider.

(10) A provider shall allow a consumer to discontinue receiving services at any time, without imposing a financial penalty on that consumer.

Section 39-5-850. No person subject to this article shall do any of the following:

(1) share with an employer any fees, voluntary tips, gratuities, or other donations that were received from or charged to a consumer for earned wage access services;

(2) charge a late fee, interest, or any other penalty or charge for failure to repay outstanding proceeds;

(3) accept payment of outstanding proceeds, fees, voluntary tips, gratuities, or other donations from a consumer via credit card or charge card;

(4) charge a deferral fee or any other charge in connection with deferring the collection of any outstanding proceeds beyond the original scheduled repayment date;

(5) solicit a consumer to delay repayment of outstanding proceeds for the purpose of increasing the total nonmandatory payments that the provider may collect;

(6) report a consumer's payment or failed repayment of outstanding proceeds to a consumer credit reporting agency or a debt collector;

(7) require a credit score to determine a consumer's eligibility for earned wage access services;

(8) advertise, display, distribute, broadcast, televise, or cause or permit to be advertised, displayed, distributed, broadcasted, or televised in any manner whatsoever any false, misleading, or deceptive statement or representation regarding the conditions of the earned wage access services offered and provided by the provider;

(9) compel or attempt to compel payment by a consumer of outstanding proceeds, fees, voluntary tips, gratuities, or other donations to the provider through any of the following means:

(a) a suit against the consumer in a court of competent jurisdiction;

(b) use of a third party to pursue collection from the consumer on the provider's behalf; or

(c) sale of outstanding amounts to a third-party collector or debt buyer for collection from the consumer;

(10) provide proceeds in an amount that exceeds the consumer's earned but unpaid income, provided that this limitation shall not apply to any provision of proceeds that exceeds the consumer's earned but unpaid income due to administrative or technical errors so long as repayment of such proceeds provided due to an error otherwise complies with the repayment provisions of this article.

However, the limitations in this item shall not preclude the use by a provider of any of these methods to compel payment of outstanding amounts or fees incurred by a consumer through fraudulent or other

unlawful means, nor shall they preclude a provider from pursuing an employer for breach of its contractual obligations to the provider.

Section 39-5-860. The following shall apply in connection with the earned wage access services offered and provided by a provider in compliance with the provisions of this article:

(A) Proceeds provided to a consumer by the provider shall not be considered a consumer loan for purposes of Section 37-3-104 or a loan for purposes of Section 37-3-106.

(B) The provider shall not be considered a lender for purposes of Section 37-3-107(1), unless the provider is conducting business pursuant to Chapter 3, Title 37.

(C) Fees, voluntary tips, gratuities, or other donations paid by a consumer to a provider shall not be considered a loan finance charge for purposes of Section 37-3-109.

(D) The provider shall not be considered to be engaged in the business of money transmission for purposes of Section 35-11-200.

(E) Earned wage access services shall not be considered wage assignment for the purposes of Section 37-3-403.

(F) The provider shall not be considered a deferred presentment provider for purposes of Section 34-39-130 unless the provider is conducting business pursuant to Chapter 39, Title 34.

Section 39-5-870. (1) A provider shall maintain records of its earned wage access services transactions and shall preserve its records for at least two years after the final date on which it provides proceeds to a consumer. A provider shall keep such books and records that, in the opinion of the department, will enable the department to determine whether the provider is in compliance with this article. The provider may keep books and records at a place of business located outside this State if the provider is able to readily produce those books and records for review.

(2) On or before June thirtieth of each year, a provider shall submit an annual report to the department relating to the provider's business conducted during the prior calendar year in this State. The report shall be on a form prescribed by the department and include, at a minimum:

(a) gross revenue attributable to those earned wage access services;

(b) a copy of each complaint that has been filed by a consumer against the provider with the Better Business Bureau or a state or federal agency other than the department and a description of the resolution, if any, of each such complaint;

(c) the total number of transactions in which the provider

provided proceeds to consumers;

(d) the total number of unique consumers to whom the provider provided proceeds;

(e) the total dollar amount of proceeds the provider provided to consumers; and

(f) the total dollar amount of fees, voluntary tips, gratuities, or other donations the provider received from consumers.

(3) Data collected by the department pursuant to this section is confidential and may be released only in composite form, except as otherwise provided by law. The department shall prepare and make available to the public a report based on the above data. The report must be made available by October thirty-first each year.

Section 39-5-880. Upon satisfactory evidence that a provider has violated or failed to comply with a provision of this article or regulation promulgated pursuant to the authority of this article, the department may issue an order requiring the provider to cease and desist from engaging in the violation, requiring the provider to pay an administrative penalty or issue a refund to the consumer, denying, revoking, or suspending the provider's registration, or a combination thereof.

Section 39-5-890. An appeal of an order issued by the department must be made pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act and the rules governing practice before the Administrative Law Court. A contested hearing pursuant to this article is before the Administrative Law Court, with notice to, and an opportunity for a hearing by, the affected provider.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect six months after approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

Rep. BLACKWELL explained the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister

Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Bustos	Haddon

Total--2

So, the Bill, as amended, was read the second time and ordered to third reading.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. FORREST moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5547 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BECKY BUDDS, A POLITICAL AND GENERAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTER WITH WLTX, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS AS SHE LEAVES COLUMBIA TO START A NEW CAREER IN CHARLOTTE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5548 -- Reps. Erickson, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Hager, Bradley, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg,

Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR DR. FRANK RODRIGUEZ OF BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT UPON BEING NAMED 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5549 -- Reps. Brewer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-

Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND THANK THE 150 SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS AND THEIR COMMANDER, LIEUTENANT COLONEL TRAVIS MOORE, WHO IN THE SUMMER OF 2023 SERVED IN TEXAS TO ASSIST AUTHORITIES WITH OPERATION LONE STAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5550 -- Reps. Guest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL WALTER LESTER "TRIPP" HUNTER III AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5551 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHARLES M. CANNON OF COLUMBIA, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE WITH THE CAUCUS AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS AS HE TAKES ON NEW CHALLENGES.

Whereas, the House of Representatives has learned that Charles M. Cannon of Columbia, former executive director of the South Carolina House Republican Caucus, recently stepped down from the position he held with such distinction for more than two decades; and

Whereas, during his time as executive director of the House Republican Caucus, Charles worked with caucus leadership to communicate legislative activities and priorities to members, supervised all activities and daily operations of the caucus, and served as liaison between caucus members and its Business Roundtable members. He also advised current House members and candidates on constituency issues, campaign management, budgeting, and public relations; acted as intermediary between the House Caucus and Senate Caucus regarding legislative

initiatives; and established relationships with local and regional officials to assist with candidate recruitment; and

Whereas, while he served with the House Republican Caucus, Charles worked for eight majority leaders and three House Speakers; and

Whereas, prior to taking up his duties with the House Republican Caucus, Charles Cannon served with Beers-York Construction Company as regional business development manager. Earlier, he served with two Beasley for Governor election campaigns, as well as in the office of then-Governor David M. Beasley; and

Whereas, away from the office, Charles Cannon has served on the South Carolina State Museum Foundation Board, and he is also a Hammond School Ambassador and member of the Hammond Finance Committee. He loves to travel, and he finds strong support for all his labors in his family: his lovely wife, Clare; his daughter, Elizabeth; and his son, Charles, Jr.; and

Whereas, in preparation for his career, the young Charles earned his Bachelor of Science in Political Science at Clinton's Presbyterian College (1993); and

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives is grateful for the legacy of dedication and excellence that Charles Cannon has given the people of South Carolina, and the members wish him many years of satisfaction and prosperity in his new pursuits. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Charles M. Cannon of Columbia, former director of the South Carolina House Republican Caucus, for his outstanding service with the caucus and wish him continued success and fulfillment in all his future endeavors as he takes on new challenges.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Charles Cannon.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5552 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MCCROREY-LISTON SCHOOL AND TO CELEBRATE THE SCHOOL'S SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5553 -- Reps. Chapman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan,

Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BOBBY BOWEN, OPERATIONS LEADER FOR BOSCH IN ANDERSON, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5554 -- Reps. Kilmartin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR COACH TIM WHIPPLE FOR HIS WELL-ACCOMPLISHED CAREER, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND SATISFACTION IN THE MORE LEISURELY PACE OF THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5555 -- Rep. Forrest: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE EDWARD AND HELEN HALLMAN ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SIXTY-SECOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND TO RECOGNIZE THE INCREDIBLE COMMITMENT THEY HAVE MADE TO EACH OTHER.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5556 -- Rep. Taylor: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAPTAINS APRIL AND RANDULL TILLER OF THE SALVATION ARMY FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF AIKEN, ALLENDALE, BARNWELL, AND EDGEFIELD COUNTIES AND TO WISH THEM GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS THEY TAKE UP NEW DUTIES WITH THE SALVATION ARMY'S MINISTRY IN CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5557 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan,

Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF MAY 2024 AS "JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CALL UPON ALL CITIZENS TO COMMEMORATE THIS OCCASION BY APPROPRIATELY CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY'S HISTORY, HERITAGE, AND CULTURE HAVE MADE TO THIS NATION AND TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5558 -- Reps. Garvin, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DOROTHY LOUISE WILLIAMS "DOT" THORNE, A NATIVE OF SUMTER COUNTY, ON THE OCCASION OF HER 81ST BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5559 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE EDWARD BYRD, BISHOPVILLE CITY COUNCILMAN, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5560 -- Reps. J. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder,

Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND ROSA MARCELA RABENS OF CHARLESTON FOR HER DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1303 -- Senator Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2024 AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO SUPPORT RESEARCH FOR THE CURE OF CHILDHOOD CANCER AND TREATMENT OF CHILDREN DIAGNOSED WITH CHILDHOOD CANCER AND TO SUPPORT THEIR FAMILIES WHO ARE ALL SO DEEPLY IMPACTED.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1314 -- Senators Senn and Campsen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE ROUNDABOUT AT FORT

JOHNSON ROAD AND HARBOR VIEW ROAD IN CHARLESTON COUNTY "INEZ BROWN CROUCH ROUNDABOUT" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was ordered referred to the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

The following Bills were introduced, read the first time, and referred to appropriate committees:

H. 5561 -- Reps. Thigpen, Cobb-Hunter, King, Gilliard, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Jefferson, Pendarvis, Anderson, Wheeler, Rivers, J. Moore, J. L. Johnson, Henderson-Myers, Hosey, Weeks and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING ACT 111 OF 2024 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, AND TO PROVIDE THE STATUTES CONTAINED IN THAT ACT REVERT TO THE LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN THEM.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

H. 5562 -- Reps. Wetmore, Stavrinakis and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-720, RELATING TO ZONING ORDINANCES, SO AS TO DEFINE "CONCURRENCY PROGRAMS"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-1130, RELATING TO REGULATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO AN ADOPTED CONCURRENCY PROGRAM.

Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

H. 5388--RECOMMITTED

The following Bill was taken up:

H. 5388 -- Reps. Bannister, Elliott, Willis, W. Jones, Dillard, Vaughan and Haddon: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 919 OF 1928, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GREENVILLE AIRPORT COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS TO TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to recommit the Bill to the Committee on Greenville Delegation, which was agreed to.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bills were read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title of each be changed to that of an Act, and that they be enrolled for ratification:

S. 728 -- Senator Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197(A)(3), RELATING TO THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION OF "FIREFIGHTER" SHALL INCLUDE NON-RESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHO WORK IN THE STATE.

S. 1001 -- Senator Martin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-430, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF INMATE LABOR IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO INMATE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM MAY EARN LESS THAN THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE.

S. 1099 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-360, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LAURENS COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 969 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Setzler, K. Johnson, Young, Malloy, Senn, Stephens, McLeod and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PAID

PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTEER EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN UNPAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS.

S. 858 -- Senators Davis, Garrett, Kimbrell, Setzler and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-130, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE FACILITY LICENSURE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME"; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-170, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-267 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR LICENSING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

S. 1166 -- Senators Tedder, Stephens and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE S.C. CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES.

Rep. FORREST moved that the House adjourn pending receipt of Bills and messages from the Senate to meet at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 3392 -- Rep. M. M. Smith: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17 AND MELROSE DRIVE IN CHARLESTON COUNTY "DEPUTY SHERIFF JEREMY CHRISTOPHER LADUE MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS INTERSECTION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4040 -- Reps. Gilliard and Stavrinakis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF GARDEN STREET FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH HOFF AVENUE TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HUNTLEY DRIVE IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON IN CHARLESTON COUNTY "BILL SHARPE WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4806 -- Reps. Rivers and Gilliard: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF THE SEA ISLAND PARKWAY IN BEAUFORT COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH COWEN CREEK BLUFF TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH COWEN CREEK BRIDGE "MONTFORD POINT MARINES WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4904 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE BROAD RIVER ALONG SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAYS 49 AND 9 IN UNION COUNTY "1ST LT. ROY D. BRATTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS DESIGNATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4905 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 49 IN UNION COUNTY "PFC FRANKLIN LEROY BARBER BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 4906 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE LOCKHART CANAL ON SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAYS 49 AND 9 "SP5 WALTER 'BUBBA' BRANNON MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 5378 -- Reps. Thigpen, Howard, Garvin, Bernstein, Bauer, McDaniel and Rutherford: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 21 (WILSON BOULEVARD) FROM STATE ROAD S-910 (PLUMBERS ROAD) TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-130 (SHARPE ROAD) IN RICHLAND COUNTY "JAMES AND BARBARA MCLAWHORN BOULEVARD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 5339 -- Reps. Jefferson, Cobb-Hunter, Murphy, Pedalino, Brewer, Gatch and Robbins: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 178 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 15 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 78 IN DORCHESTER COUNTY "MAYOR CHARLES WILLIAM ACKERMAN HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 5453 -- Reps. Rose, Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR

STAFF AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND MANY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THE FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY, TO CONGRATULATE THEM, AND TO DECLARE MAY 14, 2024, AS "USC STAFF DAY" IN THE PALMETTO STATE.

RATIFICATION OF ACTS

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on May 8, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified:

(R. 129, S. 621) -- Senators Reichenbach, Stephens, Cromer, Kimbrell, M. Johnson, Fanning, Setzler, Bennett, Shealy, Rice, Williams, Allen, Garrett, Loftis, Sabb and Gustafson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO CREATE THE “SOUTH CAROLINA-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION”, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TRADE COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.

(R. 130, S. 845) -- Senators Rankin, Sabb, Talley and Malloy: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-108, RELATING TO PROBATE, TESTACY, APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS, AND ULTIMATE TIME LIMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS IN RELATION TO AN INDIVIDUAL’S ESTATE, REGARDLESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL’S DATE OF DEATH, FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A CLAIM TO BE MADE PURSUANT TO THE “SERGEANT FIRST CLASS HEATH ROBINSON HONORING OUR PROMISE TO ADDRESS COMPREHENSIVE TOXICS ACT OF 2022”.

(R. 131, S. 916) -- Senator Cromer: AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 1(C) OF ACT 485 OF 1998, RELATED TO THE NEWBERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL PERSONS DESIRING TO QUALIFY AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY WITH THE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION INSTEAD OF FILING A PETITION.

(R. 132, S. 971) -- Senator Hutto: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-100, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BARNWELL COUNTY, SO AS TO IDENTIFY THE VOTING PLACE FOR CERTAIN PRECINCTS.

(R. 133, S. 972) -- Senator Garrett: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 595 OF 1994, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES IN GREENWOOD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 50, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THESE REAPPORTIONED DISTRICTS.

(R. 134, S. 1025) -- Senators Young, Massey, Setzler and Hutto: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 588 OF 1986, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE-MEMBER ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR THE SCHOOL BOARD OF AIKEN COUNTY, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE DISTRICTS BEGINNING WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS IN 2024, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS MAY BE FOUND, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

(R. 135, S. 1047) -- Senator Hutto: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-610, RELATING TO DENMARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MANNER BY WHICH COMMISSIONERS ARE APPOINTED SHALL BE BY APPOINTMENT OF THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTING ALLENDALE, BAMBERG, AND BARNWELL COUNTIES.

(R. 136, S. 1126) -- Senators Kimbrell, Peeler, Rice, M. Johnson, Adams, Climer, Garrett, Cash, Young, Alexander, Reichenbach, Shealy, Grooms, Cromer, Turner, Loftis, Fanning, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Massey, Campsen, Bennett, Martin, Corbin and Verdin: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4,

ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO VOTER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE OF THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND UPWARDS WHO IS PROPERLY REGISTERED IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AS PROVIDED BY LAW.

(R. 137, S. 1266) -- Judiciary Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION, RELATING TO PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5266, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

(R. 138, S. 1285) -- Senator Malloy: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 259 OF 1961, RELATING TO THE HARTSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER BUILDING COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE COMMISSION'S MEMBERSHIP FROM THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS AND TO DELETE REFERENCES TO INITIAL BOARD MEMBERS.

(R. 139, H. 3121) -- Reps. Hyde, Carter, B. Newton, Neese, T. Moore, Pope, Bauer, Davis, M.M. Smith, Willis, Brewer, Robbins, Felder, Stavrinakis, Wetmore and Caskey: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO A PROPERTY OWNER WHO ENCUMBERS HIS PROPERTY WITH A PERPETUAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL EASEMENT.

(R. 140, H. 3248) -- Reps. Collins and Carter: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 609 OF 1984, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES OF SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO DETERMINE THE STIPEND AMOUNT.

(R. 141, H. 3255) -- Reps. Jefferson, Henegan, Anderson, Sandifer, Rivers and Gilliard: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-63-110 SO AS TO PROHIBIT ISSUERS OF INDIVIDUAL LIFE INSURANCE

POLICIES FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST LIVING ORGAN DONORS; BY ADDING SECTION 38-65-130 SO AS TO PROHIBIT ISSUERS OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST LIVING ORGAN DONORS; BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-105 SO AS TO PROHIBIT ISSUERS OF DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE POLICIES FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST LIVING ORGAN DONORS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-72-110 SO AS TO PROHIBIT ISSUERS OF LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE POLICIES FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST LIVING ORGAN DONORS.

(R. 142, H. 3295) -- Reps. Collins, Erickson, Bradley and Alexander: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-210 SO AS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-39-290 SO AS TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT, ESTABLISH, AND PROMULGATE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-360 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR EXEMPTING COMPETENCY-BASED SCHOOLS FROM CERTAIN APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-425, RELATING TO THE STATUTORY ANNUAL SCHOOL CALENDAR AND INSTRUCTION TIME REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-39-100, RELATING TO REQUIRED UNITS FOR A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

(R. 143, H. 3309) -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope, Erickson, Bradley, Davis, Caskey and M.M. Smith: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE “SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS ACT” BY ADDING SECTION 59-10-215 SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL ADOPT A SEIZURE TRAINING PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSES AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAMS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-80, RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE PLANS FOR

STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

(R. 144, H. 3355) -- Reps. Moss and Lawson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-4072 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH VEHICLE OPERATORS UTILIZING FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLIES MAY TOW AN ADDITIONAL TRAILING VEHICLE.

(R. 145, H. 3518) -- Reps. Felder and Williams: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-286, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF LICENSES OR PERMITS OR THE DENIAL OF ISSUANCE OF LICENSES OR PERMITS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE WHO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES WITH A CERTAIN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, TO PROVIDE PERSONS, AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF NOTICES OF SUSPENSIONS, MAY ENROLL IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THE PERIOD OF TIME THE IGNITION INTERLOCK MUST BE MAINTAINED ON TEMPORARY ALCOHOL LICENSES, TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN PERSONS CAN OBTAIN TEMPORARY ALCOHOL LICENSES WITHOUT INTERLOCK RESTRICTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE, IF SUSPENSIONS ARE UPHELD, THE PERSONS MUST ENROLL IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2951, RELATING TO SUSPENSIONS OF LICENSES FOR THE REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO TESTING OR FOR CERTAIN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, TO PROVIDE PERSONS MAY ENROLL IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAM AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF THE NOTICES OF SUSPENSION, TO PROVIDE FEES ASSESSED UNDER THIS PROVISION MUST BE HELD IN TRUST UNTIL THE FINAL DISPOSITIONS OF CONTESTED HEARINGS, TO PROVIDE IF SUSPENSIONS ARE UPHELD AT CONTESTED HEARINGS, THE PERSONS MUST ENROLL IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE IF THE SUSPENSIONS ARE OVERTURNED, THE FEES MUST BE REIMBURSED TO THE PERSONS AND THEIR DRIVING PRIVILEGES MUST BE REINSTATED.

(R. 146, H. 3563) -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Pace, Collins, Bauer, Dillard, W. Jones, Wheeler, Hart, J.L. Johnson, Henegan, Williams, Trantham, Oremus, Cromer, Beach and Henderson-Myers: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXEMPTION FOR FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS.

(R. 147, H. 3592) -- Reps. Hyde and Carter: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-86, RELATING TO COMPOUNDING OF MEDICATIONS BY PHARMACIES, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPOUNDING PHARMACIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-87, RELATING TO NUCLEAR/RADIOLOGIC PHARMACY PRACTICES, SO AS TO REMOVE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING NUCLEAR PHARMACY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-88, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PREPARATION, LABELING, AND DISTRIBUTION OF STERILE PRODUCTS BY PHARMACIES, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN STANDARDS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-43-197 SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS OR ENTITIES AUTHORIZED TO DISPENSE DRUGS MAY ACQUIRE CERTAIN DRUGS COMPOUNDED OR REPACKAGED BY AN OUTSOURCING FACILITY DIRECTLY FROM THE OUTSOURCING FACILITY WITHOUT AN ORDER AND MAY DISPENSE THE DRUGS TO THE SAME EXTENT AS AUTHORIZED FOR OTHER AUTHORIZED MEANS; AND TO PROVIDE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY MUST PROMULGATE CERTAIN RELATED REGULATIONS.

(R. 148, H. 3608) -- Reps. Hixon, Bailey and Brittain: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-39-260, RELATING TO RECORDS OF SALES OR CONVEYANCES AND RESULTING CHANGES IN DUPLICATES AND ENDORSEMENT OF DEEDS BY AUDITORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE RECORDS OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY SALES AND TO REMOVE COUNTY AUDITOR FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5-120, RELATING TO THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN CONVEYANCES NOT

ENDORSED BY A COUNTY AUDITOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY CONVEYANCE MEETING THE STATUTORY PREREQUISITES FOR RECORDING ARE VALID AND BINDING; BY REPEALING SECTION 30-5-80 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF THE AUDITOR'S ENDORSEMENT BEFORE THE RECORDATION OF DEEDS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 8-21-130 RELATING TO FEES COLLECTED BY COUNTY AUDITORS FOR AN ENDORSEMENT ON A DEED.

(R. 149, H. 3811) -- Rep. Elliott: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3585, RELATING TO THE INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP FUND TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE AGGREGATE CREDIT FROM NINE MILLION TO TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR TAX YEARS AFTER 2022.
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(R, 150, H. 3880) -- Reps. M.M. Smith, Herbkersman, Davis, Elliott, B.J. Cox, B.L. Cox and Pace: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-2420, RELATING TO THE ADMISSIONS TAX, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO TAX MAY BE CHARGED OR COLLECTED ON ANNUAL OR MONTHLY DUES PAID TO A GOLF CLUB.

(R. 151, H. 3992) -- Reps. Blackwell, McGinnis, Sandifer, Ligon, Cromer, Magnuson, White, Pace and Burns: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-60, RELATING TO DELINQUENT UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TAX RATES, SO AS TO PERMIT EMPLOYERS WITH INSTALLMENT PAYMENT AGREEMENTS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE TO PAY THE TAX AT A SPECIFIED ANNUAL STATUTORY RATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC REVERSION OF THIS RATE UPON FAILURE TO TIMELY COMPLY WITH THE PAYMENT AGREEMENT.

(R. 152, H. 4002) -- Reps. G.M. Smith, W. Newton, Hiott, Davis, B. Newton, Erickson, Bannister, Haddon, Sandifer, Thayer, Hixon, Carter, Robbins, Blackwell, Forrest and Pope: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CAPTAIN ROBERT JOHNSON ACT" BY ADDING SECTION

24-3-980 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR INMATES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO POSSESS TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICES UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE DIRECTOR, TO DEFINE THE TERM "TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE", AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

(R. 153, H. 4042) -- Reps. Bernstein, Gilliard, Wheeler, Wetmore, King, Howard, Henegan, Stavrinakis, Bauer, Rutherford, W. Newton, Jordan, Pope, Bannister, J.E. Johnson, Brittain, Elliott and Jefferson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 27 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK IN WHICH ANTISEMITISM IS CONSIDERED REGARDING ALL LAWS PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATORY ACTS.

(R. 154, H. 4113) -- Reps. Herbkersman, Sandifer, Jefferson, M.M. Smith, Kirby and Gilliard: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE AN AMBULANCE ASSESSMENT FEE FOR PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES; TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AND CHARGE AMBULANCE SERVICES A UNIFORM FEE; TO ESTABLISH AN AMBULANCE FEE TRUST FUND AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORIZED USES OF THE FUND; TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPOSE PENALTIES AGAINST AMBULANCE SERVICES THAT FAIL TO PAY ASSESSED FEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

(R. 155, H. 4333) -- Reps. M.M. Smith, King, Davis, Pace, B.L. Cox, McDaniel, Henderson-Myers and Weeks: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY, SO AS TO PROVIDE A NECESSARY DEFINITION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-320, RELATING TO SITE AND SERVICE LIMITATIONS ON MOBILE OPTOMETRY UNITS AND CERTAIN ASSOCIATED DISCIPLINARY ACTION LIMITATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN SITES OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE CHILDREN FROM LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES DURING THE SUMMER.

(R. 156, H. 4349) -- Rep. Bannister: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-1500, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE REFERENCES, TO REVISE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN COMMISSION SEATS, AND TO REVISE THE ABSENCE POLICY FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

(R. 157, H. 4376) -- Reps. B.J. Cox, M.M. Smith, Caskey, T. Moore, Wooten, J.L. Johnson, Davis, Sessions, Guffey, Ligon, O'Neal, Pope, Hart and J. Moore: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 25-12-10, 25-12-30, AND 25-12-50, ALL RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED HUMAN REMAINS OF A DECEASED VETERAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25 ALSO APPLY TO THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED HUMAN REMAINS OF A DECEASED VETERAN AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25 ARE MANDATORY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-590, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CORONERS TO RELEASE CERTAIN HUMAN REMAINS THAT HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE THOSE OF AN UNCLAIMED DECEASED VETERAN TO A FUNERAL HOME, FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT, OR MORTUARY FOR DISPOSITION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25.

(R. 158, H. 4387) -- Rep. Forrest: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-230, RELATING TO STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO HYBRID BASS.

(R. 159, H. 4612) -- Reps. Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hartnett, Hardee, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Murphy, Connell, Mitchell, Hager, Caskey, Forrest, Wooten, Elliott, B.J. Cox and Bannister: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 55-3-110, RELATING TO HUNTING ANIMALS FROM AIRCRAFT, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS

POSSESSING A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY HUNT FROM AIRCRAFT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-1190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY ISSUE PERMITS FOR THE TAKING OF FERAL HOGS WHILE AIRBORNE IN A HELICOPTER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS PROVISION.

(R. 160, H. 4642) -- Reps. Mitchell, Gilliam, Pope, Sessions, Caskey and Hart: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-20, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF ACT OF CONGRESS, SO AS TO DISALLOW CONFLICTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-40, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2420, RELATING TO THE MILITARY CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "MILITARY FORCES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2430, RELATING TO PERSONS SUBJECT TO CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR WHAT JURISDICTION DUTY STATUS INCLUDES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2520, RELATING TO NONJUDICIAL DISCIPLINARY PUNISHMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CERTAIN DELEGATION MAY BE MADE; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2530, RELATING TO TYPES OF COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR WHOM A SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL CONSISTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2550, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF GENERAL COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO REMOVE FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2560, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF SPECIAL COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO REMOVE FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2570, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PUNISHMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2620, RELATING TO DETAIL AND DESIGNATION OF MILITARY JUDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY CONVENING A SUMMARY COURT-MARTIAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2765, RELATING TO VOTING AND RULINGS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN REFERENCES TO THE PRESIDENT OF A COURT MARTIAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2780,

RELATING TO RECORD OF TRIAL, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2795, RELATING TO FORFEITURE OF PAY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE SENTENCE OF FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2805, RELATING TO THE REDUCTION IN PAY GRADE AND THE RESTORATION OF BENEFITS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2865, RELATING TO THE REMISSION OR SUSPENSION OF A SENTENCE, SO AS TO REPLACE FORFEITURES WITH FINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2985, RELATING TO THE IMPROPER USE OR DISCLOSURE OF PAROLE OR COUNTERSIGN, SO AS TO INCLUDE WHEN THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3140, RELATING TO WRIT WHEN FINE HAS NOT BEEN PAID, SO AS TO UPDATE DATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3145, RELATING TO WRIT OF SENTENCE OF CONFINEMENT, SO AS TO UPDATE DATES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3160, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OF CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE IS NOT BINDING ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.

(R. 161, H. 4673) -- Reps. Erickson, Gilliam, Williams and Henegan: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-50, RELATING TO BEGINNERS' PERMITS, HOURS, AND CONDITIONS OF VEHICLE OPERATION, RENEWAL AND FEES, DRIVERS' TRAINING COURSES, AND ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL LICENSURE, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, EXEMPT ADDITIONAL PERSONS FROM OBTAINING BEGINNERS' PERMITS BEFORE OPERATING CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PERSONS AT LEAST FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE MUST HOLD A BEGINNER'S PERMIT BEFORE BEING ELIGIBLE FOR FULL LICENSURE, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD MAY TAKE THE DRIVING TEST AFTER MAINTAINING A BEGINNER'S PERMIT FOR AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS TO OPERATE CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES.

(R. 162, H. 4720) -- Rep. Bannister: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING AUTHORITY TO PAY THE

EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT IF THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR BEGINS WITHOUT A GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT FOR THAT YEAR IN EFFECT, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

(R. 163, H. 4819) -- Reps. Felder, Bernstein and Calhoon: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1960, RELATING IN PART TO PARKING PLACARDS FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, SO AS TO ALLOW APPLICANTS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING PLACARDS TO PROVIDE A PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE PLACARD SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE'S APPROVAL.

(R. 164, H. 4871) -- Reps. Haddon, Ligon and Forrest: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 47-9-420 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE INTERFERENCE OR INTERACTION WITH FARM ANIMALS BEING TRANSPORTED BY A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION.

(R. 165, H. 4875) -- Reps. Ott, Brewer, Atkinson and Caskey: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-1910, RELATING TO THE SALE OF DEER OR DEER PARTS, SO AS TO ALLOW A PROCESSOR TO PROCESS A LEGALLY TAKEN DOE DONATED BY A HUNTER AND RECOVER THE FEES OF PROCESSING FROM SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE HUNTER WHO DONATED THE DOE, AND TO INCREASE PENALTIES.

(R. 166, H. 4909) -- Reps. B. Newton, Neese, Mitchell and Yow: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-350, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LANCASTER COUNTY, SO AS TO REMOVE ONE PRECINCT AND REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

(R. 167, H. 4928) -- Reps. Davis, B.J. Cox, Hart, Jefferson, J. Moore, Caskey and Williams: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-21-10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDRAISING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 25-21-30, RELATING TO THE DUTIES

AND FUNCTIONS OF THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABILITY TO FUNDRAISE.

(R. 168, H. 4937) -- Reps. Collins, Hiott and Carter: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-450, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN PICKENS COUNTY, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, WITH APPROVAL FROM A MAJORITY OF THE PICKENS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, TO LOCATE A POLLING PLACE WITHIN FIVE MILES OF A PRECINCT'S BOUNDARIES IF NO SUITABLE LOCATION EXISTS WITHIN THE PRECINCT.

(R. 169, H. 4953) -- Reps. B.J. Cox, Davis, M.M. Smith, Bustos, Hart, Williams, Henegan, Caskey, Jefferson, J. Moore and Rivers: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-80, RELATING TO STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES, SO AS TO REMOVE A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.

(R. 170, H. 5007) -- Reps. Caskey and Hixon: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-230, RELATING TO STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERMITTED HOOK SIZE IN THE LOWER SALUDA RIVER.

(R. 171, H. 5079) -- Rep. W. Newton: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-110, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

(R. 172, H. 5153) -- Reps. West, Thayer, Chapman, Beach, Gagnon and Cromer: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2, SO AS TO REPLACE THE TWO MULTI-MEMBER DISTRICTS WITH FOUR SINGLE-MEMBER RESIDENCY AREAS AND TO REDESIGNATE

THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE RESIDENCY AREAS ARE DELINEATED.

(R. 173, H. 5168) -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, B. Newton and Wheeler: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 930 OF 1970, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR KERSHAW COUNTY, SO AS TO REVISE THE SPECIFIC ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR THESE DISTRICTS.

(R. 174, H. 5231) -- Rep. Bamberg: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 104 OF 2021, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONSOLIDATED BAMBERG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ITS NINE MEMBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE TO BE ELECTED FROM SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS WHICH CORRESPOND WITH THE BAMBERG COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS, AND TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS ARE TO BE ELECTED FROM THE COUNTY AT-LARGE.

(R. 175, H. 5267) -- Rep. Forrest: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 307 OF 2012, RELATING TO THE ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE SALUDA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST BE ELECTED, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THESE DISTRICTS, TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THESE DISTRICTS, AND TO UPDATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED.

(R. 176, H. 5395) -- Reps. B. Newton, Mitchell, Yow and Neese: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 879 OF 1954, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY NATURAL GAS AUTHORITY, SO AS TO CLARIFY PER DIEM PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL UNENCUMBERED REVENUES FROM THE SYSTEM BE PAID OVER TO THE MUNICIPALITIES SERVED BY THE AUTHORITY AND TO PROVIDE THAT THESE FUNDS MUST BE USED

INSTEAD TO EXPAND THE SYSTEM OR TO REDUCE CUSTOMER RATES.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:46 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. TAYLOR, adjourned in memory of SGM Dwight L. Bradham, to meet at 11:00 a.m. tomorrow.

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Thursday, May 9, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 11:00 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Psalm 103:13: "As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him."

Let us pray. God of justice, lift up the lowly, restrain the mighty, and give us what we need as we continue to be fed with what we need. Bestow Your blessings on these women and men who have given of themselves for the sake of this Assembly and this State. Continue Your blessings upon them. Keep them all in Your loving care. Continue Your blessings on our defenders of freedom and first responders as they continue to care for all of us. Bless our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of their time and presence for the continued work to be done. Bless our men and women in our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. SPANN-WILDER moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Stephanie Grant Gladden, which was agreed to.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer

Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total Present--119

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. THAYER a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BRADLEY a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day due to prior business reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. TRANTHAM a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WHITE a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. S. JONES a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. NUTT a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CHUMLEY a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GIBSON a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HYDE a temporary leave of absence.

DOCTOR OF THE DAY

Announcement was made that Dr. Nick Ulmer of Laurens County was the Doctor of the Day for the General Assembly.

S. 557--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 557 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Kimbrell, Adams, Rice, Rankin, Reichenbach, Young, Loftis, Climer, Garrett, Alexander, Campsen and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.

Rep. BANNISTER moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 5023--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 5023 -- Reps. Brewer, Gilliam, Lawson, Sessions, Schuessler, Hager, Hartnett, Gatch, Mitchell, Hewitt, Robbins, J. Moore, Wooten, Guffey, O'Neal, J. L. Johnson, Pedalino and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-219 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE WORK ZONE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-15, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-130, RELATING TO LICENSE EXAMINATIONS AND BASIC AND CLASSIFIED LICENSES, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 85; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Lowe	Magnuson	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
A. M. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Ott	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
Wetmore	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten		

Total--85

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 5023. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Melissa Oremus

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 5023. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

H. 4624--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4624 -- Reps. Hiott, G. M. Smith, McCravy, Davis, Vaughan, Trantham, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Oremus, Hartnett, Leber, Long, Nutt, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Murphy, Mitchell, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, West, Gilliam, Cromer, Kilmartin, O'Neal, Yow, S. Jones, Landing, Ballentine, Sandifer, Crawford, Guest, Willis, Ligon, Forrest, Pace, W. Newton, Bradley, Erickson, Gibson, Blackwell and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO DEFINE GENDER, SEX, AND OTHER TERMS, TO PROHIBIT THE PROVISION OF GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES TO A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-32-36 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF AND OFFICIALS FROM WITHHOLDING KNOWLEDGE OF A MINOR'S PERCEPTION OF THEIR GENDER FROM THE MINOR'S PARENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 67; Nays 26

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bannister	Beach	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Chapman	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	J. E. Johnson	Kilmartin
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Lowe	Magnuson
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Robbins	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Taylor	Vaughan	Whitmire
Wooten		

Total--67

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bauer
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Garvin
Gilliard	Hart	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	King	Kirby
McDaniel	Ott	Rivers
Rose	Rutherford	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Thigpen	Weeks
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--26

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to my required attendance at another meeting in the Blatt Building on Thursday, May 9, 2024, I was not in the Chamber for the final vote on H. 4624, "The Help Not Harm" bill. I most definitely would have voted in favor of the final version of the bill.

Rep. Jeffrey E. Johnson

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to extreme traffic back-up due to severe storms on I-26 on Thursday, May 9, 2024, I was not in the Chamber for the final vote on H. 4624, "The Help Not Harm" bill. I previously voted for this bill and would have voted for the final version of the bill.

Rep. Max Hyde, Jr.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to severe storms on Thursday, May 9, 2024, I was not in the Chamber for the final vote on H. 4624, "The Help Not Harm" bill. I previously voted for this bill and would have voted for the final version of the bill.

Rep. Heather Crawford

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to extreme traffic back-up due to severe storms on I-26 on Thursday, May 9, 2024, I was not in the Chamber for the final vote on H. 4624, "The Help Not Harm" bill. I previously voted for this bill and would have voted for the final version of the bill.

Rep. Melissa Oremus

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to extreme traffic back-up due to severe storms on I-26 on Thursday, May 9, 2024, I was not in the Chamber for the final vote on H. 4624, "The Help Not Harm" bill. I previously voted for this bill and would have voted for the final version of the bill.

Rep. Jay West

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to extreme traffic back-up due to severe storms on I-26 on Thursday, May 9, 2024, I was not in the Chamber for the final vote on H. 4624, "The Help Not Harm" bill. I previously voted for this bill and would have voted for the final version of the bill.

Rep. Joe White

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to extreme traffic back-up due to severe storms on I-26 on Thursday, May 9, 2024, I was not in the Chamber for the final vote on H. 4624, "The Help Not Harm" bill. I previously voted for this bill and would have voted for the final version of the bill.

Rep. Bill Chumley

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to extreme traffic back-up due to severe storms on I-26 on Thursday, May 9, 2024, I was not in the Chamber for the final vote on H. 4624, "The Help Not Harm" bill. I previously voted for this bill and would have voted for the final version of the bill.

Rep. Travis A. Moore

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to extreme traffic back-up due to severe storms on I-26 on Thursday, May 9, 2024, I was not in the Chamber for the final vote on H. 4624, "The Help Not Harm" bill. I previously voted for this bill and would have voted for the final version of the bill.

Rep. Steven W. Long

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to extreme traffic back-up due to severe storms on I-26 on Thursday, May 9, 2024, I was not in the Chamber for the final vote on H. 4624, "The Help Not Harm" bill. I previously voted for this bill and would have voted for the final version of the bill.

Rep. Stewart Jones

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to extreme traffic back-up due to severe storms on I-26 on Thursday, May 9, 2024, I was not in the Chamber for the final vote on H. 4624, "The Help Not Harm" bill. I previously voted for this bill and would have voted for the final version of the bill.

Rep. Roger Nutt

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to extreme traffic back-up due to severe storms on I-26 on Thursday, May 9, 2024, I was not in the Chamber for the final vote on H. 4624, "The Help Not Harm" bill. I previously voted for this bill and would have voted for the final version of the bill.

Rep. Mark Willis

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to a temporary power outage, traffic, and inclement weather, I was unable to be in Chamber to cast a vote on concurring with Senate amendments on H. 4624. Had I been present, I would have voted in favor of concurrence.

I am an original cosponsor on H. 3551, a bill that would also ban childhood transgender sex changes and voted in favor on H. 4624 when it passed the House on 1/17/24.

Most significantly, the Senate changes included the mandatory notification of parents if their child expressed a desire to change sexes. Representative Beach offered Amendment #10, which would have inserted similar language on 1/17/24, for the Houses consideration. I voted in favor of Rep. Beach's amendment.

Unfortunately, Majority Leader Hiott cobbled together a coalition of Democrats and moderate Republicans to kill Amendment #10 and keep a child's transition hidden for their parent.

I am thankful the Seante was able to insert parental notification despite the Majority Leader's objections.

Respectfully,

Rep. RJ May

H. 4674--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4674 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1240, RELATING TO THE DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY, TO PROVIDE HOW LICENSE PLATES MUST BE FASTENED TO VEHICLES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE

DISPLAY OF TEMPORARY LICENSE PLATES ON LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.

Rep. Gilliam proposed the following Amendment No. 1 to H. 4674 (LC-4674.CM0010H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 56-3-15020 and inserting:

Section 56-3-15020. The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue "Hearing Impaired" special motor vehicle license plates to owners of private passenger-carrying motor vehicles or motorcycles registered in their names who are hearing impaired. The application for this special motor vehicle license plate must include an original certificate from a licensed physician, as defined in Section 40-75-5, that certifies that the applicant has a permanent, uncorrectable hearing loss of forty decibels or more in one or both ears. The fee for each special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5. The department may issue this special license plate six months following approval of its design. Each special license plate must be of the same size and general design of regular motor vehicle license plates. Each special license plate must be issued or revalidated for a biennial period which expires twenty-four months from the month the special license plate is issued.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 3, by striking Section 56-3-16000(B) and inserting:

(B) This special license plate must be the same size and general design as regular motor vehicle license plates. The department may issue this special license plate six months following approval of its design.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 5, by striking the undesignated paragraph and inserting:

Article 151

Catawba Nation Special License Plates

Amend the bill further, SECTION 5, by striking Section 56-3-16010 and inserting:

(A) The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue "Catawba Nation" special license plates. Each special license plate must be issued or revalidated for a biennial period that expires twenty-four months from the month the special license plate is issued.

(B) The Catawba Nation shall submit to the department for approval the design, emblem, seal, logo, or other symbols it desires to be used for this special license plate. The department may issue this special license plate six months following approval of its design.

(C) This special license plate is exempt from the provisions

contained in Section 56-3-8100.

(D) The biennial fee for each special license plate is forty dollars plus the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5, Chapter 3, Title 56. The forty-dollar fee must be distributed to the Catawba Nation.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 6, by striking Section 56-3-16110 and inserting:

Section 56-3-16110. The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue "Cherokee Indian Nation" special license plates to owners of private passenger motor vehicles or motorcycles registered in their names. Only members of the Cherokee Indian Nation are eligible to receive a license plate produced pursuant to this section. A member of the Cherokee Indian Nation applying for the license plate must produce with the license plate application an official document from the Cherokee Indian Nation verifying membership. The requirements for production and distribution of the plate are those set forth in Section 56-3-8100. The department may issue this special license plate six months following approval of its design. The biennial fee for this plate is the regular registration fee set forth in Article 5, Chapter 3 of this title plus an additional fee of thirty dollars. Any portion of the additional thirty-dollar fee not set aside by the Comptroller General to defray costs of production and distribution must be distributed to the to the Museum of the Cherokee in Oconee County.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 7, by striking Section 56-3-16210(B) and inserting:

(B) This special license plate must be the same size and general design as regular motor vehicle license plates. The department may issue this special license plate six months following approval of its design.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 8, by striking Section 56-3-14210(B) and inserting:

(B) The University of South Carolina may submit to the department for its approval the emblem, seal, or other symbol it desires to be used for its respective special license plate. The department may issue this special license plate six months following approval of its design.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 8, by striking Section 56-3-14210(E) and inserting:

(E) The department must issue to registrants who have a license plate commemorating only the 2017 Women's Basketball National Championship or only the 2017 and 2022 Women’s Basketball National Championships, the license plate commemorating ~~both~~ the 2017, ~~and~~ 2022, and 2024 national ~~championship~~ championships once both the

2017 and the 2017 and 2022 license ~~plate~~ plates ~~reaches~~ reach the end of ~~its~~ their ten-year ~~lifecycle~~ lifecycles. ~~-~~This subsection does not apply to registrants who choose to switch to the "2017 ~~and~~, 2022, and 2024" license plate on their own.

Amend the bill further, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Chapter 3, Title 56 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 60

Autistic and Neurodivergent Special License Plates

Section 56-3-7100. The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue "Autistic and Neurodivergent" special motor vehicle license plates to owners of private passenger-carrying motor vehicles registered in their names who are autistic or neurodivergent or who are parents of children who are autistic or neurodivergent. The application for this special motor vehicle license plate must include an original certificate from a licensed physician that certifies the applicant or his child is autistic or neurodivergent. The fee for each special license plate is the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5. Each special license plate must be of the same size and general design of regular motor vehicle license plates and contain the "Just Bee" icon as identification for autistic or neurodivergent individuals. The department may issue this special license plate six months following approval of its design. Each special license plate must be issued or revalidated for a biennial period which expires twenty-four months from the month the special license plate is issued.

SECTION X. Chapter 3, Title 56 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Article 154

South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation Special License Plates

Section 56-3-16310. (A) The Department of Motor Vehicles may issue "South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation" special license plates. Each special license plate must be issued or revalidated for a biennial period that expires twenty-four months from the month the special license plate is issued.

(B) The South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation shall submit to the department for approval the design, emblem, seal, logo, or other symbols it desires to be used for this special license plate. The department may issue this special license plate six months following approval of its design.

(C) The requirements for production, collection, and distribution of fees for a special license plate under this section must meet the requirements in Section 56-3-8100.

(D) The biennial fee for each special license plate is twenty-five dollars plus the regular motor vehicle license fee set forth in Article 5, Chapter 3, Title 56. The twenty-five-dollar fee must be distributed to the South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation.

SECTION X. Section 56-3-14910(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) The department may issue the following special license plates reflective of valorous awards for private passenger vehicles and motorcycles to active or prior service members who received the following awards:

(1) Medal of Honor- Army
(2) Medal of Honor- Navy
(3) Medal of Honor- Air Force
(4) Distinguished Service Cross- Army
(5) Distinguished Service Cross- Navy
(6) Distinguished Service Cross- Air Force
(7) South Carolina Medal of Valor
(8) Silver Star
(9) Bronze Star (with valor)
(10) Soldier's Medal
(11) Navy and Marine Corps Medal.

SECTION X. Section 56-3-14990 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 56-3-14990. (A) Upon the death of an award recipient, a surviving spouse may apply to the department for a license plate issued under the provisions of Section 56-3-14910, 56-3-14920, or 56-3-14930(A)(3). The surviving spouse may apply to the department to transfer a license plate previously issued to the award recipient under the provisions of Section 56-3-14910, 56-3-14920, or 56-3-14930(A)(3) pursuant to Section 56-3-210(G). The surviving spouse must turn the plate into the department when the surviving spouse is no longer eligible for surviving spouse military benefits.

(B) Upon the death of a member of the National Guard, a surviving spouse may apply to the department for a license plate issued under the provisions of Section 56-3-14970(A) (10), (11), or (12). The surviving spouse may apply to the department to transfer a license plate previously issued to a member of the National Guard under the provisions of Section 56-3-14970(A) (10), (11), or (12) pursuant to Section 56-3-

210(G). The surviving spouse must turn the plate into the department when the surviving spouse is no longer eligible for surviving spouse National Guard benefits.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. GILLIAM explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 91; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Carter	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Vaughan	Weeks

West Wetmore Whitmire
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Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

So, the amendment was then adopted.

The Senate Amendments were amended, and the Bill was ordered returned to the Senate.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 4674. If I had been present, I would have voted to amend the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Melissa Oremus

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 4674. If I had been present, I would have voted to amend the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 4674. If I had been present, I would have voted to amend the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Heath Sessions

H. 4957--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4957 -- Reps. Hiott, Erickson, G. M. Smith, Hayes, McGinnis, Rose, Elliott, Alexander, Schuessler, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, T. Moore, B. Newton, Neese, Oremus, Hixon, Taylor, Guest, Sessions, Guffey, Ballentine, Pope, Willis, Bannister, Kirby, Henegan, Hartnett,

Williams, Gilliard and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES' COMPENSATION FOR NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO REVISE SEVERAL DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-20, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF COMPENSATION FOR USE OF AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND CERTAIN AGENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS MAY ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT MAY ENABLE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO EARN COMPENSATION FOR USE OF THE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS OF THE ATHLETE, AND TO PROVIDE THE INSTITUTIONS ALSO MAY PERMIT INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO USE TRADEMARKS AND FACILITIES OF THE INSTITUTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-30, RELATING TO THE EFFECTS OF NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS COMPENSATION ON GRANT-IN-AID OR ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS MAY NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PROGRAM AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-40, RELATING TO ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED ACTIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES' NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS-RELATED MATTERS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY FOR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING EMPLOYEES FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM CERTAIN ROUTINE DECISIONS MADE IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONDUCT BY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS, ATHLETIC CONFERENCES, OR OTHER GROUPS WITH AUTHORITY OVER INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-50, RELATING TO GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE CERTAIN MATTERS

CONCERNING NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGREEMENTS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO AN EXCEPTION AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO CERTAIN ENTITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-60, RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND PROVISIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2018, AND TO PROVIDE ATHLETE AGENTS SHALL COMPLY WITH CERTAIN FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT OF 2018, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "ATHLETE AGENT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-100, RELATING TO AGENCY CONTRACTS, SO AS TO REMOVE A PROVISION CONCERNING COMPENSATION; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-70 RELATING TO DISCLOSURES AND LIMITATIONS IN NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND REVOCATION PERIODS FOR SUCH CONTRACTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-80 RELATING TO GOVERNING LAW AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE CONTRACTS.

Rep. HIOTT explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee

Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 4957. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Melissa Oremus

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 4957. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4957. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Heath Sessions

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. LEBER a temporary leave of absence.

H. 5118--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 5118 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West, Davis, Hager, Hewitt, Kirby, Long, M. M. Smith, B. Newton, Pendarvis, Sandifer, Hiott, Landing, Crawford, Brittain, Lawson, Williams, Whitmire, Jefferson, Bustos, Hartnett, Carter, Blackwell, Neese, W. Newton, Bradley, Erickson, Murphy, Brewer, Yow, Mitchell, Connell, Jordan, Thayer, Elliott, Wooten, Pedalino, Bailey, T. Moore, McGinnis, Gatch, Ligon, Gagnon, Hardee, B. L. Cox, Chapman, Leber, Anderson, Bannister, Calhoon, Felder, Hixon, Lowe, Taylor, Thigpen, Willis and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TEN-YEAR ENERGY TRANSFORMATION ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT

ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-650, RELATING TO REASSIGNMENT OF ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS' SERVICE AREAS, SO AS TO PERMIT THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR ANY ELECTRIC SUPPLIER TO SERVE ANY TRANSFORMATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO AS ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-

196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR", SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-

SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND", AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES.

Rep. WEST explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 23; Nays 76

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Ballentine	Bauer	Bernstein
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Dillard
Garvin	Gilliard	Hardee
Hart	Henderson-Myers	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
McCabe	McDaniel	Ott

Pendarvis	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Wetmore	Williams	

Total--23

Those who voted in the negative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Bannister	Beach	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Carter	Chapman	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Lowe
Magnuson	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wheeler	Whitmire	Wooten
Yow		

Total--76

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 5118. If I had been present, I would have voted to nonconcur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Melissa Oremus

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 5118. If I had been present, I would have voted to nonconcur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

H. 3220--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3220 -- Reps. W. Newton, Carter, Mitchell, Haddon, Pope, Chumley and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 15, TITLE 63 SO AS TO ENACT THE "UNIFORM CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT", TO PROVIDE A LEGAL MECHANISM TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM CREDIBLE RISKS OF ABDUCTION RELATED TO LEGAL CUSTODY OR VISITATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 91; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest

Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Lowe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Wooten
Yow		

Total--91

Those who voted in the negative are:
T. A. Morgan

Total--1

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 3220. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Melissa Oremus

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 3220. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

H. 3682--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3682 -- Reps. Murphy, Wetmore, Bailey, Rose, Crawford, Brewer, Taylor, Hardee, Wooten, Pope, McDaniel, Hewitt, Bauer, Yow, J. E. Johnson, Willis, Ligon, Lawson, Robbins, Schuessler, Guest, Henegan, Williams, M. M. Smith and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 47-1-140, RELATING TO THE CARE OF ANIMALS AFTER THE ARREST OF THE OWNER, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS REGARDING A LIEN ON THE SEIZED ANIMAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-1-145, RELATING TO CUSTODY AND CARE OF ANIMALS AFTER THE ARREST OF THE OWNER, SO AS TO OUTLINE HEARING PROCEDURES FOR ORDERING THE COST OF CARE OF THE SEIZED ANIMALS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 47-1-170, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Carter	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson

Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 3682. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Melissa Oremus

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 3682. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

H. 4832--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4832 -- Reps. Hardee, Sandifer, Anderson, Ligon and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH FAMILY LEAVE BENEFITS, OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS OF FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE POLICIES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Rep. SANDIFER explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson

W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 4832. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Melissa Oremus

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 4832. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

H. 4843--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4843 -- Reps. Bailey, Brittain, Guest, J. E. Johnson, Sandifer and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-39-148 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE BUSINESSES WITH A DECK, DOCK, OR OTHER STRUCTURE LOCATED IN A CRITICAL AREA TO USE THE STRUCTURE FOR PURPOSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS WITH LOCAL ZONING APPROVAL.

Rep. BAILEY explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 0; Nays 102

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Kilmartin

King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 4843. If I had been present, I would have voted to nonconcur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

H. 4087--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4087 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West, Kirby, Ballentine, Robbins, Hewitt, M. M. Smith, Davis, Hiott, Long, Hager, Ott, Weeks, Dillard, W. Jones, Brewer, Hartnett and Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3410, RELATING TO CORPORATE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CHANGES TO STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AND CERTAIN TIMING; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3460, RELATING TO

THE RECYCLING FACILITY TAX CREDIT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO LOWER THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF INVESTMENT FOR A QUALIFIED RECYCLING FACILITY AND TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PRODUCTS TO THE DEFINITION OF "POSTCONSUMER WASTE MATERIAL"; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12-10-20; 12-10-30, 12-10-40, 12-10-45, 12-10-50, 12-10-60, AND 12-10-80, ALL RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT OF 1995, SO AS TO ALLOW REMOTE EMPLOYEES WORKING IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE INCLUDED IN CERTAIN JOB CREATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO CREATE A NEW PROVISION TO INCENTIVIZE CERTAIN COMPANIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-95, RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT CREDIT AGAINST WITHHOLDING FOR RETRAINING, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CREDIT AND THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED.

Rep. Bannister proposed the following Amendment No. 1A to H. 4087 (LC-4087.DG0030H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 12-6-3410 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 12-6-3410. (A) A ~~corporation~~ taxpayer or a business unit of a taxpayer establishing a ~~corporate~~ headquarters facility in this State, or expanding or adding to an existing ~~corporate~~ headquarters facility, is allowed a credit against any tax due pursuant to Section 12-6-510, Section 12-6-530, Section 12-11-20, or Section 12-20-50 ~~as set forth in this section~~ or any combination thereof.

(B) In order to qualify for this credit, each of the following criteria must be satisfied:

(1) The qualifying real property costs of the ~~corporate~~ headquarters facility ~~establishment~~, or expansion~~, or addition~~ must be at least fifty thousand dollars. Qualifying real property costs are:

(a) costs incurred in the design, preparation, and development of establishing, or expanding~~, or adding to~~ a ~~corporate~~ headquarters facility; and

(b)(i) direct construction costs; or

(ii) with respect to leased facilities, direct lease costs during the first five years of operations for the ~~corporate~~ headquarters facility.

(2) The headquarters establishment or~~,~~ expansion~~, or addition~~ must result in the creation of~~:~~

~~(a)~~ at least forty new full-time jobs that are:

(a) performing headquarters-related functions and services; ~~or research and development related functions and services. These jobs must be permanent, full-time positions located in this State; and~~

(b) ~~at least twenty of the above-referenced new jobs must be classified as headquarters staff employees~~ have gross wages equal to or greater than twice the per capita income of this State based on the most recent per capita income data available as of the end of the taxpayer's taxable year in which the jobs are filled and are subject to withholding pursuant to Chapter 8 of this title; and

(c) are provided a benefits package, including health care.

(C) The amount of the credit is equal to the sum of:

(1) twenty percent of the qualifying real property costs listed in subsection (B)(1)~~.~~; and

(2) ~~(D) A headquarters establishment, expansion, or addition which meets the criteria of subsection (B) of this section is entitled to an additional credit equal to~~ twenty percent of cost for tangible personal property if ~~the following conditions are met~~:

~~(1)~~(a) the personal property is:

~~(a)~~(i) capitalized as personal property for income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code; and

~~(b)~~(ii) purchased for the establishment~~,~~ or expansion~~, or addition~~ of ~~a corporate~~ the taxpayer's or business unit's headquarters facility~~, or for the establishment, expansion, or addition of a research and development facility which is part of the same corporate project as the headquarters establishment, addition, or expansion~~; and

~~(c)~~(iii) used for ~~corporate~~ headquarters-related functions and services ~~or research and development related functions and services~~ in South Carolina.

~~(2) The establishment, expansion, or addition of a corporate headquarters or research and development facility must result in the creation of at least seventy-five new full-time jobs performing either:~~

~~(a) headquarters related functions and services; or~~

~~(b) research and development related functions and services.~~

~~The seventy-five required jobs must have an average cash compensation level of more than twice the per capita income of this State based on the most recent per capita income data available as of the end of the taxpayer's taxable year in which the jobs are filled.~~

(D) Reserved.

(E)(1)(a) For headquarters facilities which are constructed, the credit can only be claimed for the taxable year when the ~~headquarters establishment, expansion, or addition, and the research and development~~

~~facility establishment, expansion, or addition, in the case of corporations qualifying under subsection (D),~~ facility is placed in service for federal income tax purposes. For ~~construction projects~~ facilities completed in phases and placed in service for federal income tax purposes in more than one taxable year, the ~~corporation~~ credit can be ~~claim~~ claimed ~~the credit on the South Carolina income tax return~~ for the taxable year in which ~~property, which qualifies for the credit,~~that phase of the headquarters facility is placed in service for federal income tax purposes. Credits cannot be obtained for costs incurred more than three taxable years after the taxable year in which the first property for which the credit is claimed is placed in service. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection, if the entire project is not completed by the end of the three taxable years, the ~~corporation may claim the~~ credit may be claimed for all property placed in service within the time limitation set forth in the preceding sentence. The credit may not be claimed for personal property which is replacing personal property for which the credit can be claimed. The department may for good cause extend the time for incurring additional costs and for claiming the credit if the project is not completed within the time period allowed by this subsection. For purposes of this subsection the term "property" includes qualifying real property and~~, where the conditions of subsection (D) are met,~~ qualifying personal property.

(b) for leased real property the credit must be claimed in the taxable year in which the first direct lease costs are incurred.

(2) The ~~corporation~~ taxpayer must meet the staffing requirements of ~~subsections~~ subsection (B)(2) ~~and, if applicable, (D)(2),~~ by the end of the second taxable year following the last taxable year for which the credit is claimed. The ~~corporation~~ taxpayer must have documented plans to meet the initial staffing requirements at the time the credit is claimed. If the ~~corporation~~ taxpayer fails to meet the staffing requirements within the time required by this subsection, the ~~corporation~~ taxpayer must increase its tax liability for the current taxable year by an amount equal to the amount of credit, or any portion of the credit for which the ~~corporation~~ taxpayer would not qualify, which was used to reduce tax in the earlier years.

(F) The credit provided in this section is nonrefundable, but an unused credit may be carried forward for ten years. ~~An unused credit may be carried forward fifteen years if the criteria set forth in subsection (D)(2) are met.~~ In addition, a taxpayer may assign its rights to the unused credit to a succeeding taxpayer if the taxpayer transfers all or substantially all of the assets of the taxpayer or all or substantially all of

the assets of a trade, business, or operating division of a taxpayer to the succeeding taxpayer, and the succeeding taxpayer maintains the ~~corporate~~ headquarters facility ~~of the taxpayer~~. No credit may be claimed for a taxable year during which the taxpayer or succeeding taxpayer fails to meet the qualifying employment requirements provided in this section and the carry forward period is not extended for any year in which the credit may not be claimed for failure to meet the employment requirements. The credit may be claimed for a taxable year in the unextended carry forward period if the taxpayer or succeeding taxpayer requalifies for the credit by meeting the employment requirements during that taxable year.

(G) If a fee-in-lieu arrangement under Section 4-29-67 is entered into with respect to all or part of property involving a ~~corporate~~ headquarters, and the ~~corporation~~ taxpayer claiming the credit provided under this section is treated as the owner of the property for federal income tax purposes, then the ~~corporation~~ taxpayer must be treated as the owner of the property for purposes of the credit provided by this section.

(H) To the extent that this credit applies to the cost of certain property, the basis of the property for South Carolina income tax purposes must be reduced by the amount of the credit claimed with respect to the property. This basis reduction does not reduce the basis or limit or disallow any depreciation allowable under the law of this State for other than income tax purposes, even if the depreciation is based upon or otherwise relates to income tax depreciation including, without limitation, basis or depreciation which is allowable under this title for property tax purposes. If the ~~corporation~~ taxpayer fails to meet the staffing requirements of subsection ~~(E)~~(B)(2), the ~~corporation~~ taxpayer may increase the basis of the property by the amount of the original basis reduction with regard to that property in the year in which the credit is recaptured.

(I) The amount of a credit allowed under this section must be reduced by the amount of any past-due debt owed this State by the taxpayer.

(J) As used in this section:

(1) "~~Corporate~~ Headquarters" means the facility or portion of a facility where ~~corporate~~ headquarters staff employees are ~~physically~~ employed, and where the ~~majority of the company's or company~~ taxpayer's or the taxpayer's business unit's financial, personnel, legal, planning, information technology, or other headquarters-related functions are handled either on a regional, national, or global basis. A

~~corporate~~ headquarters must be a regional ~~corporate~~ headquarters~~,~~ or a national corporate headquarters~~, or global corporate headquarters~~ as defined below~~; provided, however, for taxpayers which are subject to tax under Chapter 11 of Title 12, a corporate headquarters must be a regional corporate headquarters:~~. A taxpayer or taxpayer's business unit doing business solely within South Carolina does not meet the definition of a headquarters.

(a) National ~~corporate~~ headquarters must be the sole ~~corporate headquarters in the nation~~ office or location in the nation or the world for the taxpayer or a business unit of the taxpayer with multistate operations and must handle headquarters-related functions ~~at least~~ on a national or global basis. ~~A national headquarters is considered to handle headquarters-related functions on a national basis from this State if the corporation has a facility in this State from which the corporation engages in interstate commerce by providing goods or services for customers outside of this State in return for compensation.~~ The function and purpose of the national headquarters is to plan, direct, and control all aspects of the taxpayer or taxpayer's business unit's operations, and it has final authority over regional offices, operating facilities, or any other office of the taxpayer or business unit.

(b) Regional ~~corporate~~ headquarters must be the sole ~~corporate headquarters~~ office or location in the region for the taxpayer or a business unit of the taxpayer with multistate operations within the region and must handle headquarters-related functions on a regional basis. A regional headquarters performs a function that is separate from the management of operational facilities within the region. A regional headquarters performs functions similar to the national headquarters, but within a more limited area. For purposes of this section, " region" or "regional" means a geographic area comprised of either:

(i) at least five states, including this State; or

(ii) two or more states, including this State, if the entire business operations of the ~~corporation~~ taxpayer or business unit of the taxpayer are performed within fewer than five states~~; provided, however, that with respect to taxpayers which are subject to tax under Chapter 11 of Title 12, the requirement that "the entire business operations of the corporation are performed within fewer than five states", is replaced with "if all branches of the taxpayer, as defined below, are physically located in fewer than five states". For taxpayers which are subject to tax under Chapter 11 of Title 12, such taxpayer must have two or more branches, as that term is defined in Section 34-25-10(8), in each state within its region~~.

(c) A "~~company~~ business unit" is an organizational unit of a ~~corporation or bank and~~ taxpayer that is defined by the particular product or category of products it sells.

(2) "New job" means a job created by an employer in this State at the time a new facility, or expansion~~, or addition~~ is initially staffed, but does not include a job created when an employee is shifted from an existing location in this State to work in a new or expanded facility. An employee may be employed at a temporary location in this State pending completion of the new facility~~,~~ or expansion~~, or addition~~.

(3) "~~Full-time~~ Full time" means a job requiring a minimum of thirty-five hours of an employee's time a week for the entire normal year of ~~corporate~~ operations or a job requiring a minimum of thirty-five hours of an employee's time for a week for a year in which the employee was initially hired for or transferred to the ~~corporate~~ headquarters ~~or research and development facility~~ in this State.

(4) "Headquarters-related functions and services" are those functions involving financial, personnel, administrative, legal, planning, information technology, or similar business functions.

(5) "Headquarters staff employees" means executive, administrative, or professional workers performing headquarters-related functions and services.

(a) An executive employee is a full-time employee in which at least eighty percent of his business functions involve the management of the enterprise and directing the work of at least two employees. An executive employee has the authority to hire and fire or has the authority to make recommendations related to hiring, firing, advancement, and promotion decisions, and an executive employee must customarily exercise discretionary powers.

(b) An administrative employee is a full-time employee who is not involved in manual work and whose work is directly related to management policies or general headquarters operations. An administrative employee must customarily exercise discretion and independent judgment.

(c) A professional employee is an employee whose primary duty is work requiring knowledge of an advanced type in a field of science or learning. This knowledge is characterized by a prolonged course of specialized study. The work must be original and creative in nature, and the work cannot be standardized over a specific period of time. The work must require consistent exercise of discretion and the employee must spend at least eighty percent of the time performing headquarters related functions and services.

(6) ~~"Research and development" means laboratory, scientific, or experimental testing and development related to new products, new uses for existing products, or improving existing products, but "research and development" does not include efficiency surveys, management studies, consumer surveys, economic surveys, advertising, promotion, banking, or research in connection with literary, historical, or similar projects~~ Reserved.

(7) ~~"Research and development facility" means the building or buildings or portion of a building where research and development functions and services are physically located~~ Reserved.

(8) "Direct lease costs" are cash lease payments. The term does not include any accrued, but unpaid, costs.

(9) "Remote employee" is a full-time employee of the taxpayer, including an employee who works for a business unit of the taxpayer, who works for the taxpayer performing headquarters-related functions or services either completely or partially from a home office or other residence within the State.

SECTION 2. Section 12-6-3460(A) (3) and (4) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(3) "Qualified recycling facility" means a facility certified as a qualified recycling facility by a duly authorized representative of the department which includes all real and personal property incorporated into or associated with the facility located or to be located within this State that will be used by the taxpayer to manufacture or fabricate products for sale composed of at least fifty percent postconsumer waste material by weight or by volume. The minimum level of investment for a qualified recycling facility must be at least ~~three~~ one hundred million dollars incurred by the end of the fifth calendar year after the year in which the taxpayer begins construction or operation of the facility.

(4) "Postconsumer waste material" means any product generated by a business or consumer which has served its intended end use and which has been separated from the solid waste stream for the purpose of recycling and includes, but is not limited to, scrap metal and iron, and used plastics, paper, glass, batteries, solar panels, turbines and related structures, and rubber.

SECTION 3. Sections 12-10-20 through 12-10-80 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 12-10-20. The General Assembly finds:

(1) that the economic well-being of the citizens of the State is enhanced by the increased development and growth of industry within the State, and that it is in the best interests of the State to induce the

location or expansion of manufacturing, processing, services, distribution, warehousing, research and development, corporate offices, technology intensive, and certain tourism projects within the State to promote the public purpose of creating new jobs within the State;

(2) that the inducement provided in this chapter will encourage the creation of jobs which would not otherwise exist and will create sources of tax revenues for the State and its political subdivisions;

(3) the powers to be granted to the ~~Advisory~~ Coordinating Council for Economic Development by this chapter and the purposes to be accomplished are proper governmental and public purposes and that the inducement of the location or expansion of manufacturing, processing, services, distribution, warehousing, research and development, corporate offices, and certain tourism facilities within the State is of paramount importance.

(4) The state's per capita income has not reached the United States average and certain rural, less developed counties have not experienced capital investment, per capita income, and job growth at a level equal to the state's average. The economic well-being of these areas will not be sustained without significant incentive to induce capital investment and job creation.

Section 12-10-30. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Council" means the Coordinating Council for Economic Development.

(2) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

(3) "Employee" means an employee of the qualifying business who works full time ~~at~~ in this State for the benefit of the project, including a remote employee as defined in item (20).

(4) "Gross wages" means wages subject to withholding.

(5) "Job development credit" means the amount a qualifying business may claim as a credit against employee withholding pursuant to Sections 12-10-80 and 12-10-81 and a revitalization agreement.

(6) "New job" means a job created or reinstated as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M)(3).

(7) "Qualifying business" means a business that meets the requirements of Section 12-10-50 and other applicable requirements of this chapter.

(8) "Project" means an investment for one or more purposes pursuant to this chapter needed for a qualifying business to locate, remain, or expand in this State and otherwise fulfill the requirements of this chapter.

(9) "Preliminary revitalization agreement" means the application by the qualifying business for benefits pursuant to Section 12-10-80 or 12-10-81 if the council approves the application and agrees in writing at the time of approval to allow the approved application to serve as the preliminary revitalization agreement. The date of the preliminary revitalization agreement is the date of the council approval.

(10) "Revitalization agreement" means an executed agreement entered into between the council and a qualifying business that describes the project and the negotiated terms and conditions for a business to qualify for a job development credit pursuant to Section 12-10-80 or 12-10-81.

(11) "Qualifying expenditures" means those expenditures that meet the requirements of Section 12-10-80(C) or 12-10-81(D).

(12) "Withholding" means employee withholding pursuant to Chapter 8 of this title.

(13) "Technology employee" means an employee at a technology intensive facility as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M)(14) who is directly engaged in technology intensive activities at that facility.

(14) "Production employee" means an employee directly engaged in manufacturing or processing at a manufacturing or processing facility as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M).

(15) "Retraining agreement" means an agreement entered into between a business and the council in which a qualifying business is entitled to retraining credit pursuant to Section 12-10-95.

(16) "Retraining credit" means the amount that a business may claim as a credit against withholding pursuant to Section 12-10-95 and the retraining agreement.

(17) "Technology intensive activities" means the design, development, and introduction of new products or innovative manufacturing processes, or both, through the systematic application of scientific and technical knowledge at a technology intensive facility as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M).

(18) "Significant business" means a qualifying business making a significant capital investment as defined in Section 12-44-30(7).

(19) "Related person" includes any entity or person that bears a relationship to a business as provided in Internal Revenue Code Section 267 or 707(b). The related person must be a "qualifying business" as defined in item 7, except that the related person does not have to meet the requirements of Section 12-10-50(A)(1) or, in case the qualifying business qualifies for the credit against withholding for retraining pursuant to Section 12-10-95 of this chapter, the related person does not

have to meet the requirements of Section 12-10-50(B)(1).

(20) "Remote employee" is a full-time employee who is hired to fill a job for the project and who works either completely or partially from a home office or other residence within this State.

Section 12-10-40. The amount of benefits available to qualified businesses is determined by the county designation as defined in Section 12-6-3360(B), in which the ~~business~~ project is located. For purposes of determining the amount of job development credit that may be claimed for a job filled by a remote employee, the physical location of the project must be used and not the physical location where the remote employee provides services.

Section 12-10-45. A tire manufacturer that has over one billion dollars in capital investment in this State, and employs over five thousand workers in this State may, after certification by the council, designate up to two census tracts, but not to exceed four hundred acres per site, in any area of the State as an enterprise zone provided that a capital investment of at least one hundred million dollars be made over a five-year period at each site. The tire manufacturer's capital investment must be based upon the gross cost of assets in South Carolina as shown on the manufacturer's property tax and fee-in-lieu of property tax filings. The council will certify the manufacturer if it determines that the available incentives are appropriate for the new project, the total benefits of the new project exceed the costs to the public, and the qualifying business otherwise fulfills the requirements of this chapter.

Section 12-10-50. (A) To qualify for the benefits provided in this chapter, a business must be located within this State and must:

(1) be engaged primarily in a business of the type identified in Section 12-6-3360;

(2) provide a benefits package, including health care, to full-time employees ~~at~~ hired for the project;

(3) enter into a revitalization agreement that is approved by the council and that describes a minimum job requirement and minimum capital investment requirement for the project as provided in Section 12-10-90; and

(4) have negotiated incentives that council has determined are appropriate for the project, and the council shall certify that:

(a) the total benefits of the project exceed the costs to the public; and

(b) the business otherwise fulfills the requirements of this chapter.

(B) To qualify for benefits pursuant to Section 12-10-95, a business

must:

(1) be engaged in manufacturing or processing operations or technology intensive activities at a manufacturing, processing, or technology intensive facility as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M);

(2) provide a benefits package, including health care, to employees being retrained; and

(3) enter into a retraining agreement with the council.

Section 12-10-60. ~~(A)~~ The council may enter into a revitalization agreement with each qualifying business with respect to the project. The terms and provisions of each revitalization agreement must be determined by negotiations between the council and the qualifying business. The decision to enter into a revitalization agreement with a qualifying business is solely within the discretion of the council based on the appropriateness of the negotiated incentives to the project and the determination that approval of the project is in the best interests of the State. The revitalization agreement must set a date by which the qualifying business shall have ~~completed the project~~ met the required investment and employment levels. ~~Within three months of the completion date~~After meeting the thresholds, the qualifying business shall document the actual costs of the project in a manner acceptable to the council. Subject to the discretion of the council, a business may be allowed to count jobs filled by remote employees towards the minimum employment levels.

~~(B) If a qualifying business that entered into a revitalization agreement before January 1, 1997, receives council approval to amend its revitalization agreement to increase its minimum job requirement, the law in effect on the date of the amendment determines the amount of job development credit a qualifying business may claim pursuant to Section 12-10-80 for additional jobs created after the date of the amendment. This subsection does not apply to a business whose application for job development fees or credits pursuant to Section 12-10-81 has been approved by council before the effective date of this act.~~

Section 12-10-80. (A) A business that qualifies pursuant to Section 12-10-50(A) and has certified to the council that the business has met the minimum job requirement and minimum capital investment provided for in the revitalization agreement may claim job development credits as determined by this section.

(1) A business may claim job development credits against its withholding on its quarterly state withholding tax return for the amount of job development credits allowable pursuant to this section.

(2) A business that is current with respect to its withholding tax

and other tax due and owing the State and that has maintained its minimum employment and investment levels identified in the revitalization agreement may claim the credit on a quarterly basis beginning with the first quarter after the council's certification to the department that the minimum employment and capital investment levels were met for the entire quarter. If a qualifying business is not current as to all taxes due and owing to the State as of the date of the return on which the credit would be claimed, without regard to extensions, the business may claim the credit only in an amount reduced by the amount of taxes due and owing to the State as of the date of the return on which the credit is claimed.

(3) A qualifying business may claim its initial job development credit only after the council has certified to the department that the qualifying business has met the required minimum employment and capital investment levels.

(4) To be eligible to apply to the council to claim a job development credit, a qualifying business shall create at least ten new, full-time jobs, as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M), at the project described in the revitalization agreement within five years of the effective date of the agreement.

(5) A qualifying business is eligible to claim a job development credit pursuant to the revitalization agreement for not more than fifteen years.

(6) A ~~company's~~ qualifying business's job development credits shall be suspended during any quarter in which the ~~company~~ qualifying business fails to maintain one hundred percent of the minimum job requirement set forth in the ~~company's~~ qualifying business's revitalization agreement. A company only may claim credits on jobs, including a range of jobs approved by the council, as set forth in the company's final revitalization agreement.

(7) Credits may be claimed beginning the quarter subsequent to the council's approval of the ~~company's~~ qualifying business's documentation that the minimum jobs and capital investment requirements have been met.

(8) To the extent any return of an overpayment of withholding that results from claiming job development credits is not used as permitted by subsection (C) or by Section 12-10-95, it must be treated as misappropriated employee withholding.

(9) Job development credits may not be claimed for purposes of this section with regard to an employee whose job was created in this State before the taxable year of the qualifying business in which it enters

into a preliminary revitalization agreement.

(10) If a qualifying business claims job development credits pursuant to this section, it shall make its payroll books and records available for inspection by the council and the department at the times the council and the department request. Each qualifying business claiming job development credits pursuant to this section shall file with the council and the department the information and documentation requested by the council or department respecting employee withholding, the job development credit, and the use of any overpayment of withholding resulting from the claiming of a job development credit according to the revitalization agreement.

(11) Each qualifying business claiming in excess of ten thousand dollars in a calendar year must furnish to the council and to the department a report that itemizes the sources and uses of the funds. The report must be filed with the council and the department no later than June thirtieth following the calendar year in which the job development credits are claimed, except when a qualifying business obtains the written approval by the council for an extension of that date. Extensions may be granted only for good cause shown. The department shall impose a penalty pursuant to Section 12-54-210 for all reports filed after June thirtieth or the approved extension date, whichever is later. The department shall audit each qualifying business with claims in excess of ten thousand dollars in a calendar year at least once every three years to verify proper sources and uses of the funds.

(12) Each qualifying business claiming ten thousand dollars or less in any calendar year must furnish a report prepared by the company that itemizes the sources and uses of the funds. This report must be filed with the council and the department no later than June thirtieth following the calendar year in which the job development credits are claimed, except when a qualifying business obtains the written approval by the council for an extension of that date. Extensions may be granted only for good cause shown. The department shall impose a penalty pursuant to Section 12-54-210 for all reports filed after June thirtieth or the approved extension date, whichever is later.

(13) An employer may not claim an amount that results in an employee's receiving a smaller amount of wages on either a weekly or on an annual basis than the employee would receive otherwise in the absence of this chapter.

(14)(a) For purposes of this chapter, a qualifying business may designate up to two related persons whose jobs and investments located at the project may be included to determine whether the qualifying

business has met and maintained the minimum job requirement and minimum capital investment requirement. Qualified expenditures described in subsection (C) incurred by a related person may be treated as though such qualifying expenditures were incurred by the qualifying business for purposes of claiming the job development credit and each related person may claim the job development credit for the jobs created by such related person and include any qualifying expenditures of the qualifying business or another related person for purposes of claiming the job development credit as if created and made by the related person.

(b) A single-member limited-liability company that is not regarded as an entity separate from its owner and a qualified subchapter "S" subsidiary as defined in Section 1361(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code that is not regarded as a separate entity from the "S" corporation that owns its stock, is treated as the qualifying business for all purposes under this chapter, including for purposes of claiming the job development credit against withholding but it counts as a related person for purposes of the limit described in subitem (a).

(B)(1) The maximum job development credit a qualifying business may claim for new employees is limited to the lesser of withholding tax paid to the State on a quarterly basis or the sum of the following amounts:

(a) two percent of the gross wages of each new employee who earns $8.74 or more an hour but less than $11.64 an hour;

(b) three percent of the gross wages of each new employee who earns $11.65 or more an hour but less than $14.55 an hour;

(c) four percent of the gross wages of each new employee who earns $14.56 or more an hour but less than $21.84 an hour; and

(d) five percent of the gross wages of each new employee who earns $21.85 or more an hour.

(2) The hourly gross wage figures in item (1) must be adjusted annually by an inflation factor determined by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

(C) To claim a job development credit, the qualifying business must incur qualified expenditures at the project or for utility or transportation improvements that serve the project. To be qualified, the expenditures must be:

(1) incurred during the term of the revitalization agreement, including a preliminary revitalization agreement, or within sixty days before council's receipt of an application for benefits pursuant to this section;

(2) authorized by the revitalization agreement; and

(3) used for any of the following purposes:

(a) training costs and facilities;

(b) acquiring and improving real property whether constructed or acquired by purchase, or in cases approved by the council, acquired by capital or operating lease with at least a five-year term or otherwise;

(c) improvements to both public and private utility systems including water, sewer, electricity, natural gas, and telecommunications;

(d) fixed transportation facilities including highway, rail, water, and air;

(e) construction or improvements of real property and fixtures constructed or improved primarily for the purpose of complying with local, state, or federal environmental laws or regulations;

(f) employee relocation expenses, but only for those employees to whom the company is paying gross wages at least two times the lower of the per capita income for either the state or the county in which the project is located;

(g) financing the costs of a purpose described in items (a) through (f);

(h) training for all relevant employees that enable a company to export or increase a company's ability to export its products, including training for logistics, regulatory, and administrative areas connected to the company's export process and other export process training that allows a qualified company to maintain or expand its business in this State;

(i) apprenticeship programs;

(j) quality improvement programs of the South Carolina Quality Forum.

(D)(1) The amount of job development credits a qualifying business may claim for its use for qualifying expenditures is limited according to the designation of the county as defined in Section 12-6-3360(B), as follows:

(a) one hundred percent of the maximum job development credits may be claimed by businesses located in counties designated as “Tier IV”;

(b) eighty-five percent of the maximum job development credits may be claimed by businesses located in counties designated as “Tier III”;

(c) seventy percent of the maximum job development credits may be claimed by businesses located in counties designated as “Tier II”; or

(d) fifty-five percent of the maximum job development credits may be claimed by businesses located in counties designated as “Tier I”.

(2) The amount that may be claimed as a job development credit by a qualifying business is limited by this subsection and by the revitalization agreement. The council may approve a waiver of ninety-five percent of the limits provided in item (1) for~~:~~

~~(a)~~ a significant business as defined in Section 12-10-30(18)~~; and~~

~~(b) a related person to a significant business if the related person is located at the project site of the significant business and qualifies for job development credits pursuant to this chapter.~~

~~For purposes of this item, a related person includes any entity or person that bears a relationship to a significant business as provided in Internal Revenue Code Section 267 and includes, without limitation, a limited liability company of which more than fifty percent of the capital interest or profits is owned directly or indirectly by a significant business or by a person or entity, or group of persons or entities which owns, more than fifty percent of the capital interest or profits in the significant business~~.

(3) The ~~county~~ designation of the county in which the project is located on the date the application for job development credit incentives is received in the ~~Office~~ office of the ~~Coordinating Council~~ council remains in effect for the entire period of the revitalization agreement~~, except as to additional jobs created pursuant to an amendment to a revitalization agreement entered into before June 1, 1997, as provided in Section 12-10-60. In that case the county designation on the date of the amendment remains in effect for the remaining period of the revitalization agreement as to any additional jobs created after the effective date of the amendment~~.

(E) The council shall certify to the department the maximum job development credit for each qualifying business. After receiving certification, the department shall remit an amount equal to the difference between the maximum job development credit and the job development credit actually claimed to the State Rural Infrastructure Fund as defined and provided in Section 12-10-85.

(F) Any job development credit of a qualifying business permanently lapses upon expiration or termination of the revitalization agreement. If an employee is terminated, the qualifying business immediately must cease to claim job development credits as to that employee.

(G) For purposes of the job development credit allowed by this section, an employee is a person whose job was created in this State.

(H) Job development credits may not be claimed by a governmental

employer who employs persons at a closed or realigned military installation as defined in Section 12-10-88(E).

(I) A taxpayer who qualifies for the job development credit pursuant to the provisions of this section and who is located in a multicounty business or industrial park jointly established pursuant to Section 13 of Article VIII of the Constitution of this State is allowed a job development credit equal to the amount allowed pursuant to subsection (D) for the designation of the county which has the lowest development status of the counties containing the park if:

(1) the park is developed and established on the geographical boundary of adjacent counties; and

(2) the written agreement, pursuant to Section 4-1-170, requires revenue from the park to be allocated to each county on an equal basis.

(J) Where the qualifying business that creates new jobs under this section is a qualifying service-related facility as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M)(13), the determination of the number of jobs created for purposes of eligibility must be based on the total number of new jobs created within five years of the effective date of the revitalization agreement, without regard to monthly or other averaging.

(K) For purposes of this section, the job and per capita income thresholds contained in the definition of "qualifying service-related facility" as set forth in Section 12-6-3360(M)(13)(b) must be modified to read as set forth in the item below:

(1) a business, other than a business engaged in legal, accounting, banking, or investment services (including a business identified under NAICS Section 55) or retail sales, which has a net increase of at least:

(a) one hundred twenty-five jobs ~~at~~ on the payroll for a single location;

(b) one hundred jobs at a single location comprised of a building or portion of a building that has been vacant for at least twelve consecutive months before the ~~taxpayer's~~ business's investment;

(c) seventy-five jobs ~~at~~ on the payroll for a single location and the jobs have an average cash compensation level of more than one and one-half times the lower of state per capita income or per capita income in the county where the jobs are located;

(d) fifty jobs ~~at~~ on the payroll for a single location and the jobs have an average cash compensation level of more than twice the lower of state per capita income or per capita income in the county where the jobs are located; or

(e) twenty-five jobs ~~at~~ on the payroll for a single location and the jobs have an average cash compensation level of more than two and

one-half times the lower of state per capita income or per capita income in the county where the jobs are located.

(L) For purposes of this section and notwithstanding the provisions of Section 12-10-50(A)(1), subject to the discretion of the council, the definition of "qualifying service-related facility" as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M)(13), as modified by Section 12-10-80(K)(1), shall also include the following:

(1) a business engaged in legal, accounting, banking, or investment services operating at a single facility if the single facility would otherwise qualify as a qualifying service-related facility as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M)(13)(b), as modified by subsections (J) and (K) above, if not for the exclusions contained in Section 12-6-3360(M)(13)(b);

(2) a business generally engaged in retail sales at a single facility if that single facility would otherwise qualify as a qualifying service-related facility as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M)(13)(b), as modified by subsections (J) and (K) above, if not for the exclusions contained in Section 12-6-3360(M)(13)(b) and provided that no retail sales are conducted at that single facility; and

(3) In making a determination with regard to Section 12-10-80(L)(1) or Section 12-10-80(L)(2), the council may consider the following:

(a) the percentage of such business's annual gross receipts from services or other income producing activity derived from customers or clients located outside of South Carolina for the twelve months preceding the month in which such business applies to the council to claim a job development credit and such percentage may not be less than seventy-five percent;

(b) the nature of the new jobs to be created at the project;

(c) the wages of the new jobs to be created at the project;

(d) the capital investment of the project; and

(e) the potential for expansion or growth of the business or industry.

(M) If the council approves an operating lease as an eligible expenditure under Section 12-10-80(C) for a qualifying business that qualifies pursuant to subsections (K) or (L) and will create at least twenty-five jobs for a project and all of the jobs will have a cash compensation level of more than two and one-half times the per capita income in the county where the project is located, the qualifying business may be reimbursed on an annual basis for lease payments before the certification to the council that the qualifying business has met the

minimum job requirement and minimum capital investment provided for in the revitalization agreement. The reimbursements may begin in the first year in which the business creates at least ten new jobs that meet such wage threshold and may continue for up to ten years. This subsection does not apply to build-to-suit lease payments.

SECTION 4. Section 12-10-95 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 12-10-95. (A)(1) Subject to the conditions in this section, a business engaged in manufacturing or processing operations or technology intensive activities at a manufacturing, processing, or technology intensive facility as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M), or warehousing and distribution, and that meets the requirements of Section 12-10-50(B)(2) ~~may negotiate with a technical college~~, with approval from the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, ~~to~~ may claim as a credit against withholding one thousand dollars a year for the retraining of a production or technology or warehousing and distribution first line employee or immediate supervisor who has been continuously employed by the business for a minimum of ~~two years~~ one year and is a full-time employee, so long as retraining is necessary for the qualifying business to remain competitive or to introduce new technologies. In addition to the yearly limits, the retraining credit claimed against withholding may not exceed five thousand dollars over five consecutive years for each retrained production or technology first line employee or immediate supervisor.

(2) Retraining programs that are eligible for the credit include, but are not limited to:

(a) retraining of current employees on newly installed equipment; ~~and~~

(b) retraining of current employees on newly implemented technology, such as computer platforms, software implementation and upgrades, Total Quality Management, ISO 9000, and self-directed work teams~~.~~; and

(c) retraining of current employees for the purpose of upskilling, management development, or recertification in production-related competencies.

Executive training, ~~management development training, career development,~~ personal enrichment training, and cross-training of employees on equipment or technology that is not new to the company are not eligible for the credit.

(B) A qualifying business is eligible to claim as a retraining credit against withholding the lower amount of the following:

(1) the retraining credit for the applicable withholding period as

determined by subsection (A); or

(2) withholding paid to the State for the applicable withholding period.

(C) All retraining must be approved by ~~a technical college under the jurisdiction of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education. A qualifying business must submit a retraining program for approval by the appropriate technical college. The approving technical college may provide the retraining itself, subject to the retraining program, or contract with other training entities to provide the required retraining, or supervise the employer's approved internal training program.~~the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.

(D) An employer may not receive the credit allowed by this section if the employer requires that the employee reimburse or pay the employer for the direct costs of retraining, or if the employee is required to reimburse or pay the employer indirectly through the forfeiture of leave time, vacation time, or other compensable time. Direct costs of retraining include instructor salaries, development of retraining programs, purchase or rental of materials and supplies, textbooks and manuals, instructional media, such as video tapes, presentations, equipment used for retraining only, not to include production equipment, and reasonable travel costs as limited by the state's travel expense reimbursement policy.

(E) The qualifying business must expend at least one dollar ~~fifty cents~~ on retraining eligible employees for every dollar claimed as a credit against withholding for retraining. All training costs, including costs in excess of the retraining credits and matching funds, are the responsibility of the business.

(F) A qualifying business may not claim retraining credit for training provided to the following production or technology first line employees or immediate supervisors:

(a) temporary or contract employees; and

(b) employees who are ~~subject to a~~ included in the minimum job requirement of an ongoing revitalization agreement, including a preliminary revitalization agreement and for which the company is eligible to claim job development credits. A qualifying business may claim retraining credits for employees who are not subject to the job development credit but who are included in the base employment of an ongoing revitalization agreement provided that such employees meet the requirements for retraining eligibility included in this section.

(G) ~~Notwithstanding~~ In addition to another provision of this section, the retraining credit allowed by this section is for:

(1) training included in a registered apprenticeship ~~programs~~program; and

(2) retraining for all relevant employees that enable a company to export or increase its ability to export its products, including training for logistics, regulatory, and administrative areas connected to its export process and other export process training that allows a qualified company to maintain or expand its business in this State.

(H) There is hereby established an annual renewal fee of two hundred fifty dollars to be billed and collected by the department.

(I)(1) All approved programs and training must be reviewed annually by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.

(2) A qualifying business may contract with the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education or a subsidiary technical college to assist with additional program administration beyond what is required in a typical retraining agreement for a quarterly fee not to exceed twenty percent of the retraining credit amount claimed. Fees must be collected on a quarterly basis.

(3) Every three years, the Department of Revenue must audit any business that claimed the job retraining credit pursuant to this section during that time period, solely for the purpose of verifying proper sources and uses of the credits.

(J) The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education shall establish policies and procedures to provide the oversight and review provisions of this section. By November fifteenth of each year, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education shall submit a statewide aggregated report detailing the utilization of the retraining credit pursuant to this section, as well as the board's activities in regard to oversight, to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Coordinating Council for Economic Development, and the Department of Revenue. Also, the board shall make the report available in a conspicuous place on the website maintained by the board.

SECTION 5. Section 12-6-3360 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(Q)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, to recruit an eligible business to this State or to expand in this State, and subject to approval by the Joint Bond Review Committee, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to allow an eligible business to sell, exchange, or otherwise transfer tax credits earned pursuant to this section so long as the credit was earned after 2022 and before tax year 2029. A tax credit

or increment of a tax credit may be transferred only once. The credit may be transferred to any taxpayer. A taxpayer to whom a credit has been transferred may use the credit for the taxable year in which the transfer occurred and unused amounts may be carried forward to succeeding taxable years, but the transferred credit may not be used more than ten years after it was originally earned. With regard to the sale or exchange of a credit allowed under this section, general income tax principles apply for purposes of the state income tax.

(2) For purposes of this section, an eligible business is a business that is:

(a) headquartered in this State; or

(b) whose primary business is in:

(i) research and development;

(ii) the production of microchips, semiconductors, or circuit boards and other electronics components;

(iii) the production of pharmaceuticals, including active pharmaceutical ingredients;

(iv) advanced manufacturing;

(v) life sciences; or

(vi) new, emerging, or high technologies.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and first applies to income tax years beginning after 2023.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 92; Nays 10

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson

Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--92

Those who voted in the negative are:

Cromer	Harris	Kilmartin
Magnuson	May	McCabe
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	O'Neal
Oremus		

Total--10

The Senate Amendments were amended, and the Bill was ordered returned to the Senate.

S. 862--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 862 -- Senators Shealy and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION

63-13-30, RELATING TO CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PRE-SERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 0; Nays 102

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope

Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Wooten

Total--102

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on S. 862. If I had been present, I would have voted to nonconcur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

S. 1046--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 1046 -- Senators Hembree, Climer, M. Johnson, Peeler, Corbin, Cromer, Shealy, Grooms, Bennett, Gambrell, Loftis, Rice, Gustafson, Martin, Verdin, Turner, Kimbrell, Reichenbach, Cash, Harpootlian, McLeod and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-10, RELATING TO JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS, INITIAL TERMS, AND SUBSEQUENT TERMS, TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT, EXCEPT THOSE FIRST APPOINTED, THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SENATE PRESIDENT, THE SENATE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND THE HOUSE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO NOMINEE MAY BE A FAMILY

MEMBER OF A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-20, RELATING TO INVESTIGATION BY COMMISSION AND PUBLICATION OF VACANCIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-30, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND EXECUTIVE SESSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS BE LIVE STREAMED; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-70, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DUAL OFFICES, PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR, AND PLEDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FLOOR PRIVILEGES AND PROHIBITIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND ESTABLISHING SET TIMES FOR THE RELEASE OF REPORTS AND THE SEEKING OF PLEDGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FORMAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT OF QUALIFICATIONS SHALL OCCUR NO EARLIER THAN TWELVE DAYS AFTER NOMINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO NOMINATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SHALL BE RELEASED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE A MAJORITY VOTE OF EACH HOUSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERMS AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FULL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OF THE COUNTY THE MAGISTRATE WILL SERVE.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 0; Nays 104

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore

Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on S. 1046. If I had been present, I would have voted to nonconcur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

S. 1031--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 1031 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 35, RELATING TO ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM FINANCIAL CRIME, STANDARDIZE THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING, AND MODERNIZE SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE FUNDS ARE PROTECTED IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE AND COMPETITIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

Rep. SANDIFER explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 0; Nays 101

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister

Bauer	Beach	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on S. 1031. If I had been present, I would have voted to nonconcur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

S. 142--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 142 -- Senators Shealy, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Hutto, Jackson, Campsen, McLeod, Setzler and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING", SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION TO INCLUDE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR AND PROMOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN PROSTITUTION OF A MINOR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2020, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PENALTIES, MINOR VICTIMS AND DEFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY RAISE DURESS AND COERCION AS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO NONVIOLENT OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INCIDENT TO THE TRAFFICKING, TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY NOT BE CONVICTED FOR NONVIOLENT OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INCIDENT TO THE TRAFFICKING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM CANNOT BE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF OR BE THE SUBJECT OF A DELINQUENCY PETITION IF THE MINOR'S CONDUCT WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF OR INCIDENTAL TO OR RELATED TO TRAFFICKING; AND SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT ARE RETROACTIVE.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 0; Nays 102

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--102

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on S. 142. If I had been present, I would have voted to nonconcur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

S. 408--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 408 -- Senators Shealy and McLeod: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-250, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF LICENSE, DISPLAY, AND RENEWAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE HOUR OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING AS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-540, RELATING TO REGULATIONS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION AND LICENSE RENEWAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE ONE HOUR OF SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING AS A PORTION OF THE TOTAL CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENT.

Rep. SANDIFER explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Carter
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis

Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on S. 408. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

S. 962--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 962 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-71-2330, RELATING TO DUTIES OF PHARMACY SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT PHARMACY SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS MUST ACT AS FIDUCIARIES TO PHARMACIES.

Rep. SANDIFER explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott

Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on S. 962. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

S. 314--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 314 -- Senator Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-10 SO AS TO PROVIDE CHAPTER DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-30 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OVER THRESHOLD AMOUNTS FOR HIGHER INSTITUTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW TO THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL AFTER FULL ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK IS COMPLETED BUT PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, TO ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN OF JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE TO REQUEST A REVIEW AND COMMENT ON ANY OTHER PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-40 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2-47-50 AND TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNING BOARDS TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY OF ALL PROJECTS APPROVED; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-50 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO PROVIDE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS A REPORT OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AND ANY CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE EXEMPT BY OPERATION OF SECTION 59-157-40.

Rep. BALLENTINE explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 0; Nays 106

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on S. 314. If I had been present, I would have voted to nonconcur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

S. 305--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 305 -- Senators Young, M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Turner, Fanning, Climer, Stephens, Rankin, Loftis, Garrett, Matthews, Adams, Gustafson and Sabb: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE MAY BE AWARDED ON AN INITIAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE IF THE PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS IN OR RELATED TO THE CONTENT FIELD OF THE CERTIFICATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING CERTIFICATE HOLDERS MAY ALSO RECEIVE THE SAME CREDIT FOR PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 0; Nays 105

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox

Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on S. 305. If I had been present, I would have voted to nonconcur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

S. 124--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 124 -- Senators Hembree, Turner and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-1115 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM THAT WILL PERMIT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO HIRE NONCERTIFIED TEACHERS IN A RATIO UP TO TEN PERCENT OF ITS ENTIRE TEACHING STAFF, TO PROVIDE ACADEMIC, EVALUATION, AND EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORTING AND NONCERTIFIED TEACHER REGISTRATION AND CLEARANCE REQUIREMENTS.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 0; Nays 101

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde

Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on S. 124. If I had been present, I would have voted to nonconcur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

S. 610--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 610 -- Senators Cromer, Shealy and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS FOR THE COMPACT.

Rep. SANDIFER explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 92; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Lowe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--92

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Cromer	Harris
Magnuson	May	McCabe
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	O'Neal
Oremus	Pace	

Total--11

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

S. 1005--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 1005 -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1320, RELATING TO MOTOR RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE WILLIAM C. BOWEN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A BOAT, WATERCRAFT, OR OTHER TYPE OF VESSEL POWERED BY AN OUTDRIVE OR INBOARD MOTOR HAVING AN ENGINE AUTOMOTIVE HORSEPOWER RATING IN EXCESS OF TWO HUNDRED HORSEPOWER IS PERMITTED AND THAT PERSONAL WATERCRAFT MAY NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED NINETY HORSEPOWER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1350, RELATING TO WATER SKIING AND TOWING RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE WILLIAM C. BOWEN, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, SPECIALTY PROPCRAFT, OR VESSELS IN EXCESS OF IDLE SPEED WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FEET OF A WHARF, DOCK, BULKHEAD, OR PIER OR WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF A MOORED OR ANCHORED VESSEL OR PERSON IN THE WATER.

Rep. HIXON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Haddon	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Taylor	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:
Guffey Sessions

Total--2

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on S. 1005. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

H. 3988--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3988 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Pedalino, Forrest, Wheeler, Kirby and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACTS THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY, TO PERMIT THE DELEGATION OF CERTAIN ACTS TO TRAINED PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND PHARMACY INTERNS, AND TO DEFINE AN ADDITIONAL TERM; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-84, RELATING TO PHARMACY INTERNS AND EXTERNS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN DIRECT SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-190, RELATING TO PROTOCOL FOR PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES WITHOUT PRACTITIONER ORDERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DISPENSATION OF CERTAIN DRUGS AND DEVICES, TO LOWER THE VACCINATION RECIPIENT AGE TO TWELVE YEARS OF AGE, TO AUTHORIZE DIRECTLY SUPERVISED PHARMACY INTERNS TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN VACCINATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE WRITTEN PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-200, RELATING TO THE JOINT PHARMACIST-ADMINISTERED VACCINES COMMITTEE, SO AS TO RENAME

THE COMMITTEE AS THE "JOINT PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE" AND MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO PROVIDE THE PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE MUST SUBMIT ITS INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY NO LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT, AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 0; Nays 104

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan

Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 3988. If I had been present, I would have voted to nonconcur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. ATKINSON a temporary leave of absence.

H. 4386--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4386 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-647 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING, HARMING, OR KILLING OF ROBUST REDHORSE.

Rep. HIXON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 0; Nays 104

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White

Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on H. 4386. If I had been present, I would have voted to nonconcur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

H.S. 557--RECONSIDERED

Rep. BANNISTER moved to reconsider the vote whereby the House adjourned debate on the Senate Amendment to the following Bill, which was agreed to:

S. 557 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Kimbrell, Adams, Rice, Rankin, Reichenbach, Young, Loftis, Climer, Garrett, Alexander, Campsen and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.

S. 557--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 557 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Kimbrell, Adams, Rice, Rankin, Reichenbach, Young, Loftis, Climer, Garrett, Alexander, Campsen and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Chapman	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	W. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Lowe	Magnuson	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to inclement weather and traffic, I was not in the Chamber during the vote on S. 557. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Bill Chumley

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HENEGAN a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

Rep. HIOTT moved that the House recede until 2:00 p.m., which was agreed to.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 2:00 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* in the Chair.

POINT OF QUORUM

The question of a quorum was raised.

A quorum was later present.

RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bills were taken up, read the third time, and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments:

S. 915 -- Senators Peeler, Alexander, Setzler, Verdin, Davis, Hutto, Kimbrell, Young, Senn, Fanning and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO CREATE THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY AND PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AGENCY; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO

DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO DISSOLVE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS AND CREATE THE STATE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND POLICY; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO THE MEDIATION OF GRIEVANCES BY THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY, THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY, AND ALL DIRECT REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY AND TO DIRECTORS OF THE COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-70, RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT AND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY SHALL APPOINT A DIRECTOR TO BE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; AND TO REPEAL TITLE 44, CHAPTER 9 RELATING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

S. 1021 -- Senators Davis, Matthews and Campsen: A BILL TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT TO 2035; AND TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO THE ABANDONED BUILDINGS TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE MAXIMUM TAX CREDIT THAT MAY BE EARNED.

S. 577 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-8-530, SECTION 12-8-540, SECTION 12-8-570, SECTION 12-8-580, AND SECTION 12-8-595, ALL RELATING TO THE WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAXES, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE TOP MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATE.

S. 946 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-1210, RELATING TO THE STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE REGULATION OF CHILDCARE FACILITIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MEMBERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-1220, RELATING TO COMMITTEE

DUTIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE QUORUM OF MEMBERS REQUIRED TO VOTE FROM EIGHT TO SIX.

S. 241 -- Senators Garrett and Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 84 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF GENETIC COUNSELORS, TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD OF GENETIC COUNSELOR EXAMINERS, TO PROVIDE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE BY THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE RELATED DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS AND IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

S. 1051 -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1330, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE H. TAYLOR BLALOCK, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HUNTING OF WATERFOWL FOR FIVE YEARS.

S. 112 -- Senators Allen, Hembree and Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 34-11-90, RELATING TO JURISDICTION FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING CHECKS AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A METHOD TO EXPUNGE CONVICTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 17-22-910, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR EXPUNGEMENT, SO AS TO ADD MULTIPLE MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES OF CHECK FRAUD TO THOSE OFFENSES ELIGIBLE FOR EXPUNGEMENT.

S. 125 -- Senators Hembree, Turner, Young, Setzler, Fanning and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-15, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL LIFE SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE STIPEND TO EDUCATION MAJORS AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO DEFINE EDUCATION MAJOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-25,

RELATING TO ADDITIONAL PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE STIPEND TO EDUCATION MAJORS AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-50, RELATING TO A NUMERICAL ACT EQUIVALENT, SO AS TO SET THE EQUIVALENT SCORE OF THE ACT TO 22; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-20, RELATING TO PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, SO AS TO ALLOW A STUDENT WHO USES A PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND A TWO-YEAR INSTITUTION SHALL RECEIVE A MAXIMUM OF FOUR CONTINUOUS SEMESTERS.

S. 434 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-78-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO CLAUSE OF A SERVICE CONTRACT WHICH STATES THAT THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED RENEWED FOR A SPECIFIED ADDITIONAL PERIOD, UNLESS THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER GIVES NOTICE TO THE PROVIDER OF HIS INTENTION TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM, SHALL BE ENFORCEABLE AGAINST THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER.

S. 700 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES PROVIDERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS.

ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The following Bills were read the third time, passed and, having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title of each be changed to that of an Act, and that they be enrolled for ratification:

S. 445 -- Senators Garrett and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 49, TITLE 44 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES TO

APPROVE A CREDENTIALING ENTITY TO DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR RECOVERY HOUSING; TO REQUIRE THE APPROVED CREDENTIALING ENTITY TO ESTABLISH RECOVERY HOUSING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES BASED UPON NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED QUALITY STANDARDS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 49 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

S. 455 -- Senator Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-29-230, RELATING TO TESTING REQUIRED WHEN A HEALTH CARE WORKER IS EXPOSED TO BLOODBORNE DISEASE, SO AS TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO PHYSICIAN WITH HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, TO INCLUDE DENTISTS IN THE DEFINITION OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AND TO ADD HEPATITIS C TO THE LIST OF BLOODBORNE DISEASES.

S. 558 -- Senators Verdin and Senn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-31-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE FOR THE TUBERCULOSIS TESTING OF APPLICANT RESIDENTS AND NEWLY ADMITTED RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES IN THIS STATE.

S. 1188 -- Senators Tedder and Hembree: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-240, RELATING TO EXPULSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIREMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF THE PUPIL.

S. 207 -- Senator Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 57-23-1160 SO AS TO CREATE THE PIEDMONT GATEWAY SCENIC BYWAY AND TO IDENTIFY THE THREE SEGMENTS THAT COMPRISE THE BYWAY.

S. 968 -- Senators Peeler and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80(A)(6) AND (B), RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO VOLUNTARILY DISCLOSE HIS BLOOD TYPE.

S. 974 -- Senator Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 59-104-20, 59-149-10, AND 59-150-370, ALL RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION" FOR PURPOSES OF THE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS, THE LEGISLATIVE INCENTIVES FOR FUTURE EXCELLENCE (LIFE) SCHOLARSHIPS, AND THE SC HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO ADD AN INSTITUTION ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITING COMMISSION OF CAREER SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES TO THE DEFINITION.

S. 881 -- Senators M. Johnson, McLeod, Devine and Rankin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING THE "PROHIBITION OF UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS ACT"; AND TO MAKE THE PROHIBITIONS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS THAT ARE RECORDED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT OR THAT ARE EXECUTED MODIFIED, EXTENDED, OR AMENDED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

S. 1051--RECONSIDERED

Rep. B. NEWTON moved to reconsider the vote whereby the following Bill was read third time and returned to the Senate with amendments, which was agreed to:

S. 1051 -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1330, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE H. TAYLOR BLALOCK, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HUNTING OF WATERFOWL FOR FIVE YEARS.

S. 1051--AMENDED, READ THIRD TIME, AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS

The following Bill was taken up:

S. 1051 -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1330, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE H. TAYLOR BLALOCK, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HUNTING OF WATERFOWL FOR FIVE YEARS.

Rep. Ott proposed the following Amendment No. 2 to S. 1051 (LC-1051.SA0005H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding appropriately numbered SECTIONS to read:

SECTION X. Section 50-13-675(9) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(9) Congaree River:

(a) set hooks:

(i) recreational license-fifty;

(ii) commercial license-fifty;

(b) traps:

(i) recreational license-two;

(ii) commercial license-ten;

(c) trotlines:

(i) recreational license-one line with fifty hooks maximum;

(ii) commercial license-three lines with one hundred fifty hooks maximum;

(d) hoop nets:

(i) recreational license-residents sixty-five years of age or older – one;

(ii) the provisions contained in Section 50-13-675(9)(d) expire on January 1, 2030;

SECTION X. Section 50-13-675(23) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(23) Lakes Marion and Moultrie, and the upper reach of the Santee River:

(a) traps:

(i) recreational license-two;

(ii) commercial license-twenty-five;

(b) trotlines: Hooks must have a gap or clearance between point and shank no greater than seven-sixteenths inch:

(i) recreational license-one line with fifty hooks maximum;

(ii) commercial license-three lines with not more than four hundred hooks on each line;

(c) set hooks: Recreational license – Upper Reach of the Santee River – fifty hooks. The use of set hooks in the Upper Reach of the Santee River as described in this item expire on January 1, 2030.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. OTT explained the amendment.

The amendment was then adopted.

The question recurred to the passage of the Bill.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis

Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thigpen
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Bill was read the third time and ordered returned to the Senate with amendments.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HARDEE a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HAGER a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

RECURRENCE TO THE MORNING HOUR

Rep. MCDANIEL moved that the House recur to the morning hour, which was agreed to.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5563 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey,

Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CLAYTON M. RICHARDSON OF HARTSVILLE AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5564 -- Rep. Spann-Wilder: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF STEPHANIE NICOLE GRANT-GLADDEN OF RAVENEL, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

ACTING SPEAKER HIOTT IN CHAIR

HOUSE STANDS AT EASE

The House stood at ease subject to the call of the Chair.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 3:10 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

H. 4754--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4754 -- Reps. Sandifer and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 57, TITLE 40 SO AS TO OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDERS OF PRELICENSING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-57-725 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND PENALTIES AND APPEALS; AND BY AMENDING CHAPTER 57, TITLE 40, RELATING TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINE TERMS, MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, DEFINE THE USE OF APPLICATION FEES, OUTLINE THE PROCEDURE FOR A LICENSE CLASSIFICATION CHANGE, ALLOW FOR RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS, PROHIBIT BAD FAITH AGREEMENTS, REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF REQUIRED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION FOR BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, PROHIBIT ENGAGING IN, REPRESENTING OTHERS IN, OR ASSISTING OTHERS IN THE PRACTICE OF WHOLESALING, REGULATE TEAM MARKETING, AND ADDRESS LICENSING AFTER REVOCATION.

Rep. SANDIFER explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain

Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 3424--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3424 -- Reps. T. Moore, Carter, McCravy, Lawson, Beach, Pope, Nutt, Oremus, Vaughan, Long, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Kilmartin, Cromer, O'Neal, Yow, Gilliam, W. Newton, Guest, Schuessler, Moss, Magnuson, Harris, Pace, Brittain, Bailey, Robbins, Sessions, Ligon, Felder, B. L. Cox, Guffey, Bradley, Murphy, Brewer, Connell, Hiott, Mitchell, Hager, Erickson, B. J. Cox, Blackwell, Wooten, Ballentine, Hyde, Wheeler, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, B. Newton, Elliott, Forrest, Willis, Hixon, Taylor, J. E. Johnson, Chapman and Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR AN OPERATOR TO MAKE A PORNOGRAPHIC WEBSITE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN, TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL CREATE CERTAIN PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION.

Rep. T. Moore proposed the following Amendment No. 1A to H. 3424 (LC-3424.PH0011H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 1, Title 37 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 37-1-310. (A) As used in this section:

(1) “Child pornography” means any material depicting a person under the age of eighteen years doing or assisting in doing an act or thing constituting an offense pursuant to Chapter 15, Title 16 and involving any material, act, or thing that is obscene within the meaning of Section 16-15-305.

(2) “Child sexual exploitation” is defined as the term is used in Sections 16-15-395, 16-15-405, and 16-15-410.

(3) “Commercial entity” includes corporations, limited liability

companies, partnerships, limited partnerships, sole proprietorships, or other legally recognized entities.

(4) "Digitized identification card" means a data file available on any mobile device which has connectivity to the Internet through a state-approved application that allows the mobile device to download the data file from a state agency or an authorized agent of a state agency that contains all of the data elements visible on the face and back of a license or identification card and displays the current status of the license or identification card.

(5) "Distribute" means to issue, sell, give, provide, deliver, transfer, transmit, circulate, or disseminate by any means.

(6) "Internet" means the international computer network of both federal and nonfederal interoperable packet switched data networks.

(7) "Material harmful to minors" is defined as those terms are used in Section 16-15-375.

(8) "Obscene material" is defined as the term is used in Section 16-15-305.

(9) "Minor" is defined as the term is used in Section 16-15-375.

(10) "News-gathering organization" means any of the following:

(a) an employee of a newspaper, news publication, or news source, printed or on an online or mobile platform, of current news and public interest, while operating as an employee as provided in this subsection, who can provide documentation of such employment with the newspaper, news publication, or news source; or

(b) an employee of a radio broadcast station, television broadcast station, cable television operator, or wire service while operating as an employee as provided in this subsection, who can provide documentation of such employment.

(11) "Publish" means to communicate or make information available to another person or entity on a publicly available Internet website.

(12) "Reasonable age verification methods" means verifying that the person seeking to access the material is eighteen years old or older by using any of the following methods:

(a) use of a digitized identification card as defined in this subsection;

(b) verification through an independent, third-party age verification service that compares the personal information entered by the individual who is seeking access to the material that is available from a commercially available database, or aggregate of databases, that is regularly used by government agencies and businesses for the purpose

of age and identity verification; or

(c) any commercially reasonable method that relies on public or private transactional data to verify the age of the person attempting to access the material.

(13) "Substantial portion" means more than thirty-three and one third percent of total material on a website, which meets the definition of "material harmful to minors" as defined in this section.

(14)(a) "Transactional data" means a sequence of information that documents an exchange, agreement, or transfer between an individual, commercial entity, or third party used for the purpose of satisfying a request or event.

(b) "Transactional data" includes records from mortgage, education, and employment entities.

(B)(1) Any commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes obscene material, or material that depicts, describes, or promotes child pornography or child sexual exploitation, on the Internet may be held liable to an individual for nominal damages, actual damages, court costs, and reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the court.

(2) A commercial entity that has violated this section in a manner that satisfies the standards for imposition of punitive damages elsewhere provided by law may be held liable to an individual for punitive damages.

(3) Individual claims that satisfy the generally applicable standards for joinder or class action elsewhere provided by law or rules of court, as applicable, may combine their claims in a single action.

(C)(1) Beginning January 1, 2025, a commercial entity that knowingly and intentionally publishes or distributes material harmful to minors on the Internet from a website that contains a substantial portion of such material must be held liable if the entity fails to perform reasonable age verification methods to verify the age of an individual attempting to access the material.

(2) A commercial entity that is found to have violated this section is liable to the minor, by and through the minor's parent or legal guardian, for damages resulting from a minor's accessing the material, including liability for nominal damages, actual damages, court costs, and reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the court.

(3) A commercial entity that has violated this section in a manner that satisfies the standards for imposition of punitive damages elsewhere provided by law may be held liable to the minor, by and through the minor's parent or legal guardian, for punitive damages.

(4) Individual claims that satisfy the generally applicable standards for joinder or class action elsewhere provided by law or rules of court, as applicable, may combine their claims in a single action.

(5) A commercial entity may not be held liable under this section for allowing access to its website if the entity uses reasonable age verification methods to verify that the individual attempting to access the material from its website is not a minor.

(6) A commercial entity or third party that uses reasonable age verification methods may not retain any identifying information of the individual after access has been granted to the material.

(7) A commercial entity that is found to have knowingly retained identifying information of the individual after access has been granted to the individual is liable to the individual for damages resulting from retaining the identifying information, including court costs and reasonable attorney fees as ordered by the court.

(8) This section does not apply to any bona fide news or public interest broadcast, website video, report, or event and may not be construed to affect the rights of a news-gathering organization, unless the organization's website contains a substantial portion of material harmful to minors.

(9) An Internet service provider, affiliate or subsidiary of an Internet service provider, search engine, or cloud service provider may not be held to have violated the provisions of this section solely for providing access or connection to or from a website or other information or content on the Internet, or a facility, system, or network not under that provider's control, including transmission, downloading, storing, or providing access, to the extent that such provider is not responsible for the creation of the content of the communication that constitutes material harmful to minors.

(D) The Attorney General may seek injunctive and other equitable relief against a commercial entity that fails to comply with the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be

unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. T. MOORE explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis

Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:
Bamberg

Total--1

The Senate Amendments were amended, and the Bill was ordered returned to the Senate.

H. 3748--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3748 -- Reps. Caskey, Wooten, Wetmore, Hartnett, Erickson, W. Newton, Pope, Robbins, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-680, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL ALTERATION OR REMOVAL OF BOUNDARY LANDMARKS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE SECTION PROHIBITS MOVING, ALTERING, DESTROYING, OR REMOVING GEODETIC CONTROL MONUMENTS OR CERTAIN LAND SURVEYING MONUMENTS, TO UPDATE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos

Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	Wetmore	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total—0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 4248--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4248 -- Reps. Rose and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-50, RELATING TO THE SALE OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, OR WINE TO UNDERAGED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4080, RELATING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO AN UNDERAGED PERSON, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE.

Rep. Rose proposed the following Amendment No. 1A to H. 4248 (LC-4248.HA0009H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 2, by striking Section 61-6-4080(D)(1) and (2) and inserting:

(1) Whenever any person who has not previously been convicted of any offense under this section, pleads guilty to or is found guilty of a sale in violation of this section, the court, without entering a judgment of guilt and with the consent of the accused, may defer further proceedings and place him on probation upon terms and conditions as it requires provided that one such condition must be that he complete the merchant education program described in subsection (C). Upon violation of a term or condition, the court may enter an adjudication of guilt and proceed as otherwise provided. Upon fulfillment of the terms and conditions, the court shall discharge the person and dismiss the proceedings against him. Discharge and dismissal under this section must be without court adjudication of guilt and is not a conviction for purposes of this section or for purposes of disqualifications or disabilities imposed by law upon conviction of a crime, including the additional penalties imposed for second or subsequent convictions. However, a nonpublic record must be forwarded to and retained by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division solely for the purpose of use by the courts in determining whether or not a person has committed a subsequent offense under this section. The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division must produce this record upon subpoena or court order. Discharge and dismissal under this section may occur only once with respect to any person.

(2) Upon the dismissal of the person and discharge of the proceedings against him pursuant to item (1), the person may apply to

the court for an order to expunge from all official records, other than the nonpublic records to be retained as provided in item (1), all recordation relating to his arrest, indictment or information, trial, finding of guilt, and dismissal and discharge pursuant to this section. If the court determines, after the hearing, that the person was dismissed and the proceedings against him discharged, it shall enter the order. The effect of the order is to restore the person, in the contemplation of the law, to the status he occupied before the arrest or indictment or information. No person as to whom the order has been entered may be held pursuant to another provision of law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of his failure to recite or acknowledge the arrest, or indictment or information, or trial in response to an inquiry made of him for any purpose, except when the person is providing sworn statements or giving testimony under oath. A conditional discharge granted pursuant to this section does not preclude a person from availing themselves of subsequent pre-trial diversion options provided by law.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. ROSE explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Harris	Hartnett	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson

S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Taylor
Thigpen	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were amended, and the Bill was ordered returned to the Senate.

H. 4563--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4563 -- Reps. Bernstein, J. L. Johnson and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-11-345 SO AS TO CLARIFY THE POWER OF SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS TO OWN, ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, USE, LEASE, CONVEY, SELL, TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF PROPERTY IN FURTHERANCE OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS, TO PROVIDE THESE POWERS ARE IN ADDITION

TO POWERS AND AUTHORIZATIONS PREVIOUSLY VESTED IN SUCH DISTRICTS, AND DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan

Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 4617--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4617 -- Reps. Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Bannister, Pope, Wooten, Haddon, Brewer, Burns, Thayer, Kirby, Oremus, Hager, Hyde, Sessions, Carter, McDaniel, Magnuson, Hayes, W. Newton, Bauer, Trantham, J. L. Johnson, Henegan, Guffey, Chapman, Leber, Kilmartin, Robbins, Felder, Jefferson, Caskey, Ligon and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-230, RELATING TO SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ADD XYLAZINE AS A SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, WITH EXCEPTIONS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-372 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE PRODUCTION, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, OR POSSESSION OF XYLAZINE, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH ASSOCIATED CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 4825--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4825 -- Reps. Hewitt, Murphy, W. Newton, Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Kirby, Mitchell, Crawford, Yow, Bailey, Pope, Guest, Hartnett, West, Oremus, Leber, Williams, Jefferson, Gilliard, Schuessler, Landing, Bustos, Calhoon, Gilliam, Gibson, M. M. Smith, B. Newton and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLAWFULLY LURING ANOTHER PERSON, TO PROVIDE FOR A SENTENCING ENHANCEMENT WHEN THE VICTIM IS A MINOR, TO SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE FOR PUNISHMENT FOR ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING OFFENSES, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "MINOR".

Rep. J. E. JOHNSON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 0; Nays 108

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon

Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

H. 4867--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4867 -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, G. M. Smith, Moss, Hiott, Blackwell, B. L. Cox, Caskey, M. M. Smith, Hart, Sandifer, J. E. Johnson, Brittain and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-45 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL 911 TELECOMMUNICATORS WHO PROVIDE DISPATCH FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITIONS TO BE TRAINED IN HIGH-QUALITY TELECOMMUNICATOR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (T-CPR).

Rep. DAVIS explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson

Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 5042--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 5042 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, J. L. Johnson, Murphy, Sessions, Cobb-Hunter, Kirby, Brewer, Garvin, Henegan, M. M. Smith, Jefferson, Rivers, McDaniel, Davis, Haddon, King, Gilliard, Stavrinakis, Bauer, West, Wetmore, T. Moore, Thigpen, Chapman, Schuessler, Pope, Guffey, Dillard, W. Jones, Pendarvis, G. M. Smith, Weeks, Wheeler, Williams, S. Jones, J. Moore, O'Neal, B. Newton, Neese, Lawson, Atkinson, Hayes, W. Newton, Bannister, Caskey, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, Hiott, Brittain, Hartnett, Mitchell, Yow, Gagnon, Carter, Guest, Gatch,

Crawford, Ott, Rutherford, Leber, Hixon, Herbkersman, Anderson, Bailey, Elliott, Gilliam, Calhoon, Wooten, Forrest, Pedalino, Jordan, Bustos, Bamberg, Bernstein, Clyburn, Hosey, Henderson-Myers, Howard, Vaughan, Beach, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 10-1-185 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ON THE GROUNDS OF THE STATE HOUSE A ROBERT SMALLS MONUMENT, CREATE A COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE DESIGN AND LOCATION OF THE MONUMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, AND SUNSET THE COMMISSION AT A DATE CERTAIN.

Rep. B. L. COX explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel

McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 3934--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3934 -- Rep. Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-1625, RELATING TO FEDERAL DEFENSE FACILITIES DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD FORT GORDON TO THE DEFINITION OF "FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS".

Rep. DAVIS explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 4611--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4611 -- Reps. Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hardee, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-785 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE UNLAWFUL REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF ELECTRONIC COLLARS OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES PLACED ON DOGS BY THEIR OWNERS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

Rep. FORREST explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Harris	Hartnett

Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 5246--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 5246 -- Reps. Wetmore, Brittain, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Hartnett, Leber, Gilliard, Bustos, Pendarvis, Jefferson, Landing and

Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-612 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BLACK SKIMMER IS THE OFFICIAL SEABIRD OF THE STATE.

Rep. WETMORE explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith

M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thigpen	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

S. 1021--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 1021 -- Senators Davis, Matthews and Campsen: A BILL TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT TO 2035; AND TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO THE ABANDONED BUILDINGS TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE MAXIMUM TAX CREDIT THAT MAY BE EARNED.

Rep. CASKEY explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 104; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns

Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	Mitchell	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--104

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 3865--DEBATE ADJOURNED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3865 -- Reps. Hiott, Collins, Rutherford, Carter and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-130, RELATING TO CORONER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE LICENSED PARAMEDICS WITH AT LEAST THREE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS ONE OF THE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS A CORONER MUST HAVE.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Senate Amendments.

Rep. RUTHERFORD moved to adjourn debate on the Senate Amendments, which was agreed to.

H. 4601--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4601 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4100, RELATING TO PREVENTING ESCAPE OF MATERIALS LOADED ON VEHICLES AND CLEANING THE HIGHWAYS OF ESCAPED SUBSTANCES OR CARGO, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 56-5-4110 TO CLARIFY THE EXCEPTIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN FARM PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 56-5-4110 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT LOADS AND COVERS MUST BE FIRMLY ATTACHED.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 0; Nays 103

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

H. 4820--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4820 -- Reps. Forrest, Hixon, Hayes, Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Magnuson, Chapman, McDaniel and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.

Rep. Lowe proposed the following Amendment No. 1A to H. 4820 (LC-4820.PH0021H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by adding an appropriately numbered SECTION to read:

SECTION X. SECTION 5 of Act 91 of 2021 is repealed.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. LOWE explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 110; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson

Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Harris	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--110

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were amended, and the Bill was ordered returned to the Senate.

H. 4869--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4869 -- Reps. Sandifer, Hardee, Ligon and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-3-150, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE OR HIS DESIGNEES TO CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUCH INVESTIGATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-9-200, RELATING TO CONDITIONS FOR ALLOWING REINSURANCE CREDITS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-13-10, RELATING TO INSURER EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE SUCH EXAMINATIONS ARE FINANCIAL EXAMINATIONS, TO APPLY THE PROVISIONS TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER LICENSEES OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE MARKET CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-13-70, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEES MAY CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INVESTIGATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FINAL ORDERS DISCIPLINING LICENSEES ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-57-130, RELATING TO INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REVISED EXEMPTIONS FROM PROVISIONS PROHIBITING MISREPRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS, AND REBATES IN INSURANCE CONTRACTS.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter	Collins
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Harris	Hartnett	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Hyde
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 4234--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4234 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bernstein and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "SUPPORTS AND ASSISTANCE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-103, RELATING TO FACILITY OF PAYMENT OR DELIVERY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE NATURE OF THE FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLAR THRESHOLD; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-106, RELATING TO DUTIES OF GUARDIANS AD LITEM, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LENGTH OF TIME THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM HAS TO SUBMIT HIS REPORT PRIOR TO THE HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-108, RELATING TO EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY ORDERS AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 62-5-303, 62-5-303A, 62-5-303B, 62-5-303C, AND 62-5-303D, ALL RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR COURT APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-307, RELATING TO INFORMAL REQUESTS FOR RELIEF, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE WARD'S ABILITY TO SUBMIT CERTAIN REQUESTS TO THE COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-401, RELATING TO VENUES, SO AS TO CLARIFY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT, IN THE CASE OF MINOR CONSERVATORSHIPS, PROPER VENUE IS THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MINOR RESIDES OR OWNS PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403A, RELATING TO SERVICE OF SUMMONS AND PETITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN OTHER AFFIDAVITS AND REPORTS AMONG THOSE THAT MUST BE FILED WITH THE

PETITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403B, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL AND GUARDIANS, SO AS TO APPOINT NURSE PRACTITIONERS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, NURSES, AND PSYCHOLOGISTS TO SERVE AS EXAMINERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403C, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND WAIVERS, SO AS TO REVISE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CERTAIN PROCEDURES IF NO PARTY REQUESTS A HEARING OR IF THE ALLEGED INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL WAIVES HIS RIGHT TO A HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-405, RELATING TO PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN ACTS THAT MAY BE PERFORMED BY CONSERVATORS AND SPECIAL CONSERVATORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-422, RELATING TO POWERS OF CONSERVATORS IN ADMINISTRATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-426, RELATING TO CLAIMS AGAINST PROTECTED PERSONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE CLAIMANT ALSO MUST FILE A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE CLAIM WITH THE PROBATE COURT IN WHICH THE CONSERVATORSHIP IS UNDER ADMINISTRATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-428, RELATING TO ACTIONS FOR REQUESTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE APPOINTMENT, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REVISE CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT THE COURT MAY TAKE AFTER THE TIME FOR RESPONSE TO THE PETITION HAS ELAPSED TO ALL PARTIES SERVED; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-433, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS IN FAVOR OF OR AGAINST MINORS OR INCAPACITATED PERSONS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINE "GUARDIAN AD LITEM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-715, RELATING TO CONFIRMATIONS OF GUARDIANSHIPS OR CONSERVATORSHIPS TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER STATES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COURT MORE DISCRETION AS TO THE TYPE OF DOCUMENTS IT MAY REQUIRE IN THE TRANSFER OF A GUARDIANSHIP OR CONSERVATORSHIP FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-716, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF ORDERS FROM ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN

CERTAIN OTHER JURISDICTIONS, A GUARDIAN MAY ALSO HOLD THE SAME POWERS AS A CONSERVATOR.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Carter
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Harris
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Vaughan

Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	White	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4234. If I had been present, I would have voted to concur in the Senates Amendments.

Rep. Beth Bernstein

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Rep. MOSS, from the Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions, submitted a favorable report on:

S. 1314 -- Senators Senn and Campsen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE ROUNDABOUT AT FORT JOHNSON ROAD AND HARBOR VIEW ROAD IN CHARLESTON COUNTY "INEZ BROWN CROUCH ROUNDABOUT" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

S. 1314--ADOPTED AND RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

On motion of Rep. MOSS, with unanimous consent, the following Concurrent Resolution was taken up for immediate consideration:

S. 1314 -- Senators Senn and Campsen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE ROUNDABOUT AT FORT

JOHNSON ROAD AND HARBOR VIEW ROAD IN CHARLESTON COUNTY "INEZ BROWN CROUCH ROUNDABOUT" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

The Concurrent Resolution was adopted and returned to the Senate with concurrence.

S. 112--SENATE AMENDMENTS CONCURRED IN AND BILL ENROLLED

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

S. 112 -- Senators Allen, Hembree and Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 34-11-90, RELATING TO JURISDICTION FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING CHECKS AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A METHOD TO EXPUNGE CONVICTIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 17-22-910, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR EXPUNGEMENT, SO AS TO ADD MULTIPLE MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES OF CHECK FRAUD TO THOSE OFFENSES ELIGIBLE FOR EXPUNGEMENT.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	Connell	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Cromer	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey

Haddon	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were agreed to, and the Bill having received three readings in both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 3865--NONCONCURRENCE IN SENATE AMENDMENTS

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 3865 -- Reps. Hiott, Collins, Rutherford, Carter and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-130, RELATING TO CORONER

QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE LICENSED PARAMEDICS WITH AT LEAST THREE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS ONE OF THE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS A CORONER MUST HAVE.

Rep. W. NEWTON spoke in favor of the Senate Amendments.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 0; Nays 108

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Total--0

Those who voted in the negative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Hyde	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Ligon	Long	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt

O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wetmore	Wheeler
White	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

The House refused to agree to the Senate Amendments and a message was ordered sent accordingly.

H. 4187--SENATE AMENDMENTS AMENDED AND RETURNED TO THE SENATE

The Senate Amendments to the following Bill were taken up for consideration:

H. 4187 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Haddon, Mitchell, Yow, Chapman, Gagnon, Ligon, O'Neal, B. Newton, Sessions, Felder, Blackwell, Oremus and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES.

Rep. W. Newton proposed the following Amendment No. 1A to H. 4187 (LC-4187.HA0010H), which was adopted:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-13-135(A)(1) and inserting:

(1) “Organized retail crime” means three or more people conspiring to commit theft of retail property from a retail establishment with the intent to sell, barter, exchange, or reenter such retail property into commerce for monetary or other gain.

Amend the bill further, SECTION 1, by striking Section 16-13-135(C) and inserting:

(C)(1) Acts committed in different counties that have been aggregated in one count may be indicted and prosecuted in any one of the counties in which the acts occurred. In a prosecution for a violation of this section, the State is not required to establish and it is not a defense that some of the acts constituting the crime did not occur within one city, county, or local jurisdiction.

(2) Nothing in this section may be interpreted to allow a solicitor or persons in their employ to prosecute cases outside the circuit where the solicitor was elected.

Renumber sections to conform.

Amend title to conform.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the amendment.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Carter	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Cobb-Hunter	Collins	Connell
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Hyde	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May

McCabe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wetmore	Wheeler	White
Whitmire	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Senate Amendments were amended, and the Bill was ordered returned to the Senate.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on H. 4187. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of amending the Senate Amendments.

Rep. Dennis Moss

H. 5100--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 5100:

H. 5100 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. J. L. JOHNSON, the House insisted upon its amendments.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. BANNISTER, LOWE and STAVRINAKIS to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

H. 5101--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 5101:

H. 5101 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. J. L. JOHNSON, the House insisted upon its amendments.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. BANNISTER, LOWE and STAVRINAKIS to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

S. 1017--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 1017:

S. 1017 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Climer, Setzler and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY THAT EQUALS THE CORPORATION'S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY ASSESSED AS AGRICULTURAL OR RELATED THERETO MAY NOT BE ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. HOWARD, the House insisted upon its amendments.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. HEWITT, COLLINS and OTT to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

S. 314--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it insists upon its amendments to S. 314:

S. 314 -- Senator Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-10 SO AS TO PROVIDE CHAPTER DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-30 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OVER THRESHOLD AMOUNTS FOR HIGHER INSTITUTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW TO THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL AFTER FULL ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK IS COMPLETED BUT PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, TO ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN OF JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE TO REQUEST A REVIEW AND COMMENT ON ANY OTHER PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-40 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2-47-50 AND TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNING BOARDS TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY OF ALL PROJECTS APPROVED; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-50 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO PROVIDE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS A REPORT OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AND ANY CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE EXEMPT BY OPERATION OF SECTION 59-157-40.

and asks for a Committee of Conference and has appointed Senators Peeler, Talley and Setzler to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully,
President

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. BALLENTINE, COBB-HUNTER and TAYLOR to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 241:

S. 241 -- Senators Garrett and Gambrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 84 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF GENETIC COUNSELORS, TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD OF GENETIC COUNSELOR EXAMINERS, TO PROVIDE THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE BY THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE RELATED DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS AND IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President

Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 1051:

S. 1051 -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1330, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE H. TAYLOR BLALOCK, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HUNTING OF WATERFOWL FOR FIVE YEARS.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 700:

S. 700 -- Senator Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES PROVIDERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 125:

S. 125 -- Senators Hembree, Turner, Young, Setzler, Fanning and Climer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-15, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL LIFE SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE STIPEND TO EDUCATION MAJORS AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION PROMULGATE REGULATIONS TO DEFINE EDUCATION MAJOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-25, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS, SO AS TO EXTEND THE STIPEND TO EDUCATION MAJORS AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-50, RELATING TO A NUMERICAL ACT EQUIVALENT, SO AS TO SET THE EQUIVALENT SCORE OF THE ACT TO 22; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-20, RELATING TO PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, SO AS TO ALLOW A STUDENT WHO USES A PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP TO ATTEND A TWO-YEAR INSTITUTION SHALL RECEIVE A MAXIMUM OF FOUR CONTINUOUS SEMESTERS.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 434:

S. 434 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-78-55 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO CLAUSE OF A SERVICE CONTRACT WHICH STATES THAT THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED RENEWED FOR A SPECIFIED ADDITIONAL PERIOD, UNLESS THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER GIVES

NOTICE TO THE PROVIDER OF HIS INTENTION TO TERMINATE THE CONTRACT AT THE EXPIRATION OF THE TERM, SHALL BE ENFORCEABLE AGAINST THE SERVICE CONTRACT HOLDER.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 4674:

H. 4674 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1240, RELATING TO THE DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY, TO PROVIDE HOW LICENSE PLATES MUST BE FASTENED TO VEHICLES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPLAY OF TEMPORARY LICENSE PLATES ON LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 1166:

S. 1166 -- Senators Tedder, Stephens and Rice: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE S.C. CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 858:

S. 858 -- Senators Davis, Garrett, Kimbrell, Setzler and Malloy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-130, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE FACILITY LICENSURE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME"; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-170, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-267 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR LICENSING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

S. 142--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it insists upon its amendments to S. 142:

S. 142 -- Senators Shealy, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Hutto, Jackson, Campsen, McLeod, Setzler and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING", SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION TO INCLUDE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR AND PROMOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN PROSTITUTION OF A MINOR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2020, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PENALTIES, MINOR VICTIMS AND DEFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY RAISE DURESS AND COERCION AS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO NONVIOLENT OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INCIDENT TO THE TRAFFICKING, TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY NOT BE CONVICTED FOR NONVIOLENT OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INCIDENT TO THE TRAFFICKING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM CANNOT BE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF OR BE THE SUBJECT OF A DELINQUENCY PETITION IF THE MINOR'S CONDUCT WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF OR INCIDENTAL TO OR RELATED TO TRAFFICKING; AND SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT ARE RETROACTIVE.

and asks for a Committee of Conference and has appointed Senators Hutto, Gustafson and Adams to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully,
President

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. BERNSTEIN, GUEST and CONNELL to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

H. 5118--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it insists upon its amendments to H. 5118:

H. 5118 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West, Davis, Hager, Hewitt, Kirby, Long, M. M. Smith, B. Newton, Pendarvis, Sandifer, Hiott, Landing, Crawford, Brittain, Lawson, Williams, Whitmire, Jefferson, Bustos, Hartnett, Carter, Blackwell, Neese, W. Newton, Bradley, Erickson, Murphy, Brewer, Yow, Mitchell, Connell, Jordan, Thayer, Elliott, Wooten, Pedalino, Bailey, T. Moore, McGinnis, Gatch, Ligon, Gagnon, Hardee, B. L. Cox, Chapman, Leber, Anderson, Bannister, Calhoon, Felder, Hixon, Lowe, Taylor, Thigpen, Willis and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TEN-YEAR ENERGY TRANSFORMATION ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL

CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-650, RELATING TO REASSIGNMENT OF ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS' SERVICE AREAS, SO AS TO PERMIT THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR ANY ELECTRIC SUPPLIER TO SERVE ANY TRANSFORMATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO AS ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR

STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR", SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS,

AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-

SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND", AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES.

and asks for a Committee of Conference and has appointed Senators Rankin, Massey and Hutto to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully,
President

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. WEST, SANDIFER and OTT to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

S. 1046--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it insists upon its amendments to S. 1046:

S. 1046 -- Senators Hembree, Climer, M. Johnson, Peeler, Corbin, Cromer, Shealy, Grooms, Bennett, Gambrell, Loftis, Rice, Gustafson, Martin, Verdin, Turner, Kimbrell, Reichenbach, Cash, Harpootlian, McLeod and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-10, RELATING TO JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS, INITIAL TERMS, AND SUBSEQUENT TERMS, TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT, EXCEPT THOSE FIRST APPOINTED, THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SENATE PRESIDENT, THE SENATE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND THE HOUSE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO NOMINEE MAY BE A FAMILY MEMBER OF A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-20, RELATING TO INVESTIGATION BY COMMISSION AND PUBLICATION OF VACANCIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-30, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND EXECUTIVE SESSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS BE LIVE STREAMED; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-70, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DUAL OFFICES, PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR, AND PLEDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FLOOR PRIVILEGES AND PROHIBITIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND ESTABLISHING SET TIMES FOR THE RELEASE OF REPORTS AND THE SEEKING OF PLEDGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FORMAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT OF QUALIFICATIONS SHALL OCCUR NO EARLIER THAN TWELVE DAYS AFTER NOMINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO NOMINATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SHALL BE RELEASED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF THE

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE A MAJORITY VOTE OF EACH HOUSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERMS AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FULL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OF THE COUNTY THE MAGISTRATE WILL SERVE.

and asks for a Committee of Conference and has appointed Senators Rankin, Malloy and Massey to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully,
President

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. W. NEWTON, CASKEY and STAVRINAKIS to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

H. 3988--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it insists upon its amendments to H. 3988:

H. 3988 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Pedalino, Forrest, Wheeler, Kirby and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACTS THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY, TO PERMIT THE DELEGATION OF CERTAIN ACTS TO TRAINED PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND PHARMACY INTERNS, AND TO DEFINE AN ADDITIONAL TERM; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-84, RELATING TO PHARMACY INTERNS AND EXTERNS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN DIRECT SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS;

BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-190, RELATING TO PROTOCOL FOR PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES WITHOUT PRACTITIONER ORDERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DISPENSATION OF CERTAIN DRUGS AND DEVICES, TO LOWER THE VACCINATION RECIPIENT AGE TO TWELVE YEARS OF AGE, TO AUTHORIZE DIRECTLY SUPERVISED PHARMACY INTERNS TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN VACCINATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE WRITTEN PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-200, RELATING TO THE JOINT PHARMACIST-ADMINISTERED VACCINES COMMITTEE, SO AS TO RENAME THE COMMITTEE AS THE "JOINT PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE" AND MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO PROVIDE THE PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE MUST SUBMIT ITS INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY NO LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT, AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE.

and asks for a Committee of Conference and has appointed Senators Martin, Hutto and Cromer to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully,
President

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. DAVIS, M. M. SMITH and W. JONES to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

H. 4843--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it insists upon its amendments to H. 4843:

H. 4843 -- Reps. Bailey, Brittain, Guest, J. E. Johnson, Sandifer and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF

LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-39-148 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE BUSINESSES WITH A DECK, DOCK, OR OTHER STRUCTURE LOCATED IN A CRITICAL AREA TO USE THE STRUCTURE FOR PURPOSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS WITH LOCAL ZONING APPROVAL.

and asks for a Committee of Conference and has appointed Senators Goldfinch, Campsen and McElveen to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully,
President

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. BAILEY, HARDEE and ANDERSON to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

S. 1031--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it insists upon its amendments to S. 1031:

S. 1031 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 35, RELATING TO ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM FINANCIAL CRIME, STANDARDIZE THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING, AND MODERNIZE SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE FUNDS ARE PROTECTED IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE AND COMPETITIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

and asks for a Committee of Conference and has appointed Senators Malloy, Gambrell and Garrett to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully,
President

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. BLACKWELL, GATCH and JEFFERSON to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

H. 4386--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it insists upon its amendments to H. 4386:

H. 4386 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-647 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING, HARMING, OR KILLING OF ROBUST REDHORSE.

and asks for a Committee of Conference and has appointed Senators Campsen, Goldfinch and McElveen to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully,
President

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. HIXON, FORREST and MCDANIEL to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

S. 862-COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it insists upon its amendments to S. 862:

S. 862 -- Senators Shealy and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-30, RELATING TO CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PRE-SERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

and asks for a Committee of Conference and has appointed Senators Shealy, Young and McElveen to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully,
President

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. ERICKSON, HARTNETT and J. L. JOHNSON to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

S. 969--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 969:

S. 969 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Setzler, K. Johnson, Young, Malloy, Senn, Stephens, McLeod and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTEER EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN UNPAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. J. L. JOHNSON, the House insisted upon its amendments.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. DILLARD, B. NEWTON and HERBKERSMAN to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

S. 577--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 577:

S. 577 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-8-530, SECTION 12-8-540, SECTION 12-8-570, SECTION 12-8-580, AND SECTION 12-8-595, ALL RELATING TO THE WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAXES, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE TOP MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATE.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. WEST, the House insisted upon its amendments.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. WHITMIRE, HAYES and WILLIS to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

S. 946--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurs in the amendments proposed by the House to S. 946:

S. 946 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-1210, RELATING TO THE STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE REGULATION OF CHILDCARE FACILITIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE MEMBERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-1220, RELATING TO COMMITTEE DUTIES, SO AS TO CHANGE THE QUORUM OF MEMBERS REQUIRED TO VOTE FROM EIGHT TO SIX.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. JORDAN, the House insisted upon its amendments.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. ERICKSON, HARTNETT and J. L. JOHNSON to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

H. 4087--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 4087:

H. 4087 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West, Kirby, Ballentine, Robbins, Hewitt, M. M. Smith, Davis, Hiott, Long, Hager, Ott, Weeks, Dillard, W. Jones, Brewer, Hartnett and Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3410, RELATING TO CORPORATE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CHANGES TO STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AND CERTAIN TIMING; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3460, RELATING TO THE RECYCLING FACILITY TAX CREDIT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO LOWER THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF INVESTMENT FOR A QUALIFIED RECYCLING FACILITY AND TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PRODUCTS TO THE DEFINITION OF "POSTCONSUMER WASTE MATERIAL"; BY AMENDING

SECTIONS 12-10-20; 12-10-30, 12-10-40, 12-10-45, 12-10-50, 12-10-60, AND 12-10-80, ALL RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT OF 1995, SO AS TO ALLOW REMOTE EMPLOYEES WORKING IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE INCLUDED IN CERTAIN JOB CREATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO CREATE A NEW PROVISION TO INCENTIVIZE CERTAIN COMPANIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-95, RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT CREDIT AGAINST WITHHOLDING FOR RETRAINING, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CREDIT AND THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. JORDAN, the House insisted upon its amendments.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. WEST, B. NEWTON and KIRBY to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has appointed Senators Peeler, Setzler and Bennett to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on:

H. 5100 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Very Respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has appointed Senators Peeler, Setzler and Bennett to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on:

H. 5101 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

Very Respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has appointed Senators Peeler, Alexander and Setzler to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on:

S. 577 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-8-530, SECTION 12-8-540, SECTION 12-8-570, SECTION 12-8-580, AND SECTION 12-8-595, ALL RELATING TO THE WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAXES, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE TOP MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATE.

Very Respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has appointed Senators Davis, Turner and McElveen to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on:

S. 969 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Setzler, K. Johnson, Young, Malloy, Senn, Stephens, McLeod and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTEER EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN UNPAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS.

Very Respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has appointed Senators Setzler, M. Johnson and Verdin to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on:

S. 1017 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Climer, Setzler and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY THAT EQUALS THE CORPORATION'S OWNERSHIP

INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-160 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY ASSESSED AS AGRICULTURAL OR RELATED THERETO MAY NOT BE ANNEXED BY A MUNICIPALITY.

Very Respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has appointed Senators Setzler, Davis and Massey to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on:

H. 4087 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West, Kirby, Ballentine, Robbins, Hewitt, M. M. Smith, Davis, Hiott, Long, Hager, Ott, Weeks, Dillard, W. Jones, Brewer, Hartnett and Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3410, RELATING TO CORPORATE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CHANGES TO STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AND CERTAIN TIMING; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3460, RELATING TO THE RECYCLING FACILITY TAX CREDIT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO LOWER THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF INVESTMENT FOR A QUALIFIED RECYCLING FACILITY AND TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PRODUCTS TO THE DEFINITION OF "POSTCONSUMER WASTE MATERIAL"; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12-10-20; 12-10-30, 12-10-40, 12-10-45, 12-10-50, 12-10-60, AND 12-10-80, ALL RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT OF 1995, SO AS TO ALLOW REMOTE EMPLOYEES WORKING IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE INCLUDED IN CERTAIN JOB CREATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO CREATE A NEW PROVISION TO INCENTIVIZE CERTAIN COMPANIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-95, RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT CREDIT AGAINST WITHHOLDING

FOR RETRAINING, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE CREDIT AND THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED.

Very Respectfully,
President
Received as information.

H. 3865--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, May 8, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it insists upon its amendments to H. 3865:

H. 3865 -- Reps. Hiott, Collins, Rutherford, Carter and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-130, RELATING TO CORONER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE LICENSED PARAMEDICS WITH AT LEAST THREE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS ONE OF THE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS A CORONER MUST HAVE.

and asks for a Committee of Conference and has appointed Senators M. Johnson, Sabb and Adams to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate.

Very respectfully,
President

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. RUTHERFORD, HIOTT and W. NEWTON to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it concurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 4248:

H. 4248 -- Reps. Rose and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-50, RELATING TO THE SALE OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, OR WINE TO UNDERAGED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4080, RELATING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO AN UNDERAGED PERSON, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE.

and has ordered the Bill enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

H. 4820--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 4820:

H. 4820 -- Reps. Forrest, Hixon, Hayes, Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Magnuson, Chapman, McDaniel and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. BERNSTEIN, the House insisted upon its amendments.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. HIXON, FORREST and BAUER to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

H. 4187--COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE APPOINTED

The following was received from the Senate:

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it nonconcurs in the amendments proposed by the House to H. 4187:

H. 4187 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Haddon, Mitchell, Yow, Chapman, Gagnon, Ligon, O'Neal, B. Newton, Sessions, Felder, Blackwell, Oremus and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES.

Very respectfully,
President

On motion of Rep. W. NEWTON, the House insisted upon its amendments.

Whereupon, the Chair appointed Reps. ROSE, J. E. JOHNSON and ROBBINS to the Committee of Conference on the part of the House and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has appointed Senators Campsen, McElveen and Goldfinch to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on:

H. 4820 -- Reps. Forrest, Hixon, Hayes, Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Magnuson, Chapman, McDaniel and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.

Very Respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Thursday, May 9, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has appointed Senators Hutto, Garrett and Senn to the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on:

H. 4187 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Haddon, Mitchell, Yow, Chapman, Gagnon, Ligon, O'Neal, B. Newton, Sessions, Felder, Blackwell, Oremus and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES.

Very Respectfully,
President
Received as information.

H. 4601--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

A message having been received from the Senate that it had receded from its amendments, it was ordered that the title of the Bill be changed to that of an Act and that the Act be enrolled for ratification.

Rep. FELDER moved that the House do now adjourn, pursuant to the provisions of S. 1192, the Sine Die Resolution, which was agreed to.

RETURNED WITH CONCURRENCE

The Senate returned to the House with concurrence the following:

H. 4632 -- Rep. J. E. Johnson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF CULTRA ROAD AND OAK STREET IN THE CITY OF CONWAY IN HORRY COUNTY "JAMES ODELL COCHRAN INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 5465 -- Rep. Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF ASHBY ROAD IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH IRBY STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH DOUGLAS STREET "DR. JAMES DUCKETT HAMMOND, JR. MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

H. 5520 -- Rep. King: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF OGDEN ROAD IN YORK COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH HECKLE BOULEVARD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HARRISON STREET "DAISY ROGERS MCDUFFIE ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS ROAD CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:00 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. SPANN-WILDER adjourned in memory of Stephanie Grant Gladden, and in accordance with S. 1192, the *Sine Die* Adjournment Resolution.

Wednesday, June 5, 2024
(Statewide Session)

~~Indicates Matter Stricken~~
Indicates New Matter

The House assembled at 11:30 a.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Proverbs 26:28: "A lying tongue hates its victims and a flattering mouth works ruin."

Let us pray. We give thanks and praise for the great things You have provided for these Representatives and Staff. You have given them the tools to make the system work. For all the folks in these Halls of Government, we are grateful You have led them to provide such wonderful things. Bless these men and women as they defend us and keep us safe. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who give of themselves for the good of all. We remember our men and women who serve in our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of Thursday, May 9, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. CALHOON moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of George Neal Dorn, Jr., which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family and friends of National Guard Staff Sgt. Porsha Griffin.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for Representative White.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024

REPORT RECEIVED

The following was received:

Judicial Merit Selection Commission

Report of Candidate Qualifications
2024

Date Draft Report Issued: Monday, May 20, 2024
Date and Time Final Report Issued: Noon, Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Judicial candidates are not free to seek or accept commitments until Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at Noon.

Judicial Merit Selection Commission

Sen. Luke A. Rankin, Chairman
Rep. Micajah P. "Micah" Caskey IV, Vice Chairman
Sen. Ronnie A. Sabb
Sen. Scott Talley
Rep. J. Todd Rutherford
Rep. Wallace H. "Jay" Jordan, Jr.
Hope Blackley
Lucy Grey McIver
Andrew N. Safran
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Erin B. Crawford, Chief Counsel
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May 20, 2024

Dear Members of the General Assembly:

Enclosed is the Judicial Merit Selection Commission's Report of Candidate Qualifications. This Report is designed to assist you in determining how to cast your vote. The Commission is charged by law with ascertaining whether judicial candidates are qualified for service on the bench. In accordance with this mandate, the Commission has thoroughly investigated all judicial candidates for their suitability for judicial service.

The Commission's finding that a candidate is qualified means that the candidate satisfies both the constitutional criteria for judicial office and

the Commission's evaluative criteria. The attached Report details each candidate's qualifications as they relate to the Commission's evaluative criteria.

Judicial candidates are **prohibited** from asking for your commitment until **12:00 Noon on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Further, members of the General Assembly are not permitted to issue letters of introduction, announcements of candidacy, statements detailing a candidate's qualifications, or commitments to vote for a candidate until 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. In summary, no member of the General Assembly should, orally or in writing, communicate about a candidate's candidacy until this designated time after the release of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission's Report of Candidate Qualifications.** If you find a candidate violating the pledging prohibitions or if you have questions about this report, please contact Erin B. Crawford, Chief Counsel to the Commission, at (803) 212-6689.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Senator Luke A. Rankin

Judicial Merit Selection Commission

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May 20, 2024

Dear Fellow Members of the General Assembly:

This letter is written to call your attention to issues raised during the December 2003, Judicial Merit Selection hearings concerning a judicial candidate's contact with members of the General Assembly, as well as third parties contacting members on a candidate's behalf. It is also to remind you of these issues for the current screening.

Section 2-19-70(C) of the South Carolina Code contains strict prohibitions concerning candidates seeking or legislators giving their pledges of support or implied endorsement through an introduction prior to 48 hours after the release of the final report of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission ("Commission"). The purpose of this section is to ensure that members of the General Assembly have full access to the report prior to being asked by a candidate to pledge his or her support. The final sentence of Section 2-19-70(C) provides that "the prohibitions of this section do not extend to ***an announcement of candidacy by the candidate and statements by the candidate*** detailing the candidate's qualifications" (emphasis added). Candidates may not, however, contact members of the Commission regarding their candidacy. Please note that six members of the Commission are also legislators.

In April 2000, the Commission determined that Section 2-19-70(C) means ***no member of the General Assembly should engage in any form of communication, written or verbal, concerning a judicial candidate before the 48-hour period expires following the release of the Commission's report***. The Commission would like to clarify and reiterate that until at least 48 hours have expired after the Commission has released its final report of candidate qualifications to the General Assembly, ***only candidates, and not members of the General Assembly***, are permitted to issue letters of introduction, announcements of candidacy, or statements detailing the candidates' qualifications.

The Commission would again like to remind members of the General Assembly that ***a violation of the screening law is likely a disqualifying offense and must be considered when determining a candidate's fitness*** for judicial office. Further, the law requires the Commission to report any violations of the pledging rules by members of the General Assembly to the House or Senate Ethics Committee, as may be applicable.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or any other matter pertaining to the judicial screening process, please do not hesitate to call Erin B. Crawford, Chief Counsel to the Commission, at (803) 212-6689.

Sincerely,
Senator Luke A. Rankin
Chairman

INTRODUCTION

The Judicial Merit Selection Commission is charged by law to consider the qualifications of candidates for the judiciary. This report details the reasons for the Commission's findings, as well as each

candidate's qualifications as they relate to the Commission's evaluative criteria. The Commission operates under the law that went into effect on July 1, 1997, and which dramatically changed the powers and duties of the Commission. One component of this law is that the Commission's finding of "qualified" or "not qualified" is binding on the General Assembly. The Commission is also cognizant of the need for members of the General Assembly to be able to differentiate between candidates and, therefore, has attempted to provide as detailed a report as possible.

The Judicial Merit Selection Commission is composed of ten members, four of whom are non-legislators. The Commission has continued the more in-depth screening format started in 1997. The Commission has asked candidates their views on issues peculiar to service on the court to which they seek election. These questions were posed in an effort to provide members of the General Assembly with more information about candidates and the candidates' thought processes on issues relevant to their candidacies. The Commission has also engaged in a more probing inquiry into the depth of a candidate's experience in areas of practice that are germane to the office he or she is seeking. The Commission feels that candidates should have familiarity with the subject matter of the courts for which they offer, and feels that candidates' responses should indicate their familiarity with most major areas of the law with which they will be confronted.

The Commission also used the Citizens Committees on Judicial Qualifications as an adjunct of the Commission. Since the decisions of our judiciary play such an important role in people's personal and professional lives, the Commission believes that all South Carolinians should have a voice in the selection of the state's judges. It was this desire for broad-based grassroots participation that led the Commission to create the Citizens Committees on Judicial Qualifications. These committees are composed of individuals who are both racially and gender diverse, and who also have a broad range of professional experiences (*i.e.,* lawyers, teachers, businessmen, bankers, and advocates for various organizations). The committees were asked to advise the Commission on the judicial candidates in their regions. Each regional committee interviewed the candidates from its assigned area and also interviewed other individuals in that region who were familiar with the candidate either personally or professionally. Based on those interviews and its own investigation, each committee provided the Commission with a report on their assigned candidates based on the Commission's evaluative criteria. The Commission then used these reports as a tool for further investigation of the candidate if the

committee's report so warranted. Summaries of these reports have also been included in the Commission's report for your review.

The Commission conducts a thorough investigation of each candidate's professional, personal, and financial affairs, and holds public hearings during which each candidate is questioned on a wide variety of issues. The Commission's investigation focuses on the following evaluative criteria: constitutional qualifications, ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, physical health, mental health, and judicial temperament. The Commission's investigation includes the following:

(1) survey of the bench and bar through BallotBox online;
(2) SLED investigation;
(3) credit investigation;
(4) grievance investigation;
(5) study of application materials;
(6) verification of ethics compliance;
(7) search of newspaper articles;
(8) conflict of interest investigation;
(9) court schedule study;
(10) study of appellate record;
(11) court observation; and
(12) investigation of complaints.

While the law provides that the Commission must make findings as to qualifications, the Commission views its role as also including an obligation to consider candidates in the context of the judiciary on which they would serve and, to some degree, govern. To that end, the Commission inquires as to the quality of justice delivered in the courtrooms of South Carolina and seeks to impart, through its questioning, the view of the public as to matters of legal knowledge and ability, judicial temperament, and the absoluteness of the Judicial Canons of Conduct as to recusal for conflict of interest, prohibition of ex parte communication, and the disallowance of the acceptance of gifts. However, the Commission is not a forum for reviewing the individual decisions of the state's judicial system absent credible allegations of a candidate's violations of the Judicial Canons of Conduct, the Rules of Professional Conduct, or any of the Commission's nine evaluative criteria that would impact a candidate's fitness for judicial service.

The Commission expects each candidate to possess a basic level of legal knowledge and ability, to have experience that would be applicable to the office sought, and to exhibit a strong adherence to codes of ethical

behavior. These expectations are all important, and excellence in one category does not make up for deficiencies in another.

Routine questions related to compliance with ethical Canons governing ethics and financial interests are now administered through a written questionnaire sent to candidates and completed by them in advance of each candidate's staff interview. These issues are no longer automatically made a part of the public hearing process unless a concern or question was raised during the investigation of the candidate. The necessary public record of a candidate's pledge to uphold the Canons is his or her completed and sworn questionnaire.

This report is the culmination of lengthy, detailed investigatory work and public hearings. The Commission takes its responsibilities seriously, believing that the quality of justice delivered in South Carolina's courtrooms is directly affected by the thoroughness of its screening process. Please carefully consider the contents of this report, which we believe will help you make a more informed decision. **Please note that the candidates' responses included herein are restated verbatim from the documents that the candidates submitted as part of their application to the Judicial Merit Selection Commission. All candidates were informed that the Commission does not revise or alter the candidates' submissions, and thus, any errors or omissions in the information contained in this draft report existed in the original documents that the candidate submitted to the Commission.**

This report conveys the Commission's findings as to the qualifications of all candidates currently offering for election to the South Carolina Supreme Court.

SUPREME COURT
QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

The Honorable Blake A. Hewitt
Supreme Court, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Hewitt meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Supreme Court justice.

Judge Hewitt was born in 1978. He is 45 years old and a resident of Conway, South Carolina. Judge Hewitt provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2005.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Hewitt.

Judge Hewitt demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Hewitt reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures. Judge Hewitt testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Hewitt testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Hewitt to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Hewitt reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) From January of 2018 to May of 2018 I was employed by the University of South Carolina Law School as an Adjunct Professor teaching Appellate Advocacy;
(b) I lectured on techniques of oral advocacy at the 2016 "Prosecution Bootcamp" for new prosecutors, hosted by the Prosecution Coordination Commission. I delivered the same presentation at the Solicitor's Association's Annual Convention later that same year;
(c) I presented on the topic of appellate practice at the Bridge the Gap programs in 2015 and 2016;

(d) I lectured on oral advocacy at the 2016 SC Bar "SC Lawyer's Guide to Appellate Practice" Program;
(e) I gave "case law update" presentations to all attendees at the Injured Workers' Advocates organization's Annual Conventions in 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017. During the same 2016 and 2017 Annual Conventions I moderated a discussion about appellate practice with the appellate judges attending the conference;
(f) In 2015 I gave a presentation that dealt with issues surrounding the admission of forensic interviews in criminal sexual conduct cases as part of the SC Bar's annual "It's All A Game" seminar. I updated this presentation for the same seminar in 2021;
(g) I shared presentations on special filing procedures in professional negligence cases as a part of the annual Tort Law Update hosted by the SC Bar in 2014 and 2015;
(h) I lectured on error preservation and techniques of developing a record for an eventual appeal at the 2013 SC Bar Program "Introduction to Birth Injury Litigation;"
(i) I was a member of a panel discussion on indigent defense funding at the Charleston School of Law's symposium celebrating the 50th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Gideon v. Wainwright;
(j)I gave speeches on effective legal writing at a local CLE Program, "What Every Lawyer should know to Enjoy (or Survive) the Practice of Law" in 2012 and 2013;
(k) I lectured on handling appeals effectively at the South Carolina Association for Justice's 2012 Annual Convention;
(l)I gave a "case law update" at the South Carolina Association for Justice's 2016 Annual Convention;
(m) I spoke about the strategy and method of working an appellate case as part of the "2018-2019 Appellate Practice Project" in November of 2018;
(n) I gave a family court "case law update" as part of the Horry County Family Court Bar's "Family Law Seminar" in February of 2020;
(o) I participated in a panel discussion explaining the process of running for judicial office as part of the 2021 SC Bar Convention;
(p) I participated in a Q & A about the appellate process for the SC Workers' Compensation Educational Association's Annual Conference in 2021;
(q) I participated in a panel discussion about the appellate process as part of the Injured Workers' Advocates Annual Convention in 2021;

(r) I participated in a panel discussion about the appellate process for the Coastal American Inn of Court in February of 2021;
(s) I participated in a panel discussion about written and oral advocacy for the SC School Board Association's Council of School Attorneys in May of 2022;
(t)I gave a presentation titled "Update from the Court of Appeals" at the Horry County Bar Association's annual CLE in October of 2022;
(u) I participated in an oral argument demonstration as part of the SC Bar Association's "Appellate Advocacy Workshop" in November of 2022;
(v) I presented a program about how to challenge an expert's qualifications as part of the Horry County Family Court Bar's "Family Law Seminar" in February of 2023;
(w) I moderated a panel discussion on criminal appeals as part of the SC Appellate Judges Conference in March of 2023.

Judge Hewitt reported that he has published the following:

(a) Appellate Practice in South Carolina Jean Hoefer Toal et al. (SC Bar CLE 2016), Editorial Board.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Hewitt did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Hewitt did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Hewitt has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Hewitt was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Hewitt reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization was Best Lawyer in the areas of Appellate Practice and Personal Injury Litigation - Plaintiffs.

Judge Hewitt reported the following military service:
From June of 2001 to August of 2001, I was an officer candidate in the United States Marine Corps. A week before the end of Officer Candidate

School, I declined a commission as a Second Lieutenant and was released from my orders. To my knowledge, I did not have a rank or a serial number. The character of my discharge was "dropping on request."

Judge Hewitt reported that he has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Hewitt appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Hewitt appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Hewitt was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2005.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) From August of 2005 to July of 2008, I served as a judicial law clerk and legislative liaison to the Honorable Jean H. Toal, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of South Carolina.

(b) From July of 2008 to August of 2009, I served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Joseph F. Anderson, Jr., United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.

(c) From August of 2009 until November of 2019, I was in private practice with the same law firm. When I joined the firm it was Bluestein Nichols Thompson & Delgado. When I left, it was Bluestein Thompson Sullivan. My primary area of practice was appellate litigation but I was routinely involved in work at the Circuit Court and District Court level as either lead counsel or consulting counsel.

(d) From January of 2018 to May of 2018 I was employed by the University of South Carolina Law School as an Adjunct Professor teaching Appellate Advocacy.

(e) From January of 2020 to the present time I have been honored to serve the people of South Carolina as a judge on the Court of Appeals.

Judge Hewitt reported the frequency of his court appearances prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Federal: Fairly infrequent. Five to ten percent of cases.
(b) State: Regularly. Multiple oral arguments each year with various other in-court appearances.

Judge Hewitt reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Civil: 80%;
(b) Criminal: 10%;
(c) Domestic: 10%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Judge Hewitt reported his practice in trial court prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) 30% settled prior to trial;
(b) 2 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict;
(c) 8 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case;
(d) 0 cases settled after a jury was selected, but prior to opening statements.

Judge Hewitt provided the following regarding the past five years prior to his service on the bench and counsel roles:
Most of my work in Circuit Court, District Court, and Administrative Agencies (specifically, the Workers' Compensation Commission) involved merits-based motions and hearings for which I had chief responsibility. Prior to being elected as a judge in 2019, my most recent criminal trial was as co-counsel in a murder case that was tried to a jury in January of 2014. My most recent civil trial was as co-counsel in a bench trial in June of 2017.

The following is Judge Hewitt's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) Marshall v. Dodds, 426 S.C. 453, 827 S.E.2d 570 (2019). This case analyzes how the statute of repose for medical malpractice actions applies in the situation where

there are multiple breaches of the standard of care over an extensive period of time.

(b) Rhame v. Charleston County Sch. Dist., 412 S.C. 273, 772 S.E.2d 159 (2015). This case holds that the Workers' Compensation Commission may entertain petitions for rehearing. It overrules three previous decisions that had incorrectly suggested otherwise and brings the comp commission's practice in line with that of other administrative agencies.

(c) Ranucci v. Crain, 409 S.C. 493, 763 S.E.2d 189 (2014). This case correctly holds that the pre-suit notice of intent statute for medical malpractice cases (section 15-79-125) completely incorporates the affidavit statute from the Frivolous Civil Proceedings Sanctions Act (section 15-36-100), reversing a decision to the contrary by the Court of Appeals.

(d) Bone v. U.S. Food Service, 404 S.C. 67, 744 S.E.2d 552 (2013). This case resolves a long-standing conflict between the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals about immediate appealability in administrative cases. This conflict historically resulted in a substantial amount of waste for litigants and for the court system. The rule is not perfect, but Bone correctly forces everyone to examine appealability in administrative cases through the lens of the Administrative Procedures Act.

(e) Ex Parte Brown, 393 S.C. 214, 711 S.E.2d 899 (2011). This case holds that when an attorney is appointed to represent an indigent defendant, the takings clause of the Constitution requires that the attorney receive reasonable compensation for his services. This was a break from prior precedent. I was deeply honored to represent the South Carolina Bar which filed a brief as a friend of the Court.

The following is Judge Hewitt's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:

(a) Traynum v. Scavens, 416 S.C. 197, 786 S.E.2d 115 (2016);

(b) Roddey v. Wal-Mart, 415 S.C. 580, 784 S.E.2d 670 (2016);

(c) McAlhaney v. McElveen, 413 S.C. 299, 775 S.E.2d 411 (Ct. App. 2015);

(d) Skipper v. ACE Property & Casualty Ins. Co., 413 S.C. 33, 775 S.E.2d 37 (2015);

(e) Lewis v. LB Dynasty, 411 S.C. 637, 770 S.E.2d 393 (2015).

The following is Judge Hewitt's account of five criminal appeals he has personally handled:
(a) State v. Sims, 426 S.C. 115, 825 S.E.2d 731 (Ct. App. 2019);
(b) State v. Torrence, Op. No. 2013-UP-152 (S.C. Ct. App. filed Apr. 10, 2013);
(c) State v. Whitesides, 397 S.C. 313, 725 S.E.2d 487 (2012);
(d) State v. Jennings, 394 S.C. 473, 716 S.E.2d 91 (2011);
(e) Ex Parte Brown, 393 S.C. 214, 711 S.E.2d 899 (2011) (represented amicus curiae).

Judge Hewitt reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
I was elected by the General Assembly to the Court of Appeals in February of 2019. I did not begin serving until after the Honorable Paul Short retired the following December. My service began in January of 2020. I have served continuously since that time and am grateful beyond words to the General Assembly for my reelection last year.

The Court of Appeals predominantly has appellate jurisdiction and performs the first stage of appellate review for the vast majority of appeals that are filed in the unified judicial system. The only exceptions are the seven categories of cases (the six listed in Rule 203, (d)(1)(A), SCACR, plus "certificate of need" cases pursuant to the recent amendments to that law) that skip the Court of Appeals and proceed directly to the Supreme Court. In addition to its appellate jurisdiction, the Court of Appeals hears pretrial motions to suppress wire, oral, or electronic communications under the "South Carolina Homeland Security Act" if there is a claim the communications were illegally intercepted.

Judge Hewitt provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:
(a) Fairfield Waverly, LLC v. Dorchester Cnty. Assessor, 432 S.C. 287, 852 S.E.2d 739 (Ct. App. 2020);
(b) Arcadia Lakes v. S.C. Dep't of Health & Env't Control, 433 S.C. 47, 855 S.E.2d 325 (Ct. App. 2021);
(c) Est. of Jane Doe 202 v. City of N. Charleston, 433 S.C. 444, 858 S.E.2d 814 (Ct. App. 2021) affirmed in result 441 S.C. 131, 893 S.E.2d 319 (2023);

(d) Encore Tech. Grp., LLC v. Trask, 436 S.C. 289, 871 S.E.2d 608 (Ct. App. 2021);
(e) State v. Williams, 437 S.C. 100, 876 S.E.2d 324 (2022).

Judge Hewitt reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Hewitt further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
In 2012 I ran unsuccessfully for the South Carolina House of Representatives, District #105. For a brief period in May, I was the Republican nominee for this office, however I was disqualified as a candidate as a result of the Supreme Court of South Carolina's decision in Florence County Democratic Party v. Florence County Republican Party, which invalidated the filing directions that the South Carolina Election Commission issued to all candidates. I pursued a petition candidacy following this decision and was certified by the Election Commission as a petition candidate for the November 2012 general election. I did not win the general election. I filed my final financial report in April of 2013.

In 2014 I ran unsuccessfully for the Court of Appeals, seat 7. This vacancy was created when Judge Danny Pieper retired. I was deeply honored to be found qualified and nominated by the JMSC. I withdrew from the race a week before the election, which Judge Stephanie McDonald won.

In 2017 I ran unsuccessfully for the Court of Appeals, seat 9. This vacancy was created by Judge James Lockemy's elevation to Chief Judge. I was deeply honored to again be found qualified and nominated by the JMSC. I withdrew from the race the morning of the election, which then-Judge (now-Justice) Gary Hill won.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Hewitt's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Pee Dee Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Judge Hewitt to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and

academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Judge Hewitt is married to Emma Catherine Hewitt. He has one child.

Judge Hewitt reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar: Trial & Appellate Advocacy Section, Council Member (July 2010 - July 2013); Judicial Qualifications Committee, Committee Member (March 2011 - August 2012); Young Lawyers Division, Long-Range Planning Committee, Committee Member (July 2010 - July 2012); Young Lawyers Division, 15th Circuit Representative (July 2013 - July 2015); Young Lawyers Foundation Board, Board Member (November 2013 - July 2015).
(b) Horry County Bar Association.
(c) South Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society.
(d) Injured Workers Advocates: Judicial Affairs Committee, Committee Member (March 2010 - Feb. 2019).
(e) South Carolina Association for Justice: Legislative Steering Committee, Committee Member (November 2010 - Feb. 2019).
(f) Coastal American Inn of Court: Community Service Chair (Jan. 2014 - Sept. 2019), Judicial Officer (Sept. 2019 - present).

Judge Hewitt provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Waccamaw Sertoma Club. Board Member (July 2013 - Aug. 2019), President (August 2016 - July 2017);
(b) City of Conway Board of Zoning Appeals (April 2013 - Feb. 2019);
(c) City of Conway Downtown Alive;
(d) Compleat Lawyer Award (Silver), USC Law School.\

Judge Hewitt further reported:
I have written this before, but it remains true that any good qualities I possess are the result of the many strong and positive influences in my life. I was blessed to have parents who loved me and invested in me heavily. I was also fortunate to have several people outside of my immediate family show interest in me and help shape my development by serving as mentors. My greatest professional goal has always been to honor these wonderful individuals. I know that any success I experience will be the result of them lifting me on their shoulders.

We all draw from wells that we did not dig; we are all stewards of the investments that others made in us. I hope that I have gone about my service as a judge in a way that reflects the lessons of hard work and humility that so many people gave and modeled for me.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission continues to be impressed with Judge Hewitt's demeanor. In addition, his prior experience and outstanding reputation as an appellate lawyer, as well as his service on the Court of Appeals, would be beneficial should he ascend to the Supreme Court.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Hewitt qualified, and nominated him for election to Supreme Court, Seat 3.

The Honorable Jocelyn Newman
Supreme Court, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED
(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Newman meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Supreme Court justice.

Judge Newman was born in 1977. She is 46 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Judge Newman provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 2004.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Newman.

Judge Newman demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Newman reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Newman testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Newman testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Newman to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Newman reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:
(a) I "teach" an online, self-paced undergraduate course at Benedict College. Over a six-week period (March – April 2023 and March-April 2024), "Court Systems" outlines the differences between federal and state courts and their hierarchy, the roles and titles of those involved in the court system, and the basic differences between the types of cases heard by each of the courts.
(b) In January 2024, my father and I were speakers for a "fireside chat" at the national meeting of the American Board of Trial Advocates in Biloxi, Mississippi. Our focus was our experiences serving on the bench together.
(c) In September 2023, I spoke to a group of high school students at the South Carolina Statehouse as part of the James Otis Lecture Series hosted by the South Carolina Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates. This presentation celebrated Constitution Day.
(d) In June 2023, I was the featured speaker for Project Serv, a lecture series hosted by North Carolina Central University. The program was entitled "Justice and Resilience: An Eagle Strong Listening Session with the Honorable Jocelyn Newman, South Carolina Circuit Court Judge" and concerned my experiences on the bench and advice for students considering entering the legal field.
(e) In July 2022, I spoke at the Orientation School for Magistrates and Municipal Judges and gave advice to summary court judges on how to handle common occurrences in court for which there is no specific guidance via rule or statute.

(f) In March 2022, I was one of several female judges who spoke on various topics for Women's History Month. "Virtual Fireside Chats: Beyond the Robe" was presented by the South Carolina Bar Diversity Committee.
(g) I made a presentation at the General Sessions Breakfast held by the South Carolina Bar's Young Lawyers Division in October 2019.
(h) In October 2019, I made a short presentation and acted as a mock trial judge for at a workshop held for young lawyers by the South Carolina Bar's Trial and Appellate Advocacy Section.
(i)In November 2018, I, along with several other Circuit Court judges, participated in a panel discussion about recent appellate decisions in criminal cases at the Solicitors' Conference.
(j)I gave brief introductory remarks to attorneys attending the Richland County Bar Association's Annual Free Ethics Seminar in October 2017.
(k) In July 2017, I spoke to a group of practicing attorneys as part of the Richland County Bar Association's "Big Dogs" program.
(l)At the Auntie Karen Foundation's Young Entrepreneurs Conference in October 2016, I led a discussion panel regarding the practice of law.
(m) In July 2016, I was a lecturer on evidence during the Orientation School for Magistrates and Municipal Judges, presented by South Carolina Court Administration.
(n) I participated as a panelist at the South Carolina Bar's Colors of Justice program for middle and high school students in February 2016.

Judge Newman reported that she has published the following:
(a) "Standing Your Ground" in Civil Actions, The Defense Line (South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, Columbia, SC), Fall 2013, Author
(b) C. Tyson Nettles, Unsung Hero, S.C. Young Lawyer, Aug. 2011, Author
(c) Judicial Profile of The Honorable Clifton Newman, The Defense Line (South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys' Association, Columbia, SC), Spring 2009, Author

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Newman did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Newman did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Newman has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Newman was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Newman reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Newman reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Newman reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Newman appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Newman appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Newman was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 2004.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

> (a) Judicial Law Clerk for the Honorable G. Thomas Cooper, Jr., 2004-05 – For approximately the first half of my clerkship year, Judge Cooper served as Chief Administrative Judge for the Court of General Sessions in the Fifth Judicial Circuit. Therefore, my job duties included conducting research on criminal and constitutional questions as well as observing a variety of criminal procedures. I also assisted with the evaluation, trial (which ultimately became a guilty plea), and sentencing in a death penalty matter. During the remainder

of my time with Judge Cooper, he began to hear civil cases as well. I assisted him by preparing jury charges and verdict forms, researching important issues, preparing Orders, and communicating with counsel. While I handled certain administrative matters (such as scheduling), no financial management was involved.

(b) Assistant Solicitor in Richland County, 2005-07 – I served under then-Solicitor W. "Barney" Giese, acting as lead (and often sole) prosecutor for a variety of misdemeanor and low-level felony crimes. I tried cases and presented guilty pleas in both Summary and Circuit Courts. I also participated as co-counsel in several serious and most serious felony cases, including murder, arson, and armed robbery. No financial management of any kind was involved.

(c) Associate Attorney at Richardson Plowden & Robinson, P.A., 2007-2015 – From 2007 until mid-2008, I worked in the "Lobbying and Governmental Affairs" practice group as a registered lobbyist. I also represented both plaintiffs and defendants in litigation and administrative matters related to governmental regulation. Beginning in 2008, I moved to the firm's litigation practice group and began doing insurance defense work. At that time, I represented defendants in matters concerning personal injury, construction defects, civil rights violations, and real property. I also did a limited amount of criminal defense work and served as appointed counsel in Family Court and Post-Conviction Relief actions. In this position, I did not handle administrative matters; and although I reviewed billing statements to be sent to clients, I did not participate in collection of monies or have any role with the firm's finances.

(d) Attorney at The DeQuincey Newman Law Firm / JT Newman, LLC), 2015-16 – During this time, I represented plaintiffs in personal injury actions as well as defendants in criminal matters, both in Summary and Circuit Courts across the State of South Carolina. This career move began as a joint venture but soon became a solo practice. During this time, I maintained a trust account and an operating account. Both accounts were open for

approximately four months only and were closed soon after my election to the bench.

(e) Circuit Court Judge, 2016-present – Since that time, I have served as Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes for General Sessions (2017) and for Common Pleas (2019, 2022, and July 2023-present). No financial duties are involved.

Judge Newman reported the frequency of her court appearances prior to her service on the bench as follows:

(a) Federal: several times a year;
(b) State: weekly.

Judge Newman reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to her service on the bench as follows:

(a) Civil: 90%;
(b) Criminal: 5%;
(c) Domestic: 5%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Judge Newman reported the percentage of her practice in trial court prior to her service on the bench as follows:

(a) Jury: 50%;
(b) Non-jury: 50%.

Judge Newman provided that during the past five years prior to her service on the bench she most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Newman's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) King v. American General Finance, Inc., 386 S.C. 82 (2009) – In this case, I represented the plaintiffs, each of whom had obtained loans from Defendant American General Finance, Inc. Plaintiffs alleged that Defendant violated the "attorney preference statute" (S.C. Code § 37-10-102) by lending money but failing to determine the borrower's preference for legal counsel to be involved in the transaction at the time of the loan application. This case was significant in that it lent judicial interpretation to the "attorney preference statute" and established that the

law requires that such preference be determined contemporaneously with the credit application. The appellate court also reversed the trial court's decertification of the case as a class action.

(b) Kelly v. White, 2011 WL 939015 (not reported in F.Supp.2d) – In this action, I represented the defendants, all of whom are employees of the South Carolina Department of Corrections ("SCDC"). Plaintiff, an inmate, filed this action pursuant to 14 U.S.C. §1983, alleging that his civil rights were violated by the use of excessive force against him. This case is significant in that the court's decision turned on its determination of whether equitable tolling should apply to the statute of limitations. The court determined that where prisoners attempt to exhaust all available administrative remedies within SCDC, yet SCDC fails to respond to their written requests, the statute of limitations will be equitably tolled for only one hundred fourteen days – the total length of SCDC's internal grievance procedure when properly used. Thus, "the 114-day rule" was established in prisoners' civil rights actions involving SCDC.

(c) State of South Carolina v. Alphonso Simmons (not reported) – I represented the State of South Carolina as an Assistant Solicitor in this action. The defendant was charged with approximately 60 offenses at the time, both in Richland and Kershaw Counties. We elected to try him on 14 of those offenses – 5 counts of armed robbery, 8 counts of kidnapping and 1 count of grand larceny. This case was significant in that there were significant disputes about the relevance, introduction, and suppression of certain evidence, all of which arose because the defendant was on a "crime spree" throughout Richland and Kershaw Counties. Therefore, much of the evidence related to the case being tried was discovered at other crime scenes, and the introduction of that evidence could potentially infringe on the defendant's presumption of innocence and his right to remain silent. Ultimately, the case was tried to jury, and a guilty verdict was rendered on all 14 charges.

(d) Crusader v. Thomas Robinson, 2009-CP-18-2300 (not reported) – In this trial I represented the plaintiff, a rent-to-own company who filed a claim and delivery action

against the defendant in Magistrate's Court. The defendant filed several counterclaims, which moved the case to Circuit Court. The case was tried over a seven-day period in the Dorchester County Court of Common Pleas. This action was significant to my legal career because I was able to win a directed verdict on my case-in-chief. In addition, the remainder of the trial involved a wide range of legal issues, including the authentication of evidence, impeachment of several witnesses, a witness's misconduct during trial, opposing counsel's absence from trial, opposing counsel's improper statements during opening statements and closing arguments, and many, many other issues. The jury's verdict (in favor of the plaintiff on the defendant's counterclaims) rested on the distinction between liability and damages. Post-trial motions were filed and argued regarding the potential impropriety of the jury's findings and whether the court should grant an additur – all of which were denied.

(e) Barnhill v. Barnold, 2007-CP-40-2358 (not reported) – In this case, I represented the defendant, a corporation owned by the ex-wife of the plaintiff. The plaintiff had done work for the company without pay since its inception in the 1980's. After the parties' divorce, the plaintiff sued for 25 years' worth of wages. This trial was significant in that it was an equitable matter tried in the Court of Common Pleas with an advisory jury – an uncommon occurrence in litigation. The advisory jury returned its verdict along with a note to the court explaining how they arrived at the verdict. Despite his request for the advisory jury, the plaintiff disagreed with its decision and petitioned the court for a judgment far more than that which was awarded by the jury. Ultimately, the court entered a judgment identical to the one advised by the jury.

The following is Judge Newman's account of the civil appeal she has personally handled:

Herron v. Century BMW, 387 S.C. 525 (S.C. Sup. Ct. Apr. 19, 2010).

The following is Judge Newman's account of the criminal appeals she has personally handled:

I was employed as an Assistant Solicitor for the Fifth Judicial Circuit from 2005 to 2007. During that time, I represented the State of South Carolina in several appeals from the summary courts. I am unsure of the names of any of those cases and do not believe that any of them were reported.

Judge Newman reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):
I was elected to the Circuit Court, South Carolina's court of general jurisdiction, on February 3, 2016. I took the oath of office in February 2016 and have served continuously since that time.

Judge Newman provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Freddie Eugene Owens v. Bryan P. Stirling, No. 2021-CP-40-02306, Order Granting Declaratory and Injunctive Relief (Sep. 6, 2022) – In this matter, the Court heard significant testimony concerning the State's newly-enacted death penalty statute. I issued an order in which I found the subject manners of execution to be unconstitutional. This, in some respects, began a chain reaction which ended in the General Assembly passing important "shield law" legislation.

(b) Robert Durden Inglis v. The South Carolina Republican Party, No. 2019-CP-40-05486, Order Denying Plaintiffs' Motion for Injunctive Relief (Dec. 11, 2019) – This case resolved the issue as to whether the South Carolina Republican Party was required to conduct a presidential preference primary when the party's nomination of Donald J. Trump was a foregone conclusion. I ruled that much like when the Democratic Party nominated Barack Obama without conducting a primary, the Republican Party was not required to.

(c) State of South Carolina v. Hykeem Dontavious Golson, No. 2017-GS-40-01921 – In this matter, I accepted a guilty plea and imposed sentence on Defendant, who burned a puppy in a church parking lot, ultimately causing its death. This case drew the largest number of spectators of any case I have handled and was of particular interest to animal rights activists and media outlets even outside the State of South Carolina.

(d) State of South Carolina v. Rickey Dean Tate, No. 2018-GS-46-03992 – I presided in the trial of this case, where Defendant was charged with several drug offenses. The forty-one-year-old was convicted only of possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. However, that conviction was the third of "three strikes," with both other convictions being drug offenses. This was the first and only time that I sentenced someone to serve life without the possibility of parole.

(e) State of South Carolina v. William S. Crump, Jr., No. 2018-GS-24-00386 – I presided in the trial of this case, where Defendant was accused of sexually abusing and neglecting his minor children. Despite both children giving credible testimony, Defendant was acquitted of the sexual abuse charges. While speaking to the jurors afterwards, I learned of jurors' strong need for forensic evidence and was reminded of the difficult undertaking that is jury duty.

Judge Newman reported the following regarding her employment while serving as a judge:

Since March 2023, I have been employed as an adjunct professor at Benedict College. I have taught only one course, "The Court System," an online, self-paced course for undergraduate students. Because of the nature of the course, my only responsibilities have been grading students' assignments for approximately six weeks in Spring 2023 and another six weeks in Spring 2024. My direct supervisor is Lisa Taylor, Interim Chair of the Criminal Justice Administration and Social Sciences Department.

Judge Newman further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

In August 2012, I was a candidate for Circuit Court Judge. JMSC found me "qualified, but not nominated." The same occurred when I ran for Circuit Court Judge in August 2014.

(9) Judicial Temperament:

The Commission believes that Judge Newman's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Judge Newman to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee had no related or summary comments.

Judge Newman is not married. She does not have any children.

Judge Newman reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar, Member
(b) John Belton O'Neall Inn of Court, Member
President, March 2024-present
President-Elect, 2022-2024
Treasurer, 2014-2016
(c) American Bar Association, Member

Judge Newman provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Commission on Judicial Conduct
(b) South Carolina Bar's ADR Commission
(c) South Carolina's Criminal Justice Act Task Force
(d) South Carolina Delegate for the National Courts and Sciences Institute
(e) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
(f) American Mensa

Judge Newman further reported:
My life has been enriched by my time on the Circuit Court bench, and I have grown in ways that I could not have imagined. I look forward to the opportunity to continue that growth and positive contribution to the South Carolina Judicial Branch.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Newman has a wide range of experience from her time in private practice, in addition to her time

serving as a Circuit Court judge. The Commission further commented that she is a rising star within the Judiciary.

One affidavit was filed against Judge Newman by Ms. Rhonda Meisner. The Commission thoroughly reviewed all documents while carefully considering the allegations and the nine evaluative criteria provided in statute. At the public hearing, the Commission heard testimony and questioned the complainant, and allowed Judge Newman to reply to the allegations.

After thoroughly reviewing the complaint and hearing testimony at the public hearing, the Commission does not find a failing on the part of Judge Newman in the nine evaluative criteria.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Newman qualified, and nominated her for election to Supreme Court, Seat 3.

The Honorable Letitia H. Verdin
Supreme Court, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED
(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Verdin meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Supreme Court Justice.

Judge Verdin was born in 1970. She is 53 years old and a resident of Greenville, South Carolina. Judge Verdin provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1997.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Verdin.

Judge Verdin demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Verdin reported that she has made $254.40 in campaign expenditures for postage, printed cards, and business cards.

Judge Verdin testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Verdin testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Verdin to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Verdin reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I made a presentation on Children's Law to Furman Pre-Law Society in 2015.
(b) I addressed the S.C. Women Lawyers Association in 2012 on the topic of running for judicial seats.
(c) I addressed the S.C. Women Lawyers Association in 2012 on the topic of changes in the legal profession affecting women.
(d) I addressed the Greenville Bar Association during its 2012 Law Week Luncheon concerning civility in the practice of law.
(e) I addressed the Public Defenders Conference in 2012 on the topic "A View from the Bench."
(f) I served on a Judicial Panel for the S.C. Defense Trial Attorneys Conference in 2012.
(g) I spoke to the S.C.Bar in 2013 regarding the Essentials of Criminal Practice.
(h) I addressed the S.C. Solicitor's Conference in 2013 on the topic of Mental Health Issues in General Sessions Court.
(i)I addressed the S.C. Bar in 2014 at the 23rd Annual Criminal Practice in S.C.

(j)I spoke to the S.C. Solicitor's Conference in 2014 with Tom Traxler on the Psychology of Persuasion.
(k) I presented to the Women's Leadership Institute at Furman University in 2015 on the topic of Women in the Law.
(l)I spoke at a S.C. Bar CLE in 2015 with Tom Traxler on the Psychology of Persuasion.
(m) I addressed new lawyers in the S.C. Bar regarding Rule 403 requirements in 2015.
(n) I served on a Judicial Panel addressing Updates in the Law at the 2015 S.C. Solicitor's Conference.
(o) I served on a panel addressing Tips from the Bench at the 2015 S.C. Defense Trial Attorneys Association Women in Law Seminar.
(p) I addressed the S.C. Bar at a CLE with Tom Traxler in 2016 on the topic of the Psychology of Persuasion.
(q) I addressed the Greenville Bar End of Year CLE in 2017 on the topic of a View from the Bench.
(r) I have taught a course at the Charleston School of Law. The course is entitled Primer on First Year Practice in S.C. I taught the course in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.
(s) I spoke at the Greenville Bar End of the Year CLE in 2019 on the topic of General Sessions Court in the Thirteenth Circuit.
(t)I spoke at the Greenville Bar End of the Year CLE in 2021 on the topic of the Courts' Adjustment During COVID.
(u) I spoke at the Greenville Bar End of the Year CLE in 2022 on the topic of Update on the Civil Court in the Thirteenth Circuit.
(v) I addressed the South Carolina Defense Trial Lawyers Conference in 2021 on "A View from the Bench."
(w) I have annually addressed the Circuit Court Judges School on the topic of Inherent Powers of the Court since 2019.
(x) I addressed the South Carolina Appellate Judges Conference in 2018 on the topic of "A View from the Circuit Court Bench."
(y) I spoke at the End of the Year CLE for the Greenville County Bar on Appellate and Civil Practice in 2024

(z) I spoke at an Evidence seminar for the SC Bar in 2024.
(aa) I moderated a panel on recent important criminal appellate decisions at the Criminal Law Seminar for the SC Bar in 2024.
(bb) I spoke at the LEAPP seminar for the SC Bar in March 2024 on trial court ethics.

Judge Verdin reported that she has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Verdin did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Verdin did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Verdin has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Verdin was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Verdin reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Verdin reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Verdin reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Verdin appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Verdin appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Verdin was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1997.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Office of the Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor, 1997-1998

Prosecuted cases in the Traffic Unit and General Crimes Unit

(b) Office of the Eighth Circuit Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor, 1998

Prosecuted all juvenile cases in Family Court and prosecuted all General Sessions child abuse and neglect cases in Greenwood, Abbeville, Newberry, and Laurens Counties

(c) Office of the Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor, 1999-2000

Prosecuted violent crimes, criminal domestic violence cases, and criminal child abuse and neglect cases; served as the Family Court Unit Head

(d) Clarkson, Walsh, Rheney & Turner, P.A., Associate Attorney, 2000-2005

Litigated cases in areas of government liability defense, insurance defense, and commercial litigation, criminal defense, and family law

(e) Office of the Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor, Assistant Solicitor, 2005-2008

Prosecuted violent crimes, criminal domestic violence cases, and criminal child abuse and neglect cases

Judge Verdin reported the frequency of her court appearances prior to her service on the bench as follows:
(a) Federal: Occasionally
(b) State: 1-2 times per week

Judge Verdin reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to her service on the bench as follows:
(a) Civil: 35%
(b) Criminal: 50%
(c) Domestic: 10%
(d) Other: 5%

Judge Verdin reported her practice in trial court during the five years prior to her service on the bench as follows:
(a) 100% , including those matters that settled prior to trial;
(b) Approximately 15 cases went to trial and resulted in a verdict;
(c) 1 case went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case;
(d) 0 cases settled after a jury was selected, but prior to opening statements.

Judge Verdin provided that during the past five years prior to her service on the bench she most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Verdin's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State of South Carolina v. Patel and the companion divorce action, Patel v. Patel -This was a criminal defense matter in which I was involved while in private practice and its companion divorce action. The wife was charged with Arson and Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill for setting fire to her husband's hotel room while he was inside. I assisted in the criminal defense of the wife and represented her in the divorce action. She was sued for divorce on the ground of a single act of extreme physical cruelty. It was necessary that I protect her rights in the divorce action while ensuring that she did not jeopardize her criminal defense.

(b) State of South Carolina v. Ricky Sanders – This defendant was charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor 1st Degree for sexually abusing his girlfriend's daughter. This case was significant for me because it was the first time our office was successful in having a Forensic Interviewer qualified as an expert witness in the Court of General Sessions. The interviewer's testimony, coupled with the testimony of the child, was instrumental in securing a guilty plea from the defendant during trial.

(c) Barnes v. Kevin Matheson, Anderson County Sheriff's Department, the City of Clayton Police Department, and the Rabun County Sheriff's Department – This was a case while I was in private practice. The case involved allegations of excessive

use of force and other Section 1983 claims against law enforcement officials. I represented Deputy Kevin Matheson and the Anderson County Sheriff's Department. The case involved an escapee, who when eventually surrounded by officers, attempted to run over an officer. Deputy Matheson shot and killed the woman in order to save the officer's life. The case involved numerous constitutional law issues, including that of extra-jurisdictional pursuits. Our motion for summary judgment was granted as to all claims against Deputy Matheson and the Anderson County Sheriff's Department.

(d) In re: R.M. – This was a case in which a juvenile shot and killed her uncle with whom she resided. Our office had a policy at that time of petitioning the Family Court for waiver to General Sessions in every murder case in order for full evaluation by the court. The juvenile had been abandoned by her mother, her father was deceased, and defense experts testified that they believed the child was the victim of sexual abuse by the uncle, a fact much later confirmed. The judge in this matter applied the Kent factors and determined that the juvenile was not appropriate for waiver to General Sessions Court. This case is significant to me because it was at the beginning of my Family Court career and it illustrates the integrative and rehabilitative goals of juvenile justice. Though technically a loss for the prosecution, it was a win for the system. While the juvenile's crime was horrific, she spent the remainder of her adolescence and early adulthood in the Department of Juvenile Justice receiving intensive services, and after a transition period, it is my understanding that she has become a productive, law-abiding adult.

(e) State of South Carolina v. Shad Shepherd – This was a case that I prosecuted in which the young father shook his four month old baby violently causing permanent brain damage and partial blindness. This matter was not only significant because of its facts, but also because it was one of the earlier shaken baby syndrome cases successfully prosecuted by our office.

> The case also necessitated very sophisticated medical evidence and expert testimony in order to establish that the child had not been accidentally dropped thereby causing her injuries.

The following is Judge Verdin's account of three civil appeals she has personally handled:
(a) Cox and Rider v. City of Charleston, Rueben Greenberg, Joseph Riley, Captain Chin, Charleston Police Department, Officer Davis, City of Travelers Rest, Mann Batson, and Timothy Christy, Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, July 26, 2005, 416 F.3d 281
(b) North Greenville Fitness v. Daimler Chrysler, South Carolina Court of Appeals, Jan. 2, 2004, 2003-UP-00737
(c) State Auto Property v. Wild Turkey Holdings, South Carolina Court of Appeals, dismissed on June 3, 2004 after briefs were filed pursuant to settlement

Judge Verdin reported that she has not personally handled any criminal appeals.

Judge Verdin reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):
(a) Elected to the Family Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, 2008-2011
(b) Elected to the Circuit Court, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, 2011-2023
(c) Elected to the Court of Appeals, 2023-present

Judge Verdin provided the following list of five of her most significant orders or opinions:

> (a) Vista Del Mar Condo. Ass'n v. Vista Del Mar Condominiums, LLC, 441 S.C. 223, 892 S.E.2d 532 (Ct. App. 2023), cert. pending.

The Court of Appeals affirmed the circuit court's order quieting title to a 2.58 acre tract (the Property). The court of appeals held (1) the master deed of a horizontal property regime authorized the developer to remove unimproved property from the regime during what the deed termed the Transition Period; (2) the Transition Period had not ended when the developer removed the Property from the regime; and (3) the removal of the tract from the regime did not violate section 27 31 70 of the Horizontal Property Act because the Property had not vested in the unit owners at the time of the removal. The court also affirmed the circuit court's findings concerning an easement, citing the two issue rule.

(b) Anderson v. State, Op. No. 6051 (S.C. Ct. App. filed February 21, 2024) (Howard Adv. Sh. No. 7 at 19).

The Court of Appeals reinstated the defendant's magistrate's court conviction of driving under the influence (DUI). The court clarified the corpus delicti rule as set forth in State v. Osborne, 335 S.C. 172, 516 S.E.2d 201 (1999), and held the State presented sufficient independent evidence to corroborate the defendant's statements to the police, and that independent evidence, taken together with the statements, allowed a reasonable inference that the crime of DUI was committed.

(c) Woodruff Road SC, LLC v. S.C. Greenville Hwy 146, LLC, 2017 WL 74856 (Ct. App. 2017). This matter was before me on a declaratory judgment action to determine the scope of an easement granted to S.C. Greenville Hwy 146, LLC. I determined that S.C. Greenville Hwy. 146, LLC could use the easement as part of a drive-thru for one of its tenants, Starbucks. Woodruff Road SC, LLC appealed my decision, and the Court of Appeals affirmed my decision in an unpublished opinion.

(d) Proctor v. Whitlark & Whitlark, Inc., 414 S.C 318 (2015). I sat as an Acting Justice with the South Carolina Supreme Court in this matter. We held that gambling statutes, and not the South Carolina Unfair Trade Practices Act, provide the exclusive remedy for a gambler seeking recovery of losses sustained by illegal gambling.

(e) In re: Campbell, 379 S.C. 593 (2008). I sat as an Acting Justice with the South Carolina Supreme Court in this matter. This was an appeal that originated in the Probate Court wherein a daughter challenged the dismissal of a petition she filed for appointment as conservator of her mother's assets. We held that the statute governing court appointment of a physician to examine a person subject to a conservatorship action does not require that the physician be disinterested, only unbiased. We further held that the Court-appointed physicians who acted as the mother's expert witnesses were not unbiased.

Judge Verdin reported the following regarding her employment while serving as a judge:

I taught a course at the Charleston School of Law each summer during the years 2013-2017. My employment as an Adjunct Professor was part-

time and contractual. My supervisor was Andy Abrams, Dean of the Law School.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Verdin's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Judge Verdin to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee stated in summary, "This candidate received the highest marks possible from the Committee. We received only glowing positive reports while interviewing others during the background investigation."

Judge Verdin is married to Charles S. Verdin, IV. She has two children.

Judge Verdin reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) Greenville County Bar Association
(c) Haynsworth Inn of Court
(d) Liberty Fellowship
(e) Circuit Judges' Advisory Committee
(f) Advisory Committee on Standards of Judicial Conduct
Member, 2012-2021
Chairperson, 2019-2021
(g) Circuit Judges' Association
Vice-President, 2019-2022
President, 2022-2023
(h) Appellate Judges' Association

Judge Verdin provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Trinity Presbyterian Church
1) Elder
2) Co-Chair of Personnel Committee
3) Interim Youth Director

(b) Green Valley Country Club
(c) Liberty Fellowship

Judge Verdin further reported:
I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as a Family Court Judge, Circuit Court Judge, and Court of Appeals Judge for more than 15 years. I have found these positions challenging and rewarding. I was honored to serve as the Chairperson of the Advisory Committee on Standards of Judicial Conduct, on the Circuit Judges Advisory Committee, and as President of the Circuit Judges' Association. I have also had the opportunity to sit as an Acting Associate Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court on several occasions.

When I was elected to the Circuit Court, I had mixed emotions. I was honored and excited to serve on the Circuit Court, but I knew that I would miss the Family Court greatly. I felt the same about leaving Circuit Court when I was elected to the Court of Appeals. I have enjoyed learning from and working with the other members of the Court of Appeals. If I were elected to the Supreme Court, I know I would miss the Court of Appeals. However, I would hope to bring to that new position the experience I have gained in both trial courts and the appellate court. I would approach the Supreme Court with the same enthusiasm I have had when serving on the Family Court, Circuit Court, and Court of Appeals and would always be mindful of the enormous trust the Legislature had placed in me.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission consistently receives outstanding feedback on Judge Verdin from members of the SC Bar. Her reputation, character, and temperament are beyond reproach. In addition, the Commission noted her service and experience gained as a Family Court judge, a Circuit Court judge, and a member of the Court of Appeals, and concluded that Judge Verdin would be well suited to ascend to the Supreme Court.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Verdin qualified, and nominated her for election to Supreme Court, Seat 3.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024

QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

The Honorable Ralph K. Anderson III
Supreme Court, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Anderson meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Supreme Court justice.

Judge Anderson was born in 1959. He is 64 years old and a resident of Columbia, South Carolina. Judge Anderson provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1984.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Anderson.

Judge Anderson demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Anderson reported that he has made $144.45 in campaign expenditures for stamps and envelopes.

Judge Anderson testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.
Judge Anderson testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Anderson to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Anderson reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) USC School of Law Class (Jurisdiction before the ALC) on February 26, 2024.
(b) SCAARLA (ALC Update) on February 2, 2024.
(c) SC Bar Convention – "How the ALC is Involved in Regulation of Activity Along SC's Coast" on January 19, 2024.
(d) USC School of Law Class (Jurisdiction before the ALC) on February 13, 2023.
(e) SCAARLA (Administrative Law Court's New E-Filing System) on February 10, 2023.
(f) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on February 7, 2022.
(g) Recorded CLE for SC Bar & SCAARLA (How to Craft an Order) on December 13, 2021.
(h) Seminar sponsored by the ABA Judicial Division & Commission on Disability Rights as a panelist concerning "Living with a Disability in the Profession on October 27, 2021
(i)SC Administrative Law Court (How to Craft an Order) on October 8, 2021.
(j)How to Craft an Order (Pub. Serv. Comm'n) on June 8, 2021.
(k) Recorded SC Judicial CLE (The Administrative Law Court: Overview and Judicial Considerations) on March 29, 2021.
(l)USC School of Law Class (Jurisdiction before the ALC) on March 17, 2021.
(m) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on February 8, 2021.
(n) SC Bar Convention - Virtual CLE (Tales from Emails) on January 22, 2021.
(o) Recorded CLE for SCAARLA (Appellate Jurisdiction before the ALC) on October 8, 2020.
(p) SCAARLA (Tales from Emails) on February 21, 2020.

(q) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on February 10, 2020.
(r) SC Bar Convention (Case Law Update: Administrative Law) on January 24, 2020.
(s) SC Bar Diversity Committee (Panel: How ____ can I be?) on January 7, 2020.
(t)Central Panel Directors Conference (Asheville NC) - Report of the South Carolina ALC on November 1, 2019.
(u) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on February 25, 2019.
(v) SC Bar Convention (Case Law Update: Recent Supreme Court and Court of Appeals Cases from the ALC and Recent ALC Cases) on January 17-18, 2019.
(w) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on February 26, 2018.
(x) SCAAO Conference on October 6, 2017, concerning tax law cases and statutory construction.
(y) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on April 3, 2017.
(z) DHEC (What is Effective Regulation?) on October 28, 2016.
(aa) Fifth Circuit's Spring Courthouse Keys event on April 1, 2016.
(bb) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on February 8, 2016.
(cc) SC Bar Convention for the Regulatory and Administrative Law Section on January 22, 2016.
(dd) SC Bar (Fifth Circuit Tips from the Bench) on January 8, 2016.
(ee) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on February 9, 2015.
(ff) A seminar for SC HHS Hearing Officers on April 13, 2015.
(gg) An Administrative Law & Practice in S.C. Seminar on January 31, 2014.
(hh) USC School of Law Class (Law Practice Workshop) on March 3, 2014.
(ii) S.C. Bar Convention (Panel Discussion on Administrative Law) on January 25, 2013.
(jj) A seminar for the Public Service Commission. (APA, Agency Decision & Ethics) on March 20, 2013.

(kk) Two separate CLEs on Administrative Law on February 21 & 22, 2013.
(ll) S.C. Bar CLE (Hot Topics in Administrative Law) on October 30, 2009.
(mm) A panel discussion for the Judicial Merit Selection Commission CLE on July 31, 2009.

Judge Anderson reported that he has published the following:
(a) "A Survey on Attributes Considered Important for Presidential Candidates," Carolina Undergraduate Sociology Symposium, April 17, 1980.
(b) "An Overview of Practice and Procedure Before the Administrative Law Judge Division," South Carolina Trial Lawyer, Summer 1996.
(c) The Majesty of the Lord's Prayer: An Analytical Review of Its Meaning and Implications (Murrels Inlet: Covenant Books, Inc., 2020).

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Anderson did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Anderson did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Anderson has handled his financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Anderson was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Anderson reported that his last available rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, was AV Preeminent.

Judge Anderson reported that he has not served in the military.

Judge Anderson reported that he has held the following public office: Appointed and served as an Assistant Attorney General 1985 to January 1995. I was not required to file with the State Ethics Commission in that capacity.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Anderson appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Anderson appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Anderson was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1984.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:
I began my legal career at the South Carolina Attorney General's Office in September 1984. During my career at the AG's office, I prosecuted numerous criminal cases of all types and handled a wide variety of civil litigation. My duties included:
(a) Statewide criminal prosecutor
(b) Assisting in the implementation of the Statewide Grand Jury
(c) Extradition hearing officer on behalf of the Governor of South Carolina
(d) Counsel to the State Ethics Commission
(e) Representing the State in a variety of civil litigation matters
(f) Representing the State in post-conviction relief matters
(g) Committee Attorney for the State Employee Grievance Committee
(h) Prosecutor for the Engineering and Land Surveyor's Board
I also prosecuted Medical Board cases, wrote Attorney General Opinions and handled Criminal Appeals.
On May 25, 1994, I was elected to Administrative Law Judge Seat No. 6 and re-elected to that position in 1996, 2001 and 2006. Administrative Law Judges hear appellate, injunctive and trial cases in a broad range of administrative matters involving governmental agencies and private parties.
On May 13, 2009, I was elected Chief Administrative Law Judge and re-elected to this position February 5, 2014 and February 6, 2019.
As an Assistant Attorney General, I did not have any significant administrative and financial management. As an Administrative Law Judge, I did not have any legal obligation regarding administrative and financial management but was occasionally assigned those duties by the Chief Judge. As Chief Administrative Law Judge, I am responsible for the administration of the court, including budgetary matters, assignment

of cases, and the administrative duties and responsibilities of the support staff. See S.C. Code Ann. § 1-23-570. Also, section 1-23-660 of the South Carolina Code (Supp. 2017) provides "The chief judge is solely responsible for the administration of the [Office of Motor Vehicle Hearings], the assignment of cases, and the administrative duties and responsibilities of the hearing officers and staff.

Judge Anderson reported the frequency of his court appearances prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Federal: Infrequently;
(b) State: At least 100 times during a five-year period.

Judge Anderson reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to his service on the bench as follows:

(a) Civil: 70%;
(b) Criminal: 30%;
(c) Domestic: 0%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Judge Anderson reported the percentage of his practice in trial court in the five years prior to his service on the bench as follows:

Approximately 40% of his practice was in trial court, including matters that settled prior to trial.

Judge Anderson provided that during the past five years prior to his service on the bench he most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Anderson's account of his five most significant litigated matters:

(a) State v. Dwight L. Bennett - This was a felony DUI case in which the victim lost the baby she was carrying and suffered horrible injuries. Although the defendant was convicted, this case was used as a legislative example as the need to increase the maximum felony DUI punishment.

(b) Georgia v. Richard Daniel Starrett, aff'd., Richard Daniel Starrett v. William C. Wallace, - Starrett was convicted of several crimes in South Carolina. Afterwards, Georgia sought his extradition in an attempt to convict him under the death penalty. Starrett's challenge to the Attorney General's Office authority to hold extradition hearings was denied.

(c) State v. Michael Goings - Goings was a notorious City of Cayce police officer charged with assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature.
(d) State v. Herbert Pearson and Terrance Singleton - The Defendants in this case were accomplices in the armed robbery, attempted murder and murder of attendants at a gas station in Sumter, S.C.
(e) State v. William Keith Victor - After the Defendant was convicted of murder and kidnapping, he was given the death penalty. His case was later reversed on appeal and I assumed the prosecution. The prosecution, under difficult circumstances, resulted in the Defendant's plea to murder, and the aggravating circumstance of kidnapping.

The following is Judge Anderson's account of five civil appeals he has personally handled:
(a) Bergin Moses Mosteller v. James R. Metts, S.C. Supreme Court, Not known when this case was decided.
(b) Dennis G. Mitchell v. State of S.C., S.C. Supreme Court, Not known when this case was decided.
(c) Ex Parte, Bobby M. Stichert v. Carroll Heath, S.C. Supreme Court, Decided August 29, 1985 (286 S.C. 456, 334 S.E. 2d 282).
(d) Patrick C. Lynn, et al. State of S.C., Supreme Court, Not known when this case was decided.
(e) Paul David Tasker v. M.L. Brown, Jr., S.C. Supreme Court, Not known when this case was decided.

The following is Judge Anderson's account of the criminal appeals he has personally handled:
I handled several criminal appeals while serving as an Assistant Attorney General. However, my service with the Attorney General's Office ended in February 1995, when I began serving as an Administrative Law Judge. As a result of the passage of time since that date, the briefs and specific case captions are no longer available.

Judge Anderson reported that he has held the following judicial office(s):
I was elected by the General Assembly to serve as an Administrative Law Judge beginning February 1, 1995. On May 13, 2009, I was elected Chief Administrative Law Judge and have been serving continuously since that date.

Administrative Law Judges hear appellate, injunctive, and trial cases in a broad range of administrative matters involving governmental agencies and private parties.

The Administrative Law Court's appellate jurisdiction includes appeals involving Medicaid; driver's license revocations and suspensions; licensing decisions from boards/commissions under the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation; Budget and Control Board's Employee Insurance Program; AFDC benefits; operation of day care facilities and foster home licensing; food stamps; and revocations or suspensions of teachers' certificates. The Administrative Law Court also hears appeals from final decisions of the Department of Employment and Workforce; the Department of Corrections in "noncollateral" matters; and appeals from final decisions of the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services permanently denying parole eligibility.

The contested case litigation includes hearings involving environmental and health permitting; Certificates of Need; State Retirement Systems' disability determinations; Disadvantaged Business Enterprises; state and county tax matters; alcoholic beverage issues; and wage disputes.

Judge Anderson provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Travelscape, LLC v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue, Docket No. 08-ALJ-17-0076-CC. Holding affirmed in Travelscape, LLC v. S. C. Dept. of Revenue, 391 S.C. 89, 705 S.E.2d 28 (2011)

(b) Duke Energy Corp. v. S. C. Dep't of Revenue, Docket No. 10-ALJ-17-0270-CC. Holding affirmed in Duke Energy Corp. v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue 410 S.C. 415, 417, 764 S.E.2d 712, 713 (Ct. App. 2014), reh'g denied (Nov. 21, 2014), cert. granted (Apr. 9, 2015) and further affirmed by the Supreme Court in Duke Energy Corp. v. S. C. Dep't of Revenue, 415 S.C. 351, 782 S.E. 2d 590 (2016).

(c) Kiawah Dev. Partners, II v. S.C. Dep't of Health and Envtl. Control, Docket No. 09-ALJ-07-0029-CC and S.C. Coastal Conservation League v. S.C. Dept. of Health and Envtl. Control, Docket No. 09-ALJ-07-0039-CC (February 26, 2010) (consolidated cases). Holding originally reversed by the Supreme Court, then affirmed and then reversed 3-2 in Kiawah Dev. Partners, II v. S.C. Dep't of Health & Envtl. Control, 411 S.C. 16, 766 S.E.2d 707 (2014).

(d) Amazon Servs., LLC v. S.C. Dep't of Revenue, No. 2019-001706, 2024 WL 252952 (S.C. Ct. App. Jan. 24, 2024).
(e) Lexington Cty. Health Servs. Dist. Inc., d/b/a Lexington Med. Ctr. v. S.C. Dep't of Health and Envtl. Control and Prisma Health-Midlands, Providence Hosp., LLC d/b/a Providence Health, Providence Health Northeast, Providence Health Fairfield, and Kershaw Hosp., LLC d/b/a KershawHealth Med. Ctr., Docket No. 20-ALJ-07-0108-CC (December 7, 2020) (Originally appealed to the Court of Appeals, appeal later withdrawn by parties)

Judge Anderson reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Anderson further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:

(a) Administrative Law Judge, Seat 3 (February 23, 1994)
(b) Fifth Judicial Circuit Court, Seat 3 (May 24, 2000) - Found qualified and nominated but withdrew prior to election.
(c) Circuit Court, At-Large Seat 9 (January 16, 2003) - Found qualified but not nominated.
(d) Court of Appeals, Seat 9 (March 10, 2008) - Found qualified but not nominated.
(e) Supreme Court, Seat 2 (January 14, 2016) - Found qualified and nominated but withdrew prior to election.
(f) Supreme Court, Seat 5 - Found qualified and nominated on November 15, 2016, but later found qualified and not nominated on December 5, 2016.
(g) Supreme Court, Seat 4 - Found qualified but not nominated on January 17, 2023.
(h) Supreme Court, Seat 4 (January 17, 2023) - Found qualified but not nominated.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Anderson's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Midlands Citizens Committee on Judicial Qualification found Judge

Anderson to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well-Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. There were no related or summary comments.

Judge Anderson is married to Linda Corley Anderson. He does not have any children.

Judge Anderson reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar

(b) Administration and Regulatory Law Committee of the SC Bar

(c) South Carolina Administrative and Regulatory Law Association; President since 2009.

Judge Anderson provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) Shandon Baptist Church. I am a member of the church but have not held any office with the church.

(b) South Carolina Administrative and Regulatory Law Association (SCAARLA). I became a member and board member of SCAARLA following its formation in 2002. In 2009, I was elected President of SCAARLA and have been serving in that capacity since that date.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:

The Commission commented that Judge Anderson has a solid reputation of being knowledgeable, hard-working, and impartial as a judge on the Administrative Law Court.

(12) Conclusion:

The Commission found Judge Anderson qualified, but did not nominate him for election to Supreme Court, Seat 3.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024

The Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson
Supreme Court, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Jefferson meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Supreme Court justice.

Judge Jefferson was born in 1963. She is 60 years old and a resident of Charleston, South Carolina. Judge Jefferson provided in her application that she has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1989.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Jefferson.

Judge Jefferson demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.
Judge Jefferson reported that she has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Jefferson testified she has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Jefferson testified that she is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Jefferson to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Jefferson reported that she has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) Business Law Instructor, Trident Technical College Paralegal Program, 1993-1994 School Term;

(b) "Rules, Rules, Rules" South Carolina Practice and Procedures Update, Presenter on the issue of Family Court Rules, SC Bar, March 20, 1998;

(c) Speaker/Panel Participant Wiley A. Branton Symposium, National Bar Association, October 24, 1998;

(d) "Current Issues in Attorney's Fees," Presenter, SC Bar Association, November 6, 1998;

(e) Recent Developments in Family Law, "Six by Six" CLE Seminar, Presenter, Charleston County Bar Association, December 10, 1998;

(f) "Adjudication Hearings", Presenter and Contributor to Family Court Judges Juvenile Workbook, SC Association of Family Court Judges, May 20, 1999;

(g) "Tips from the Bench", Adoption, Presenter, S.C. Bar Association, February 25, 2000;

(h) "The Role of the Judge and Guardian ad Litem in Abuse and Neglect Proceedings" Judges Panel, South Carolina Guardian ad Litem Conference, April 14, 2000;

(i)"Women, Leadership and the Law," Brown Bag Lunch Panel Participant, S.C. Women Lawyers Association and College of Charleston Women's Studies Program, September 22, 2000;

(j)Family Law Update and Tips from the Bench, Presenter, Charleston Lawyers Club, May 2, 2001;

(k) "The Use of Psychological Evaluations in Juvenile Proceedings," Panel, Children's Law Center, May 18, 2001;

(l)Judges Panel, 3rd Annual Children's Law Conference, May, 2001;

(m) Hot Tips III, "Appeals and Motions," December 13, 2002;

(n) Women Lawyers in the New Millennium, "Ethics Issues from Various Judicial Perspectives," April 11, 2003;

(o) National Judicial College, Advanced Evidence, Group Discussion Leader, November 15-19, 2004;

(p) SCDTAA Trial Academy Judge, June 20, 2003;

(q) 2004 Local Government Attorneys' Institute, Administered Oath, December 2004;

(r) 9th Annual Probate Court Seminar, Administered Oath, January 2005;

(s) SCBLA, Judicial Selection in South Carolina, Judicial Panel, September 2005;

(t)S.C. Solicitors' Association Conference, Criminal Law Update, "Recent Court Decisions," September 26, 2005;
(u) Charleston School of Law Professionalism Series, "Civility and Ethics," October 20, 2005;
(v) SC Defense Trial Lawyers Ethics and Civility **In Trial unable to make the presentation, November 4, 2005;
(w) Charleston School of Law Ethics & Professionalism presentation, February 15, 2006;
(x) Charleston School of Law, Law Day, Panel Presentation "Judicial Selection in South Carolina," May 1, 2006;
(y) National Judicial College, Handling Capital Cases, Group Discussion Leader, June 10, 2006;
(z) SCBLA, "Civil Practice," September 29, 2006;
(aa) Young Lawyers Division, New Admitees Reception, Presentation, November 16, 2006;
(bb) Young Lawyers Division, "Tips for Young Lawyers in Circuit Court," May 24, 2007;
(cc) "Oath of Office" D. Ashley Pennington Chief Public Defender, January 3, 2008;
(dd) "We Shape the World" Charleston School of Law, Minority Law Day, March 1, 2008;
(ee) Women of Wisdom Expo 2008 "Daring to Embrace New Beginnings "Bible Way Church, Columbia, SC, March 8, 2008;
(ff) National Association for Court Management, Mid-Year Conference, Welcome Address, March 10, 2008;
(gg) Pro-Bono Legal Service Summer Intern Class, In-Court Seminar, June 11, 2008;
(hh) "Governors' School of SC" Summer Class, June 12, 2008;
(ii) Magistrate Seminar , July 29, 2008;
(jj) Annual Judicial Conference, South Carolina Access to Justice Commission, Panelist, August 21, 2008;
(kk) Young Lawyers Association Luncheon, December 9, 2008;
(ll) Charleston School of Law Professionalism Series Lecture(Access to Justice), March 19, 2009;
(mm) Young Lawyers Association Luncheon, December 9, 2008;
(nn) Charleston School of Law Professionalism Series Lecture (Access to Justice), March 19, 2009;
(oo) JCLE "Limitations on Questioning Judges under the Judicial Cannons," July 31, 2009;

(pp) Charleston Lawyer's Club CLE" Advice from the Bench: Likes and Dislikes in Motion Practice, Briefs and Oral Argument," February 24, 2010;
(qq) Stono Park Elementary Career Day, February 26, 2010;
(rr) Junior Girls Day Out Community Project, March 10, 2010;
(ss) Metanoia Freedom School "Read-A-Loud, Chicora Elementary, July 22, 2010;
(tt) Merit Selection Panel for Magistrate Judges, August 17, 2010;
(uu) "League of Women Voters of the Charleston Area" Women of Distinction; August 26, 2010;
(vv) Charleston County School District; Swearing In, November 8, 2010;
(ww) South Carolina Legal Services Statewide Conference, Panelist, November 19, 2010;
(xx) Center for Heirs Property; Celebration, February 10, 2011;
(yy) SEABOTA Annual Conference CLE; Panelist, April 29, 2011;
(zz) S.C. Supreme Court Institute, Panelist, June 20, 2011;
(aaa) Seminar " What Works for Me in Practice" ; "Practical tips from the Bench," July 22, 2011;
(bbb) Charleston County School District; Swearing In, February 27, 2012;
(ccc) Charleston Lion Club Luncheon Speaker, April 24, 2012;
(ddd) "Seminar "What Works for Me in Practice" ; "Practical tips from the Bench," July 20, 2012;
(eee) Berkeley County School District 8th Annual Junior Scholarship Institute, July 10, 2014;
(fff) S.C. Solicitor's Association Fall Conference Panelist Covering "Significant Cases: 2013-2014," September 22, 2014;
(ggg) Shabach Christian Church Fellowship Convocation, "Moving up in your Career," October 29, 2014;
(hhh) Military Magnet Academy Law Enforcement Class, May 6, 2015;
(iii) Swearing in of Chief Public Defender for the Ninth Judicial Circuit, 2016 Charleston County Bar Association, February 25, 2016;
(jjj) Memminger Elementary 4th grade students, February 25, 2016;
(kkk) Military Magnet Academy Law Enforcement Class, March 22, 2017;
(lll) S.C. Young Lawyers Division Mock Trial of Gold E. Locks and the Three Bears Deer Park Middle School, November 3, 2017;
(mmm) Charleston County Junior Scholars, June 22, 2017;
(nnn) Charleston County Junior Scholars, June 28, 2017;

(ooo) Converse College "Celebrating Courage and Charting the Future: Commemorating 50 years of Black Women at Converse" Panel, February 9, 2018;
(ppp) S.C. Circuit Court Orientation for New Circuit Court Judges Moderator and Instructor, July 11, 2018, July 10, 2019, July 8, 2020, July 6, 2021, July 26, 2022, June 27, 2023;
(qqq) COBRA 2018 Drum Major for Justice Luncheon Honoring Judge Richard E. Fields, February 17, 2018;
(rrr) S.C. Bar Diversity Committee-Virtual Fireside Chat with Richard E. Fields, Women's Lawyers Presentation, March 25, 2021;
(sss) Ninth Judicial Installation of Chief Public Defender, Swearing In, August 1, 2022.

Judge Jefferson reported that she has published the following:

(a) Marital Litigation in SC, Roy T. Stuckey and F. Glenn Smith (SC Bar CLE 2001), Editorial Board.
(b) The Law of Automobile Insurance in SC, Elizabeth Scott Moise (SC Bar CLE 2009), Editorial Board.
(c) I have provided written seminar materials for the S.C. bar in conjunction with CLE Seminar presentations. These materials have been published by the S.C. Bar as a part of their published seminar materials. I have not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Jefferson did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against her.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Jefferson did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Jefferson has handled her financial affairs responsibly.

The Commission also noted that Judge Jefferson was punctual and attentive in her dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with her diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Jefferson reported that she is not rated by any legal rating organization.

Judge Jefferson reported that she has not served in the military.

Judge Jefferson reported that she has never held public office other than judicial office.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Jefferson appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Jefferson appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office she seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Jefferson was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1989.

She gave the following account of her legal experience since graduation from law school:

(a) Law Clerk to the Honorable Richard E. Fields, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Charleston, S.C., August 1989 through August 1990. Primary Responsibilities: legal research, preparation of jury charges, preparation of Orders, scheduling of motions, all tasks required to prepare the Judge and myself for trials/hearings during the term and all other daily tasks as required by the Judge that ensured the smooth operation of Court.

(b) McFarland and Associates, Attorney, October 1990 through March 1996. Trial practice focusing on the following areas: Domestic Relations, Civil Litigation (all types), Probate Law, Real Estate Law, Business Law and Criminal Law.

(c) Resident Family Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 5, elected to serve February 14, 1996 through June 2001.

(d) Resident Circuit Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, elected to serve May 31, 2001 to the present.

Judge Jefferson reported the frequency of her court appearances prior to her service on the bench as follows:
(a) Federal: approximately 15 times;
(b) State: approximately 50-60 times.

Judge Jefferson reported the percentage of her practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters prior to her service on the bench as follows:
(a) Civil: 47%;
(b) Criminal: 6%;
(c) Domestic: 47%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Judge Jefferson reported her practice in trial court prior to her service on the bench as follows:
(a) 70% was in trial court, including cases that settled prior to trial;
(b) 25 cases went to trial and resulted in a trial;
(c) 25-30 cases went to trial and resolved after the plaintiff's or State's case;
(d) 0 cases settled after a jury was selected, but prior to opening statements.

Judge Jefferson provided that during the past five years prior to her service on the bench she most often served as sole counsel.

The following is Judge Jefferson's account of her five most significant litigated matters:

(a) Blake v. County of Charleston. This case involved complex (federal) civil rights litigation. It was tried for two (2) weeks and involved many motions and other complex legal issues relating to evidence and the new federal rules. The case also resulted in a mistrial and was later tried a second time for one (1) week. I tried this case with two (2) other lawyers, both of whom had been practicing more than eighteen (18) years. During this process I was treated as an equal and an integral part of the litigation team. I was entrusted with a great deal of responsibility which included arguing motions, examination of witnesses, preparation of motions, and preparation of jury charges. This case challenged many current practices within the Charleston County Police Department. This case caused the Charleston County Police Department to evaluate and change many of their policies and practices.

(b) Hymes v. Khoury. This case was a simple auto accident which I did not think would be successful. This

case taught me the importance of the strategic application of the civil rules of procedure and case law. Although this case took one (1) day to try, the jury deliberated for two (2) days and returned a verdict in favor of my client.

(c) In Re: The Estate of Joseph J. White, Jr., et. al. This was a probate court case. The central issue in this case involved the paternity of a two (2) year old minor child of the victim of an automobile fatality. The case involved an intense three (3) day probate trial. The trial involved approximately forty (40) witnesses. It also involved a unique question of law concerning the jurisdictional conflict between the probate and family courts. A favorable ruling was returned by the Probate Judge and the Circuit Court on appeal. In addition, I handled the wrongful death cause of action on behalf of the minor which resulted in a substantial recovery for the minor.

(d) Ashby v. Ashby. In this case I represented the plaintiff/husband who sought custody of his three (3) children. The Court applied the primary caretaker doctrine in awarding custody to the father. The case also involved issues of equitable distribution, adultery, child support and attorney's fees.

(e) Thompson v. Polite. This case involved a hotly contested issue of visitation between the plaintiff/husband and his minor son. The defendant/wife was adamant in her refusal to allow visitation. My client was awarded reasonable visitation at the Temporary Hearing of this case. Prior to the Final Hearing the parties submitted to mediation. Through this process they were able to come to an amicable agreement regarding visitation and the rearing of their child. This case reinforced my belief in the value of alternative dispute resolution (mediation) as a method of improving the efficient use of court time and resources.

Judge Jefferson reported she has not personally handled any civil or criminal appeals.

Judge Jefferson reported that she has held the following judicial office(s):

(a) Resident Family Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 5, elected February 14, 1996. April 1, 1996, through

June 2001. Elected by the General Assembly. The Family Court is a statutory court of limited and specific jurisdiction. The jurisdiction of the Family Court is set forth in S.C. Code Annotated section 20-7-420, et seq. (i.e. divorce, custody, child support, name changes, juveniles, equitable distribution, adoptions, abuse and neglect, and as further set forth in the statute).
(b) Resident Circuit Court Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat 1, June 2001-present. Elected to this position by the General Assembly on May 30, 2001. The Circuit Court is South Carolina's Court of general jurisdiction. It has a civil court, the Court of Common Pleas, and a criminal court, the Court of General Sessions. In addition to its general trial jurisdiction, the Circuit Court has limited appellate jurisdiction over appeals from the Probate Court, Magistrate's Court, and Municipal Court.

Judge Jefferson provided the following list of her most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Beachfront Entertainment, Inc., et al. v. Town of Sullivan's Island, 379 SC 602, 666 S.E.2d 921 (2008)
(b) Evening Post Publishing Company, et al. v. City of North Charleston, 357 S.C. 59, 591 S.E.2d 39 (Ct. App. 2003), 363 S.C. 452, 611 S.E.2d 496 (2005);
(c) State v. Washington, 367 S.C. 76, 623 S.E.2d 836 (Ct. App. 2006);
(d) State v. Stephen C. Stanko, 1999-GS-22-0918. 376 S.C. 571,658 S.E.2d 94 (2008);
(e) Donevant vs Town of Surfside Beach, 422 S.C. 264, 811 S.E.2d 744 (2018).

Judge Jefferson reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Jefferson further reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
Candidate- Family Court of S.C., Ninth Judicial Circuit, Seat to be vacated by the Hon. Robert R. Mallard, January 1995 through March of 1995. I went through the screening process successfully and was found Qualified to hold judicial office. I voluntarily withdrew from the process prior to the election.

Candidate – Supreme Court of South Carolina, Seat 3, to be vacated by the Hon. Justice James E. Moore in September 2007. I went through the screening process successfully and was found Qualified to hold judicial office but not nominated.

Candidate- Supreme Court of South Carolina, Seat 4, to be vacated by the Hon. Justice John Henry Waller, Jr. in February 2009. I went through the screening process successfully and was found Qualified and Nominated.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Jefferson's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Lowcountry Citizens Committee reported Judge Jefferson to be "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability; and "Well Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament. The Committee commented:

"Judge Jefferson is imminently qualified to serve as an Associate Justice on the Supreme Court. She has over 25 years of experience, first as a family court judge and now as a circuit judge. In her expansive experience, she has dealt with every conceivable issue in family, civil, and criminal litigation, and is acquainted with all areas of the law. She has a keen intellect, being genuinely interested in the legal issues before her. She is a "worker." She is not predetermined on the matters that come before her and fully studies novel or unusual issues before ruling on them. She is fair and does not play favorites.

Judge Jefferson is innovative and takes initiative. To help alleviate the backlog of criminal cases caused by the pandemic, she made arrangements with the Sheriff for Charleston County for a temporary courtroom at the County jail, to hear bond matters. With this system, the detained did not need to be transported to the County courthouse but could be processed quickly and effectively.
She is well balanced and affable with the consummate judicial temperament. She is well regarded and liked by jurors and attorneys. She

respects her peers on the bench and has positive professional relationships with them. Her exceedingly strong qualifications are accompanied by her wonderful disposition.

The opinions in her letters of recommendation are universally shared by the legal community and all that know her. For her entire career, she has generously and tirelessly given her time to improve the community, volunteering for various causes and her church."

And:

"The Committee unanimously and enthusiastically supports her candidacy. She has every quality, professional and personal, to be an excellent Associate Justice. The Committee believes her experience and perspective would be invaluable in this position. The Committee has no doubt she would serve in a manner that would bring even more public admiration, appreciation, and trust to the Court as a whole."

Judge Jefferson is not married. She does not have any children.

Judge Jefferson reported that she was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:

(a) South Carolina Bar Association;
(b) Charleston County Bar Association;
(c) S.C. Association of Circuit Court Judges; Secretary 2010-2012; Vice President 2012-2014; President 2014-2016;
(d) S.C. Women Lawyers Association;
(e) S.C. Black Lawyers;
(f) S.C. Supreme Court Historical Society, Judicial Advisory Board;
(g) American Inns of Court Foundation.

Judge Jefferson provided that she was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:

(a) The Life Center Church, Charleston, S.C.
Trustee Ministry, 2001-present; Vision to Victory 2020-present;
(a) Charleston, SC Chapter of the Links, Inc.,1998-present Co-Chair
Services to Youth
2000-2001; Corresponding Secretary 2004-2006; Recording Secretary

2006-2007; Chair Bylaws Committee 2006-2007; 2019-2023;2014-present; Vice President 2007- 2009; President 2009-2013;

(c) Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., 1982-present;

(d) The Post and Courier Feature Article August 6, 2001;

(e) The Post and Courier "High Profile" Article May 7, 2005;

(f) "The Heritage List, 9 Dazzling Women of Spirit and Humility" Celebrate Your Heritage Magazine, Spring 2005;

(g) NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award 2003;

(h) Greater Charleston YWCA Lifetime Achievement Award 2004;

(i) Advisory Board Charleston School of Law 2002-present;

(j) Converse College Board of Trustees; 2002-2010; 2011- 2020;

Academic Affairs; Legal Affairs Sub-Committee; Enrollment & Marketing Committee; Student Affairs Committee; Investment Sub-Committee; Committee on Trustees;

(k) Founder's Day Speaker Converse College, April 24, 2003;

(l) South Carolina Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution 2002-2006, User Education Sub-Committee; 2018-present, Program and Technology Committee;

(m) Co-Chair 9th Circuit Courthouse Security Commission August 4, 2006-present;

(n) Associate Acting Justice South Carolina Supreme Court for the terms December 1, 2005 and June 10, 2004;

(o) Associate Acting Judge South Carolina Court of Appeals for the term June 19-13, 2003 during this term I sat En Banc with the Court, authored two (2) opinions and participated on seven (7) other panels/opinions;

(p) Designated as Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes for the 9th Circuit as follows: General Sessions July 1, 2002-January 5, 2003; Common Pleas January 6, 2003-January 3 2004; General Sessions January 4, 2004-July 3, 2004 and Common Pleas

January 1, 2006-December 30, 2006;General Sessions, Jan. 1-July 31, 2008, Common Pleas January 1, 2009-December 31, 2009; General Sessions, January 2011-December 30, 2011; and Common Pleas, January 1, 2012-December 30, 2013; General Sessions, January 3, 2016-July 1, 2017; Common Pleas(Charleston) January 1, 2017-June 30, 2018; Chief Judge for Administrative Purposes for the 14th Circuit January 5, 2020-January 2, 2021; Chief Administrative Judge General Sessions 9th Circuit, July 4, 2021-December 31, 2022; December 31, 2023-present;

(q) Assigned exclusive jurisdiction of the following cases by the Supreme Court: April 29, 2003 (2003-GS-47-000004) Statewide Grand Jury, State v. Bunker, et al.; December 2, 2003 (2001-CP-18-0074A) Boyd v. Nationwide; June 28, 2004 (2003-GS-38-02411-02413), State v. Levi Bing, Jr.; October 3, 2004 (2002-CP-15-00471 and 00494) Carter v. Steedley, et. al.; May 6, 2005 (2005-GS-22-00918) State v. Stephen C. Stanko; October 3, 2005 (1996-GS-32-30341) State v. Jeffrey L. Jones; March 7, 2006 (2004-CP-18-01951) Price v. Jones Ford, Inc.; October 5, 2007 State v. Broughton; (2006-GS-08-02164,02165,02182, 021830,2184 & 02185); September 20, 2010 (2004-CP-37-00834) Rhoades, et al.v. Kenyon, et al.; April 23, 2014, State vs Timothy D. Rogers (1993-GS-18-00101) (1993-GS-18-00101), Resentencing; May 20, 2016 (2016-GS-47-00002 and 2016-GS-47-00003) Statewide Grand Jury Case, State vs Emory Roberts, Justin Gordon Hunter, William Orlando Brown, Rosemary Quezada and Lassain Dixon Johnson; May 31, 2017 (1993-GS-10-00090,00091,00092) State vs Corey L. Sparkman; December 27, 2017 (2017-GS-47-00031 and 2017-GS-47-00050) Statewide Grand Jury Case, State vs Brantley D. Thomas, III (2018-GS-47-00031;2018-GS-47-00051;2018-GS-47-00027;2018-GS-47-00053;2018-GS-47-00054); March 1, 2024 1992-GS-10-01680 State vs Mark Hamilton;

(r) Nominated for the inaugural class of the Lowcountry Diversity Leadership Academy developed by the American Institute for Managing Diversity and the Richard W. Riley Institute of Government, Politics and Public Leadership at Furman (had to decline due to

the demands of the Court schedule), September 6, 2005;
(s) Nominated for the Lowcountry Diversity Leadership Academy (had to decline due to the demands of the Court Schedule), September 21, 2006;
(t) Invited by the National Judicial College to be a group discussion leader for the General Jurisdiction Course (had to decline due to the demands of the Court schedule, however, I have been asked to participate when the schedule will allow my participation), July 2006;
(u) Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission 2007-2016;
(v) S.C. Liberty Fellow-Class of 2009. 2007-present;
(w) Federal Court, Merit Selection Panel for Magistrate Judges, August 17, 2010;
(x) League of Women Voters of the Charleston Area Women of Distinction Award- August 26, 2010;
(y) Designated by Chief Justice Toal as state liaison to the National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, NCSC, 2003-present; Advisory Board 2013-2014; Board of Directors 2014-Present; Nominating Committee February 8, 2016-present;
(z) Supreme Court Docket Management Task Force, Common Pleas Reform Subcommittee, Rule 40/Status Conference Subcommittee,
February 17, 2011-present;
(ee) Appointed to the Supreme Court to the General Sessions Docket Committee (Langford Committee), January 7, 2014-present;
(ff) Circuit Court Judges Advisory Committee, June 24, 2014-present; Chairperson 2019-present; Moderator and Presenter New Judges Orientation School 2018-present;
(gg) Converse College "Celebrating Courage and Charting the Future: Commemorating 50 years of Black Women at Converse," Panel, February 9, 2018;
(hh) S.C. Circuit Court Judges Association; Secretary, August 17, 2010-2012;
Vice President, August 17, 2012- August 2014; President, August 2014-2016;
(ii) Access to Justice, Language Access Task Force of the South Carolina Access to Justice Commission, March 16, 2016;

(jj) 2024 CCJ/COSCA Southern Region Summit, Effective Criminal Case
Management in Pos-Pandemic World: A Leadership Summit for Courts and their Communities Liason, June 5-7, 2004.

Judge Jefferson further reported:

I served as law clerk to the Hon. Richard E. Fields of the Circuit Courts of South Carolina. During my time with him I had the unique opportunity to observe and participate in dozens of trials and hearings and observe a "master jurist." He taught me the importance of "people skills." I learned the role of judge is central to the lawyers and the litigant's perception that the system afforded them a fair trial/hearing. In addition, my legal research and writing skills were refined during this process. These skills were further refined during my time on the bench. I count myself fortunate to have found my vocation in life and attempt to walk worthy of that vocation. It is a rare privilege to have been allowed to serve the citizens of South Carolina as a Family Court Judge and Circuit Court Judge for the past twenty-eight (28) years. The last twenty-eight (28) years have been enjoyable, rewarding and intellectually challenging. I have learned much about the law and human nature. I was taught that the position of a judge should be a continual growth process. I believe that I have continuously grown in my judicial perspective. I still have the same enjoyment for my work as the day I began twenty-eight (28) years ago. The Circuit Court has one of the largest caseloads within the judicial system with over approximately four thousand (4000) filings per judge. I believe that I have been a productive member of the Court. My potential election to the Supreme Court will create the opportunity for continued intellectual growth while allowing my continued contribution to the court system and the welfare of this state.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Jefferson enjoys a reputation of being a hard working and diligent jurist who treats others with dignity and respect.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Jefferson qualified, but did not nominate her for election to Supreme Court, Seat 3.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024

The Honorable R. Keith Kelly
Supreme Court, Seat 3

Commission's Findings: QUALIFIED, BUT NOT NOMINATED

(1) Constitutional Qualifications:
Based on the Commission's investigation, Judge Kelly meets the qualifications prescribed by law for judicial service as a Supreme Court justice.

Judge Kelly was born in 1958. He is 65 years old and a resident of Spartanburg, South Carolina. Judge Kelly provided in his application that he has been a resident of South Carolina for at least the immediate past five years and has been a licensed attorney in South Carolina since 1988.

(2) Ethical Fitness:
The Commission's investigation did not reveal any evidence of unethical conduct by Judge Kelly.
Judge Kelly demonstrated an understanding of the Canons of Judicial Conduct and other ethical considerations important to judges, particularly in the areas of ex parte communications, acceptance of gifts and ordinary hospitality, and recusal.

Judge Kelly reported that he has not made any campaign expenditures.

Judge Kelly testified he has not:
(a) sought or received the pledge of any legislator prior to screening;
(b) sought or been offered a conditional pledge of support by a legislator;
(c) asked third persons to contact members of the General Assembly prior to screening.

Judge Kelly testified that he is aware of the Commission's 48-hour rule regarding the formal and informal release of the Screening Report.

(3) Professional and Academic Ability:
The Commission found Judge Kelly to be intelligent and knowledgeable.

Judge Kelly reported that he has taught the following law-related courses:

(a) I have made a presentation on Ethics to the SC Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers as a Circuit Judge.
(b) I have made a presentation on Access to Justice as a Circuit Judge.
(c) I have participated as a Circuit Judge on panels answering questions from lawyers.
(d) I have made presentations to members of the Bar at the annual Solicitor's Conference
Conference while serving as a member of the SC House Judiciary Committee.
(e) I have made presentations to members of the Bar at the annual Public Defender's Conference while serving as a member of the SC House Judiciary Committee.
(f) I have made presentations to members of the Bar at the annual Public Defender's Conference while serving as a member of the SC Sentencing Oversight Committee.
(g) I have spoken to school students on career days about law in general and described
our court system, both state and federal.
(h) I taught a class to law enforcement officers on prosecuting DUI cases while I was a lawyer.

Judge Kelly reported that he has not published any books or articles.

(4) Character:
The Commission's investigation of Judge Kelly did not reveal evidence of any founded grievances or criminal allegations made against him.

The Commission's investigation of Judge Kelly did not indicate any evidence of a troubled financial status. Judge Kelly has handled his financial affairs responsibly.
The Commission also noted that Judge Kelly was punctual and attentive in his dealings with the Commission, and the Commission's investigation did not reveal any problems with his diligence and industry.

(5) Reputation:
Judge Kelly reported that his rating by a legal rating organization, Martindale-Hubbell, is BV.

Judge Kelly reported the following military service:

16 May 1981 to 16 May 1984, US Army active duty, Honorable Discharge. 17 May to 29 August 1994 US Army Reserve, Honorable Discharge. Captain, no longer serving.

Judge Kelly reported that he has held the following public office:
(a) 2006-2010, SC House of Representatives, House District 35, elected.
(b) All reports were timely filed, no penalty.

(6) Physical Health:
Judge Kelly appears to be physically capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(7) Mental Stability:
Judge Kelly appears to be mentally capable of performing the duties of the office he seeks.

(8) Experience:
Judge Kelly was admitted to the South Carolina Bar in 1988.

He gave the following account of his legal experience since graduation from law school:
(a) Brooks Law Associates, Spartanburg, SC 1988-1999; General practice of law including criminal, civil and family law. No administrative or financial duties.
(b) R. Keith Kelly Law Firm, Spartanburg, SC 1999-2001; General practice of law including criminal, civil and family law. Solo practice with administrative and financial duties.
(c) Lister, Flynn and Kelly, PA, Spartanburg, SC 2001-2013; General practice of law including criminal, civil and family law. No administrative or financial duties.
(d) The South Carolina Judicial Department, Circuit Court Judge, 2013 to present. Preside over Common Pleas and General Sessions matters.
Judge Kelly reported the frequency of his court appearances during the past five years prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Federal: I have handled two federal court cases in the past five years
(b) State: I appear frequently in state court. These appearances likely average, on an annual basis, at least once per week, if not more, when court is in session.

Judge Kelly reported the percentage of his practice involving civil, criminal, domestic and other matters during the past five years prior to his service on the bench as follows:
(a) Civil: 20%;
(b) Criminal: 40%;
(c) Domestic: 40%;
(d) Other: 0%.

Judge Kelly reported the percentage of his practice in trial court during the past five years as follows:
At least 60%. This is an estimate; it has been over ten years since I practiced law.

The following is Judge Kelly's account of his five most significant litigated matters:
These cases were before I came to the bench in 2013.
(a) State v. Moore: death penalty case
(b) State v. Samples: death penalty case
(c) State v. Connor: death penalty case
(d) State v. Brown: death penalty case
(e) US v. Troy Rolle: interstate drug trafficking case

Judge Kelly reported that he has not handled any civil appeals.

The following is Judge Kelly's account of five criminal appeals he has personally handled:
These cases were before I came to the bench in 2013.
(a) State v. Moore: death penalty case
(b) State v. Samples: death penalty case
(c) State v. Connor: death penalty case
(d) State v. Brown: death penalty case
(e) US v. Troy Rolle: interstate drug trafficking case

Judge Kelly further reported that he has held the following judicial offices:
SC Circuit Court Judge, 2013-present. Elected by the General Assembly. The jurisdiction of the Circuit Court is defined by Article V, Section 11 of the SC Constitution and Title 14, Chapter 5 of the SC Code of Laws, as amended.

Judge Kelly provided the following list of his most significant orders or opinions:

(a) Catawba Indian Nation v. State of South Carolina, 407 S.C. 526, 765 SE2d 900 (2014). The Indian tribe brought a declaratory judgment action against the state to determine the effect of the Gambling Cruise Act on certain gambling rights. The Supreme Court held declaratory judgment action was not precluded by collateral estoppel; the action was not precluded by res judicata; but the Gambling Cruise Act did not authorize the tribe to offer video poker gambling on its reservation. I concurred in the opinion as an Acting Associate Justice.

(b) Garrard v. Charleston County School District, LLC, 439 S.C. 596 (2023). Members and coach of high school football team brought defamation action against newspaper that had published series of articles that included statements about members and coach in connection with controversial post-game ritual performed by team. The Supreme Court, Kittredge, Acting C.J., held that common law presumption of general damages did not apply, requiring members and coach to demonstrate actual injury. The members and coach were required to demonstrate actual injury attributable to articles; allegedly libelous statement involved issue of public controversy or concern and was published by a media defendant. Petitioners fell short on the element of damages. Because the allegedly libelous statement involved an issue of public controversy or concern and was published by a media defendant, the common law presumption of general damages did not apply, and it was incumbent on Petitioners to show actual injury attributable to Respondent's publications. I concurred in the opinion as an Acting Associate Justice.

(c) Garrison v. Target, 435 S.C. 566 (2022). Customers sued store for negligence, violation of Unfair Trade Practices Act, and loss of consortium after daughter picked up and was pricked by needle and syringe in store parking lot. The jury returned a verdict for Plaintiffs. The Court of Appeals held the statutory cap on punitive damages pursuant to section 15-32-530 constituted an affirmative defense that must be pled or else waived, and because Target failed to plead the cap, the Court held its application

was waived in this case. Target contended the Court of Appeals erred in holding it was required to plead the statutory cap on punitive damages pursuant to section 15-32-530 as an affirmative defense, and because Target did not do so, application of the damages cap was waived in this case. The Supreme Court agreed finding the statutory cap on punitive damages is neither an affirmative defense nor an avoidance because it does not affect liability or require new matter to be asserted but instead limits the amount of damages a plaintiff can recover.

(d) State v. Daniel Spade, 2016WL3670561, (2016). Defendant was charged with Criminal Sexual Conduct with a Minor, First Degree for forcing his then seven year old daughter to perform oral sex on him during non-custodial visitation. Defendant improperly struck juror 199 because she was a grandmother and later alleged due to her age. I ruled the strike unconstitutional based on gender because only females can be grandmothers and the "dual motivation doctrine did not cure the constitutional defect. Affirmed.

(e) West Anderson Water v. City of Anderson, 417 S.C. 496, 790 SE2d 204 (2016).

The Water District brought a declaratory action against the City to determine the proper service provider to supply water to Michelin's newly constructed facility. The Court affirmed my ruling determining the Water Sale and Purchase Agreement allowed the City to provide service to Michelin, enabling legislation authorized the local governing body to execute contracts extending past its members terms of office and there was no delegation of power by the district. Affirmed.

Judge Kelly reported no other employment while serving as a judge.

Judge Kelly reported the following regarding unsuccessful candidacies:
(a) 1991 SC Senate special election to fill unexpired term of Senator Horace Smith. I lost in the primary to a challenger.
(b) 2010 SC House of Representatives, District 35. I lost in the primary to a challenger.
(c) 1995 Family Court Judgeship. I withdrew from consideration.
(d) 1998 Family Court Judgeship. I withdrew from consideration.
(e) 2010 US Magistrate. I was not selected.
(f) 2016 Supreme Court. I withdrew from consideration.

(9) Judicial Temperament:
The Commission believes that Judge Kelly's temperament has been, and would continue to be, excellent.

(10) Miscellaneous:
The Upstate Citizens Committee reported Judge Kelly to be "Well-Qualified" as to the evaluative criteria of ethical fitness, professional and academic ability, character, reputation, experience, and judicial temperament; and "Qualified" in the evaluative criteria of constitutional qualifications, physical health, and mental stability. The Committee included the following comment: "Judge Kelly is an outstanding jurist. He has an outstanding reputation and is well liked by all!"

Judge Kelly is married to Cynthia Gail Jackson Kelly. He has three children.

Judge Kelly reported that he was a member of the following Bar and professional associations:
(a) South Carolina Bar Association
(b) South Carolina Circuit Court Judges Association
(c) Cherokee County Bar Association
(d) Spartanburg County Bar Association
(e) South Carolina Supreme Court Historical Society

Judge Kelly provided that he was a member of the following civic, charitable, educational, social, or fraternal organizations:
(a) Trinity United Methodist Church, Spartanburg, SC
(b) The Supreme Court Historical Society
(c) Spartanburg Downtown Rotary Club (Paul Harris Plus Seven)
(d) Rotary Paul Harris Society
(e) Spartanburg Pilots Association, former board member
(f) Woodruff Investment Club
(g) The Peachtree Project (former member)

Judge Kelly further reported:
I respectfully submit that my work ethic is one of my strong suits. I worked to pay my way through college and law school. I repaid all student loans timely, and I applied myself to the practice of law and representing clients with the same work ethic. I applied myself and that same work ethic while serving our state as a Circuit Court Judge. And, I

will continue to apply that same work ethic to cases before the Supreme Court.

(11) Commission Members' Comments:
The Commission commented that Judge Kelly enjoys a well-deserved, fantastic reputation in the legal community. They expressed appreciation for his excellent temperament and his commitment to punctuality in the courtroom.

(12) Conclusion:
The Commission found Judge Kelly qualified, but did not nominate him to serve as Supreme Court, Seat 3.

CONCLUSION

The Judicial Merit Screening Commission found the following candidates QUALIFIED AND NOMINATED:

SUPREME COURT
SEAT 3 The Honorable Blake A. Hewitt
The Honorable Jocelyn Newman
The Honorable Letitia H. Verdin

Respectfully submitted,
/s/Sen. Luke A. Rankin /s/Rep. Micajah P. "Micah" Caskey IV
/s/Sen. Ronnie A. Sabb /s/Rep. J. Todd Rutherford
/s/Rep. Scott Talley /s/Rep. Wallace H. "Jay" Jordan, Jr.
/s/Ms. Hope Blackley /s/Mr. Andrew N. Safran
/s/Mr. J.P. "Pete" Strom, Jr. /s/Ms. Lucy Grey McIver

APPENDIX

Report from the South Carolina Bar Judicial Qualifications Committee

The Honorable Ralph K. Anderson III
Supreme Court, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The

Honorable Ralph K. Anderson, III's candidacy for the Supreme Court, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Jocelyn Newman
Supreme Court, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Jocelyn Newman's candidacy for the Supreme Court, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Letitia H. Verdin
Supreme Court, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Letitia H. Verdin's candidacy for the Supreme Court, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	Well-Qualified
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable R. Keith Kelly
Supreme Court, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable R. Keith Kelly's candidacy for the Supreme Court, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	Well-Qualified
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Blake A. Hewitt
Supreme Court, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Blake A. Hewitt's candidacy for the Supreme Court, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Well-Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Well-Qualified
Character	Well-Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Well-Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Well-Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Well-Qualified

The Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson
Supreme Court, Seat 3

The South Carolina Bar's Judicial Qualifications Committee reports that the collective opinion of those Bar members surveyed regarding The Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson's candidacy for the Supreme Court, Seat 3, is as follows:

Overall	**Qualified**
Constitutional Qualifications	Qualified
Physical Health	Qualified
Mental Stability	Qualified
Ethical Fitness	Qualified
Character	Qualified
Professional and Academic Ability	Qualified
Experience	Well-Qualified
Reputation	Qualified
Judicial Temperament	Qualified

Received as information.

COMMUNICATION

The following was received:

June 3, 2024
The Honorable Charles F. Reid, Clerk
House of Representatives
Post Office Box 11867 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Dear Mr. Reid:

Enclosed, please find the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control's (Department) designation of 1-(2- methyl-4-(3- phenylprop-2-en-1-yl)piperazin-1- yl)butan-1-one (commonly known as 2-methyl AP–237), including its optical and geometric isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation, in Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act. The Board has taken this action at its meeting on April 11, 2024, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), which authorizes the Department to designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance.

On March 15, 2024, the U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) issued a scheduling order placing 1-(2-methyl-4-(3- phenylprop-2-en-1-yl)piperazin-1- yl)butan-1-one (commonly known as 2- methyl AP–237), including its optical and geometric isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substances Act. Federal Register, Volume 89, Number 52, pp. 18793-18796; https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2024-03-15/pdf/2024-05543.pdf. The Board subsequently signed an order at its April 11, 2024, meeting in compliance with the federal order. *See attached.*

The Department makes this notification in accordance with S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), which requires the Department to notify the General Assembly of an addition of a controlled substance in conformity with federal law. Schedule I controlled substances are found in S.C. Code Section 44-53-190.

As required by law, the enclosed Board Order has been posted on the agency website. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Sincerely,
M. Denise Crawford
Enclosure

SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

Placement of 2-Methyl AP-237 in Schedule I for Controlled Substances

WHEREAS, pursuant to S.C. Code Section 44-53-160(C), the S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control (Board) shall designate a substance as a controlled substance by scheduling it in accordance with an order effecting federal scheduling as a controlled substance;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Dmg Enforcement Administration ("DEA"), issued a final rule placing 1-(2-methyl-4-(3- phenylprop-2-en-1-yl)piperazin-l-yl)butan-1-one (commonly known as 2- methyl AP-237), including its optical and geometric isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation, in schedule I of the federal Controlled Substance Act, effective April 15, 2024. F.R. Volume 89, Number 52, pp. 18793-18796;

WHEREAS, in order to meet the United States' obligations under the Single Convention and because 2-methyl AP-237 has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States, the DEA Administrator has determined that 2-methyl AP-237, including its optical and geometric isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers, whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation, should be placed in schedule I of the CSA; and

THEREFORE, the Board of Health and Environmental Control adopts the federal scheduling of 2- methyl AP- 237 and amends Section 44-53-190 by adding and designating into Schedule I of the South Carolina Controlled Substances Act: l-(2-methyl-4-(3- phenylprop-2-en-l-yl)piperazin-l-yl)butan-l-one (commonly known as 2- methyl AP-237), including its optical and geometric isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers whenever the existence of such

isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible within the specific chemical designation.

Seema Shrivastava-Patel, Chairwoman
S.C. Board of Health and Environmental Control
April 11, 2024
Columbia, South Carolina

Received as information.

R. 212, H. 4248--ORDERED PRINTED IN THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER ordered the following Veto printed in the Journal:

May 21, 2024
The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives
State House, Second Floor
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

I am hereby vetoing and returning without my approval R-212, H. 4248, which seeks to authorize conditional discharge for first time offenders charged with selling beer, wine, or alcoholic liquors to underage persons and to allow for the expungement of related records. Although I appreciate the underlying aims of H. 4248 and the well-intentioned efforts of its sponsors, for the reasons set forth below, I am compelled to veto this legislation.

As l have emphasized in vetoing numerous other expungement-related proposals, both in the current legislative session and in previous years. I believe in the Rule of Law, but I also believe in grace, and I recognize the challenges that individuals with criminal records face when applying for jobs. To these ends, second chances should be freely given when individuals have made mistakes and paid their debts to society; however, criminal history, like all history, should not be erased. Rather, compassion should be informed by fact and should not be forced upon unwitting prospective employers and other interested parties.

An individual's criminal history can be instructive, but it need not be destructive. When complicated, one's criminal history can be contextualized and considered in light of the totality of the circumstances. Otherwise, as Governor Haley similarly noted in

vetoing expungement legislation in 2012, "[t]he result would be businesses and communities being unfairly deprived of the ability to be informed about the criminal histories of those caring for our children, minding our cash registers, and installing ou[r] alarm systems.'· Accordingly, I am unwilling to sign legislation that effectively encourages an individual (and employee) to fail to acknowledge-or to consciously omit information about-having been previously charged with (and pleaded guilty to or been found guilty of) selling beer, wine, or alcoholic liquors to underage persons. Indeed, H. 4248 expressly and proactively sanctions such conduct in most circumstances. *See* R-212, H. 4248, §§ 1, 2 ('·No person as to whom the [conditional discharge order has been entered may be held pursuant to another provision of law to be guilty of perjury or otherwise giving a false statement by reason of his failure to recite or acknowledge the arrest, or indictment or information, or trial in response to an inquiry made of him for any purpose, except when the person is providing sworn statements or giving testimony under oath.").

For the foregoing reasons, I am respectfully vetoing R-212, H. 4248 and returning the same without my signature.

Yours very truly,
Henry McMaster

REGULATIONS RECEIVED

The following were received and referred to the appropriate committee for consideration:

Document No. 5267
Agency: Public Service Commission
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 58-3-140, 58-9-720, and 58-9-810
Article 6, Telecommunications Utilities
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
May 22, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration September 19, 2024

Document No. 5242
Agency: Public Service Commission

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 58-3-140, 58-23-590, 58-23-1010,
58-23-1070, and 58-23-1130
Article 2, Motor Carriers
Received by Speaker of the House of Representatives
May 24, 2024
Referred to Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee
Legislative Review Expiration September 21, 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that Senator Malloy has replaced Senator Hutto on the Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on:

H. 4187 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Haddon, Mitchell, Yow, Chapman, Gagnon, Ligon, O'Neal, B. Newton, Sessions, Felder, Blackwell, Oremus and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES.

Very Respectfully,
President
Received as information.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5565 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter,

Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF BLAINE ALAN VARNER OF SUMTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5566 -- Reps. Stavrinakis, Cobb-Hunter, Wetmore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith,

M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPUTY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE ASHELY TEASDEL ON BEING NAMED THE 2024 CHARLESTON WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE (CWIT) WOMAN OF THE YEAR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5567 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DONALD W. BEATTY, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Cromer	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gatch	Gibson	Gilliam
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henderson-Myers
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore

Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total Present--111

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. B. J. COX a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WHITE a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HYDE a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CONNELL a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. BAMBERG a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HENEGAN a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

In accordance with House Rule 5.2 below:

"5.2 Every bill before presentation shall have its title endorsed; every report, its title at length; every petition, memorial, or other paper, its prayer or substance; and, in every instance, the name of the member presenting any paper shall be endorsed and the papers shall be presented by the member to the Speaker at the desk. A member may add his name to a bill or resolution or a co-sponsor of a bill or resolution may remove his name at any time prior to the bill or resolution receiving passage on second reading. The member or co-sponsor shall notify the Clerk of the House in writing of his desire to have his name added or removed from the bill or resolution. The Clerk of the House shall print the member's or

co-sponsor's written notification in the House Journal. The removal or addition of a name does not apply to a bill or resolution sponsored by a committee."

CO-SPONSORS ADDED

Bill Number:	H. 3127
Date:	ADD:
06/05/24	MAGNUSON and HARRIS

HOUSE STANDS AT EASE

The House stood at ease subject to the call of the Chair.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 11:59 a.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

JOINT ASSEMBLY

At 12:00 noon, the Senate appeared in the Hall of the House. The President of the Senate called the Joint Assembly to order and announced that it had convened under the terms of a Concurrent Resolution adopted by both Houses.

ELECTION OF A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE, SEAT 3

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were in order for a Supreme Court Justice, Seat 3.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, stated that the following candidates had been screened and found qualified: The Honorable Blake A. Hewitt, The Honorable Jocelyn Newman, and The Honorable Letitia Verdin.

Sen. Rankin, on behalf of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, stated that the Honorable Jocelyn Newman and the Honorable Blake A. Hewitt had withdrawn from the race, and placed the name of the remaining candidate, the Honorable Letitia Verdin, in nomination.

On the motion of Sen. Rankin, nominations were closed and the Joint Assembly proceeded to a vote.

The Reading Clerk of the Senate called the roll of the Senate, and the Senators voted *viva voce* as their names were called.

The following named Senators voted for The Honorable Letitia H. Verdin:

Adams	Alexander	Allen
Bennett	Campsen	Cash
Climer	Corbin	Cromer
Davis	Devine	Fanning
Gambrell	Garrett	Goldfinch
Grooms	Gustafson	Harpootlian
Hembree	Hutto	Jackson
Johnson, Kevin	*Johnson, Michael*	Kimbrell
Loftis	Malloy	Martin
Massey	Matthews	McLeod
Peeler	Rankin	Reichenbach
Rice	Sabb	Setzler
Shealy	Stephens	Talley
Tedder	Turner	Verdin
Williams	Young	

Total--44

On the motion of Rep. HIOTT, with unanimous consent, the members of the House voted by electronic roll call.

The following named Representatives voted for The Honorable Letitia H. Verdin:

Alexander	Anderson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Carter	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Cobb-Hunter
Collins	B. L. Cox	Cromer
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gatch
Gibson	Gilliam	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henderson-Myers	Herbkersman

Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
B. Newton	W. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Thigpen	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wetmore
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--108

RECAPITULATION

Total number of Senators voting.....44
Total number of Representatives voting 108
Grand Total 152
Necessary to a choice.....0
Of which The Honorable Letitia H. Verdin received 152

Whereupon, the PRESIDENT announced that the Honorable Letitia Verdin was duly elected for the term prescribed by law.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to traffic, I missed the vote to elect the Supreme Court, Seat 3 Justice. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of electing the Honorable Letitia H. Verdin to the South Carolina Supreme Court.

Rep. Heather Crawford

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 12:18 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

Rep. HIOTT moved that the House do now adjourn, pursuant to the Sine Die Resolution, which was agreed to.

RATIFICATION OF ACTS FOR MAY 15, 2024

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on May 15, 2024, at 12:00 Noon and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified:

(R. 177, S. 112) -- Senators Allen, Hembree and Shealy: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 34-11-90, RELATING TO JURISDICTION FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING CHECKS AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A METHOD TO EXPUNGE CONVICTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 17-22-910, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR EXPUNGEMENT, SO AS TO ADD MULTIPLE MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES OF CHECK FRAUD TO THOSE OFFENSES ELIGIBLE FOR EXPUNGEMENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 17-1-43, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DESTRUCTION OF ARREST RECORDS OF PERSONS MADE AS A RESULT OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

(R. 178, S. 125) -- Senators Hembree, Turner, Young, Setzler, Fanning and Climer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-15, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL LIFE SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS MAJORS, SO AS TO EXTEND STIPEND AVAILABILITY TO EDUCATION MAJORS, TO DEFINE EDUCATION MAJORS AND REDEFINE SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS MAJORS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND OTHER REVISIONS, TO PROVIDE EDUCATION MAJOR STIPEND RECIPIENTS MUST CONTRACTUALLY AGREE TO TEACH IN SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CERTAIN PERIODS OF TIME, AND TO PROVIDE GRANDFATHER PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN EXISTING STIPEND RECIPIENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-25, RELATING TO ADDITIONAL PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP STIPENDS FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

MAJORS, SO AS TO EXTEND STIPEND AVAILABILITY TO EDUCATION MAJORS, TO DEFINE EDUCATION MAJORS AND REDEFINE SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS MAJORS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES AND OTHER REVISIONS, TO PROVIDE EDUCATION MAJOR STIPEND RECIPIENTS MUST CONTRACTUALLY AGREE TO TEACH IN SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR CERTAIN PERIODS OF TIME, AND TO PROVIDE GRANDFATHER PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN EXISTING STIPEND RECIPIENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-149-50, RELATING TO LIFE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ACT TEST AS AN OPTION FOR ELIGIBILITY, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL DETERMINE THE MINIMUM QUALIFYING ACT SCORE, TO PROVIDE THIS MINIMUM QUALIFYING SCORE MUST BE THE EQUIVALENT OF THE MINIMUM QUALIFYING SAT SCORE, TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION PERIODICALLY SHALL ADJUST THESE MINIMUM QUALIFYING SCORES COMMENSURATE WITH SCORING SCALE ADJUSTMENTS MADE BY THE TESTING PROVIDER, AND TO PROVIDE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITIES MUST CONSIDER THE MINIMUM SCORING REQUIREMENT IN EFFECT AT THE TIME A TEST IS TAKEN WHEN DETERMINING WHETHER AN INDIVIDUAL SATISFIES THE MINIMUM SCORING REQUIREMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-104-20, RELATING TO THE DURATION OF PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WHO USE PALMETTO FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND ELIGIBLE TWO YEAR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING SHALL RECEIVE A MAXIMUM OF FOUR CONTINUOUS SEMESTERS AND MAY CONTINUE TO USE SCHOLARSHIPS TO ATTEND AN ELIGIBLE FOUR YEAR INSTITUTION, SUBJECT TO THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTERS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP.

(R. 179, S. 207) -- Senator Fanning: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 22 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 57 SO AS TO CREATE THE PIEDMONT GATEWAY SCENIC BYWAY AND TO IDENTIFY THE THREE SEGMENTS THAT COMPRISE THE BYWAY.

(R. 180, S. 241) -- Senators Garrett and Gambrell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 84 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF GENETIC COUNSELORS, TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD OF GENETIC COUNSELORS, TO PROVIDE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE OF GENETIC COUNSELORS, TO PROVIDE RELATED DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS AND IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJUSTMENT OF VARIOUS RELATED FEES, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITATIONS.

(R. 181, S. 408) -- Senators Shealy and McLeod: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-250, RELATING TO THE LICENSURE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND LICENSED PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION IN SUICIDE ASSESSMENT, TREATMENT, AND MANAGEMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-540, RELATING TO REGULATIONS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND LICENSED PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION IN SUICIDE ASSESSMENT, TREATMENT, AND MANAGEMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-63-250, RELATING TO THE LICENSURE OF SOCIAL WORKERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION IN SUICIDE ASSESSMENT, TREATMENT, AND MANAGEMENT.

(R. 182, S. 434) -- Senator Alexander: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 38-78-55 AND 37-6-120 BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO AUTOMATIC RENEWAL PROVISION IN A SERVICE CONTRACT IS ENFORCEABLE UNLESS CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET;

AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 38-78-20 AND 37-1-301, BOTH RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS.

(R. 183, S. 445) -- Senators Garrett and Matthews: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 49, TITLE 44 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES TO APPROVE A CREDENTIALING ENTITY TO DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR RECOVERY HOUSING; TO REQUIRE THE APPROVED CREDENTIALING ENTITY TO ESTABLISH RECOVERY HOUSING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES BASED UPON NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED QUALITY STANDARDS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 49 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

(R. 184, S. 455) -- Senator Verdin: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-29-230, RELATING TO TESTING REQUIRED WHEN A HEALTH CARE WORKER IS EXPOSED TO BLOODBORNE DISEASE, SO AS TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO PHYSICIAN WITH HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, TO INCLUDE DENTISTS IN THE DEFINITION OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AND TO ADD HEPATITIS C TO THE LIST OF BLOODBORNE DISEASES.

(R. 185, S. 557) -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Kimbrell, Adams, Rice, Rankin, Reichenbach, Young, Loftis, Climer, Garrett, Alexander, Campsen and Gustafson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.

(R. 186, S. 558) -- Senators Verdin and Senn: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-31-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE FOR THE TUBERCULOSIS TESTING OF APPLICANT RESIDENTS AND NEWLY ADMITTED RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES

AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES IN THIS STATE.

(R. 187, S. 610) -- Senators Cromer, Shealy and Climer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS FOR THE COMPACT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-220, RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS.

(R. 188, S. 700) -- Senator Davis: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES PROVIDERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS.

(R. 189, S. 728) -- Senator Gustafson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197, RELATING TO THE "FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN", SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION OF "FIREFIGHTER" SHALL INCLUDE NONRESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHO WORK IN THE STATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PLAN PROVIDES A SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE POLICY UPON A FIREFIGHTER BEING DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2021.

(R. 190, S. 858) -- Senators Davis, Garrett, Kimbrell, Setzler and Malloy: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-130, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE FACILITY LICENSURE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME"; BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-170, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-267 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL

CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR LICENSING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-69-75, RELATING TO HOME HEALTH AGENCIES, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

(R. 191, S. 881) -- Senators M. Johnson, McLeod, Devine and Rankin: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 28 TO TITLE 27 SO AS TO ENACT THE "PROHIBITION OF UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS ACT"; AND TO MAKE THE PROHIBITIONS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY UNFAIR REAL ESTATE SERVICE AGREEMENTS THAT ARE RECORDED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT OR THAT ARE EXECUTED, MODIFIED, EXTENDED, OR AMENDED ON OR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT.

(R. 192, S. 962) -- Senator Cromer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-71-2330, RELATING TO DUTIES OF PHARMACY SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT THAT PHARMACY SERVICE ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATIONS MUST ACT AS FIDUCIARIES TO PHARMACIES.

(R. 193, S. 968) -- Senators Peeler and Rankin: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-80, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR DRIVER'S LICENSES OR PERMITS, SO AS TO ALLOW APPLICANTS TO VOLUNTARILY DISCLOSE THEIR BLOOD TYPES, ALLOW THEIR BLOOD TYPES TO BE DISCLOSED ON DRIVER'S LICENSES AND PERMITS, AND TO PROVIDE NO CAUSE OF ACTION MAY ARISE NOR LIABILITY BE IMPOSED ON CERTAIN PERSONS WHEN INACCURATE BLOOD TYPES ARE INDICATED ON DRIVER'S LICENSES AND PERMITS.

(R. 194, S. 974) -- Senator Bennett: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 59-104-20, 59-149-10, AND 59-150-370, ALL RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "PUBLIC OR INDEPENDENT INSTITUTION" FOR PURPOSES OF THE PALMETTO FELLOWS

SCHOLARSHIPS, THE LEGISLATIVE INCENTIVES FOR FUTURE EXCELLENCE (LIFE) SCHOLARSHIPS, AND THE SC HOPE SCHOLARSHIPS, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO ADD NOT FOR PROFIT INSTITUTIONS ACCREDITED BY THE ACCREDITING COMMISSION OF CAREER SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES TO THE DEFINITION.

(R. 195, S. 1001) -- Senator Martin: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-430, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF INMATE LABOR IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO INMATE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM MAY EARN LESS THAN THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE.

(R. 196, S. 1005) -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1320, RELATING TO MOTOR RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE WILLIAM C. BOWEN, SO AS TO PROHIBIT BOATS, WATERCRAFTS, OR OTHER TYPES OF VESSELS POWERED BY AN OUTDRIVE OR INBOARD MOTOR HAVING AN ENGINE AUTOMOTIVE HORSEPOWER RATING IN EXCESS OF TWO HUNDRED HORSEPOWER AND THAT PERSONAL WATERCRAFT MAY NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED NINETY HORSEPOWER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1350, RELATING TO WATER SKIING AND TOWING RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE WILLIAM C. BOWEN, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, SPECIALTY PROPCRAFT, OR VESSELS IN EXCESS OF IDLE SPEED WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FEET OF A WHARF, DOCK, BULKHEAD, OR PIER OR WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF A MOORED OR ANCHORED VESSEL OR PERSON IN THE WATER.
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(R. 197, S. 1021) -- Senators Davis, Matthews and Campsen: AN ACT TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT TO 2035; TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO THE ABANDONED BUILDINGS TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE MAXIMUM TAX CREDIT THAT MAY BE

EARNED; AND BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT EQUAL TO FIFTY PERCENT OF AN ELIGIBLE TAXPAYER'S QUALIFIED RAILROAD RECONSTRUCTION OR REPLACEMENT EXPENDITURES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TAX CREDIT.

(R. 198, S. 1051) -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1330, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE H. TAYLOR BLALOCK, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HUNTING OF WATERFOWL FOR FIVE YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-675, RELATING TO NONGAME FISHING DEVICES OR GEAR PERMITTED IN CERTAIN BODIES OF WATER, SO AS TO PERMIT HOOP NETS IN THE CONGAREE RIVER AND THE UPPER REACH OF THE SANTEE RIVER.

(R. 199, S. 1099) -- Senator Verdin: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-360, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LAURENS COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.

(R. 200, S. 1166) -- Senators Tedder, Stephens and Rice: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-1-65, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CONVICTIONS FOR THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS THAT OCCURRED BEFORE THE ENACTMENT OF THE S.C. CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE MUST DISMISS CERTAIN PENDING UNLAWFUL HANDGUN POSSESSION CHARGES THAT OCCURRED PRIOR TO THIS ACT, TO PROVIDE THE DISMISSAL OF THESE CHARGES DOES NOT MANDATE THE DISMISSAL OF

OTHER RELATED CHARGES OR MAY SERVE AS A BASIS OR SUPPORT FOR CIVIL ACTIONS DUE TO THE ARREST.

(R. 201, S. 1188) -- Senators Tedder and Hembree: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-240, RELATING TO EXPULSION FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIREMENTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF THE PUPIL.

(R. 202, S. 1292) -- Senator Massey: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 595 OF 1992, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE EDGEFIELD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THE SEVEN SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH THE TRUSTEES ARE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS IN 2024, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE ELECTION DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION PERTAINING TO THE REAPPORTIONED ELECTION DISTRICTS.

(R. 203, H. 3220) -- Reps. W. Newton, Carter, Mitchell, Haddon, Pope, Chumley and Caskey: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 15, TITLE 63 SO AS TO ENACT THE “UNIFORM CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT”, TO PROVIDE A LEGAL MECHANISM TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM CREDIBLE RISKS OF ABDUCTION RELATED TO LEGAL CUSTODY OR VISITATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-2340, 63-7-2345, 63-7-2350, 63-13-50, 63-13-60, 63-13-190, 63-13-420, 63-13-430, 63-13-620, 63-13-630, 63-13-820, 63-13-830, 63-13-1010, AND 63-11-70, RELATING TO FINGERPRINT REVIEWS AND BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIREMENTS FOR FOSTER PARENTS, ADOPTIVE PARENTS, CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE WORKERS, OTHER CHILD WELFARE EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEERS, GROUP CHILDCARE HOMES, FAMILY CHLDCARE HOMES, AND RELIGIOUS CHILDCARE CENTERS, AMONG OTHERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FINGERPRINT-BASED BACKGROUND CHECKS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

(R. 204, H. 3278) -- Reps. West, Ligon and Sandifer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-10, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD, SO AS TO MODIFY THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS AND MODIFY EXISTING DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 40-60-30, 40-60-31, AND 40-60-33, ALL RELATING TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MODIFY EXEMPTIONS, REVISE, AND PROVIDE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND ACCEPTABLE EQUIVALENCIES FOR APPRENTICE APPRAISERS, AND TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSED MASS APPRAISERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-34, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO APPRENTICE APPRAISERS AND APPRAISER SUPERVISING APPRENTICES, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-35, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO IMPOSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UPON LICENSEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-36, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF COURSES, EDUCATIONAL PROVIDERS, AND INSTRUCTORS, SO AS TO IMPOSE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UPON PROVIDERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-37, RELATING TO RECIPROCAL APPLICATIONS FROM APPRAISERS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CORRECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-40, RELATING TO REQUIRED APPRAISER CONTACT INFORMATION, SO AS TO INCLUDE EMAIL ADDRESSES OF LICENSEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-50, RELATING TO APPLICATION AND LICENSE FEES, SO AS TO OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-70, RELATING TO THE CODE OF ETHICS, SO AS TO REQUIRE APPRAISERS TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH A CODE OF ETHICS AS ESTABLISHED IN THE UNIFORM STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL PRACTICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-80, RELATING TO INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AND VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO DECLINE TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY

AMENDING SECTION 40-60-110, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR DENYING LICENSURE OR TAKING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE REFERENCES TO PERMITS AND PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-220, RELATING TO THE CONTINUATION OF EXISTING LICENSES, SO AS TO REFERENCE PEOPLE CREDENTIALED IN THIS STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-320, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF APPRAISAL PANEL; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-330, RELATING TO REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING CERTAIN FINANCIAL INFORMATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-340, RELATING TO EXCLUSIONS FROM REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE REGULATION BY THE OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER GENERAL, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-350, RELATING TO RENEWAL OF REGISTRATIONS, SO AS TO MODIFY THE RENEWAL FREQUENCY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-360, RELATING TO PROMULGATION OF REGULATIONS, SO AS TO SPECIFY REQUIRED REGULATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-370, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR OWNERS OF APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES in which AN APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANY SHALL NOT BE REGISTERED IN THIS STATE OR INCLUDED ON THE NATIONAL REGISTRY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-400, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OR LICENSURE REQUIRED FOR EMPLOYEES AND INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO THE UNIFORM STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL APPRAISALS PRACTICE STANDARDS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-420, RELATING TO RECORD-KEEPING REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION RENEWAL, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING RECORDS THAT APPRAISAL MANAGEMENT COMPANIES MUST PROVIDE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-450, RELATING TO COMPENSATION, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABLE GOVERNING FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

(R. 205, H. 3313) -- Rep. Jordan: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5-10, RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES OF

A REGISTER OF DEEDS, SO AS TO ADD FLORENCE COUNTY TO THE COUNTIES EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT THESE DUTIES BE PERFORMED BY THE CLERK OF COURT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5-12, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES, SO AS TO ADD FLORENCE COUNTY TO THE COUNTIES WHERE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY APPOINTS THE REGISTER OF DEEDS.

(R. 206, H. 3424) -- Reps. T. Moore, Carter, McCravy, Lawson, Beach, Pope, Nutt, Oremus, Vaughan, Long, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Kilmartin, Cromer, O'Neal, Yow, Gilliam, W. Newton, Guest, Schuessler, Moss, Magnuson, Harris, Pace, Brittain, Bailey, Robbins, Sessions, Ligon, Felder, B.L. Cox, Guffey, Bradley, Murphy, Brewer, Connell, Hiott, Mitchell, Hager, Erickson, B.J. Cox, Blackwell, Wooten, Ballentine, Hyde, Wheeler, Calhoon, M.M. Smith, Davis, B. Newton, Elliott, Forrest, Willis, Hixon, Taylor, J.E. Johnson, Chapman and Ott: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-310 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A COMMERCIAL ENTITY THAT PUBLISHES CERTAIN OBSCENE MATERIAL ONLINE MAY BE HELD LIABLE FOR CERTAIN DAMAGES, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A COMMERCIAL ENTITY TO MAKE A PORNOGRAPHIC WEBSITE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY SEEK INJUNCTIVE AND OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF.

(R. 207, H. 3682) -- Reps. Murphy, Wetmore, Bailey, Rose, Crawford, Brewer, Taylor, Hardee, Wooten, Pope, McDaniel, Hewitt, Bauer, Yow, J.E. Johnson, Willis, Ligon, Lawson, Robbins, Schuessler, Guest, Henegan, Williams, M.M. Smith and Vaughan: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 47-1-140, RELATING TO THE CARE OF ANIMALS AFTER THE ARREST OF THE OWNER, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS REGARDING A LIEN ON THE SEIZED ANIMAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-1-145, RELATING TO CUSTODY AND CARE OF ANIMALS AFTER THE ARREST OF THE OWNER, SO AS TO OUTLINE HEARING PROCEDURES FOR ORDERING THE COST OF CARE OF THE SEIZED ANIMALS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 47-1-170, RELATING TO

PENALTIES FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

(R. 208, H. 3748) -- Reps. Caskey, Wooten, Wetmore, Hartnett, Erickson, W. Newton, Pope, Robbins, Mitchell and Yow: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-680, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL ALTERATION OR REMOVAL OF BOUNDARY LANDMARKS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE SECTION PROHIBITS MALICIOUSLY OR FRAUDULENTLY ALTERING, DESTROYING, OR REMOVING ANY GEODETIC CONTROL MONUMENTS OR PROPERTY CORNER MONUMENTS, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO ALLOW RESTITUTION TO BE REQUIRED AS PART OF A PERSON'S SENTENCE FOR A CONVICTION UNDER THIS SECTION.

(R. 209, H. 3776) -- Reps. Bannister, Bamberg, Caskey, Collins, Connell, Elliott, Garvin, Gatch, Guest, Hager, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Hyde, J.E. Johnson, Jordan, McCabe, McCravy, Mitchell, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Stavrinakis, T. Moore, Tedder, W. Newton, Weeks, Wetmore and Wheeler: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 14-5-130 RELATING TO JUDGES ABSENTING THEMSELVES FROM THE STATE.

(R. 210, H. 3934) -- Rep. Hixon: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-1625, RELATING TO FEDERAL DEFENSE FACILITIES DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD CERTAIN INSTALLATIONS TO THE DEFINITION OF "FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS".

(R. 211, H. 4234) -- Reps. W. Newton, Bernstein and Mitchell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "SUPPORTS AND ASSISTANCE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-103, RELATING TO FACILITY OF PAYMENT OR DELIVERY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE NATURE OF THE FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLAR THRESHOLD; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-106, RELATING TO DUTIES OF GUARDIANS AD LITEM, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LENGTH OF TIME THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM HAS TO SUBMIT

HIS REPORT PRIOR TO THE HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-108, RELATING TO EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY ORDERS AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 62-5-303, 62-5-303A, 62-5-303B, 62-5-303C, AND 62-5-303D, ALL RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR COURT APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-307, RELATING TO INFORMAL REQUESTS FOR RELIEF, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE WARD'S ABILITY TO SUBMIT CERTAIN REQUESTS TO THE COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-401, RELATING TO VENUES, SO AS TO CLARIFY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT, IN THE CASE OF MINOR CONSERVATORSHIPS, PROPER VENUE IS THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MINOR RESIDES OR OWNS PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403A, RELATING TO SERVICE OF SUMMONS AND PETITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN OTHER AFFIDAVITS AND REPORTS AMONG THOSE THAT MUST BE FILED WITH THE PETITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403B, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL AND GUARDIANS, SO AS TO APPOINT NURSE PRACTITIONERS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, NURSES, AND PSYCHOLOGISTS TO SERVE AS EXAMINERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403C, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND WAIVERS, SO AS TO REVISE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CERTAIN PROCEDURES IF NO PARTY REQUESTS A HEARING OR IF THE ALLEGED INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL WAIVES HIS RIGHT TO A HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-405, RELATING TO PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN ACTS THAT MAY BE PERFORMED BY CONSERVATORS AND SPECIAL CONSERVATORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-422, RELATING TO POWERS OF CONSERVATORS IN ADMINISTRATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-426, RELATING TO CLAIMS AGAINST PROTECTED PERSONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE CLAIMANT ALSO MUST FILE A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE CLAIM WITH THE PROBATE COURT IN WHICH THE CONSERVATORSHIP IS UNDER ADMINISTRATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-428, RELATING TO ACTIONS FOR

REQUESTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE APPOINTMENT, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REVISE CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT THE COURT MAY TAKE AFTER THE TIME FOR RESPONSE TO THE PETITION HAS ELAPSED TO ALL PARTIES SERVED; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-433, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS IN FAVOR OF OR AGAINST MINORS OR INCAPACITATED PERSONS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINE "GUARDIAN AD LITEM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-715, RELATING TO CONFIRMATIONS OF GUARDIANSHIPS OR CONSERVATORSHIPS TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER STATES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COURT MORE DISCRETION AS TO THE TYPE OF DOCUMENTS IT MAY REQUIRE IN THE TRANSFER OF A GUARDIANSHIP OR CONSERVATORSHIP FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-716, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF ORDERS FROM ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN CERTAIN OTHER JURISDICTIONS, A GUARDIAN MAY ALSO HOLD THE SAME POWERS AS A CONSERVATOR; BY ADDING SECTION 62-6-401 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A TRANSFER ON DEATH; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 50-23-60, 50-23-70, 50-23-90, 50-23-130, 56-19-290, AND 56-19-420, ALL RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO TRANSFER ON DEATH; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-6-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "OWNER", "TRANSFER ON DEATH", AND "TITLED PERSONAL PROPERTY".

(R. 212, H. 4248) -- Reps. Rose and Robbins: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-50, RELATING TO THE SALE OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, OR WINE TO UNDERAGED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4080, RELATING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO AN UNDERAGED PERSON, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE.

(R. 213, H. 4436) -- Reps. Wooten, Ballentine, Long, Erickson, Caskey, Calhoon, Wetmore, Taylor, Forrest, Hiott, Davis, Pope, Herbkersman, M.M. Smith, Robbins, Lawson, Burns, Chumley, Mitchell and Yow: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA

CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1538, RELATING TO EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE DRIVERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING VEHICLE CONTROL IN CERTAIN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES TO AVOID INTERFERING WITH THE OPERATION OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

(R. 214, H. 4563) -- Reps. Bernstein, J.L. Johnson and Clyburn: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-11-345 SO AS TO CLARIFY THE POWER OF SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS TO OWN, ACQUIRE, PURCHASE, HOLD, USE, LEASE, CONVEY, SELL, TRANSFER, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF PROPERTY IN FURTHERANCE OF CERTAIN FUNCTIONS, TO PROVIDE THESE POWERS ARE IN ADDITION TO POWERS AND AUTHORIZATIONS PREVIOUSLY VESTED IN SUCH DISTRICTS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMINOLOGY.

(R. 215, H. 4594) -- Reps. Ballentine, Pope, Clyburn, West, Elliott and T. Moore: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2023 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.

(R. 216, H. 4601) -- Rep. Forrest: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4100, RELATING TO PREVENTING ESCAPE OF MATERIALS LOADED ON VEHICLES AND CLEANING THE HIGHWAYS OF ESCAPED SUBSTANCES OR CARGO, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 56-5-4110 TO CLARIFY THE EXCEPTIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN FARM PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 56-5-4110 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT LOADS AND COVERS MUST BE FIRMLY ATTACHED.

(R. 217, H. 4611) -- Reps. Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hardee, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch and Forrest: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-785 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE UNLAWFUL REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF ELECTRONIC COLLARS OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES PLACED ON DOGS BY THEIR OWNERS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.

(R. 218, H. 4617) -- Reps. Hixon, Davis, M.M. Smith, Bannister, Pope, Wooten, Haddon, Brewer, Burns, Thayer, Kirby, Oremus, Hager, Hyde, Sessions, Carter, McDaniel, Magnuson, Hayes, W. Newton, Bauer, Trantham, J.L. Johnson, Henegan, Guffey, Chapman, Leber, Kilmartin, Robbins, Felder, Jefferson, Caskey, Ligon and Vaughan: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-230, RELATING TO SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ADD XYLAZINE AS A SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE; BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-372 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE PRODUCTION, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, OR POSSESSION OF XYLAZINE, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH ASSOCIATED CRIMINAL PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-373 SO AS TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION FOR VETERINARY USE OF XYLAZINE.

(R. 219, H. 4624) -- Reps. Hiott, G.M. Smith, McCravy, Davis, Vaughan, Trantham, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Oremus, Hartnett, Leber, Long, Nutt, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Murphy, Mitchell, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, West, Gilliam, Cromer, Kilmartin, O'Neal, Yow, S. Jones, Landing, Ballentine, Sandifer, Crawford, Guest, Willis, Ligon, Forrest, Pace, W. Newton, Bradley, Erickson, Gibson, Blackwell and M.M. Smith: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO DEFINE GENDER, SEX, AND OTHER TERMS, TO PROHIBIT THE PROVISION OF GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES TO A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-32-36 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF AND OFFICIALS FROM WITHHOLDING KNOWLEDGE OF A MINOR'S PERCEPTION OF

THEIR GENDER FROM THE MINOR′S PARENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

(R. 220, H. 4674) -- Rep. Erickson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1240, RELATING TO THE DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY, TO PROVIDE HOW LICENSE PLATES MUST BE FASTENED TO VEHICLES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPLAY OF TEMPORARY LICENSE PLATES ON LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-15020 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "HEARING IMPAIRED" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 150 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "SOUTH CAROLINA EQUINE INDUSTRY" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-7340, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF "NATIVE AMERICAN" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE LICENSE PLATES MAY BE ISSUED TO OWNERS OF MOTORCYCLES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 151 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "CATAWBA NATION" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 152 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "CHEROKEE INDIAN NATION" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 153 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "SOUTH CAROLINA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-14210, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF "UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2017 AND 2022 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2017, 2022, AND 2024 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 60 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "AUTISTIC AND NEURODIVERGENT" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 154 TO CHAPTER 3 TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-14910,

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF VALOROUS AWARDS CONFERRED UPON ACTIVE OR PRIOR SERVICE MEMBERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ISSUANCE OF THESE LICENSE PLATES TO RECIPIENTS OF NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDALS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-14990, RELATING TO ALLOWING SURVIVING SPOUSES TO APPLY FOR OR TRANSFER CERTAIN MILITARY SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD MAY APPLY FOR OR TRANSFER CERTAIN MILITARY LICENSE PLATES.

(R. 221, H. 4754) -- Reps. Sandifer and Ligon: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 57, TITLE 40 SO AS TO OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDERS OF PRELICENSING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-57-725 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND PENALTIES AND APPEALS; BY AMENDING CHAPTER 57, TITLE 40, RELATING TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINE TERMS, MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, DEFINE THE USE OF APPLICATION FEES, OUTLINE THE PROCEDURE FOR A LICENSE CLASSIFICATION CHANGE, ALLOW FOR RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS, PROHIBIT BAD FAITH AGREEMENTS, REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF REQUIRED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION FOR BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, PROHIBIT ENGAGING IN, REPRESENTING OTHERS IN, OR ASSISTING OTHERS IN THE PRACTICE OF WHOLESALING, REGULATE TEAM MARKETING, AND ADDRESS LICENSING AFTER REVOCATION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-57-820 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THAT LICENSEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR WORK PRODUCT.

(R. 222, H. 4817) -- Reps. West and G.M. Smith: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-500, RELATING TO THE SALE OR

PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS WITHOUT PROOF OF AGE AND THE LOCATION OF VENDING MACHINES, SO AS TO INCLUDE ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS TO PRESENT PROOF OF AGE UPON DEMAND, AND TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS FROM VENDING MACHINES IN CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS.

(R. 223, H. 4832) -- Reps. Hardee, Sandifer, Anderson, Ligon and Schuessler: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH FAMILY LEAVE BENEFITS, OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS OF FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE POLICIES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

(R. 224, H. 4867) -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, G.M. Smith, Moss, Hiott, Blackwell, B.L. Cox, Caskey, M.M. Smith, Hart, Sandifer, J.E. Johnson, Brittain and Bauer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-45 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL 911 TELECOMMUNICATORS THAT PROVIDE DISPATCH FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITIONS TO BE TRAINED IN HIGH-QUALITY TELECOMMUNICATOR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (T-CPR), AND PROVIDE CERTAIN PERSONS WHO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION ARE NOT LIABLE FOR CERTAIN INJURIES THAT OCCUR FROM ACTS PERFORMED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND AMENDING SECTION 23-23-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF TERMS REGARDING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM "T-CPR".

(R. 225, H. 4869) -- Reps. Sandifer, Hardee, Ligon and Jefferson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-3-150, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE OR HIS DESIGNEES TO CONDUCT

EXAMINATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUCH INVESTIGATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-9-200, RELATING TO CONDITIONS FOR ALLOWING REINSURANCE CREDITS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-13-10, RELATING TO INSURER EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE SUCH EXAMINATIONS ARE FINANCIAL EXAMINATIONS, TO APPLY THE PROVISIONS TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER LICENSEES OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE MARKET CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-13-70, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEES MAY CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INVESTIGATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FINAL ORDERS DISCIPLINING LICENSEES ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-57-130, RELATING TO INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REVISED EXEMPTIONS FROM PROVISIONS PROHIBITING MISREPRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS, AND REBATES IN INSURANCE CONTRACTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-170, RELATING TO THE REQUIRED CONDITIONS TO SUE OR RECOVER UNDER UNINSURED MOTORIST PROVISION WHEN THE OPERATOR OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE CAUSING INJURY OR DAMAGE IS UNKNOWN, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A RECORDING OF THE ACCIDENT, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

(R. 226, H. 4957) -- Reps. Hiott, Erickson, G.M. Smith, Hayes, McGinnis, Rose, Elliott, Alexander, Schuessler, Calhoon, M.M. Smith, Davis, T. Moore, B. Newton, Neese, Oremus, Hixon, Taylor, Guest, Sessions, Guffey, Ballentine, Pope, Willis, Bannister, Kirby, Henegan, Hartnett, Williams, Gilliard and Rivers: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES' COMPENSATION FOR NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS, SO AS TO REVISE SEVERAL DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-20, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF COMPENSATION FOR USE OF AN

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE′S NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND CERTAIN AGENTS OF THE INSTITUTIONS MAY ENGAGE IN CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT MAY ENABLE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO EARN COMPENSATION FOR USE OF THE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS OF THE ATHLETE, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-30, RELATING TO THE EFFECTS OF NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS COMPENSATION ON GRANT-IN-AID OR ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS CONTRACTS MAY NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETE'S ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS PROGRAM AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-40, RELATING TO ALLOWED AND PROHIBITED ACTIONS CONCERNING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES′ NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS-RELATED MATTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY FOR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING EMPLOYEES FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM CERTAIN ROUTINE DECISIONS MADE IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS, AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN CONDUCT BY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS, ATHLETIC CONFERENCES, OR OTHER GROUPS WITH AUTHORITY OVER INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-50, RELATING TO GOOD ACADEMIC STANDING REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION IN NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING PROVISIONS AND PROVIDE CERTAIN MATTERS CONCERNING NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS AGREEMENTS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED PUBLIC RECORDS SUBJECT TO AN EXCEPTION AND MAY NOT BE DISCLOSED TO CERTAIN ENTITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-60, RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATORS, SO AS TO DELETE EXISTING LANGUAGE AND PROVIDE FOR THE RESOLUTION OF CONFLICTS BETWEEN CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT AND PROVISIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT, AND TO PROVIDE ATHLETE AGENTS SHALL COMPLY WITH

CERTAIN FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE UNIFORM ATHLETE AGENTS ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "ATHLETE AGENT" TO EXEMPT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-102-100, RELATING TO AGENCY CONTRACTS, SO AS TO REVISE COMPENSATION PROVISIONS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-70 RELATING TO DISCLOSURES AND LIMITATIONS IN NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS CONTRACTS AND REVOCATION PERIODS FOR SUCH CONTRACTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-158-80 RELATING TO GOVERNING LAW AND FEDERAL COMPLIANCE CONTRACTS.

(R. 227, H. 5008) -- Rep. W. Newton: AN ACT TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUME 17A OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, TO THE EXTENT OF ITS CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024.

(R. 228, H. 5023) -- Reps. Brewer, Gilliam, Lawson, Sessions, Schuessler, Hager, Hartnett, Gatch, Mitchell, Hewitt, Robbins, J. Moore, Wooten, Guffey, O'Neal, J.L. Johnson, Pedalino and B. Newton: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-219 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE WORK ZONE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-15, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-130, RELATING TO LICENSE EXAMINATIONS AND BASIC AND CLASSIFIED LICENSES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

(R. 229, H. 5042) -- Reps. B.L. Cox, J.L. Johnson, Murphy, Sessions, Cobb-Hunter, Kirby, Brewer, Garvin, Henegan, M.M. Smith, Jefferson, Rivers, McDaniel, Davis, Haddon, King, Gilliard, Stavrinakis, Bauer, West, Wetmore, T. Moore, Thigpen, Chapman, Schuessler, Pope, Guffey, Dillard, W. Jones, Pendarvis, G.M. Smith, Weeks, Wheeler,

Williams, S. Jones, J. Moore, O'Neal, B. Newton, Neese, Lawson, Atkinson, Hayes, W. Newton, Bannister, Caskey, Hyde, J.E. Johnson, Hiott, Brittain, Hartnett, Mitchell, Yow, Gagnon, Carter, Guest, Gatch, Crawford, Ott, Rutherford, Leber, Hixon, Herbkersman, Anderson, Bailey, Elliott, Gilliam, Calhoon, Wooten, Forrest, Pedalino, Jordan, Bustos, Bamberg, Bernstein, Clyburn, Hosey, Henderson-Myers, Howard, Vaughan, Beach, Erickson and Bradley: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 10-1-185 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ON THE GROUNDS OF THE STATE HOUSE A ROBERT SMALLS MONUMENT, CREATE A COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE DESIGN AND LOCATION OF THE MONUMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, AND SUNSET THE COMMISSION AT A DATE CERTAIN.

(R. 230, H. 5154) -- Reps. West and Sandifer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-5-1030, RELATING TO CIVIL PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A GAS UTILITY WHICH VIOLATES SECTION 58-5-1020 OR A REGULATION UNDER ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 5, TITLE 58 IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT MORE THAN THE CIVIL PENALTY PROVIDED BY 49 U.S.C. SECTION 60122 AND 49 C.F.R. 190.233.

(R. 231, H. 5179) -- Reps. T. Moore and Hyde: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO NAME THE CONVERSE SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE SHOP IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY THE “DAVID T. BREWINGTON SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE CENTER”, AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE CONTAINING THE WORDS “DAVID T. BREWINGTON SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE CENTER” AS THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS ADVISABLE.

(R. 232, H. 5183) -- Reps. M.M. Smith, West, Hewitt, Chapman, B. Newton, Hiott, Sessions, Pope, Davis, Gagnon, Thayer and Carter: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT, SO AS TO REVISE THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-196, RELATING TO THE

DELEGATION OF NURSING TASKS TO UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL BY CERTAIN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL NURSING TASKS THAT MAY BE DELEGATED.

(R. 233, H. 5235) -- Reps. Bannister and Herbkersman: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-7-465, RELATING TO INSURERS PROVIDING COVERAGE TO PERSONS RECEIVING MEDICAID, SO AS TO COMPORT WITH THE FEDERAL CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2022.

(R. 234, H. 5236) -- Reps. Bannister and Herbkersman: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-6-50, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OR A SUCCESSOR AGENCY, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES CONCERNING MEDICAID CLAIMS PROCESSING CONTRACTS.

(R. 235, H. 5246) -- Reps. Wetmore, Brittain, M.M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Hartnett, Leber, Gilliard, Bustos, Pendarvis, Jefferson, Landing and Garvin: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-612 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BROWN PELICAN IS THE OFFICIAL SEABIRD OF THE STATE.

(R. 236, H. 5458) -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR LICENSING AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5264, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

(R. 237, H. 5459) -- Regulations and Administrative Procedures Committee: AN ACT TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LICENSING HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONAL GENERAL

INFIRMARIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5265, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:23 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. CALHOON, adjourned in memory of George Neal Dorn, Jr., and in accordance with S.1192, the *Sine Die* Adjournment Resolution.

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The House assembled at 1:00 p.m.

Deliberations were opened with prayer by Rev. Charles E. Seastrunk, Jr., as follows:

Our thought for today is from Galatians 5:2: "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

Let us pray. Gracious God, teach us to "get in tune" with the Spirit's leading and live in harmony with others. Bless those who give of their time and effort for the good of all people in South Carolina. We pray for those who are suffering because of illness and those who suffer from events beyond their control. Bless and keep our defenders of freedom and first responders as they care for us. Look in favor upon our World, Nation, President, State, Governor, Speaker, Staff, and all who contribute to this great cause. Protect our Armed Forces and those with hidden wounds. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen.

Pursuant to Rule 6.3, the House of Representatives was led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America by the SPEAKER.

After corrections to the Journal of the proceedings of June 5, the SPEAKER ordered it confirmed.

MOTION ADOPTED

Rep. G. M. SMITH moved that when the House adjourns, it adjourn in memory of Blaine Alan Varner, which was agreed to.

SILENT PRAYER

The House stood in silent prayer for the family of Blaine Alan Varner.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5568 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell,

B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TONA QUINTON, DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING AND BENEFITS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND JOY IN THE FUTURE.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives have learned that Tona Quinton will retire on January 2, 2025, after many years of service to the Palmetto State, the last of which have been as the Director of Accounting and Benefits for the House of Representatives; and

Whereas, she began her career in South Carolina government in 1989 with the Department of Education, and from 1991 to 2003, she served with PEBA/SCRS. After a brief stint in the Office of South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford, she returned to work for PEBA/SCRS until 2007, she then worked for the Senate until 2010 when she began working for the House of Representatives much to the delight of the Clerk of the House, Charles Reid; and

Whereas, dedicated to serving the State of South Carolina, Tona has been a lifetime advocate for her coworkers and improved and developed numerous programs within the House of Representatives to ensure that staff and representatives received quality service; and

Whereas, a faithful member of Riverland Hills Baptist Church, she

enjoys participating in Bible studies and plans to get even more involved in her church upon her retirement; and

Whereas, together with her beloved husband, Kendall Quinton, himself a much-appreciated former state employee, she reared three fine children: Bethany, Kendall, and Chloe who are all also well-known to the State House community and have been raised to make their parents quite proud; and

Whereas, the Quintons plan to spend many happy hours of retirement traveling and taking cruises from the United States to international destinations. While at home in her retirement, Tona plans to spend more family time with Kendall and the children, visit other family members, and get reacquainted with old friends. She has ambitious plans to spend more time cooking, baking, and gardening; weaving on her new floor loom; and working out at the gym; and

Whereas, grateful for her many years of distinguished service to the State and particularly the House of Representatives, the South Carolina House of Representatives takes great pleasure in extending best wishes to Tona Quinton as she transitions to a richly deserved retirement and the leisurely pace of the days ahead, and the members wish her many years of enjoyment in her well-earned retirement. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and honor Tona Quinton, Director of Accounting and Benefits for the South Carolina House of Representatives, upon the occasion of her retirement after many years of outstanding service to the State, and wish her much happiness and joy in the future.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to Tona Quinton.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5569 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE WILLIAM E. "BILL" SANDIFER III OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, the South Carolina House of Representatives has learned with sincere regret that Representative William E. “Bill” Sandifer III of Oconee County will depart from the House of Representatives at the conclusion of his current term; and

Whereas, born in 1945 in Aiken, he is a son of the late William Edward Sandifer, Jr., a two-term mayor of Seneca, and the late Frances Harley Sandifer, a school teacher. The family later moved to Seneca, and its close proximity to Clemson led young Bill to be a died-in-the wool Clemson Tigers fan; and

Whereas, following in his father’s footsteps, Bill Sandifer graduated from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science in 1965 and began

working in the mortuary business in Seneca. He served his profession as president of the South Carolina Funeral Directors Association and on the South Carolina State Board of Funeral Services; and

Whereas, Bill Sandifer also followed his father's footsteps into community service, serving on the boards of the Seneca Chamber of Commerce, the Oconee Memorial Hospital Board, the Fort Hill Natural Gas Authority, and Seneca National Bank. A true patriot, he also served for twenty years in the South Carolina Army National Guard, retiring with the rank of Major; and

Whereas, in 1995 Bill Sandifer was elected to the House of Representatives, where he has faithfully served the citizens of Oconee and Pickens counties in District 2 for nearly thirty years. In recognition of his diligence and commitment, he served as assistant majority leader from 2002 to 2004 and has served as chairman of the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee since 2008; and

Whereas, despite his vast and distinguished achievements in business and public service, Bill Sandifer's most impressive achievement came in 1981 when he persuaded the former Sandra Prater to marry him. Being a husband, father, and grandfather have brought him great pride; and

Whereas, through his service in the House, Representative Sandifer earned a reputation as a dedicated conservative who shaped important public policy focused on job creation and economic growth, high-quality education, efficient government, and strong families. He leaves a legacy of tremendous achievement that served his constituents well and immeasurably bettered the entire Palmetto State; and

Whereas, the House of Representatives will miss the keen and faithful service that Bill Sandifer, their friend and colleague, has given to the House of Representatives, and the members hope that he will enjoy deep fulfillment in the years to come. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Honorable William E. "Bill" Sandifer III of Oconee County for his dedicated service in the House of Representatives on behalf of his constituents and the citizens of South

Carolina and wish him much success and happiness in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable William E. “Bill” Sandifer III.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5570 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE JOHN "JAY" WEST IV FOR HIS COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 7 IN ABBEVILLE, ANDERSON, AND GREENVILLE COUNTIES AND TO WISH HIM SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for eight years, the Honorable John “Jay” West IV has faithfully represented the citizens of District 7 in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, Representative West was born in Anderson to John T. West III and Susan Poore Lacy. He is a well-educated man, having received his

undergraduate degree in 1987, master's degree in 1992, and doctoral degree in 1997, all from Erskine College. Additionally, he attended Gordon-Conwell Arrow Leadership Development from 1990 to 1992 and Pennsylvania State University School of Economic Development in 2007; and

Whereas, Representative West's experience as a businessman and consultant has enabled him to make invaluable contributions to the South Carolina House of Representatives during his tenure. Outside of his executive positions in businesses, he has also served on many boards and in several senior positions including the Palmetto Pride Board of Directors from 2002 to 2004, South Carolina Ambassador for Economic Development in 2002, chairman for the Upstate SC Alliance Board of Directors Strategic Planning Committee from 2006 to 2009, Erskine College Board of Counselors from 2006 to 2008, SCbio Board of Governors from 2006 to 2009, Lander University Board of Visitors from 2007 to 2009, South Carolina Professional Appraisers Coalition (SCPAC) Legislative Committee in 2015, SCPAC Board of Directors in 2016, chairman of Education and Public Works' Transportation Subcommittee from 2017 to 2018, chairman of Legislative Oversight's Health Care and Regulatory Subcommittee from 2019 to 2022, and is currently the chairman of the Speaker's ad hoc Committee on Economic Development and Utility Modernization, the first vice-chairman of the Labor, Commerce and Industry (LCI) Committee, chairman of LCI's Public Utilities Subcommittee, and a member of the State Regulation of Public Utilities Review Committee. He is also a South Carolina Health Policy Fellow and is a Master Mason to Hamilton Lodge #403; and

Whereas, Representative West is no stranger to awards and acclamations. He was named Rotary Citizen of the Year for Abbeville County in 2000, won the InnoVision Technology Award in 2001, was awarded the South Carolina Department of Commerce Rural Leadership Award in 2002, and received the Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce Business Champion Award; and

Whereas, Representative West is a family man, and on January 8, 1988, he married the love of his life, Jennifer Brice. He has three children whom he adores, John T. West V "Jack", Brice McCaslin West, and Gray Thomason West and is a doting grandfather to his two grandchildren. Representative West is also a lover of animals, and his dog, Rep, holds a special place in his heart. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the honorable John "Jay" West IV for his committed service to the South Carolina House of Representatives and the citizens of District 7 in Abbeville, Anderson, and Greenville counties and wish him success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable John "Jay" West IV.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5571 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE JERRY T. CARTER ON HIS MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS AND TO WISH HIM CONTENTMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Whereas, for four years, the Honorable Jerry T. Carter with faithful integrity has represented the citizens of Pickens County's District 3 in the House of Representatives of this great State; and

Whereas, born in Raleigh, North Carolina, to John J. and Mary Belle Carter, Jerry Carter earned his bachelor's degree at Atlantic Christian College. A resident of Clemson, he is the proud husband of Karen Baker and the delighted father of four children, Matthew Carter, Emily Wheeler, Anna Ellers, and Allie Ellers; and

Whereas, this retired CEO of a national nonprofit organization now serves as executive director of the North Carolina Board of Professional Engineers & Surveyors. In addition, he is chief executive officer emeritus of the National Council of Examiners for Engineers & Surveyors; and

Whereas, Jerry Carter believes strongly in personal involvement with his community, and his convictions have led him to serve that community in various capacities. These include service as a guardian ad litem for Pickens County and as chairman of the Clemson United Methodist Church Council; and

Whereas, during his time of service in the House of Representatives, to which he was elected in 2020, Jerry Carter has proven his worth as a member of several committees, most recently the Labor, Commerce and Industry Committee; and

Whereas, on the occasion of his departure from the House of Representatives at the end of his present term of office, Jerry Carter's colleagues in the House wish to thank him for his strong dedication to the people of District 3 and extend sincere good wishes for all the best life has to offer in the coming years. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

That the members of the South Carolina House of Representatives, by this resolution, recognize and commend the Honorable Jerry T. Carter on his meritorious service in the South Carolina House of Representatives over the past four years and wish him contentment and success in all his future endeavors.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Honorable Jerry T. Carter.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5572 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DR. THOMAS PERRIN JONES OF SUMTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5573 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey,

Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE KELSEY COVELL UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5574 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-

Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE HALEY DICKEY UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5575 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AMY ROLAND UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 SANDHILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5576 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ROBERT ARCOVIO UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 PELION HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5577 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber,

Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE KAREN MARRERO UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024-2025 SWANSEA HIGH FRESHMAN ACADEMY TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5578 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CHRISTINA RANDALL UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 SANDHILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO

CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5579 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ALLYSON STONE UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024-2025 WHITE KNOLL HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5580 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox,

B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE NATALIE LEWIS UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 GILBERT MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5581 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan,

Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CANDICE ELLIOTT UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024-2025 CAROLINA SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5582 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SARAH KELLY UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 CAROLINA SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5583 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MIRANDA GRICE UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 LEXINGTON FOUR EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5584 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones,

W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AMBER CAPEHART UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024-2025 SANDHILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5585 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LYNN DENNIS UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 PELION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO

CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5586 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SURETTA BROADWATER OF LEXINGTON COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5587 -- Reps. Felder, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Forrest,

Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ARTHUR MCGANN UPON THE MONUMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5588 -- Reps. Beach, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE POWDERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5589 -- Reps. W. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GLORIA TAGGART, THE FORMER CEO OF HARGRAY, ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETY-SECOND BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5590 -- Reps. Ligon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey,

Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CHAIRMAN JOSEPH BRANHAM ON HIS UPCOMING DEPARTURE FROM THE CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS INVALUABLE PUBLIC SERVICE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5591 -- Reps. Erickson, Bradley, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis,

Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GEORGIA MJARTAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS, TO THANK HER FOR HER TIRELESS WORK ON BEHALF OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S CHILDREN, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER AND WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS ON HER NEXT ENDEAVOR.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5592 -- Reps. Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JULIUS HARRISON MCALLISTER, SR., THE 129TH BISHOP OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND HIS WIFE, JOAN MARLA MCALLISTER, EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR, UPON THEIR UPCOMING RETIREMENT.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5593 -- Reps. Pope, Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR TODD, BREMER & LAWSON, INC., OF ROCK HILL AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO CONGRATULATE JAMES HAROLD ("HAL") TODD ON FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE AS OWNER AND PRESIDENT OF THE FIRM.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5594 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ONE OF THE PALMETTO STATE'S FINEST NATIVE DAUGHTERS, COUNTRY MUSIC TRAILBLAZER LINDA MARTELL, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON HER RECENT EIGHTY-THIRD BIRTHDAY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5595 -- Rep. Hixon: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE SNO-CAP DRIVE-IN DINER ON ITS SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR IT AS AN INSTITUTION IN NORTH AUGUSTA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5596 -- Reps. Oremus, Blackwell, Clyburn, Hixon and Taylor: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR AIKEN COUNTY SHERIFF MICHAEL E. HUNT, SR., FOR FORTY-TWO YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TO EXPRESS DEEP GRATITUDE FOR THAT SACRIFICIAL SERVICE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5597 -- Reps. Beach, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan,

Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE WREN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2023-2024 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A FABULOUS SEASON.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5598 -- Reps. Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR REVEREND DR. DERRICK SCOTT UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH PRESIDING ELDER OF THE ABBEVILLE-GREENWOOD DISTRICT AFTER YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5599 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ROBERT D. HARTER, UNITED STATES ARMY MAJOR GENERAL, FOR HIS SERVICE AT FORT JACKSON AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5600 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber,

Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND RECOGNIZE MAJOR GENERAL JASON E. KELLY, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE U.S. ARMY TRAINING CENTER AND OF FORT JACKSON IN COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA, UPON HIS REASSIGNMENT AS DEPUTY COMMANDING GENERAL FOR CIVIL WORKS AND EMERGENCY OPERATIONS, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5601 -- Reps. Howard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE THE REVEREND ELIZABETH OAKIE WINE

UPON THE OCCASION OF HER INSTALLATION AS PASTOR OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY'S GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO WISH HER GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS SHE MINISTERS TO HER CONGREGATION AND COMMUNITY IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5602 -- Reps. Bernstein, Howard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM ON WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5603 -- Reps. J. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey,

Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE KATHLEEN WHITE GANTT SINGLETON OF CHARLESTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETY-SECOND BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5604 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Brittain, Crawford, Guest, Hardee, Hayes, McGinnis and Schuessler: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE WASTE AND RECYCLING WORKERS FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF JUNE 16-22, 2024, AS WASTE AND RECYCLING WORKERS WEEK IN HONOR OF SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTORS' HARD WORK AND DEPENDABILITY IN THEIR EFFORT TO PROVIDE AN INVALUABLE SERVICE TO COMMUNITIES ACROSS SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5605 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE BLYTHEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM MEMBERS AND COACHES ON WINNING THE 2024 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5606 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long,

Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ROUND TOP BAPTIST CHURCH ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY AND TO CELEBRATE THEIR RICH HISTORY.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5607 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

The Resolution was adopted.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

The following was introduced:

H. 5608 -- Reps. Hager, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE CITADEL REGIMENTAL BAND AND PIPES FOR THEIR SINGULAR AND STORIED HISTORY AND TO DESIGNATE THE CITADEL REGIMENTAL BAND AND PIPES AS SOUTH CAROLINA INTERNATIONAL AMBASSADORS FOR ITS TRIP TO THE ROYAL TATTOO IN EDINBURGH IN AUGUST 2024.

The Resolution was adopted.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1356 -- Senator McElveen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ELIZABETH DUBOSE "BETTY" BROGDON ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY, TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS, AND TO

NAME OCTOBER 15, 2024, AS "BETTY BROGDON DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

The Senate sent to the House the following:

S. 1372 -- Senator Devine: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE ORGANIZATION FOR ITS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COLUMBIA COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Concurrent Resolution was agreed to and ordered returned to the Senate with concurrence.

ROLL CALL

The roll call of the House of Representatives was taken resulting as follows:

Alexander	Anderson	Atkinson
Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson

J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total Present--115

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HYDE a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WHITE a leave of absence for the day due to medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. GATCH a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CROMER a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. COBB-HUNTER a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. CARTER a leave of absence for the day due to family medical reasons.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. HENDERSON-MYERS a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WETMORE a leave of absence for the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. WILLIS a temporary leave of absence.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. MCDANIEL a temporary leave of absence.

STATEMENT BY REP. THAYER

Rep. THAYER made a statement relative to her service in the House.

STATEMENT BY REP. ELLIOTT

Rep. ELLIOTT made a statement relative to his service in the House.

STATEMENT BY REP. WEST

Rep. WEST made a statement relative to his service in the House.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has requested and has granted free conference powers and appointed Senators Hutto, Gustafson and Adams of the Committee of Free Conference on the part of the Senate on S. 142:

S. 142 -- Senators Shealy, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Hutto, Jackson, Campsen, McLeod, Setzler and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE

SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING", SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION TO INCLUDE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR AND PROMOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN PROSTITUTION OF A MINOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2020, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PENALTIES, MINOR VICTIMS AND DEFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY RAISE DURESS AND COERCION AS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INTERRELATED TO TRAFFICKING, TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY HAVE CERTAIN OFFENSES EXPUNGED IF THE OFFENSES WERE A DIRECT RESULT OR INTERRELATED TO BEING A VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING, AND TO PROVIDE SIMILAR PROVISIONS FOR MINOR TRAFFICKING VICTIMS AND TO REQUIRE THE MINOR TO BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE; BY ADDING SECTION 16-25-130 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM WITHIN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO PROTECT THE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, STALKING, HARASSMENT, AND OTHER SEXUAL OFFENSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO ALLOW SENTENCING FOR THE CRIME OF KIDNAPPING AND OTHER CRIMES; BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-340 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF LURING AND PROVIDE A PENALTY AND DEFENSES TO PROSECUTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT ARE RETROACTIVE.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

R. 212, H. 4248--GOVERNOR'S VETO OVERRIDDEN

The Veto on the following Act was taken up:

(R. 212, H. 4248) -- Reps. Rose and Robbins: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-50, RELATING TO THE SALE OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, OR WINE TO UNDERAGED PERSONS, SO AS TO

PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4080, RELATING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO AN UNDERAGED PERSON, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE. - RATIFIED TITLE

Rep. ROBBINS explained the Veto.

The question was put, shall the Act become a part of the law, the Veto of his Excellency, the Governor to the contrary notwithstanding, the yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 98; Nays 11

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. L. Johnson	S. Jones
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	O'Neal	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer

Schuessler	Sessions	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--98

Those who voted in the negative are:

Crawford	Gibson	Gilliam
Hayes	Long	McCabe
McCravy	Moss	Nutt
Oremus	G. M. Smith	

Total--11

So, the Veto of the Governor was overridden and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on S. 969:

S. 969 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Setzler, K. Johnson, Young, Malloy, Senn, Stephens, McLeod and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTEER EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN UNPAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3800, RELATING TO THE TAX CREDIT FOR SERVING AS A PRECEPTOR, SO AS TO AMEND DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS;

BY AMENDING ACT 45 OF 2019, RELATING TO THE PRECEPTOR TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO EXTEND THE PRECEPTOR TAX CREDIT FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4-37-30, RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES OR TOLLS AS REVENUE FOR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FOR UNPREPARED FOOD ITEMS.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

S. 969--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

S. 969--CONFERENCE REPORT
The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., June 24, 2024

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:
S. 969 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Setzler, K. Johnson, Young, Malloy, Senn, Stephens, McLeod and Gustafson: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTEER EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN UNPAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:
That the same do pass with the following amendments:
Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:
SECTION 1. Section 12-6-1140(6) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(6) a subsistence allowance of ~~eight~~ sixteen dollars a day for federal, state, and local law enforcement officers paid by a political subdivision of this State, the government of this State, or the federal government, for each regular work day in a taxable year and full-time firefighters and emergency medical service personnel may deduct as a subsistence allowance ~~eight~~ sixteen dollars a day for each regular work day in a

taxable year;

SECTION 2. Section 12-6-1140(10)(b) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(b) An individual may receive only one deduction pursuant to this item. The Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office annually shall estimate a maximum deduction that may be permitted under this section for a taxable year based on an individual income tax revenue loss of three million one hundred thousand dollars attributable to this deduction and shall certify that maximum deduction to the Department of Revenue and for the applicable taxable year, the maximum deduction amount must not exceed the lesser of the certified estimate or ~~three~~ six thousand dollars.

SECTION 3. A. Section 12-6-3800(A), (B), and (C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Independent institution of higher learning" has the same meaning as provided in Section 59-113-50.

(2) "Medical school-required clinical rotation", "physician assistant program-required clinical rotation", or "advanced practice nursing program-required clinical rotation" means a clinical rotation for a public teaching institution or independent institution of higher learning that:

(a) is established for a student who is enrolled in a South Carolina public teaching institution or an independent institution of higher learning, including:

(i) medical school;

(ii) a physician assistant program;

(iii) an advanced practice nursing program; and

(b) includes a minimum of one hundred sixty hours of instruction in one of the following clinical settings:

(i) family medicine;

(ii) internal medicine;

(iii) pediatrics;

(iv) obstetrics and gynecology;

(v) emergency medicine;

(vi) psychiatry; ~~or~~

(vii) general surgery under the guidance of a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant; or

(viii) specialty care including, but not limited to, dermatology, hematology, neurology, and oncology.

(3) "Preceptor" means a physician, advanced practice nurse practitioner, or physician assistant who provides supervision and

instruction during student clinical training experiences, is otherwise not compensated for doing so, and provides a minimum of two required clinical rotations within a calendar year.

(B)~~(1)~~ There is allowed an income tax credit for each clinical rotation a physician serves as the preceptor for a medical school-required clinical rotation, advanced practice nursing program-required clinical rotation, and physician assistant program-required clinical rotation.

~~(2) If at least fifty percent of~~ If the physician's practice ~~consists of a combined total of~~ includes Medicaid insured~~,~~ or Medicare insured~~, and self-pay patients,~~ then the credit is equal to one thousand dollars for each rotation served, not to exceed four thousand dollars a year. The provider must be a Medicaid-participating provider and have a minimum of at least one hundred Medicaid and Medicare patients combined or be a free clinic.

~~(3) If at least thirty percent of the physician's practice consists of a combined total of Medicaid insured, Medicare insured, and self-pay patients, then the credit is equal to seven hundred fifty dollars for each rotation served, not to exceed three thousand dollars a year.~~

~~(4) If less than thirty percent of the physician's practice consists of a combined total of Medicaid insured, Medicare insured, and self-pay patients, then the credit is disallowed.~~

~~(5) The credits allowed by this subsection are not cumulative and may not be combined.~~

(C)~~(1)~~ There is allowed an income tax credit for each clinical rotation an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant serves as the preceptor for an advanced practice nursing or physician assistant-required clinical rotation. The credit is equal to one thousand dollars for each rotation served, not to exceed four thousand dollars a year. The provider must be a Medicaid-participating provider and have a minimum of at least one hundred Medicaid and Medicare patients combined or be a free clinic.

~~(2) If at least fifty percent of the advanced practice registered nurse's or physician assistant's practice consists of a combined total of Medicaid insured, Medicare insured, and self-pay patients, then the credit is equal to seven hundred fifty dollars for each rotation served, not to exceed three thousand dollars a year.~~

~~(3) If at least thirty percent of the advanced practice registered nurse's or physician assistant's practice consists of a combined total of Medicaid insured, Medicare insured, and self-pay patients, then the credit is equal to five hundred dollars for each rotation served, not to exceed two thousand dollars a year.~~

~~(4) If less than thirty percent of the advance practice registered nurse's or physician assistant's practice consists of a combined total of Medicaid insured, Medicare insured, and self-pay patients, then the credit is disallowed.~~

~~(5) The credits allowed by this subsection are not cumulative and may not be combined.~~

B. SECTION 4 of Act 45 of 2019 is amended to read:

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and shall apply to Tax Years 2020 through ~~2025~~2029. Section 12-6-3800 and Section ~~12-6-1140( )~~ 12-6-1140(14) are repealed January 1, ~~2026~~2030.

C. This SECTION takes effect upon approval by the Governor and applies to Tax Years beginning after 2024.

SECTION 4. A. Section 4-37-30(A)(9) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(9) The tax authorized by this section is in addition to all other local sales and use taxes and applies to the gross proceeds of sales in the applicable jurisdiction which are subject to the tax imposed by Chapter 36 ~~of,~~ Title 12 and the enforcement provisions of Chapter 54 ~~of,~~ Title 12. The gross proceeds of the sale of items subject to a maximum tax in Chapter 36 ~~of,~~ Title 12 are exempt from the tax imposed by this section. The gross proceeds of the sale of food lawfully purchased with United States Department of Agriculture food stamps are exempt from the tax imposed by this section. For any tax authorized by this section pursuant to a referendum held on or after November 5, 2024, unprepared food items eligible for purchase with United States Department of Agriculture food coupons may be exempt from the tax imposed pursuant to this section at the election of the governing body of a county as may be provided in the authorizing ordinance required by item (1). The tax imposed by this section also applies to tangible personal property subject to the use tax in Article 13, Chapter 36 ~~of,~~ Title 12.

B. This SECTION takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and applies to tax years beginning after 2023.

Amend title to read:

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTEER EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN UNPAID PUBLIC

SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3800, RELATING TO THE TAX CREDIT FOR SERVING AS A PRECEPTOR, SO AS TO AMEND DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING ACT 45 OF 2019, RELATING TO THE PRECEPTOR TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO EXTEND THE PRECEPTOR TAX CREDIT FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4-37-30, RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES OR TOLLS AS REVENUE FOR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FOR UNPREPARED FOOD ITEMS.

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/s/Sen. Davis	/s/Rep. Herbkersman
/s/Sen. Turner	/s/Rep. B. Newton
/s/Sen. McElveen	/s/Rep. Dillard
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 107; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Harris	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones

Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--107

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

Due to a voting card malfunction, my vote on S. 969 was not recorded. I would like the record to show that I intended to vote in favor of the Conference Report.

Rep. Dennis Moss

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

As a member of the judicial selection and reform conference committee, I was out of the Chamber in conference with Senators and missed votes on other conference reports including S. 969, which I would have voted to adopt the conference report.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on S. 969:

S. 969 -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Setzler, K. Johnson, Young, Malloy, Senn, Stephens, McLeod and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTEER EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN UNPAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3800, RELATING TO THE TAX CREDIT FOR SERVING AS A PRECEPTOR, SO AS TO AMEND DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING ACT 45 OF 2019, RELATING TO THE PRECEPTOR TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO EXTEND THE PRECEPTOR TAX CREDIT FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4-37-30, RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES OR TOLLS AS REVENUE FOR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FOR UNPREPARED FOOD ITEMS.

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President

Received as information.

H. 5100--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

H. 5100 -- Conference Report
The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., June 12, 2024

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:

H. 5100 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

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Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Harvey Smith Peeler Jr.	/s/Rep. Bruce Wyche Bannister
/s/Sen. Nikki Giles Setzler	/s/Rep. Phillip Dean Lowe
/s/Sen. Sean M. Bennett	/s/Rep. "Leon" Stavrinakis
On Part of the Senate.	On Part of the House.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the Conference Report.

Rep. PACE spoke against the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 96; Nays 13

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox

Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
Oremus	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--96

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Chumley	Harris
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	O'Neal	Pace
Trantham		

Total--13

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

As a member of the judicial selection and reform conference committee, I was out of the Chamber in conference with Senators and missed votes on other conference reports including H. 5100, which I would have voted to adopt the conference report.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on H. 5100:

H. 5100 -- Ways and Means Committee: A BILL TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,

President

Received as information.

H. 5101--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

H. 5101 -- Conference Report

The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., June 12, 2024

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:

H. 5101 -- WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE: TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. In accordance with the provisions of Section 36(B)(2) and (3), Article III, Constitution of South Carolina, 1895, and Section 11-11-320(C) and (D) of the S.C. Code, there is appropriated from the monies available in the Capital Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 the following amounts:

(1) H630 - Department of Education	
(a) School Facilities Safety Upgrades	$20,000,000
(b) School Safety Mapping	$5,000,000
(2) H670 - Educational Television Commission	
Microwave and Transmitter Upgrades - Phase I	$5,000,000
(3) H640 - Governor's School for Arts and Humanities	
Residence Hall Renovation and Upgrades - Phase II	$5,000,000
(4) H090 - Citadel	
(a) Duckett Hall Renovation	$2,000,000
(b) Engineering Building Replacement	$4,000,000
(c) Renovation of Workforce Housing	$1,000,000
(5) H120 - Clemson University	
College of Veterinary Medicine	$47,000,000
(6) H150 - University of Charleston	
Campus Expansion	$7,000,000
(7) H170 - Coastal Carolina	
Pedestrian Walkway	$5,000,000
(8) H180 - Francis Marion	
(a) Leatherman Science Facility/McNair Science Building Renovation	$5,000,000
(b) Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Clinic	$1,000,000
(9) H210 Lander	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	$5,000,000
(10) H240 - South Carolina State University	
Replacement of the Whittaker Library	$5,000,000
(11) H270 - USC - Columbia	
Health Sciences Campus	$47,000,000
(12) H290 - USC - Aiken	

(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	$1,500,000
(b) Athletic Facilities Relocation	$2,500,000
(13) H340 - USC - Upstate	
(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	$2,000,000
(b) School of Nursing Building	$5,000,000
(14) H360 - USC - Beaufort	
New Convocation Center	$11,500,000
(15) H370 - USC - Lancaster	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	$1,100,000
(16) H380 - USC - Salkehatchie	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	$412,000
(17) H390 - USC - Sumter	
(a) Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	$3,000,000
(b) Facilities Management Center	$2,850,000
(18) H400 - USC - Union	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	$413,000
(19) H470 - Winthrop	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	$5,000,000
(20) H510 - Medical University of South Carolina	
College of Medicine Academic Building	$22,000,000
(21) H590 - Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education	
(a) Aiken Technical College	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	$1,500,000
(b) Central Carolina Technical College	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	$1
(c) Florence-Darlington Technical College	
(i) Industrial Trades Training Facility	$2,200,000
(ii) Darlington County Campus	$2,200,000
(d) Greenville Technical College	
Maintenance, Renovation, and Replacement	$4,500,000

(e) Horry-Georgetown Technical College
Health Professions Training
Complex $5,000,000
(f) Northeastern Technical College
Maintenance, Renovation, and
Replacement $750,000
(g) Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College
Maintenance, Renovation, and
Replacement $2,361,096
(h) Piedmont Technical College
Maintenance, Renovation, and
Replacement $2,300,000
(i)Spartanburg Community College
Maintenance, Renovation, and
Replacement $1,800,000
(j) Technical College of the Lowcountry
Maintenance, Renovation, and
Replacement $1,300,000
(k) Tri-County Technical College
Maintenance, Renovation, and
Replacement $500,000
(l) Trident Technical College
Maintenance, Renovation, and
Replacement $4,500,000
(m) Williamsburg Technical College
Maintenance, Renovation, and
Replacement $513,902
(n) York Technical College
Maintenance, Renovation, and
Replacement $2,300,000
(22) H790 - Department of Archives and History
Exhibit Hall and Meeting
Space Expansion $1,000,000
(23) J120 - Department of Mental Health
Stone VA Nursing Home $5,000,000
(24) P210 - SC State University
Public Service Activities
Construction of the South Carolina
Limnology Research Center $2,000,000
(25) P240 - Department of Natural Resources
Waterfowl Impoundments Infrastructure

Maintenance	$1,200,000
(26) P320 - Department of Commerce	
SC Nexus	$5,000,000
(27) P400 - Conservation Bank	
(a) Conservation Grant Funding	$6,000,000
(b) Working Ag Lands Grant Funding	$1,000,000
(28) N040 - Department of Corrections	
(a) Cell Phone Interdiction	$7,058,000
(b) Security and Maintenance Funds	$4,500,000
(29) R400 - Department of Motor Vehicles	
SCDMV IT System Modernization	$2,528,884
(30) Y140 - State Ports Authority	
North Charleston Economic Development Land Acquisition	$55,000,000
(31) A170 - Legislative Services Agency	
Network Infrastructure	$753,766
(32) D300 - Office of Resilience	
Disaster Relief and Resilience Reserve Fund	$4,000,000
(33) D500 - Department of Administration	
Healthcare Campus Relocation	$14,511,113
(34) E240 - Adjutant General	
(a) SCEMD - State EOC Expansion	$1
(b) Armory Revitalization	$3,300,000
(35) E260 - Department of Veterans' Affairs	
(a) Veteran Homes - Capital Improvements	$20,000,000
(b) MJ "Dolly" Cooper State Veterans' Cemetery - Committal Shelter II	$1,280,000
(c) Military Enhancement Fund	$2,000,000
(d) Veteran Trust Fund	$1,000,000

SECTION 2. The Comptroller General shall post the appropriations contained in this joint resolution as provided in Section 11-11-320(D) of the S.C. Code. Unexpended funds appropriated pursuant to this joint resolution may be carried forward to succeeding fiscal years and expended for the same purposes.

SECTION 3. This joint resolution takes effect thirty days after the completion of the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year in accordance with the provisions of Section 36(B)(3)(a), Article III, Constitution of South

Carolina, 1895, and Section 11-11-320(D)(1) of the S.C. Code.
Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Peeler	/s/Rep. Bannister
/s/Sen. Setzler	/s/Rep. Lowe
/s/Sen. Bennett	/s/Rep. Stavrinakis
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. BANNISTER explained the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:
Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hart	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Howard
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	Kilmartin
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal

Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

As a member of the judicial selection and reform conference committee, I was out of the Chamber in conference with Senators and missed votes on other conference reports including H. 5101, which I would have voted to adopt the conference report.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on H. 5101:

H. 5101 -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED

FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on H. 4843:

H. 4843 -- Reps. Bailey, Brittain, Guest, J. E. Johnson, Sandifer and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-39-148 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE BUSINESSES WITH A DECK, DOCK, OR OTHER STRUCTURE LOCATED IN A CRITICAL AREA TO USE THE STRUCTURE FOR PURPOSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS WITH LOCAL ZONING APPROVAL.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

H. 4843--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

H. 4843 -- Conference Report
The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., June 05, 2024
The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:
H. 4843 -- Reps. Bailey, Brittain, Guest, J.E. Johnson, Sandifer and Anderson: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-39-148 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE BUSINESSES WITH A DECK, DOCK, OR OTHER STRUCTURE LOCATED IN A CRITICAL AREA TO USE THE STRUCTURE FOR

PURPOSES DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS WITH LOCAL ZONING APPROVAL.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:
That the same do pass with the following amendments:
Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:
SECTION 1. Chapter 39, Title 48 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 48-39-148. Notwithstanding any statutory or regulatory provision of law to the contrary, including any provision of or authorized by this chapter, a business that contains a grandfathered or permitted commercial deck or marina that is located in a critical area may utilize such structure for purposes of providing food and beverage services for consumption by patrons of the business.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Goldfinch	/s/Rep. Bailey
/s/Sen. Campsen	/s/Rep. Hardee
/s/Sen. McElveen	/s/Rep. Anderson
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. BAILEY explained the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 111; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Beach	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Felder
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin

Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hardee	Harris	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	King	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--111

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

As a member of the judicial selection and reform conference committee, I was out of the Chamber in conference with Senators and missed votes on other conference reports including H. 4843, which I would have voted to adopt the conference report.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

H. 4843--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, and this Bill having been read three times in each House, it was ordered that the title thereof be changed to that of an Act and that it be enrolled for ratification.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on H. 3988:

H. 3988 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Pedalino, Forrest, Wheeler, Kirby and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACTS THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY, TO PERMIT THE DELEGATION OF CERTAIN ACTS TO TRAINED PHARMACY TECHNICIANS AND PHARMACY INTERNS, AND TO DEFINE AN ADDITIONAL TERM; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-84, RELATING TO PHARMACY INTERNS AND EXTERNS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN DIRECT SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-190, RELATING TO PROTOCOL FOR PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES WITHOUT PRACTITIONER ORDERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE DISPENSATION OF CERTAIN DRUGS AND DEVICES, TO LOWER THE VACCINATION RECIPIENT AGE TO TWELVE YEARS OF AGE, TO AUTHORIZE DIRECTLY SUPERVISED PHARMACY INTERNS TO ADMINISTER CERTAIN VACCINATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE WRITTEN PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-200, RELATING TO THE JOINT PHARMACIST-ADMINISTERED VACCINES COMMITTEE, SO AS TO RENAME THE COMMITTEE AS THE "JOINT PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE" AND MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; AND TO PROVIDE THE PHARMACIST ACCESS COMMITTEE MUST SUBMIT ITS INITIAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE

BOARD OF PHARMACY NO LATER THAN FOUR MONTHS AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THIS ACT, AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER AS DETERMINED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

H. 3988--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

H. 3988--Conference Report
The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., June 10, 2024

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:

H. 3988 -- Reps. Davis, B.J. Cox, Pedalino, M.M. Smith, Forrest, Wheeler, Kirby and Guffey: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACTIONS THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "DIRECT SUPERVISION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-40, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY, SO AS TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-84, RELATING TO PHARMACY INTERNS AND EXTERNS, SO AS TO REVISE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-190, RELATING TO PROTOCOL FOR PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES WITHOUT PRACTITIONER ORDERS OR PRESCRIPTIONS, SO AS TO LOWER THE AUTHORIZED VACCINATION RECIPIENT AGE TO SIXTEEN YEARS, TO PROVIDE INFORMED CONSENT REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE PHARMACY TECHNICIANS MAY ADMINISTER VACCINATIONS UNDER PHARMACIST SUPERVISION, TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACY INTERNS TO MAKE VACCINATIONS, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-200, RELATING TO THE JOINT PHARMACIST ADMINISTERED VACCINES COMMITTEE, SO AS TO REVISE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:
Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:
SECTION 1. Section 40-43-30(73) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(73) "Practice of pharmacy" means the:

(a) interpretation, evaluation, and dispensing of prescription drug orders in the patient's best interest;

(b) participation in drug and device selection, drug administration, prospective drug reviews, and drug or drug-related research;

(c) provision of patient counseling and the provision of those acts or services necessary to provide pharmacy care and drug therapy management; ~~and~~

(d) responsibility for compounding and labeling of drugs and devices, (except labeling by a manufacturer, repackager, or distributor or nonprescription drugs and commercially packaged legend drugs and devices) proper and safe storage of drugs and devices and maintenance of proper records for them; ~~or~~

(e) initiation, ordering, and administration of flu and COVID tests. Pharmacists may delegate the task of administering tests provided for in this subsection to a trained pharmacy technician or pharmacy intern, but the pharmacist must perform any interpretation of the results;

(f) reporting of a person's flu or COVID test results and the referral of that patient for follow-up care to the health care provider identified by the patient or if none is identified, to an appropriate health care provider; or

(g) the offering or performing of those acts, services, operations, or transactions necessary in the conduct, operation, education, management, and control of pharmacy.

SECTION 2. Section 40-43-30 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(93) "Direct supervision" means a pharmacist is readily and immediately available to the person who they are supervising during all professional activities.

SECTION 3. Section 40-43-40(A) and (B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) There is created the State Board of Pharmacy to be composed of ~~nine~~ten members, appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom must be a lay member from the State at large, one of whom must be a state-certified pharmacy technician from the State at large, one of whom must be a pharmacist from the State at large,

and seven of whom must be pharmacists representing each of the seven congressional districts. However, if no hospital pharmacist is selected to represent any of the seven congressional districts, the Governor shall appoint a hospital pharmacist as the pharmacist at large.

(B) The pharmacist at large, the state-certified pharmacy technician, and the lay member shall serve coterminously with the appointing Governor and until their successors are appointed and qualify. The certified pharmacy technician must be actively engaged as a certified pharmacy technician. The board shall conduct an election to nominate three pharmacists from each congressional district to be submitted to the Governor for consideration for appointment. The Governor shall appoint one pharmacist to represent each congressional district from among the nominees submitted for that district. The election shall provide for participation by all pharmacists currently licensed and residing in the congressional district for which the nomination is being made. The pharmacists must be residents of the congressional district they represent, licensed, in good standing to practice pharmacy in this State, and actively engaged in the practice of pharmacy in this State. The members of the board representing the seven congressional districts shall serve terms of six years and until their successors are appointed and qualify. No member may serve more than two successive terms of office except that a member serving an unexpired term may be reelected and reappointed for two successive terms.

SECTION 4. Section 40-43-84(C) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(C) An intern/extern may engage in the practice of pharmacy if such activities are under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist. ~~A pharmacist must be in continuous personal eye and voice contact with, and actually giving instructions to, the intern/extern during all professional activities throughout the entire period of the internship/externship.~~ The pharmacist shall physically review the prescription drug order and the dispensed product before the product is delivered to the patient or the patient's agent. The pharmacist is responsible for the work of the intern/extern. A pharmacist may not supervise more than one intern at any one time.

Pharmacy interns/externs shall not be left in sole charge of a prescription department or other approved site at any time. Violation of this may result in cancellation of any and all internship/externship hours toward licensure that may have been accrued by the intern/extern, and may, in the discretion of the board, cause the board after sufficient notice to the pharmacy intern/extern, to revoke or suspend the internship certificate as provided above. The supervising pharmacist or designated

pharmacist may also be subject to disciplinary action by the board.

An applicant for licensure, who is guilty of compounding or dispensing a prescription of a practitioner or selling legend drugs or medicines while not under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist may be refused licensure.

SECTION 5. Section 40-43-190 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-43-190. (A)(1) Upon recommendation of the Joint Pharmacist Administered Vaccines Committee, the Board of Medical Examiners shall determine whether a specific vaccine is appropriate for administration by a pharmacist without a written order or prescription of a practitioner pursuant to this section. If a vaccine is approved, the Board of Medical Examiners shall issue a written protocol for the administration of vaccines by pharmacists without an order or prescription of a practitioner.

(2) The administration of vaccines as authorized in this section must not be to a person under the age of ~~eighteen~~sixteen years; provided, however, that:

(a) the influenza vaccine may be administered to a person twelve years of age or older pursuant to protocol issued by the Board of Medical Examiners;

(b) the influenza vaccine may be administered to a person under the age of twelve pursuant to protocol issued by the Board of Medical Examiners upon recommendation of the Joint Pharmacist Administered Vaccines Committee; ~~and~~

(c) a pharmacist who has completed the training described in subsection (B)(1) may administer other vaccines approved by the Centers for Disease Control to a person of any age pursuant to a written order or prescription of a practitioner for a specific patient of that practitioner; and

(d) if the person receiving a vaccine is under the age of eighteen years, a pharmacist must inform the patient and their caregiver of the importance of mental health and routine well care visits with a pediatrician or other licensed primary care provider and refer patients as appropriate.

(e) a pharmacist shall only administer a vaccine to a person less than sixteen years of age if that person's caretaker (with written parental consent), parent, or legal guardian is present at the time the vaccine is administered.

(3) The written protocol must further authorize pharmacists to administer without an order or prescription of a practitioner those medications necessary in the treatment of adverse events. These

medications must be used only in the treatment of adverse events and must be limited to those delineated within the written protocol.

(4) The Board of Medical Examiners must issue the written protocol upon its approval of the vaccine for administration pursuant to this section.

(5) A pharmacist who has completed the training described in subsection (B)(1) may administer a vaccine approved by the Centers for Disease Control pursuant to written order or prescription of a practitioner for a specific patient of that practitioner.

(B) The written protocol must provide that:

(1) A pharmacist seeking authorization to administer a vaccine approved pursuant to this section shall successfully complete a course of training accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education or a similar health authority or professional body approved by the Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medical Examiners. Training must comply with current Centers for Disease Control guidelines and must include study materials, hands-on training, and techniques for administering vaccines and must provide instruction and experiential training in the following content areas:

(a) mechanisms of action for vaccines, contraindications, drug interactions, and monitoring after vaccine administration;

(b) standards for adult vaccination practices;

(c) basic immunology and vaccine protection;

(d) vaccine-preventable diseases;

(e) recommended vaccination schedules;

(f) vaccine storage management;

(g) biohazard waste disposal and sterile techniques;

(h) informed consent;

(i) physiology and techniques for vaccine administration;

(j) prevaccine and postvaccine assessment and counseling;

(k) vaccination record management;

(l) management of adverse events, including identification, appropriate response, emergency procedures, documentation, and reporting;

(m) understanding of vaccine coverage by federal, state, and local entities;

(n) needle-stick management.

(2) A pharmacist administering vaccinations without an order or prescription of a practitioner pursuant to this section shall:

(a) obtain the ~~signed written~~informed consent of the person being vaccinated or that person's guardian;

(b) maintain a copy of the vaccine administration in that person's record and provide a copy to the person or the person's guardian;

(c) notify that person's designated physician or primary care provider of a vaccine administered;

(d) report administration of all vaccinations to the South Carolina Immunization Registry in compliance with regulations established by the Department of Health and Environmental Control as the department may require; provided, however, that the phase-in schedule provided in Regulation 61-120 for reporting vaccinations does not apply to vaccinations administered pursuant to this section;

(e) maintain a current copy of the written protocol at each location at which a vaccination is administered pursuant to this section.

(3) ~~A pharmacist may not delegate the administration of vaccines to a pharmacy technician or certified pharmacy technician.~~ For purposes of this section, "informed consent" means a written document that is signed and dated by an individual; or if the individual is a minor, by a parent or legal guardian; or if the individual is incapacitated or without sufficient mental capacity, by a designated health care agent pursuant to a health care power of attorney, that at a minimum includes:

(a) an explanation of the vaccine or treatment that is written in language that is understandable to the average lay person;

(b) language that clearly indicates that the individual agrees to the administration of the vaccine or treatment, that the individual has had time to thoughtfully and voluntarily accept or decline the vaccine or treatment free from coercion; and

(c) if the vaccine or treatment is an investigational medical product or is made available through an Emergency Use Authorization by the federal Food and Drug Administration, a statement acknowledging its investigational nature and the civil liability protections afforded it by law.

(4) A pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician may administer vaccinations under the direct supervision~~, as defined in Section 40-43-84(C),~~ of a pharmacist who has completed vaccination training as required by item (1) if the pharmacy intern or pharmacy technician:

(a) is certified through a basic life support or CPR provider-level course that is ~~jointly~~ approved by the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Pharmacy~~;Joint Pharmacy Access Committee~~ and completes a practical training program that is approved by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) which includes, at a minimum, hands-on injection technique and the recognition and treatment of emergency reactions to vaccines; and

(b) ~~completes this course of training described in item (1).~~if a pharmacy technician, the pharmacy technician must be:

(i) state-certified; or

(ii) nonstate-certified but administered vaccinations and received training pursuant to the federal Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness (PREP) Act prior to the effective date of this section and registers with the Board of Pharmacy as an authorized vaccination provider.

(5) A pharmacist or pharmacy technician administering vaccinations shall, as part of the current continuing education requirements ~~pursuant to Section 40-43-130~~, complete no less than one hour of continuing education each license year regarding administration of vaccinations.

(C) Informed consent must be documented in accordance with the written protocol ~~for vaccine administration~~ issued pursuant to this section.

(D) All records required by this section must be maintained in the pharmacy for a period of at least ten years from the date of the last vaccination or dispensing for adults and at least thirteen years from the date of the last vaccination or dispensing for minors.

(E) All documentation, records, and copies required by this section may be stored electronically.

SECTION 6. Section 40-43-200 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 40-43-200. (A) There is created a Joint Pharmacist Administered Vaccines Committee as a committee to the Board of Medical Examiners which consists of seven members ~~with experience regarding vaccines~~. The committee is comprised of two physicians selected by the Board of Medical Examiners, two pharmacists selected by the Board of Pharmacy, and two advanced practice nurse practitioners selected by the Board of Nursing. One member of the Department of Health and Environmental Control designated by the director of the department also shall serve on the committee. Members of the committee may not be compensated for their service on the board and may not receive mileage, per diem, and subsistence as otherwise authorized by law for members of state boards, committees, and commissions.

(B) The committee shall meet at least once annually and at other times as may be necessary. Five members constitute a quorum for all meetings. At its initial meeting, and at the beginning of each year thereafter, the committee shall elect from its membership a chairperson to serve for a one-year term.

(C) The committee shall assist and advise the Board of Medical

Examiners in determining whether a specific vaccine is appropriate for administration by a pharmacist without a written order or prescription of a practitioner pursuant to Section 40-43-190. For a specific vaccine recommended by the committee to the Board of Medical Examiners, the committee also must submit a proposed written protocol for the purpose of authorizing pharmacists to administer the vaccine~~as authorized by Section 40-43-190. The committee must submit its initial recommendations to the board no later than four months after the passage of this act, and periodically thereafter as determined by the committee~~.

SECTION 7. The Joint Pharmacist Administered Vaccines Committee must submit its initial recommendations to the board no later than four months after the passage of this act, and periodically thereafter as determined by the committee.

SECTION 8. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Hutto	/s/Rep. Davis
/s/Sen. Cromer	/s/Rep. M.M. Smith
/s/Sen. Martin	/s/Rep. W. Jones
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. M. M. SMITH explained the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 89; Nays 17

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bannister
Bauer	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Hager	Hardee	Hart
Hartnett	Hayes	Henegan
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hixon

Hosey	Howard	Jefferson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Lowe	Magnuson	McCabe
McGinnis	J. Moore	T. Moore
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Ott
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--89

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Chumley
Gilliam	Haddon	Harris
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Long
Mitchell	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Oremus	Pace
Trantham	Yow	

Total--17

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

As a member of the judicial selection and reform conference committee, I was out of the Chamber in conference with Senators and missed votes on other conference reports including H. 3988, which I would have voted to adopt the conference report.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

H. 3988--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, and this Bill having been read three times in each House, it was ordered that the title thereof be changed to that of an Act and that it be enrolled for ratification.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on S. 1031:

S. 1031 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 35, RELATING TO ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM FINANCIAL CRIME, STANDARDIZE THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING, AND MODERNIZE SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE FUNDS ARE PROTECTED IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE AND COMPETITIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

Very respectfully,
President

Received as information.

S. 1031--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

S. 1031--Conference Report

The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., June 04, 2024

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:

S. 1031 -- Senator Cromer: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 35, RELATING TO ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM FINANCIAL CRIME, STANDARDIZE THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING, AND MODERNIZE SAFETY AND

SOUNDNESS REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE FUNDS ARE PROTECTED IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE AND COMPETITIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 11, Title 35 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

CHAPTER 11

South Carolina ~~Anti-Money Laundering~~Uniform Money Services Act

Article 1

General Provisions

Section 35-11-100. This chapter may be cited as the "South Carolina ~~Anti-Money Laundering~~ Uniform Money Services Act".

Section 35-11-105. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Acting in concert" means persons knowingly acting together with a common goal of jointly acquiring control of a licensee whether or not pursuant to an express agreement.

~~(1)~~(2) "Applicant" means a person that files an application for a license pursuant to this act.

~~(2)~~(3) "Authorized delegate" means a person a licensee designates to provide money services on behalf of the licensee.

~~(3) "Bank" means an institution organized under federal or state law which:~~

~~(a) accepts demand deposits or deposits that the depositor may use for payment to third parties and which engages in the business of making commercial loans; or~~

~~(b) engages in credit card operations and maintains only one office that accepts deposits, does not accept demand deposits or deposits that the depositor may use for payments to third parties, does not accept a savings or time deposit less than one hundred thousand dollars, and does not engage in the business of making commercial loans.~~

(4) "Average daily money transmission liability" means the amount of the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations in this State at the end of each day in a given period of time, added together, and divided by the total number of days in the given period of time. For purposes of calculating average daily money transmission liability under this chapter for any licensee required to do so, the given period of time must be the quarters ending March thirty-first, June thirtieth, September

thirtieth, and December thirty-first.

(5) "Bank Secrecy Act" means the Bank Secrecy Act, 31 U.S.C. Section 5311, et seq., and its implementing regulations, as amended and recodified from time to time.

(6) "Closed-loop stored value" means stored value that is redeemable by the issuer only for goods or services provided by the issuer or its affiliate or franchisee of the issuer or its affiliate, except to the extent required by applicable law to be redeemable in cash for its cash value.

~~(4)~~(7) "Commissioner" means the South Carolina Attorney General.

~~(5)~~(8)(a) "Control" means:

~~(a)~~(i) ~~ownership of, or~~ the power to vote, directly or indirectly, at least twenty-five percent of ~~a class of voting securities~~ the outstanding voting shares or voting interests of a licensee or person in control of a licensee;

~~(b)~~(ii) the power to elect or appoint a majority of key individuals or executive officers, managers, directors, trustees, or other persons exercising managerial authority of a licensee or person in control of a licensee; or

~~(c)~~(iii) the power to exercise, directly or indirectly, a controlling influence over the management or policies of a licensee or person in control of a licensee.

(b)(i) A person is presumed to exercise a controlling influence when the person holds the power to vote, directly or indirectly, at least ten percent of the outstanding voting shares or voting interests of a licensee or person in control of a licensee.

(ii) A person presumed to exercise a controlling influence as defined by this subitem can rebut the presumption of control if the person is a passive investor.

(c) For purposes of determining the percentage of a person controlled by any other person, the person's interest must be aggregated with the interest of any other immediate family member, including the person's spouse, parents, children, siblings, mothers- and fathers-in-law, sons- and daughters-in-law, brothers- and sisters-in-law, and any other person who shares such person's home.

~~(6)~~(9) "Currency exchange" means receipt of revenues from the exchange of money of one government for money of another government.

(10) "Eligible rating" means a credit rating of any of the three highest rating categories provided by an eligible rating service, whereby each category may include rating modifiers such as "plus" or "minus" for S&P, or the equivalent for any other eligible rating service. Long-term

credit ratings are considered to be eligible if the rating is equal to A- or higher by S&P, or the equivalent from any other eligible rating service. Short-term credit ratings are deemed eligible if the rating is equal to or higher than A-2 or SP-2 by S&P, or the equivalent from any other eligible rating service. In the event that ratings differ among eligible rating services, the highest rating shall apply when determining whether a security bears an eligible rating.

(11) "Eligible rating service" means any Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organization (NRSRO) as defined by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and any other organization designated by the Commissioner by rule or order.

~~(7)~~(12) "Executive officer" means a president, chairperson of the executive committee, chief financial officer, responsible individual, or other individual who performs similar functions.

(13) "Federally insured depository financial institution" means a bank, credit union, savings and loan association, trust company, savings association, savings bank, industrial bank, or industrial loan company organized under the laws of the United States or any state of the United States, when such bank, credit union, savings and loan association, trust company, savings association, savings bank, industrial bank, or industrial loan company has federally insured deposits.

(14) "In this State" means at a physical location within this State for a transaction requested in person. For a transaction requested electronically or by phone, the provider of the money transmission may determine if the person requesting the transaction is "in this State" by relying on other information provided by the person regarding the location of the individual's residential address or a business entity's principal place of business or other physical address location, and any records associated with the person that the provider of money transmission may have that indicate such location including, but not limited to, an address associated with an account.

(15) "Individual" means a natural person.

(16) "Key individual" means any individual ultimately responsible for establishing or directing policies and procedures of the licensee, such as an executive officer, manager, director, or trustee.

~~(8)~~(17) "Licensee" means a person licensed pursuant to this act.

(18) "Material litigation" means litigation, that according to United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, is significant to a person's financial health and would be required to be disclosed in the person's annual audited financial statements, report to shareholders, or similar records.

~~(9)~~(19) "Monetary value" means a medium of exchange, whether or not redeemable in money.

~~(10)~~(20) "Money" means a medium of exchange that is authorized or adopted by the United States or a foreign government. The term includes a monetary unit of account established by an intergovernmental organization or by agreement between two or more governments.

~~(11)~~(21) "Money services" means money transmission or currency exchange.

~~(12)~~(22)(a) "Money transmission" means any of the following:

(i) selling or issuing payment instruments to a person located in this State~~,~~;

(ii) selling or issuing stored value to a person located in this State~~,~~; or

(iii) receiving money ~~or monetary value~~ for transmission in this State.

(b) The term does not include the provision solely of delivery, online or telecommunications services, or network access.

(23) "MSB-accredited state" means a state agency that is accredited by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and Money Transmitter Regulators Association for money transmission licensing and supervision.

(24) "Multistate licensing process" means any agreement entered into by and among state regulators relating to coordinated processing of applications for money transmission licenses, applications for the acquisition of control of a licensee, control determinations, or notice and information requirements for a change of key individuals.

(25) "NMLS" means the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry developed by the Conference of State Bank Supervisors and the American Association of Residential Mortgage Regulators and owned and operated by the State Regulatory Registry, LLC, or any successor or affiliated entity, for the licensing and registration of persons in financial services industries.

~~(13)~~(26) "Outstanding money transmission obligation"~~, with respect to a payment instrument, means issued or sold by or for the licensee and reported as sold but not yet paid by or for the licensee~~ is established and extinguished in accordance with applicable state law and means:

(a) any payment instrument or stored value issued or sold by the licensee to a person located in the United States or reported as sold by an authorized delegate of the licensee to a person that is located in the United States that has not yet been paid or refunded by or for the licensee, or escheated in accordance with applicable abandoned property

laws; or

(b) any money received for transmission by the licensee or an authorized delegate in the United States from a person located in the United States that has not been received by the payee or refunded to the sender or escheated in accordance with applicable abandoned property laws.

(c) For purposes of this subsection, "in the United States" includes, to the extent applicable, a person in any state, territory, or possession of the United States; the District of Columbia; the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; or a U.S. military installation that is located in a foreign country.

(27) "Passive investor" means a person that:

(a) does not have the power to elect a majority of key individuals or executive officers, managers, directors, trustees, or other persons exercising managerial authority of a person in control of a licensee;

(b) is not employed by and does not have any managerial duties of the licensee or person in control of a licensee;

(c) does not have the power to exercise, directly or indirectly, a controlling influence over the management or policies of a licensee or person in control of a licensee; and

(d) either:

(i) attests to subitems (a), (b), and (c), in a form and in a medium prescribed by the Commissioner; or

(ii) commits to the passivity characteristics of subitems (a), (b), and (c), in a written document.

~~(14)~~(28) "Payment instrument" means a written or electronic check, draft, money order, traveler's check, or other written or electronic instrument for the transmission or payment of money or monetary value, whether or not negotiable. The term does not include ~~a credit card voucher, letter of credit, or instrument that is redeemable by the issuer in goods or services.~~ stored value or any instrument that (A) is redeemable by the issuer only for goods or services provided by the issuer or its affiliate or franchisee of the issuer or its affiliate, except to the extent required by applicable law to be redeemable in cash for its cash value; or (B) not sold to the public but issued and distributed as part of a loyalty, rewards, or promotional program.

(29) "Payroll processing services" means delivering wages or salaries on behalf of employers to employees or facilitating the payment of payroll taxes to state and federal agencies, making payments relating to employee benefit plans, making distributions of other authorized deductions from wages or salaries, transmitting other funds on behalf of

an employer in connection with transactions related to employees, an employer performing payroll processing services on its own behalf or on behalf of its affiliate, or a professional employment organization subject to regulation under other applicable state law.

~~(15)~~(30) "Person" means an individual, corporation, ~~business trust, estate,~~ trust, general partnership, limited partnership, limited-liability company, association, joint ~~venture~~stock corporation, ~~government, governmental subdivision, agency or instrumentality, public corporation, or another legal or commercial entity~~ or other corporate entity identified by the Commissioner.

~~(16)~~(31) "Record" means information that is inscribed on a tangible medium or that is stored in an electronic or other medium and is retrievable in perceivable form.

~~(17)~~(32) ~~"Responsible individual" means an individual who is employed by a licensee and has principal managerial authority over the provision of money services by the licensee in this State.~~ "Receiving money for transmission" or "money received for transmission" means receiving money or monetary value in the United States for transmission within or outside the United States by electronic or other means.

~~(18)~~(33) "State" means a state, ~~of the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, or a~~ territory, or ~~insular~~ possession ~~subject to the jurisdiction~~ of the United States, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

~~(19)~~(34) "Stored value" means monetary value ~~that is evidenced by an electronic record.~~representing a claim against the issuer evidenced by an electronic or digital record, and that is intended and accepted for use as a means of redemption for money or monetary value, or payment for goods or services. The term includes, but is not limited to, "prepaid access" as defined by 31 C.F.R. Section 1010.100, as amended or recodified from time to time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term "stored value" does not include a payment instrument or closed-loop stored value, or stored value not sold to the public but issued and distributed as part of a loyalty, rewards, or promotional program.

(35) "Tangible net worth" means the aggregate assets of a licensee excluding all intangible assets, less liabilities, as determined in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

~~(20)~~(36) "Unsafe or unsound practice" means a practice or conduct by a person licensed to engage in money transmission or an authorized delegate of such a person, which creates the likelihood of material loss, insolvency, or dissipation of the licensee's assets, or otherwise

materially prejudices the interests of its customers.

Section 35-11-110. (A) This chapter does not apply to:

(1) the United States or a department, agency, or instrumentality ~~of the United States~~thereof, or its agent;

(2) money transmission by the United States Postal Service or by ~~a contractor on behalf~~ an agent of the United States Postal Service;

(3) a state, county, city, or ~~another~~ any other governmental agency or governmental subdivision or instrumentality of a state, or its agent;

(4) ~~a bank, bank holding company, office of an international banking corporation, branch of a foreign bank, corporation organized pursuant to the Bank Service Corporation Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 1861-1867 (Supp. V 1999), or corporation organized under the Edge Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 611-633 (1994 & Supp. V 1999), under the laws of a state or the United States if it does not issue, sell, or provide payment instruments or stored value through an authorized delegate who is not such a person~~a federally insured depository financial institution, bank holding company, office of an international banking corporation, foreign bank that establishes a federal branch pursuant to the International Bank Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 3102, as amended or recodified from time to time, corporation organized pursuant to the Bank Service Corporation Act, 12 U.S.C. Sections 1861-1867, as amended or recodified from time to time, or corporation organized under the Edge Act, 12 U.S.C. Sections 611-633, as amended or recodified from time to time;

(5) electronic funds transfer of governmental benefits for a federal, state, county, or governmental agency by a contractor on behalf of the United States or a department, agency, or instrumentality ~~of the United States~~thereof, or on behalf of a state or governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality ~~of a state~~thereof;

(6) a board of trade designated as a contract market under the federal Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. Section 1-25 ~~(1994)~~ as amended or recodified from time to time, or a person that, in the ordinary course of business, provides clearance and settlement services for a board of trade to the extent of its operation as or for a board of trade;

(7) a registered futures commission merchant under the federal commodities laws to the extent of its operation as a futures commission merchant;

~~(8) a person who provides clearance or settlement services pursuant to a registration as a clearing agency or an exemption from that registration granted under the federal securities laws to the extent of its operation as a provider of clearance or settlement services;~~

~~(9)~~(8) an operator of a payment system to the extent that it provides

processing, clearing, or settlement services, between or among persons ~~excluded~~ exempted by this section, in connection with wire transfers, credit card transactions, debit card transactions, stored-value transactions, automated clearing house transfers, or similar funds transfers;

~~(10)~~(9) a person registered as a securities broker-dealer under federal or state securities laws to the extent of his operation as a securities broker-dealer; ~~or~~

~~(11)~~(10) ~~a credit union regulated and insured by the National Credit Union Association.~~an individual employed by a licensee, authorized delegate, or any person exempted from the licensing requirements of this chapter when acting within the scope of employment and under the supervision of the licensee, authorized delegate, or exempted person as an employee and not as an independent contractor;

(11) a person expressly appointed as a third-party service provider to, or agent of, an entity exempt under Section 35-11-110(A)(4), solely to the extent that:

(a) such service provider or agent is engaging in money transmission on behalf of and pursuant to a written agreement with the exempt entity that sets forth the specific functions that the service provider or agent is to perform; and

(b) the exempt entity assumes all risk of loss and all legal responsibility for satisfying the outstanding money transmission obligations owed to purchasers and holders of the outstanding money transmission obligations upon receipt of the purchaser's or holder's money or monetary value by the service provider or agent;

(12) a person appointed as an agent of a payee to collect and process a payment from a payor to the payee for goods or services, other than money transmission itself, provided to the payor by the payee, provided that:

(a) there exists a written agreement between the payee and the agent directing the agent to collect and process payments from payors on the payee's behalf;

(b) the payee holds the agent out to the public as accepting payments for goods or services on the payee's behalf; and

(c) payment for the goods and services is treated as received by the payee upon receipt by the agent so that the payor's obligation is extinguished and there is no risk of loss to the payor if the agent fails to remit the funds to the payee;

(13) a person that acts as an intermediary by processing payments between an entity that has directly incurred an outstanding money

transmission obligation to a sender, and the sender's designated recipient, provided that the entity:

(a) is properly licensed or exempt from licensing requirements under this chapter;

(b) provides a receipt, electronic record, or other written confirmation to the sender identifying the entity as the provider of money transmission in the transaction; and

(c) bears sole responsibility to satisfy the outstanding money transmission obligation to the sender, including the obligation to make the sender whole in connection with any failure to transmit the funds to the sender's designated recipient;

(14) a person exempt by regulation or order if the Commissioner finds such exemption to be in the public interest and that the regulation of such person is not necessary for the purposes of this chapter; or

(15) payroll processing services.

(B) The Commissioner may require that a person claiming to be exempt from licensing pursuant to this section provide information and documentation to the Commissioner demonstrating that it qualifies for any claimed exemption.

Article 2

Money Transmission Licenses

Section 35-11-200. (A) A person may not engage in the business of money transmission or advertise, solicit, or hold himself out as providing money transmission unless the person is:

(1) licensed under this ~~chapter or approved to engage in money transmission pursuant to Section 35-11-210~~article;

(2) an authorized delegate of a person licensed pursuant to this article; or

(3) ~~an authorized delegate of a person approved to engage in money transmission pursuant to Section 35-11-210~~exempted under Section 35-11-110.

(B) A license issued pursuant to this chapter is not transferable or assignable.

Section 35-11-205. (A) ~~In this section, "material litigation" means litigation that according to generally accepted accounting principles is significant to an applicant's or a licensee's financial health and would be required to be disclosed in the applicant's or licensee's annual audited financial statements, report to shareholders, or similar records.~~

~~(B)~~ A person applying for a license pursuant to this article shall do so in a form and in a medium prescribed by the ~~commissioner~~Commissioner. Each form must contain content as set

forth by regulation, order, instruction, or procedure of the Commissioner and may be changed or updated by the Commissioner in accordance with applicable law in order to carry out the purposes of this chapter and maintain consistency with NMLS licensing standards and practices. The application must state or contain:

(1) the legal name, residential and business addresses of the applicant, and any fictitious or trade name used by the applicant in conducting its business;

(2) a list of any criminal convictions of the applicant and any material litigation in which the applicant has been involved in the ten-year period next preceding the submission of the application;

(3) a description of any money services previously provided by the applicant and the money services that the applicant seeks to provide in this State;

(4) a list of the applicant's proposed authorized delegates and the locations in this State where the applicant and the applicant's authorized delegates propose to engage in money transmission or provide other money services;

(5) a list of other states in which the applicant is licensed to engage in money transmission or provide other money services and any license revocations, suspensions, or other disciplinary action taken against the applicant in another state;

(6) information concerning a bankruptcy or receivership proceeding affecting the licensee or a person in control of a licensee;

(7) a sample form of contract for authorized delegates, if applicable~~, and~~;

(8) a sample form of payment instrument ~~or instrument upon which stored value is recorded~~, if applicable;

~~(8)~~(9) the name and address of any ~~bank~~ federally insured depository financial institution through which the ~~applicant's payment instruments and stored value will be paid~~applicant plans to conduct money transmission; and

~~(9) a description of the source of money and credit to be used by the applicant to provide money services; and~~

(10) other information the commissioner reasonably requires with respect to the applicant.

~~(C)~~(B) If an applicant is a corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or other legal entity, the applicant also shall provide:

(1) the date of the applicant's incorporation or formation and state or country of incorporation or formation;

(2) if applicable, a certificate of good standing from this State and

the state or country in which the applicant is incorporated or formed;

(3) a brief description of the structure or organization of the applicant, including a parent entity or subsidiary of the applicant, and whether a parent entity or subsidiary is publicly traded;

(4) the legal name, a fictitious or trade name, all business and residential addresses, and the employment, in the ten-year period next preceding the submission of the application of each executive officer, manager, director, or person who has control of the applicant;

(5) a list of criminal convictions and material litigation in which an executive officer, a manager, director, or person in control of, the applicant has been involved in the ten-year period next preceding the submission of the application;

(6) a copy of the applicant's audited financial statements for the most recent fiscal year and, if available, for the two-year period next preceding the submission of the application or, if determined to be acceptable to the Commissioner, certified unaudited financial statements for the most recent fiscal year or other period acceptable to the Commissioner;

(7) a ~~copy of the applicant's unconsolidated financial statements for the current fiscal year, whether audited or not, and, if available, for the two-year period next preceding the submission of the application~~certified copy of unaudited financial statements of the applicant for the most recent fiscal quarter;

(8) if the applicant is publicly traded, a copy of the most recent report filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 of the federal Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. Section 78m, ~~(1994 & Supp. V 1999)~~as amended or recodified from time to time;

(9) if the applicant is a wholly owned subsidiary of a:

(a) corporation publicly traded in the United States, a copy of audited financial statements for the parent corporation for the most recent fiscal year or a copy of the parent corporation's most recent report filed pursuant to Section 13 of the federal Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. Section 78m, ~~(1994 & Supp. V 1999)~~as amended or recodified from time to time; or

(b) corporation publicly traded outside the United States, a copy of similar documentation filed with the regulator of the parent corporation's domicile outside the United States;

(10) ~~if the applicant has a registered agent in this State,~~ the name and address of the applicant's registered agent in this State; and

(11) other information the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner reasonably

requires with respect to the applicant.

~~(D)~~(C) A nonrefundable application fee of one thousand five hundred dollars and a license fee of ~~seven hundred fifty~~one thousand six hundred dollars must accompany an application for a license pursuant to this article. The license fee must be refunded if the application is denied.

~~(E)~~(D) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may waive one or more requirements of subsections ~~(B)~~(A) and ~~(C)~~(B) or permit an applicant to submit other information in lieu of the required information.

Section 35-11-210. (A) ~~A person who is licensed to engage in money transmission in at least one other state, with the approval of the commissioner and in accordance with this section, may engage in money transmission and currency exchange in this State without being licensed pursuant to Section 35-11-205 if the:~~

~~(1) state in which the person is licensed has enacted the Uniform Money Services Act or the commissioner determines that the money transmission laws of that state are substantially similar to those imposed by the law of this State;~~

~~(2) person submits to, and in the form required by, the commissioner:~~

~~(a) in a record, an application for approval to engage in money transmission and currency exchange in this State without being licensed pursuant to Section 35-11-205;~~

~~(b) a nonrefundable fee of one thousand dollars; and~~

~~(c) a certification of license history in the other state.~~

~~(B) When an application for approval pursuant this section is complete, the commissioner shall promptly notify the applicant in a record, of the date on which the request was determined to be complete and:~~

~~(1) the commissioner shall approve or deny the request within one hundred twenty days after that date; or~~

~~(2) if the request is not approved or denied within one hundred twenty days after that date the:~~

~~(a) request is approved; and~~

~~(b) approval takes effect as of the first business day after expiration of the one hundred twenty-day period.~~

~~(C) A person who engages in money transmission and currency exchange in this State pursuant to this section shall comply with the requirements of, and is subject to the sanctions provided in this chapter, as if the person were licensed pursuant to Section 35-11-220.~~ Any individual in control of a licensee or applicant, any individual that seeks to acquire control of a licensee, and each key individual shall furnish to

the Commissioner through NMLS the following items:

(1) the individual's fingerprints for submission to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Commissioner for purposes of a national criminal history background check unless the person currently resides outside of the United States and has resided outside of the United States for the last ten years; and

(2) personal history and experience in a form and in a medium prescribed by the Commissioner, to obtain the following:

(a) an independent credit report from a consumer reporting agency unless the individual does not have a Social Security number, in which case, this requirement must be waived;

(b) information related to any criminal convictions or pending charges; and

(c) information related to any regulatory or administrative action and any civil litigation involving claims of fraud, misrepresentation, conversion, mismanagement of funds, breach of fiduciary duty, or breach of contract.

(B) If the individual has resided outside of the United States at any time in the last ten years, the individual also shall provide an investigative background report prepared by an independent search firm that meets the following requirements:

(1) at a minimum, the search firm shall:

(a) demonstrate that it has sufficient knowledge, resources, and employs accepted and reasonable methodologies to conduct the research of the background report; and

(b) not be affiliated with or have an interest with the individual it is researching;

(2) at a minimum, the investigative background report must be written in the English language and must contain the following:

(a) if available in the individual's current jurisdiction of residency, a comprehensive credit report, or any equivalent information obtained or generated by the independent search firm to accomplish such report, including a search of the court data in the countries, provinces, states, cities, towns, and contiguous areas where the individual resided and worked;

(b) criminal records information for the past ten years including, but not limited to, felonies, misdemeanors, or similar convictions for violations of law in the countries, provinces, states, cities, towns, and contiguous areas where the individual resided and worked;

(c) employment history;

(d) media history, including an electronic search of national and

local publications, wire services, and business applications; and

(e) financial services-related regulatory history including, but not limited to, money transmission, securities, banking, insurance, and mortgage-related industries.

Section 35-11-215. (A) ~~Except as otherwise provided in subsection (B),~~An applicant for a money transmission license must provide, and a licensee at all times must maintain, security consisting of a surety bond, letter of credit, or other similar security in a form acceptable to the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner~~in the amount of fifty thousand dollars plus ten thousand dollars for each location, not exceeding a total addition of two hundred fifty thousand dollars, must accompany an application for a license~~.

(B) ~~Security must be in a form satisfactory to the commissioner and payable to the State for the benefit of a claimant against the licensee to secure the faithful performance of the obligations of the licensee with respect to money transmission.~~The amount of the required security must be:

(1) the greater of one hundred thousand dollars or an amount equal to one hundred percent of the licensee's average daily money transmission liability in this State calculated for the most recently completed three-month period, up to a maximum of five hundred thousand dollars; or

(2) in the event that the licensee's tangible net worth exceeds ten percent of total assets, the licensee shall maintain a surety bond of one hundred thousand dollars.

(C) ~~The aggregate liability on a surety bond may not exceed the principal sum of the bond. A claimant against a licensee may maintain an action on the bond, or the commissioner may maintain an action on behalf of the claimant.~~ A licensee that maintains a bond in the maximum amount provided for in Section 35-11-215(B)(1) or (2) may not be required to calculate its average daily money transmission liability for purposes of this section.

(D) ~~A surety bond must cover claims for so long as the commissioner specifies, but for at least five years after the licensee ceases to provide money services in this State. However, the commissioner may permit the amount of security to be reduced or eliminated before the expiration of that time to the extent the amount of the licensee's payment instruments or stored value obligations outstanding in this State is reduced. The commissioner may permit a licensee to substitute another form of security acceptable to the commissioner for the security effective at the time the licensee ceases to provide money services in this State.~~A

licensee may exceed the maximum required bond amount pursuant to Section 35-11-605(A)(5).

~~(E) In lieu of the security prescribed in this section, an applicant for a license or a licensee may provide security in a form prescribed by the commissioner.~~

~~(F) The commissioner may increase the amount of security required to a maximum of one million dollars if the financial condition of a licensee so requires, as evidenced by reduction of net worth, financial losses, or other relevant criteria.~~

Section 35-11-220. (A) When an application for an original license is filed and considered complete pursuant to this article, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall investigate the applicant's financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, character, and general fitness. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may conduct an on-site investigation of the applicant, the reasonable cost of which the applicant must pay. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall issue a license to an applicant pursuant to this article if the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner finds that all of the following conditions have been fulfilled:

(1) the applicant has complied with Sections 35-11-205, 35-11-215, and 35-11-230; and

(2) the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, competence, character, and general fitness of the applicant; and the competence, experience, character, and general fitness of the executive officers, managers, directors, and persons in control of the applicant indicate that it is in the interest of the public to permit the applicant to engage in money transmission.

(B) When an application for an original license pursuant to this article is complete, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner promptly shall notify the applicant in a record of the date on which the application was determined to be complete and:

(1) the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall approve or deny the application within one hundred twenty days after that date; or

(2) if the application is not approved or denied within one hundred twenty days after that date the:

(a) application is considered approved; and

(b) ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall issue the license pursuant to this article, to take effect as of the first business day after expiration of the one hundred twenty-day period.

(C) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may for good cause extend the application period.

(D) A determination by the Commissioner that an application is

complete and is accepted for processing means only that the application, on its face, appears to include all of the items, including the Criminal Background Check response from the FBI, and addresses all of the matters that are required, and is not an assessment of the substance of the application or of the sufficiency of the information provided.

(E) The Commissioner shall issue a formal written notice of the denial of a license application. The Commissioner shall set forth in the notice of denial the specific reasons for the denial of the application. An applicant whose application is denied by the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner pursuant to this ~~article~~ section may ~~appeal~~request a hearing, within thirty days after receipt of the written notice of the denial~~, from the denial and request a hearing~~ pursuant to Section 35-11-710.

(F) The initial license term begins on the day the application is approved. The license expires on December thirty-first of the year in which the license term began, unless the initial license date is between November first and December thirty-first, in which instance the initial license term runs through December thirty-first of the following year.

Section 35-11-225. (A) A ~~person licensed pursuant to this article shall pay an annual renewal fee of seven hundred fifty dollars no later than thirty days before the anniversary of the issuance of the license or, if the last day is not a business day, on the next business day.~~license issued under this chapter must be renewed annually.

(1) An annual renewal fee of one thousand six hundred dollars must be paid no more than sixty days before the license expiration.

(2) The renewal term must be for a period of one year and begins on January first of each year after the initial license term and expires on December thirty-first of the year the renewal term begins.

(B) A licensee under this article shall submit a renewal report with the renewal fee, in a form and in a medium prescribed by the ~~commissioner~~Commissioner. The renewal report must state or contain~~:~~

~~(1) a copy of the licensee's most recent audited annual financial statement or, if the licensee is a wholly owned subsidiary of another corporation, the most recent audited consolidated annual financial statement of the parent corporation or the licensee's most recent audited consolidated annual financial statement;~~

~~(2) the number and monetary amount of payment instruments and stored value sold by the licensee in this State which have not been included in a renewal report, and the monetary amount of payment instruments and stored value currently outstanding;~~

~~(3)~~ a description of each material change in information submitted by the licensee in its original license application which has not been

reported to the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner on a required report~~;~~

~~(4) a list of the licensee's permissible investments and a certification that the licensee continues to maintain permissible investments pursuant to the requirements set forth in Sections 35-11-600 and 35-11-605;~~

~~(5) proof that the licensee continues to maintain adequate security as required by Section 35-11-215; and~~

~~(6) a list of the locations in this State where the licensee or an authorized delegate of the licensee engages in money transmission or provides other money services~~.

(C) ~~If a licensee does not file a renewal report or pay its renewal fee by the renewal date or an extension of time granted by the commissioner, the commissioner shall send the licensee a notice of suspension. Unless the licensee files the report and pays the renewal fee before expiration of ten days after the notice is sent, the licensee's license is suspended ten days after the commissioner sends the notice of suspension. The suspension must be lifted if, within twenty days after its license is suspended, the licensee:~~

~~(1) files the report and pays the renewal fee; and~~

~~(2) pays one hundred dollars for each day after suspension that the commissioner did not receive the renewal report and the renewal fee.~~

~~(D)~~ The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner for good cause may grant an extension of the renewal date.

(D) The Commissioner is authorized and encouraged to utilize NMLS to process license renewals provided that such functionality is consistent with this section.

Section 35-11-230. ~~A person licensed pursuant to this article shall maintain a net worth of at least two hundred fifty thousand dollars determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.~~(A) A licensee under this chapter shall maintain at all times a tangible net worth of the greater of one hundred thousand dollars or three percent of total assets for the first one hundred million dollars, two percent of additional assets for one hundred million dollars to one billion dollars, and one-half of one percent of additional assets for over one billion dollars.

(B) Tangible net worth must be demonstrated at initial application by the applicant's most recent audited or unaudited financial statements pursuant to Section 35-11-205(B)(6).

(C) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the Commissioner shall have the authority, for good cause shown, to exempt, in whole or in part, from the requirements of this section any applicant or licensee.

Section 35-11-235. (A) If a licensee does not continue to meet the qualifications or satisfy the requirements that apply to an applicant for a new money transmission license, the Commissioner may suspend or revoke the licensee's license pursuant to Section 35-11-700 or 35-11-710 or other applicable state law for such suspension or revocation.

(B) An applicant for a money transmission license must demonstrate that it meets or will meet, and a money transmission licensee must at all times meet, the requirements in Sections 35-11-215, 35-11-230 and 35-11-600 of this chapter.

Article 3

Currency Exchange Licenses

Section 35-11-300. (A) A person may not engage in currency exchange or advertise, solicit, or hold himself out as providing currency exchange for which the person receives revenues equal or greater than five percent of total revenues unless the person is:

(1) licensed pursuant to this ~~chapter~~article;

(2) licensed for money transmission pursuant to Article 2~~, or approved to engage in money transmission pursuant to Section 35-11-210~~; or

(3) an authorized delegate of a person licensed pursuant to Article 2~~; or~~.

~~(4) an authorized delegate of a person approved to engage in money transmission pursuant to Section 35-11-210.~~

(B) A license issued pursuant to this chapter is not transferable or assignable.

Section 35-11-305. (A) A person applying for a license pursuant to this article shall do so in a form and in a medium prescribed by the ~~commissioner~~Commissioner. The application shall state or contain:

(1) the legal name and residential and business addresses of the applicant, if the applicant is an individual or, if the applicant is not an individual, the name of each partner, executive officer, manager, and director;

(2) the location of the principal office of the applicant;

(3) complete addresses of other locations in this State where the applicant proposes to engage in currency exchange, including all limited stations and mobile locations; and

~~(4) a description of the source of money and credit to be used by the applicant to engage in currency exchange; and~~

~~(5)~~(4) other information the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner reasonably requires with respect to the applicant, but not more than the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may require pursuant to Article 2.

(B) A nonrefundable application fee of one thousand five hundred dollars and a license fee of ~~seven hundred fifty~~one thousand six hundred dollars must accompany an application for a license pursuant to this article. The license fee must be refunded if the application is denied.

(C) The Commissioner may waive one or more requirements of subsection (A) or permit an applicant to submit other information in lieu of the required information.

Section 35-11-310. (A) When a person applies for a license pursuant to this article, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall investigate the applicant's financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, character, and general fitness. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may conduct an on-site investigation of the applicant, the reasonable cost of which the applicant must pay. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall issue a license to an applicant pursuant to this article if the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner finds that all of the following conditions have been fulfilled:

(1) the applicant has complied with Section 35-11-305; and

(2) the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, competence, character, and general fitness of the applicant; and the competence, experience, character, and general fitness of the executive officers, managers, directors, and persons in control of the applicant indicate that it is in the interest of the public to permit the applicant to engage in currency exchange.

(B) When an application for an original license pursuant to this article is complete, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner promptly shall notify the applicant in a record of the date on which the application was determined to be complete and:

(1) the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall approve or deny the application within one hundred twenty days after that date; or

(2) if the application is not approved or denied within one hundred twenty days after that date the:

(a) application is considered approved; and

(b) ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner shall issue the license pursuant to this article, to take effect as of the first business day after expiration of the period.

(C) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may for good cause extend the application period.

(D) The Commissioner shall issue a formal written notice of the denial of a license. The Commissioner shall set forth in the notice of denial the specific reasons for the denial of the application. An applicant whose application is denied a license by the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner

pursuant to this article may ~~appeal~~request a hearing, within thirty days after receipt of the written notice of the denial pursuant to Section 35-11-710~~, from the denial and request a hearing~~.

Section 35-11-315. (A) ~~A person licensed pursuant to this article shall pay a biennial renewal fee of seven hundred fifty dollars no later than thirty days before each biennial anniversary of the issuance of the license or, if the last day is not a business day, on the next business day.~~ All licenses issued pursuant to this article expire on December thirty-first of each year. A person licensed pursuant to this article shall pay a renewal fee of one thousand six hundred dollars on or before December first of each year.

(B) A person licensed pursuant to this article shall submit a renewal report with the renewal fee, in a form and in a medium prescribed by the ~~commissioner~~Commissioner. The renewal report must state or contain a:

(1) description of each material change in information submitted by the licensee in its original license application which has not been reported to the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner on a required report; and

(2) list of the locations in this State where the licensee or an authorized delegate of the licensee engages in currency exchange, including limited stations and mobile locations.

~~(C) If a licensee does not file a renewal report and pay its renewal fee by the renewal date or an extension of time granted by the commissioner, the commissioner shall send the licensee a notice of suspension. Unless the licensee files the report and pays the renewal fee before expiration of ten days after the notice is sent, the licensee's license is suspended ten days after the commissioner sends the notice of suspension.~~

~~(D)~~(C) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner for good cause may grant an extension of the renewal date.

Article 4

Authorized Delegates

Section 35-11-400. (A) In this section, “remit” means to make direct payments of money to a licensee or its representative authorized to receive money or to deposit money in a bank in an account specified by the licensee.

(B) ~~A contract between a licensee and an authorized delegate must require the authorized delegate to operate in full compliance with this chapter. For such contracts initiated on or after the effective date of this act, the licensee shall provide to each authorized delegate information sufficient for compliance with this chapter.~~Before a licensee is authorized to conduct business through an authorized delegate or allows a person to act as the licensee’s authorized delegate, the licensee must:

(1) adopt, and update as necessary, written policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure that the licensee's authorized delegates comply with applicable state and federal law;

(2) enter into a written contract that complies with Section 35-11-400(D); and

(3) conduct a reasonable risk-based background investigation sufficient for the licensee to determine whether the authorized delegate has complied and will likely comply with applicable state and federal law.

(C) ~~An authorized delegate shall remit all money owing to the licensee in accordance with the terms of the contract between the licensee and the authorized delegate.~~An authorized delegate must operate in full compliance with this chapter.

(D) ~~If a license is suspended or revoked or a licensee does not renew its license, the commissioner shall notify all authorized delegates of the licensee whose names are in a record filed with the commissioner of the suspension, revocation, or nonrenewal. After notice is sent or publication is made, an authorized delegate shall immediately cease to provide money services as a delegate of the licensee.~~ The written contract required by Section 35-11-400(B) must be signed by the licensee and the authorized delegate and, at a minimum, must:

(1) appoint the person signing the contract as the licensee's authorized delegate with the authority to conduct money transmission on behalf of the licensee;

(2) set forth the nature and scope of the relationship between the licensee and the authorized delegate and the respective rights and responsibilities of the parties;

(3) require the authorized delegate to agree to fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, and regulations pertaining to money transmission, including this chapter and regulations implementing this chapter, relevant provisions of the Bank Secrecy Act and the USA Patriot Act;

(4) require the authorized delegate to remit and handle money and monetary value in accordance with the terms of the contract between the licensee and the authorized delegate;

(5) impose a trust on money and monetary value net of fees received for money transmission for the benefit of the licensee;

(6) require the authorized delegate to prepare and maintain records as required by this chapter or regulations implementing this chapter, or as reasonably requested by the Commissioner;

(7) acknowledge that the authorized delegate consents to

examination or investigation by the Commissioner;

(8) state that the licensee is subject to regulation by the Commissioner and that, as part of that regulation, the Commissioner may suspend or revoke an authorized delegate designation or require the licensee to terminate an authorized delegate designation; and

(9) acknowledge receipt of the written policies and procedures required under Section 35-11-400(B)(1).

(E) ~~An authorized delegate may not provide money services outside the scope of activity permissible under the contract between the authorized delegate and the licensee, except activity in which the authorized delegate is authorized to engage in pursuant to Article 2 of this chapter. An authorized delegate of a licensee holds in trust for the benefit of the licensee all money net of fees received from money transmission.~~If the licensee's license is suspended, revoked, surrendered, or expired, the licensee must, within five business days, provide documentation to the Commissioner that the licensee has notified all applicable authorized delegates of the licensee whose names are in a record filed with the Commissioner of the suspension, revocation, surrender, or expiration of a license. Upon suspension, revocation, surrender, or expiration of a license, applicable authorized delegates shall immediately cease to provide money transmission as an authorized delegate of the licensee.

(F) An authorized delegate of a licensee holds in trust for the benefit of the licensee all money net of fees received from money transmission. If any authorized delegate commingles any funds received from money transmission with any other funds or property owned or controlled by the authorized delegate, all commingled funds and other property shall be considered held in trust in favor of the licensee in an amount equal to the amount of money net of fees received from money transmission.

~~(F)~~(G) An authorized delegate may not use a subdelegate to conduct money services on behalf of a licensee.

Section 35-11-405. A person may not provide money services on behalf of a person not licensed pursuant to this chapter or not exempt pursuant to Section 35-11-110. A person that engages in that activity provides money services to the same extent as if the person were a licensee and is jointly and severally liable with the unlicensed or nonexempt person.

Article 5

Examinations, Reports, and Records

Section 35-11-500. (A) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may conduct an ~~annual~~ examination or investigation of a licensee or of any

of the licensee's authorized delegates ~~on a forty-five-day notice in a record to the licensee~~or otherwise take independent action authorized by this chapter or by a rule or order issued under this chapter as reasonably necessary or appropriate to administer and enforce this chapter, regulations implementing this chapter, and other applicable law, including the Bank Secrecy Act and the USA Patriot Act. The Commissioner may:

(1) conduct an examination either on-site or off-site as the Commissioner may reasonably require;

(2) conduct an examination in conjunction with an examination conducted by representatives of other state agencies or agencies of another state or of the federal government;

(3) accept the examination report of another state agency or an agency of another state or of the federal government, or a report prepared by an independent accounting firm, which on being accepted is considered for all purposes as an official report of the Commissioner; and

(4) summon and examine under oath a key individual or employee of a licensee or authorized delegate and require the person to produce records regarding any matter related to the condition and business of the licensee or authorized delegate.

(B) ~~The commissioner may examine a licensee or its authorized delegate, at any time, without notice, if the commissioner has reason to believe that the licensee or authorized delegate is engaging in an unsafe or unsound practice or has violated or is violating this chapter or a rule adopted or an order issued pursuant to this chapter.~~ A licensee or authorized delegate shall provide, and the Commissioner shall have full and complete access to, all records the Commissioner may reasonably require to conduct a complete examination. The records must be provided at the location and in the format specified by the Commissioner, provided, the Commissioner may utilize multistate record production standards and examination procedures when such standards will reasonably achieve the requirements of this section.

(C) If the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner concludes that an ~~on-site~~ examination is necessary pursuant to subsection (A), the licensee shall pay the reasonable cost of the examination.

(D) Information obtained during an examination pursuant to this chapter may be disclosed only as provided in Section 35-11-530.

Section 35-11-505. ~~The commissioner may consult and cooperate with other state money services regulators in enforcing and administering this act. They jointly may pursue examinations and take~~

~~other official action that they are otherwise empowered to take.~~(A) To efficiently and effectively administer and enforce this chapter and to minimize regulatory burden, the Commissioner is authorized and encouraged to participate in multistate supervisory processes established between states and coordinated through the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, Money Transmitter Regulators Association, and affiliates and successors thereof for all licensees that hold licenses in this State and other states. As a participant in multistate supervision, the Commissioner shall:

(1) cooperate, coordinate, and share information with other state and federal regulators in accordance with Section 35-11-530;

(2) enter into written cooperation, coordination, or information-sharing contracts or agreements with organizations the membership of which is made up of state or federal governmental agencies; and

(3) cooperate, coordinate, and share information with organizations the membership of which is made up of state or federal governmental agencies, provided that the organizations agree in writing to maintain the confidentiality and security of the shared information in accordance with Section 35-11-530.

(B) The Commissioner may not waive, and nothing in this section constitutes a waiver of, the Commissioner's authority to conduct an examination or investigation or otherwise take independent action authorized by this chapter, or a rule adopted or order issued under this chapter, to enforce compliance with applicable state or federal law.

(C) A joint examination or investigation, or acceptance of an examination or investigation report, does not waive an examination assessment provided for in this chapter.

Section 35-11-510. (A) A licensee shall file with the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner within fifteen business days any material changes in information provided in a licensee's application as prescribed by the ~~commissioner~~Commissioner.

(B) ~~A licensee shall file with the commissioner within forty-five days after the end of each fiscal quarter a current list of all authorized delegates, and locations in this State where the licensee or an authorized delegate of the licensee provides money services, including limited stations and mobile locations. The licensee shall state the name and street address of each location and authorized delegate.~~ Each licensee shall submit a report of authorized delegates within forty-five days of the end of the calendar quarter. The Commissioner is authorized and encouraged to utilize NMLS for the submission of the report required by this

subsection provided that such functionality is consistent with the requirements of this subsection. The authorized delegate report must include, at a minimum, each authorized delegate's:

(1) company legal name;

(2) taxpayer employer identification number;

(3) principal provider identifier;

(4) physical address;

(5) mailing address;

(6) any business conducted in other states;

(7) any fictitious or trade name;

(8) contact person's name, phone number, and email;

(9) start date as licensee's authorized delegate;

(10) end date acting as licensee's authorized delegate, if applicable; and

(11) any other information the Commissioner reasonably requires with respect to the authorized delegate.

(C) A licensee shall file a report with the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner within ~~three~~ one business ~~days~~ day after the licensee has reason to know of the occurrence of any of the following events:

(1) the filing of a petition by or against the licensee under the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. Section 101-110, ~~(1994 & Supp. V 1999)~~as amended or recodified from time to time, for bankruptcy or reorganization;

(2) the filing of a petition by or against the licensee for receivership, the commencement of another judicial or administrative proceeding for its dissolution or reorganization, or the making of a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or

(3) the commencement of a proceeding to revoke or suspend its license in a state or country in which the licensee engages in business or is licensed~~;~~.

~~(4) the cancellation or other impairment of the licensee's bond or other security;~~

(D) A licensee shall file a report with the Commissioner within three business days after the licensee has reason to know of the occurrence of any of the following events:

~~(5)~~(1) a charge or conviction of the licensee or of ~~an executive officer, manager, director,~~a key individual or person in control of the licensee for a felony; or

~~(6)~~(2) a charge or conviction of an authorized delegate for a felony.

(E) Each licensee shall submit a report of condition within forty-five days of the end of the calendar quarter, or within any extended time as

the Commissioner may prescribe. The report of condition must include:

(1) financial information at the licensee level;

(2) nationwide and state-specific money transmission transaction information in every jurisdiction in the United States where the licensee is licensed to engage in money transmission;

(3) permissible investments report;

(4) transaction destination country reporting for money received for transmission, if applicable, which shall only be included in a report of condition submitted within forty-five days of the end of the fourth calendar quarter; and

(5) any other information the Commissioner reasonably requires with respect to the licensee. The Commissioner is authorized and encouraged to utilize NMLS for the submission of the report required by this subsection and is authorized to change or update as necessary the requirements of this subsection to carry out the purposes of this chapter and maintain consistency with NMLS reporting.

(F) Each licensee, within ninety days after the end of each fiscal year, or within any extended time as the Commissioner may prescribe, shall file with the Commissioner:

(1) an audited financial statement of the licensee for the fiscal year prepared in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, prepared by an independent certified public accountant or independent public accountant who is satisfactory to the Commissioner, which must include or be accompanied by a certificate of opinion of the independent certified public accountant or independent public accountant that is satisfactory in form and content to the Commissioner. If the certificate or opinion is qualified, the Commissioner may order the licensee to take any action as the Commissioner may find necessary to enable the independent or certified public accountant or independent public accountant to remove the qualification; and

(2) any other information as the Commissioner may reasonably require.

Section 35-11-515. (A) ~~A licensee shall:~~

~~(1) give the commissioner notice in a record of a proposed change of control within fifteen days after learning of the proposed change of control;~~

~~(2) request approval of the acquisition; and~~

~~(3) submit a nonrefundable fee of one thousand dollars with the notice.~~

~~(B) After review of a request for approval pursuant to subsection (A),~~

~~the commissioner may require the licensee to provide additional information concerning the proposed persons in control of the licensee. The additional information must be limited to the same types required of the licensee or persons in control of the licensee as part of its original license or renewal application.~~

~~(C) The commissioner shall approve a request for change of control pursuant to subsection (A) if, after investigation, the commissioner determines that the person or group of persons requesting approval has the competence, experience, character, and general fitness to operate the licensee or person in control of the licensee in a lawful and proper manner and that the public interest will not be jeopardized by the change of control.~~

~~(D) When an application for a change of control pursuant to this article is complete, the commissioner shall notify the licensee in a record of the date on which the request was determined to be complete and:~~

~~(1) the commissioner shall approve or deny the request within one hundred twenty days after that date; or~~

~~(2) if the request is not approved or denied within one hundred twenty days after that date:~~

~~(a) the request is considered approved; and~~

~~(b) the commissioner shall permit the change of control under this section to take effect as of the first business day after expiration of the period.~~

~~(E) The commissioner, by rule of order, may exempt a person from any of the requirements of subsection (A)(2) and (3) if it is in the public interest to do so.~~

~~(F) Subsection (A) does not apply to a public offering of securities.~~

~~(G) Before filing a request for approval to acquire control of a licensee or person in control of a licensee, a person may request in a record a determination from the commissioner as to whether the person would be considered a person in control of a licensee upon consummation of a proposed transaction. If the commissioner determines that the person would not be a person in control of a licensee, the commissioner shall enter an order to that effect and the proposed person and transaction is not subject to the requirements of subsections (A) through (C).~~Any person, or group of persons acting in concert, seeking to acquire control of a licensee shall obtain the written approval of the Commissioner prior to acquiring control. An individual is not deemed to acquire control of a licensee and is not subject to these acquisition of control provisions when that individual becomes a key individual in the ordinary course of business.

(B) A person, or group of persons acting in concert, seeking to acquire control of a licensee, in cooperation with the licensee, shall:

(1) submit an application in a form and in a medium prescribed by the Commissioner; and

(2) submit a nonrefundable fee of one thousand dollars with the request for approval.

(C) Upon request, the Commissioner may permit a licensee or the person, or group of persons acting in concert, to submit some or all information required by the Commissioner pursuant to Section 35-11-515(B)(1) without using NMLS.

(D) The application required by Section 35-11-515(B)(1) must include information required by Section 35-11-210 for any new key individuals that have not previously completed the requirements of Section 35-11-210 for a licensee.

(E) When an application for acquisition of control under this section appears to include all the items and addresses all of the matters that are required, the application must be considered complete and the Commissioner shall promptly notify the applicant in a record of the date on which the application was determined to be complete and:

(1) the Commissioner shall approve or deny the application within sixty days after the completion date; or

(2) if the application is not approved or denied within sixty days after the completion date:

(a) the application is approved;

(b) the person, or group of persons acting in concert, are not prohibited from acquiring control; and

(c) the Commissioner may for good cause extend the application period.

(F) A determination by the Commissioner that an application is complete and is accepted for processing means only that the application, on its face, appears to include all of the items and address all of the matters that are required, and is not an assessment of the substance of the application or of the sufficiency of the information provided.

(G) When an application is filed and considered complete under subsection (E), the Commissioner shall investigate the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, character, and general fitness of the person, or group of persons acting in concert, seeking to acquire control. The Commissioner shall approve an acquisition of control pursuant to this section if the Commissioner finds that all of the following conditions have been fulfilled:

(1) the requirements of subsections (B) and (D) have been met, as

applicable; and

(2) the financial condition and responsibility, financial and business experience, competence, character, and general fitness of the person, or group of persons acting in concert, seeking to acquire control; and the competence, experience, character, and general fitness of the key individuals and persons that would be in control of the licensee after the acquisition of control indicate that it is in the interest of the public to permit the person, or group of persons acting in concert, to control the licensee.

(H) The Commissioner shall issue a formal written notice of the denial of an application to acquire control within thirty days of the decision to deny the application. The Commissioner shall set forth in the notice of denial the specific reasons for the denial of the application. An applicant whose application is denied by the Commissioner under this section may request a hearing within thirty days after receipt of the written notice of the denial pursuant to Section 35-11-710.

(I) The requirements of subsections (A) and (B) do not apply to any of the following:

(1) a person that acts as a proxy for the sole purpose of voting at a designated meeting of the shareholders or holders of voting shares or voting interests of a licensee or a person in control of a licensee;

(2) a person that acquires control of a licensee by devise or descent;

(3) a person that acquires control of a licensee as a personal representative, custodian, guardian, conservator, or trustee, or as an officer appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction or by operation of law;

(4) a person that is exempt under Section 35-11-110(A)(4);

(5) a person that the Commissioner determines is not subject to subsection (A) based on the public interest;

(6) a public offering of securities of a licensee or a person in control of a licensee; or

(7) an internal reorganization of a person in control of the licensee where the ultimate person in control of the licensee remains the same.

(J) Persons in subsection (I)(2), (3), (4), (6), and (7), in cooperation with the licensee, shall notify the Commissioner within fifteen days after the acquisition of control.

(K)(1) The requirements of subsections (A) and (B) do not apply to a person that has complied with and received approval to engage in money transmission under this chapter or was identified as a person in control in a prior application filed with and approved by the Commissioner or by an MSB-accredited state pursuant to a multistate licensing process,

provided that:

(a) the person has not had a license revoked or suspended or controlled a licensee that has had a license revoked or suspended while the person was in control of the licensee in the previous five years;

(b) if the person is a licensee, the person is well managed and has received at least a satisfactory rating for compliance at its most recent examination by an MSB-accredited state if such rating was given;

(c) the licensee to be acquired is projected to meet the requirements of Sections 35-11-215, 35-11-230, and 35-11-600 after the acquisition of control is completed, and if the person acquiring control is a licensee, that licensee is also projected to meet the requirements of Sections 35-11-215, 35-11-230, and 35-11-600 after the acquisition of control is completed;

(d) the licensee to be acquired will not implement any material changes to its business plan as a result of the acquisition of control, and if the person acquiring control is a licensee, that licensee also will not implement any material changes to its business plan as a result of the acquisition of control; and

(e) the person provides notice of the acquisition in cooperation with the licensee and attests to subsection (K)(1)(a), (b), (c), and (d) in a form and in a medium prescribed by the Commissioner.

(2) If the notice is not disapproved within thirty days after the date on which the notice was determined to be complete, the notice is deemed approved.

(L) Before filing an application for approval to acquire control of a licensee a person may request in writing a determination from the Commissioner as to whether the person would be considered a person in control of a licensee upon consummation of a proposed transaction. If the Commissioner determines that the person would not be a person in control of a licensee, the proposed person and transaction is not subject to the requirements of subsections (A) and (B).

(M)(1) A licensee adding or replacing any key individual shall:

(a) provide notice in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner within fifteen days after the effective date of the key individual's appointment; and

(b) provide information as required by Section 35-11-210 within forty-five days of the effective date.

(2) Within ninety days of the date on which the notice provided pursuant to item (1) was determined to be complete, the Commissioner may issue a notice of disapproval of a key individual if the competence, experience, character, or integrity of the individual would not be in the

best interest of the public or the customers of the licensee to permit the individual to be a key individual of such licensee.

(3) A notice of disapproval must contain a statement of the basis for disapproval and must be sent to the licensee and the disapproved individual. A licensee may request a hearing regarding a notice of disapproval, within thirty days after receipt of such notice of disapproval pursuant to Section 35-11-710.

(4) If the notice provided pursuant to item (1) is not disapproved within ninety days after the date on which the notice was determined to be complete, the key individual is deemed approved.

Section 35-11-520. (A) A licensee shall maintain the following records for determining its compliance with this ~~act~~ chapter for at least three years:

(1) a record of each ~~payment instrument or stored value~~outstanding money transmission obligation sold;

(2) a general ledger posted at least monthly containing all asset, liability, capital, income, and expense accounts;

(3) bank statements and bank reconciliation records;

(4) records of outstanding ~~payment instruments and stored value~~money transmission obligations;

(5) records of each ~~payment instrument and stored value~~money transmission obligation paid within the three-year period;

(6) a list of the last known names and addresses of all of the licensee's authorized delegates; and

(7) other records the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner reasonably requires by rule.

(B) The items specified in subsection (A) may be maintained in any form of record.

(C) Records may be maintained outside this State if they are made accessible to the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner on a seven business-day notice that is sent in a record.

(D) All records maintained by the licensee as required in subsections (A) through (C) are open to inspection by the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner pursuant to Section 35-11-500.

Section 35-11-525. (A) A licensee and an authorized delegate shall file with the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner all reports required by federal currency reporting, record-keeping, and suspicious transaction reporting requirements as set forth in ~~31 U.S.C. Section 5311 (1994), 31 C.F.R. Section 103 (2000)~~the Bank Secrecy Act and other federal and state laws pertaining to money laundering.

(B) The timely filing of a complete and accurate report required

pursuant to subsection (A) with the appropriate federal agency is in compliance with the requirements of subsection (A), unless the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner notifies the licensee that reports of this type are not being regularly and comprehensively transmitted by the federal agency to the ~~commissioner~~Commissioner.

Section 35-11-530. (A) ~~Unless otherwise specified in this section, all information filed with the Securities Commissioner shall be available for public inspection pursuant to rules promulgated by the commissioner consistent with state and federal law governing the disclosure of public information.~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection (B), all information or reports obtained by the Commissioner from an applicant, licensee, or authorized delegate, and all information contained in or related to an examination, investigation, operating report, or condition report prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of the Commissioner, or financial statements, balance sheets, or authorized delegate information, are confidential and are not subject to disclosure under Section 30-4-10, et seq.

(B)~~ Except for reasonably segregable portions of information and records that by law would routinely be made available to a party other than an agency in litigation with the commissioner, the commissioner shall not publish or make available:~~

~~(1) information contained in reports, summaries, analyses, letters, or memoranda arising out of, in anticipation of, or in connection with an investigation, examination, or inspection of the books and records of a person;~~

~~(2) interagency or intra-agency memoranda or letters, including without limitation:~~

~~(a) records that reflect discussions between or consideration by the commissioner or members of the commissioner's staff, or both, of an action taken or proposed to be taken by the commissioner or by a member of the commissioner's staff; and~~

~~(b) reports, summaries, analyses, conclusions, or any other work product of the commissioner or of attorneys, accountants, analysts, or other members of the commissioner's staff, prepared in the course of an:~~

~~(i) inspection of the books or records of a person whose affairs are regulated by the commissioner; or~~

~~(ii) examination, investigation, or litigation conducted by or on behalf of the commissioner;~~

~~(3) personnel files, medical files, and similar files if disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, including without limitation:~~

~~(a) information concerning all employees of the South Carolina Securities Division and all persons subject to regulation by the division; and~~

~~(b) personal information reported to the commissioner under the division's rules concerning registration about employees of applicants, licensees, or their agents;~~

~~(4)(a) investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes to the extent that production of the records would:~~

~~(i) interfere with enforcement proceedings;~~

~~(ii) deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication; or~~

~~(iii) disclose the identity of a confidential source;~~

~~(b) the commissioner also may withhold investigatory records that would:~~

~~(i) constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;~~

~~(ii) disclose investigative techniques and procedures; or~~

~~(iii) endanger the life or physical safety of law enforcement personnel;~~

~~(c) as used in this section, "investigatory records" includes:~~

~~(i) all documents, records, transcripts, correspondence, and related memoranda and work products concerning examinations and other investigations and related litigation as authorized by law that pertain to or may disclose the possible violation by a person of a provision of the statutes or rules administered by the commissioner; and~~

~~(ii) all written communications from or to a person confidentially complaining or otherwise furnishing information about a possible violation, as well as all correspondence and memoranda in connection with the confidential complaint or information;~~

~~(5) information contained in or related to examinations, operating reports, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions, check issuers, money transmitters, money services providers, or money service businesses;~~

~~(6)(a) financial records of an applicant, licensee, or the agent of an applicant or licensee obtained during or as a result of an examination by the commissioner;~~

~~(b) when a record is required to be filed pursuant to this article with the commissioner as part of an application for license, annual renewal, or otherwise, the record, including financial statements prepared by certified public accountants, must be public information unless sections of the information are bound separately and are marked~~

~~"confidential" by the applicant, licensee, or agent upon filing;~~

~~(c) information pursuant to subitem (b) bound separately and marked "confidential" must be considered nonpublic until ten days after the commissioner has given the applicant, licensee, or agent notice that an order will be entered finding the material public information.~~

~~(d) an applicant, licensee, or agent may seek an injunction from the Richland County Circuit Court ordering the commissioner to withhold the information as nonpublic pending a final order from a court of competent jurisdiction if the order of the commissioner pursuant to subitem (c) is appealed under applicable law;~~

~~(7) trade secrets obtained from a person; or~~

~~(8) another record that is required to be closed to the public and is not considered open to public inspection under other law.~~The Commissioner may disclose information not otherwise subject to disclosure under subsection (A) to representatives of state or federal agencies who promise in a record that they will maintain the confidentiality of the information or where the Commissioner finds that the release is reasonably necessary for the protection and interest of the public in accordance with Section 30-4-10, et seq.

~~(C) The commissioner may disclose information not otherwise subject to disclosure pursuant to subsection (A) to representatives of state or federal agencies who promise in a record that they will maintain the confidentiality of the information; or the commissioner finds that the release is reasonably necessary for the protection of the public and in the interests of justice, and the licensee has been given previous notice by the commissioner of the commissioner's intent to release the information.~~

~~(D)~~(C) This section does not prohibit the commissioner from disclosing to the public a list of persons licensed under this chapter or the aggregated financial data concerning those licensees.

(D) Information contained in the records of the Commissioner that is not confidential and may be made available to the public either on the Commissioner's website, upon receipt by the Commissioner of a written request, or in NMLS must include:

(1) the name, business address, telephone number, and unique identifier of a licensee;

(2) the business address of a licensee's registered agent for service;

(3) the name, business address, and telephone number of all authorized delegates;

(4) the terms of or a copy of any bond filed by a licensee, provided that confidential information including, but not limited to, prices and

fees for such bond is redacted;

(5) copies of any nonconfidential final orders of the Commissioner relating to any violation of this chapter or regulations implementing this chapter; and

(6) imposition of an administrative fine or penalty under this chapter.

Section 35-11-535. (A) Every licensee shall forward all money received for transmission in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the licensee and the sender unless the licensee has a reasonable belief or a reasonable basis to believe that the sender may be a victim of fraud or that a crime or violation of law, rule, or regulation has occurred, is occurring, or may occur.

(B) If a licensee fails to forward money received for transmission in accordance with this section, the licensee must respond to inquiries by the sender with the reason for the failure unless providing a response would violate a state or federal law, rule, or regulation.

Section 35-11-540. (A) This section does not apply to:

(1) money received for transmission subject to the federal Remittance Rule, 12 C.F.R. Part 1005, Subpart B, as amended or recodified from time to time; or

(2) money received for transmission pursuant to a written agreement between the licensee and payee to process payments for goods or services provided by the payee.

(B) Every licensee shall refund to the sender within ten days of receipt of the sender's written request for a refund of any and all money received for transmission unless any of the following occurs:

(1) the money has been forwarded within ten days of the date on which the money was received for transmission;

(2) instructions have been given committing an equivalent amount of money to the person designated by the sender within ten days of the date on which the money was received for transmission;

(3) the agreement between the licensee and the sender instructs the licensee to forward the money at a time that is beyond ten days of the date on which the money was received for transmission. If funds have not yet been forwarded in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the licensee and the sender, the licensee shall issue a refund in accordance with the other provisions of this section;

(4) the refund is requested for a transaction that the licensee has not completed based on a reasonable belief or a reasonable basis to believe that a crime or violation of law, rule, or regulation has occurred, is occurring, or may occur; or

(5) the refund request does not enable the licensee to:

(a) identify the sender's name and address or telephone number; or

(b) identify the particular transaction to be refunded in the event the sender has multiple transactions outstanding.

Section 35-11-545. (A) This section does not apply to:

(1) money received for transmission subject to the federal Remittance Rule, 12 C.F.R. Part 1005, Subpart B, as amended or recodified from time to time;

(2) money received for transmission that is not primarily for personal, family, or household purposes;

(3) money received for transmission pursuant to a written agreement between the licensee and payee to process payments for goods or services provided by the payee; or

(4) payroll processing services.

(B) For purposes of this article, "receipt" means a paper receipt, electronic record, or other written confirmation. For a transaction conducted in person, the receipt may be provided electronically if the sender requests or agrees to receive an electronic receipt. For a transaction conducted electronically or by phone, a receipt may be provided electronically. All electronic receipts shall be provided in a retainable form.

(C) Every licensee or its authorized delegate shall provide the sender a receipt for money received for transmission.

(1) The receipt must contain the following information, as applicable:

(a) the name of the sender;

(b) the name of the designated recipient;

(c) the date of the transaction;

(d) the unique transaction or identification number;

(e) the name of the licensee, NMLS Unique ID, the licensee's business address, and the licensee's customer service telephone number;

(f) the amount of the transaction in United States dollars;

(g) any fee charged by the licensee to the sender for the transaction; and

(h) any taxes collected by the licensee from the sender for the transaction.

(2) The receipt required by this section shall be in English and in the language principally used by the licensee or authorized delegate to advertise, solicit, or negotiate, either orally or in writing, for a transaction conducted in person, electronically or by phone, if other than English.

Section 35-11-550. Every licensee or authorized delegate shall include on a receipt or disclose on the licensee's website or mobile application the name and phone number of the South Carolina Office of Attorney General and a statement that the licensee's customers can contact the Commissioner with complaints about the licensee's money transmission services.

Article 6

Permissible Investments

Section 35-11-600. (A) A licensee shall maintain at all times permissible investments that have a market value computed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles of not less than the aggregate amount of all of its outstanding ~~payment instruments and store value obligations issued or sold in all states and money transmitted from all states by the licensee~~money transmission obligation.

(B) Except for permissible investments enumerated in Section 35-11-605(A), ~~The commissioner~~the Commissioner, with respect to ~~a~~ any licensee, may, by rule or order, limit the extent to which a ~~type of~~ specific investment maintained by a licensee within a class of permissible investments may be considered a permissible investment, ~~except for money and certificates of deposit issued by a bank. The commissioner by rule may prescribe or by order allow other types of investments that the commissioner determines to have a safety substantially equivalent to other permissible investments~~if the specific investment represents undue risk to customers, not reflected in the market value of the investments.

(C) Permissible investments, even if commingled with other assets of the licensee, are held in trust for the benefit of the purchasers and holders of the licensee's ~~outstanding payment instruments and stored value~~money transmission obligations in the event of ~~bankruptcy or receivership of the licensee~~ insolvency, the filing of a petition by or against the licensee under the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. Section 101-110, as amended or recodified from time to time, for bankruptcy or reorganization, the filing of a petition by or against the licensee for receivership, the commencement of any other judicial or administrative proceeding for its dissolution or reorganization, or in the event of an action by a creditor against the licensee who is not a beneficiary of this statutory trust. No permissible investments impressed with a trust pursuant to this section may be subject to attachment, levy of execution, or sequestration by order of any court, except for a beneficiary of this statutory trust.

(D) Upon the establishment of a statutory trust in accordance with

subsection (C) or when any funds are drawn on a letter of credit pursuant to Section 35-11-605(A)(4), the Commissioner shall notify the applicable regulator of each state in which the licensee is licensed to engage in money transmission, if any, of the establishment of the trust or the funds drawn on the letter of credit, as applicable. Notice is deemed satisfied if performed pursuant to a multistate agreement or through NMLS. Funds drawn on a letter of credit, and any other permissible investments held in trust for the benefit of the purchasers and holders of the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations, are deemed held in trust for the benefit of such purchasers and holders on a pro rata and equitable basis in accordance with statutes pursuant to which permissible investments are required to be held in this State, and other states, as applicable. Any statutory trust established hereunder must be terminated upon extinguishment of all of the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations.

(E) The Commissioner, by regulation or by order, may allow other types of investments that the Commissioner determines are of sufficient liquidity and quality to be a permissible investment. The Commissioner is authorized to participate in efforts with other state regulators to determine that other types of investments are of sufficient liquidity and quality to be a permissible investment.

Section 35-11-605. (A) ~~Except to the extent otherwise limited by the commissioner pursuant to Section 35-11-600, the~~The following investments are permissible pursuant to Section 35-11-600:

(1)~~ cash, a certificate of deposit, or senior debt obligation of an insured depositary institution, as defined in Section 3 of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 1813 (1994 & Supp. V 1999)~~cash, including demand deposits, savings deposits, and funds in such accounts held for the benefit of the licensee's customers in a federally insured depository financial institution, and cash equivalents including ACH items in transit to the licensee and ACH items or international wires in transit to a payee, cash in transit via armored car, cash in smart safes, cash in licensee-owned locations, debit card or credit card-funded transmission receivables owed by any bank, or money market mutual funds rated "AAA" by S&P, or the equivalent from any eligible rating service;

(2) ~~banker's acceptance or bill of exchange that is eligible for purchase upon endorsement by a member bank of the Federal Reserve System and is eligible for purchase by a Federal Reserve Bank~~certificates of deposit or senior debt obligations of an insured depository institution, as defined in Section 3 of the Federal Deposit

Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 1813, as amended or recodified from time to time, or as defined under the federal Credit Union Act, 12 U.S.C. Section 1781, as amended or recodified from time to time;

(3) ~~an investment bearing a rating of one of the three highest grades as defined by a nationally recognized organization that rates securities~~an obligation of the United States or a commission, agency, or instrumentality thereof; an obligation that is guaranteed fully as to principal and interest by the United States; or an obligation of a state or a governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality thereof;

(4) ~~an investment security that is an obligation of the United States or a department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States; an investment in an obligation that is guaranteed fully as to principal and interest by the United States; or an investment in an obligation of a State or a governmental subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of a state~~ the full drawable amount of an irrevocable standby letter of credit for which the stated beneficiary is the Commissioner that stipulates that the beneficiary need only draw a sight draft under the letter of credit and present it to obtain funds up to the letter of credit amount within seven days of presentation of the items required by subsection (A)(4)(c).

(a) The letter of credit must:

(i) be issued by a federally insured depository financial institution, a foreign bank that is authorized under federal law to maintain a federal agency or federal branch office in a state or states, or a foreign bank that is authorized under state law to maintain a branch in a state that bears an eligible rating or whose parent company bears an eligible rating and is regulated, supervised, and examined by United States federal or state authorities having regulatory authority over banks, credit unions, and trust companies;

(ii) be irrevocable, unconditional, and indicate that it is not subject to any condition or qualifications outside of the letter of credit;

(iii) not contain reference to any other agreements, documents, or entities, or otherwise provide for any security interest in the licensee; and

(iv) contain an issue date and expiration date, and expressly provide for automatic extension, without a written amendment, for an additional period of one year from the present or each future expiration date, unless the issuer of the letter of credit notifies the Commissioner in writing by certified or registered mail or courier mail or other receipted means, at least sixty days prior to any expiration date, that the irrevocable letter of credit will not be extended.

(b) In the event of any notice of expiration or nonextension of a

letter of credit issued under subsection (A)(4)(a)(iv), the licensee is required to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Commissioner, fifteen days prior to expiration, that the licensee maintains and will maintain permissible investments in accordance with Section 35-11-600(A) upon the expiration of the letter of credit. If the licensee is not able to do so, the Commissioner may draw on the letter of credit in an amount up to the amount necessary to meet the licensee's requirements to maintain permissible investments in accordance with Section 35-11-600(A). Any such draw must be offset against the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations. The drawn funds must be held in trust by the Commissioner or the Commissioner's designated agent, to the extent authorized by law, as agent for the benefit of the purchasers and holders of the licensee's outstanding money transmission obligations.

(c) The letter of credit must provide that the issuer of the letter of credit will honor, at sight, a presentation made by the beneficiary to the issuer of the following documents on or prior to the expiration date of the letter of credit:

(i) the original letter of credit, including any amendments; and

(ii) a written statement from the beneficiary stating that any of the following events have occurred:

(A) the filing of a petition by or against the licensee under the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. Sections 101-110, as amended or recodified from time to time, for bankruptcy or reorganization;

(B) the filing of a petition by or against the licensee for receivership, or the commencement of any other judicial or administrative proceeding for its dissolution or reorganization;

(C) the seizure of assets of a licensee by a commissioner pursuant to an emergency order issued in accordance with applicable law, on the basis of an action, violation, or condition that has caused or is likely to cause the insolvency of the licensee; or

(D) the beneficiary has received notice of expiration or nonextension of a letter of credit and the licensee failed to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the beneficiary that the licensee will maintain permissible investments in accordance with Section 35-11-600(A) upon the expiration or nonextension of the letter of credit.

(d) The Commissioner may designate an agent to serve on the Commissioner's behalf as beneficiary to a letter of credit so long as the agent and letter of credit meet requirements established by the Commissioner. The Commissioner's agent may serve as agent for multiple licensing authorities for a single irrevocable letter of credit if

the proceeds of the drawable amount for the purposes of this section are assigned to the Commissioner.

(e) The Commissioner is authorized and encouraged to participate in multistate processes designed to facilitate the issuance and administration of letters of credit including, but not limited to, services provided by the NMLS and State Regulatory Registry, LLC; and

(5) ~~receivables that are payable to a licensee from its authorized delegates, in the ordinary course of business, pursuant to contracts that are not past due or doubtful of collection if the aggregate amount of receivables under this item does not exceed twenty percent of the total permissible investments of a licensee and the licensee does not hold at one time receivables under this item in any one person aggregating more than ten percent of the licensee's total permissible investments; and~~

~~(6) a share or a certificate issued by an open-end management investment company that is registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. Section 80a-1-64 (1994 & Supp. V 1999), and whose portfolio is restricted by the management company's investment policy to investments specified in items (1) through (4).~~ one hundred percent of the surety bond or deposit provided for under Section 35-11-215 that exceeds the average daily money transmission liability in this State.

(B) Unless permitted by the Commissioner by regulation or order to exceed the limit as set forth herein, ~~The~~ the following investments are permissible pursuant to Section 35-11-600, but only to the extent specified:

(1) ~~an interest-bearing bill, note, bond, or debenture of a person whose equity shares are traded on a national securities exchange or on a national over-the-counter market, if the aggregate of investments under this item does not exceed twenty percent of the total permissible investments of a licensee and the licensee does not at one time hold investments under this item in any one person aggregating more than ten percent of the licensee's total permissible investments~~receivables that are payable to a licensee from its authorized delegates in the ordinary course of business that are less than seven days old, up to fifty percent of the aggregate value of the licensee’s total permissible investments;

(2) ~~a share of a person traded on a national securities exchange or a national over-the-counter market or a share or a certificate issued by an open-end management investment company that is registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, 15 U.S.C. Section 80a-1-64 (1994 & Supp. V 1999), and whose portfolio is restricted by the management~~

~~company's investment policy to shares of a person traded on a national securities exchange or a national over-the-counter market, if the aggregate of investments under this item does not exceed twenty percent of the total permissible investments of a licensee and the licensee does not at one time hold investments in any one person aggregating more than ten percent of the licensee's total permissible investments~~of the receivables permissible under item (1), receivables that are payable to a licensee from a single authorized delegate in the ordinary course of business may not exceed ten percent of the aggregate value of the licensee's total permissible investments;

(3) ~~a demand borrowing agreement made to a corporation or a subsidiary of a corporation whose securities are traded on a national securities exchange if the aggregate of the amount of principal and interest outstanding under demand borrowing agreements under this item does not exceed twenty percent of the total permissible investments of a licensee and the licensee does not at one time hold principal and interest outstanding under demand borrowing agreements under this item with any one person aggregating more than ten percent of the licensee's total permissible investments~~the following investments are permissible up to twenty percent for each category and combined up to fifty percent of the aggregate value of the licensee's total permissible investments:

(a) a short-term, up to six months, investment bearing an eligible rating;

(b) commercial paper bearing an eligible rating;

(c) a bill, note, bond, or debenture bearing an eligible rating;

(d) U.S. tri-party repurchase agreements collateralized at one hundred percent or more with U.S. government or agency securities, municipal bonds, or other securities bearing an eligible rating;

(e) money market mutual funds rated less than "AAA" and equal to or higher than "A-" by S&P, or the equivalent from any other eligible rating service; and

(f) a mutual fund or other investment fund composed solely and exclusively of one or more permissible investments listed in subsection (A)(1) through (3); and

(4) ~~another investment the commissioner designates, to the extent specified by the commissioner.~~cash, including demand deposits, savings deposits, and funds in such accounts held for the benefit of the licensee's customers, at foreign depository institutions are permissible up to ten percent of the aggregate value of the licensee's total permissible investments if the licensee has received a satisfactory rating in its most

recent examination and the foreign depository institution:

(a) has an eligible rating;

(b) is registered under the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act;

(c) is not located in any country subject to sanctions from the Office of Foreign Asset Control; and

(d) is not located in a high-risk or noncooperative jurisdiction as designated by the Financial Action Task Force.

~~(C) The aggregate of investments pursuant to subsection (B) may not exceed fifty percent of the total permissible investments of a licensee calculated pursuant to Section 35-11-600.~~

Article 7

Enforcement

Section 35-11-700. (A) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may suspend or revoke a license or order a licensee to revoke the designation of an authorized delegate if:

(1) the licensee violates this chapter or a ~~rule adopted~~ regulation or an order issued pursuant to this ~~act~~chapter;

(2) the licensee does not cooperate with an examination or investigation by the ~~commissioner~~Commissioner;

(3) the licensee engages in fraud, intentional misrepresentation, or gross negligence;

(4) an authorized delegate is convicted of a violation of a state or federal anti-money laundering statute, or violates a ~~rule adopted~~regulation or an order issued pursuant to this chapter, as a result of the licensee's wilful misconduct or wilful blindness;

(5) the competence, experience, character, or general fitness of the licensee, authorized delegate, person in control of a licensee, or ~~responsible person~~key individual of the licensee or authorized delegate indicates that it is not in the public interest to permit the person to provide money services;

(6) the licensee engages in an unsafe or unsound practice;

(7) the licensee is insolvent, suspends payment of its obligations, or makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; ~~or~~

(8) the licensee does not remove an authorized delegate after the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner issues and serves upon the licensee a final order including a finding that the authorized delegate has violated this chapter~~.~~; or

(9) the licensee is the subject of a final order, including a denial, suspension, or revocation, by this or any other state or federal financial services regulator, including a state or federal money services regulator, that was entered against the licensee within the past five years.

(B) In determining whether a licensee is engaging in an unsafe or unsound practice, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may consider the size and condition of the licensee's money transmission, the magnitude of the loss, the gravity of the violation of this ~~act~~chapter or a regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter, and the previous conduct of the person involved.

(C) In determining whether to suspend or revoke a license under subsection (A)(9), the Commissioner may consider if the licensee subject to the final order is currently licensed to conduct business in the jurisdiction where the order was entered.

(D) The Commissioner shall issue a formal written notice of the suspension or revocation. The Commissioner shall set forth in the order the specific reasons for the suspension or revocation. A licensee may request a hearing within thirty days after receipt of the written notice of suspension or revocation pursuant to Section 35-11-710.

Section 35-11-705. (A) The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may issue an order suspending or revoking the designation of an authorized delegate, if the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner finds that the:

(1) authorized delegate violated this chapter or a ~~rule adopted~~regulation or an order issued pursuant to this chapter;

(2) authorized delegate did not cooperate with an examination or investigation by the ~~commissioner~~Commissioner;

(3) authorized delegate engaged in fraud, intentional misrepresentation, or gross negligence;

(4) authorized delegate is convicted of a violation of a state or federal anti-money laundering statute;

(5) competence, experience, character, or general fitness of the authorized delegate or a person in control of the authorized delegate indicates that it is not in the public interest to permit the authorized delegate to provide money services; or

(6) authorized delegate is engaging in an unsafe or unsound practice.

(B) In determining whether an authorized delegate is engaging in an unsafe or unsound practice, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may consider the size and condition of the authorized delegate's provision of money services, the magnitude of the loss, the gravity of the violation of this chapter or a ~~rule adopted~~regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter, and the previous conduct of the authorized delegate.

(C) The Commissioner shall issue a formal written notice of the suspension or revocation. The Commissioner shall set forth in the order the specific reasons for the suspension or revocation. An authorized

delegate may ~~apply for relief from a suspension or revocation of designation as an authorized delegate according to procedures prescribed by the commissioner~~request a hearing within thirty days after receipt of the written notice of suspension or revocation pursuant to Section 35-11-710.

Section 35-11-710. (A) ~~If the commissioner determines that a violation of this chapter or of a rule adopted or an order issued pursuant to this chapter by a licensee or authorized delegate is likely to cause immediate and irreparable harm to the licensee, its customers, or the public as a result of the violation, or cause insolvency or significant dissipation of assets of the licensee, the commissioner may issue an order requiring the licensee or authorized delegate to cease and desist from the violation. The order becomes effective upon service of it upon the licensee or authorized delegate.~~If the Commissioner determines that a person has engaged, is engaging, or is about to engage in an act, practice, or course of business constituting a violation of this chapter or a regulation or order issued under this chapter, the Commissioner may:

(1) issue an order directing the person to cease and desist from engaging in the act, practice, or course of business or to take other action necessary or appropriate to comply with this chapter;

(2) issue an order against a licensee to cease and desist from providing money services through an authorized delegate that is the subject of a separate order by the Commissioner; or

(3) issue an order under Sections 35-11-220(E), 35-11-235(A), 35-11-310(D), 35-11-515(H), 35-11-515(M), 35-11-700, and 35-11-705.

(B) ~~The commissioner may issue an order against a licensee to cease and desist from providing money services through an authorized delegate that is the subject of a separate order by the commissioner.~~ An order under subsection (A) is effective on the date of issuance. Upon issuance of the order, the Commissioner shall promptly serve each person subject to the order with a copy of the order and a notice that the order has been entered. The order must include a statement of any civil penalty or costs of investigation the Commissioner will seek, a statement of the reasons for the order, and notice that, within fifteen days after receipt of a request in a record from the person, the matter will be scheduled for a hearing. If a person subject to the order does not request a hearing and none is ordered by the Commissioner within thirty days after the date of service of the order, the order, which may include a civil penalty or costs of the investigation if a civil penalty or costs were sought, becomes final as to that person by operation of law. If a hearing

is requested or ordered, the Commissioner, after notice of and opportunity for hearing to each person subject to the order, may modify or vacate the order or extend it until final determination.

(C) ~~An order to cease and desist remains effective and enforceable pending the completion of an administrative proceeding pursuant to Section 35-11-700 or 35-11-705.~~If a hearing is requested or ordered pursuant to subsection (B), a hearing must be held. A final order may not be issued unless the Commissioner makes findings of fact and conclusions of law in a record. The final order may make final, vacate, or modify the order issued under subsection (A).

(D) In a final order under subsection (C), the Commissioner may impose a civil penalty against a person that violates this chapter or a regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars per day for each day the violation is outstanding, plus this state's costs and expenses for the investigation and prosecution of the matter, including reasonable attorney's fees.

(E) If a petition for judicial review of a final order is not filed in accordance with Section 35-11-830, the Commissioner may file a certified copy of the final order with the clerk of court of competent jurisdiction. The order so filed has the same effect as a judgment of the court and may be recorded, enforced, or satisfied in the same manner as a judgment of the court.

(F) If a person does not comply with an order under this section, the Commissioner may petition a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the order. The court may not require the Commissioner to post a bond in an action or proceeding under this section. If the court finds, after service and opportunity for hearing, that the person was not in compliance with the order, the court may adjudge the person in civil contempt of the order. The court may impose a further civil penalty against the person for contempt in an amount not less than five hundred dollars but not greater than five thousand dollars for each violation and may grant any other relief the court determines is just and proper in the circumstances.

(G) A hearing in an administrative proceeding under this chapter must be conducted in public unless the Commissioner, for good cause consistent with this chapter, determines that the hearing will not be so conducted.

Section 35-11-715. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may enter into a consent order at any time with a person to resolve a matter arising pursuant to this chapter or a ~~rule adopted~~regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter. A consent order must be signed by the person to whom it is issued or by the person's authorized representative, and

must indicate agreement with the terms contained in the order. A consent order may provide that it does not constitute an admission by a person that this chapter or a ~~rule adopted~~regulation or an order issued pursuant to this chapter has been violated.

Section 35-11-720. ~~The commissioner may assess a civil penalty against a person that violates this chapter or a rule adopted or an order issued pursuant to this chapter in an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars per day for each day the violation is outstanding, plus this state's costs and expenses for the investigation and prosecution of the matter, including reasonable attorney fees~~ Reserved.

Section 35-11-725. (A) A person who intentionally makes a false statement, misrepresentation, or false certification in a record filed or required to be maintained pursuant to this chapter, who intentionally makes a false entry or omits a material entry in that record, or violates a rule promulgated or order issued pursuant to this chapter is guilty of a Class B felony.

(B) A person who knowingly engages in an activity for which a license is required pursuant to this chapter without being licensed pursuant to this chapter and who receives more than five hundred dollars in compensation within a thirty-day period from this activity is guilty of a Class B felony.

(C) A person who knowingly engages in an activity for which a license is required pursuant to this chapter without being licensed pursuant to this chapter and who receives no more than five hundred dollars in compensation within a thirty-day period from this activity is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

Section 35-11-730. (A) If the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner has reason to believe that a person ~~has violated or is violating Section 35-11-200 or 35-11-300, the commissioner may issue an order to show cause why an order to cease and desist should not be issued requiring the person to cease and desist from the violation of Section 35-11-200 or 35-11-300.~~engaged or is about to engage in an act or practice constituting a violation of this chapter or a regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter, the Commissioner may summarily issue an order to cease and desist pursuant to Section 35-11-710.

(B) ~~In an emergency, the commissioner may petition the Richland County Circuit Court for the issuance of a temporary restraining order ex parte pursuant to the rules of civil procedure.~~The Commissioner may apply to the Richland County Court of Common Pleas to:

(1) temporarily or permanently enjoin an act or practice that violates this chapter or a regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter; or

(2) enforce compliance with this chapter or a regulation or order issued or pursuant to this chapter.

(C) ~~An order to cease and desist becomes effective upon service of the order on the person.~~ A person that is served with an order to cease and desist for violating Section 35-11-200 or 35-11-300 may petition the Richland County Court of Common Pleas for a judicial order setting aside, limiting, or suspending the enforcement, operation, or effectiveness of the order pending the completion of an administrative proceeding pursuant to Section 35-11-710.

~~(D) An order to cease and desist remains effective and enforceable pending the completion of an administrative proceeding pursuant to Sections 35-11-800 and 35-11-805.~~

Section 35-11-735. (A) Whenever a licensee has refused or is unable to pay its obligations generally as they become due or whenever it appears to the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner that a licensee is in an unsafe or unsound condition, the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may apply to the Richland County ~~Circuit~~ Court of Common Pleas or to the circuit court of any county in which the licensee is located for the appointment of a receiver for the licensee. The court may require the receiver to post a bond in an amount that appears necessary to protect claimants of the licensee.

(B) The receiver, subject to the approval of the court, shall take possession of the books, records, and assets of the licensee and shall take an action with respect to employees, agents, or representatives of the licensee or other action that may be necessary to conserve the assets of the licensee or ensure payment of instruments issued by the licensee pending further disposition of its business as provided by law. The receiver shall sue and defend, compromise, and settle all claims involving the licensee and exercise the powers and duties that are necessary and consistent with the laws of this State applicable to the appointment of receivers.

(C) The receiver, from time to time, but in no event less frequently than once each calendar quarter, shall report to the court with respect to all acts and proceedings in connection with the receivership.

Section 35-11-740. (A)(1) A person who, knowing that the property involved in a financial transaction represents the proceeds of, or is derived directly or indirectly from the proceeds of unlawful activity, conducts or attempts to conduct such a financial transaction that in fact involves the proceeds:

(a) with the intent to promote the carrying on of unlawful activity; or

(b) knowing that the transaction is designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, location, sources, ownership, or control of the proceeds of unlawful activity is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be punished as follows:

(i) for a Class F felony if the transactions exceed three hundred dollars but are less than twenty thousand dollars in a twelve-month period;

(ii) for a Class E felony for transactions that total or exceed twenty thousand dollars but are less than one hundred thousand dollars in a twelve-month period; or

(iii) for a Class C felony for transactions that total or exceed one hundred thousand dollars in a twelve-month period.

In addition to penalties, a person who is found guilty of or who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to having violated this section may be sentenced to pay a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars, or twice the value of the financial transactions, whichever is greater; however, for a second or subsequent violation of this section, the fine may be up to five hundred thousand dollars, or quintuple the value of the financial transactions, whichever is greater.

(2) A person who transports, transmits, or transfers, or attempts to transport, transmit, or transfer a monetary instrument or funds from a place in South Carolina to or through a place outside the United States or to a place in South Carolina from or through a place outside the United States:

(a) with the intent to promote the carrying on of unlawful activity; or

(b) knowing that the monetary instrument or funds involved in the transportation represent the proceeds of unlawful activity and knowing that the transportation is designed in whole or in part to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of the proceeds of unlawful activity is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be punished as follows:

(i) for a Class F felony if the transactions exceed three hundred dollars but are less than twenty thousand dollars in a twelve-month period;

(ii) for a Class E felony for transactions that total or exceed twenty thousand dollars but are less than one hundred thousand dollars in a twelve-month period; or

(iii) for a Class C felony for transactions that total or exceed one hundred thousand dollars in a twelve-month period.

In addition to penalties, a person who is found guilty of or who pleads

guilty or nolo contendere to having violated this section may be sentenced to pay a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars or twice the value of the financial transactions, whichever is greater; however, for a second or subsequent violation of this section, the fine may be up to five hundred thousand dollars, or quintuple the value of the financial transactions, whichever is greater.

(3) A person with the intent:

(a) to promote the carrying on of unlawful activity; or

(b) to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of property believed to be the proceeds of unlawful activity, conducts or attempts to conduct a financial transaction involving property represented by a law enforcement officer to be the proceeds of unlawful activity, or property used to conduct or facilitate unlawful activity is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be punished as follows:

(i) for a Class F felony if the transactions exceed three hundred dollars but are less than twenty thousand dollars in a twelve-month period;

(ii) for a Class E felony for transactions that total or exceed twenty thousand dollars but are less than one hundred thousand dollars in a twelve-month period; or

(iii) for a Class C felony for transactions that total or exceed one hundred thousand dollars in a twelve-month period.

In addition to penalties, a person who is found guilty of or who pleads guilty or nolo contendere to having violated this section may be sentenced to pay a fine not to exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars or twice the value of the financial transactions, whichever is greater; however, for a second or subsequent violation of this section, the fine may be up to five hundred thousand dollars or quintuple the value of the financial transactions, whichever is greater.

For purposes of this subitem, the term “represented” means a representation made by a law enforcement officer or by another person at the direction of, or with the approval of, a state official authorized to investigate or prosecute violations of this section.

(B) A person who conducts or attempts to conduct a transaction described in subsection (A)(1), or transportation described in subsection (A)(2), is liable to the State for a civil penalty of not more than the greater of:

(1) the value of the property, funds, or monetary instruments involved in the transaction; or

(2) ten thousand dollars.

A court may issue a pretrial restraining order or take another action necessary to ensure that a bank account or other property held by the defendant in the United States is available to satisfy a civil penalty under this section.

(C) As used in this section:

(1) the term "conducts" includes initiating, concluding, or participating in initiating or concluding a transaction;

(2) the term "transaction" includes a purchase, sale, loan, pledge, gift, transfer, delivery, or other disposition and, with respect to a financial institution, includes a deposit, withdrawal, transfer between accounts, exchange of currency, loan, extension of credit, purchase or sale of a stock, bond, certificate of deposit, or other monetary instrument, or another payment, transfer, or delivery by, through, or to a financial institution, by whatever means effected;

(3) the term "financial transaction" means a transaction involving the movement of funds by wire or other means or involving one or more monetary instruments;

(4) the term "monetary instruments" means coin or currency of the United States or of another country, travelers' checks, personal checks, bank checks, money orders, investment securities in bearer form or otherwise in that form that title to it passes upon delivery, and negotiable instruments in bearer form or otherwise in that form that title to it passes upon delivery;

(5) the term "financial institution" has the definition given that term in Section 5312(a)(2), Title 31, United States Code, and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

(D) Nothing in this section supersedes a provision of law imposing criminal penalties or affording civil remedies in addition to those provided for in this section, and nothing in this section precludes reliance in the appropriate case upon the provisions set forth in Section 44-53-475.

Section 35-11-745. (A) The Commissioner may:

(1) conduct public or private investigations within or outside of this State which the Commissioner considers necessary or appropriate to determine whether a person has violated, is violating, or is about to violate this chapter or a regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter, or to aid in the enforcement of this chapter or in the adoption of rules and forms under this chapter;

(2) require or permit a person to testify, file a statement, or produce a record, under oath or otherwise as the Commissioner determines, as to all the facts and circumstances concerning a matter to be investigated or

about which an action or proceeding is to be instituted; and

(3) publish a record concerning an action, proceeding, or an investigation under, or a violation of, this chapter or a regulation or order issued pursuant to this chapter if the Commissioner determines it is necessary or appropriate in the public interest.

(B) For the purpose of an investigation under this chapter, the Commissioner or its designated officer may administer oaths and affirmations, subpoena witnesses, seek compulsion of attendance, take evidence, require the filing of statements, and require the production of any records that the Commissioner considers relevant or material to the investigation.

(C) If a person does not appear or refuses to testify, file a statement, produce records, or otherwise does not obey a subpoena as required by the Commissioner under this chapter, the Commissioner may apply to the Richland County Court of Common Pleas or a court of another state to enforce compliance. The court may:

(1) hold the person in contempt;

(2) order the person to appear before the Commissioner;

(3) order the person to testify about the matter under investigation or in question;

(4) order the production of records;

(5) grant injunctive relief;

(6) impose a civil penalty of not less than five hundred dollars and not greater than five thousand dollars for each violation; and

(7) grant any other necessary or appropriate relief.

(D) This section does not preclude a person from applying to the Richland County Court of Common Pleas for relief from a request to appear, testify, file a statement, produce records, or obey a subpoena.

Article 8

Administrative Procedures

Section 35-11-800. ~~All administrative proceedings pursuant to this chapter must be conducted in accordance with Article 3, Chapter 23, Title 1.~~ In order to carry out the purposes of this chapter, the Commissioner may, subject to the provisions of Section 35-11-530:

(1) enter into agreements or relationships with other governmental officials or federal and state regulatory agencies and regulatory associations in order to improve efficiencies and reduce regulatory burden by standardizing methods or procedures, and sharing resources, records, or related information obtained under this chapter;

(2) use, hire, contract, or employ analytical systems, methods, or software to examine or investigate any person subject to this chapter;

(3) accept, from other state or federal governmental agencies or officials, licensing, examination, or investigation reports made by such other state or federal governmental agencies or officials; and

(4) accept audit reports made by an independent certified public accountant or other qualified third-party auditor for an applicant or licensee and incorporate the audit report in any report of examination or investigation.

Section 35-11-805. ~~Except as otherwise provided in Sections 35-11-225(C), 35-11-315(C), 35-11-710, and 35-11-730, the commissioner~~The Commissioner may not suspend or revoke a license, issue an order to cease and desist, suspend or revoke the designation of an authorized delegate, or assess a civil penalty without notice and an opportunity to be heard pursuant to Section 35-11-710. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner also shall hold a hearing when requested to do so by an applicant whose application for a license is denied.

Section 35-11-810. This chapter is administered by the ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner who may employ such additional assistants as he deems necessary. The ~~commissioner~~ Commissioner may delegate any or all of his duties pursuant to this chapter to members of his staff, as he deems necessary or appropriate.

Section 35-11-815. The commissioner may promulgate and amend regulations or issue orders necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter in order to provide for the protection of the public and to assist licensees in interpreting and complying with this chapter.

Section 35-11-820. The Commissioner may establish reasonable fees for filings required or permitted by regulation or order adopted pursuant to this chapter, and other miscellaneous filings for which no fees are otherwise specified by law.

Section 35-11-825. The Commissioner may retain all fees, assessments, and fines received under this chapter for the administration of this chapter.

Section 35-11-830. A person aggrieved by a final order of the Commissioner may obtain a review of the order in the Richland County Court of Common Pleas by filing in the court, within thirty days after entry of the order, a written petition praying that the order may be modified or set aside in whole or in part. The aggrieved person, upon filing a petition, may move before the court in which the petition is filed to stay the effectiveness of the Commissioner's final order until such time as the court has reviewed the order. If the court orders a stay, the aggrieved person must post any bond set by the court in which a petition is filed. A copy of the petition must be served upon the Commissioner,

and the Commissioner shall certify and file in court a copy of the filing and evidence upon which the order was entered. When these have been filed, the court has exclusive jurisdiction to affirm, modify, enforce, or set aside the order, in whole or in part. The findings of the Commissioner as to the facts, if supported by competent, material, and substantial evidence, are conclusive.

Article 9

Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 35-11-900. In applying and construing this Uniform Act, consideration must be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to its subject matter among states that enact it.

Section 35-11-905. (A) A person licensed in this State to engage in the business of money transmission may not be subject to the amended provisions of this chapter, to the extent that they conflict with the prior law or establish new requirements not imposed under the prior law, until the first January first after the effective date of this chapter.

(B) Notwithstanding subsection (A), a licensee only must be required to amend its authorized delegate contracts for contracts entered into or amended after the effective date of the amendments to this chapter or the completion of any transition period contemplated under subsection (A). Nothing herein may be construed as limiting an authorized delegate's obligations to operate in full compliance with this chapter as required by Section 35-11-400(C).

SECTION 2. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

SECTION 3. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,

sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 4. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Malloy	/s/Rep. Blackwell
/s/Sen. Gambrell	Rep. Gatch
/s/Sen. Garrett	/s/Rep. Jefferson
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. JEFFERSON explained the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 92; Nays 16

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Felder	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Guffey	Haddon	Hager
Hardee	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
King	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	Neese
B. Newton	Ott	Pedalino

Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--92

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Chumley	Harris
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Trantham		

Total--16

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

I was temporarily out of the Chamber on constituent business during the vote on S. 1031. If I had been present, I would have voted in favor of the Conference Report.

Rep. Bill Herbkersman

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

As a member of the judicial selection and reform conference committee, I was out of the Chamber in conference with Senators and missed votes on other conference reports including S. 1031, which I would have voted to adopt the conference report.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

S. 1031--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, and this Bill having been read three times in each House,

it was ordered that the title thereof be changed to that of an Act and that it be enrolled for ratification.

S. 862--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

S. 862--Conference Report
The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., June 06, 2024

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:
S. 862 -- Senators Shealy and Gustafson: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-30, RELATING TO CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PRE-SERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:
That the same do pass with the following amendments:
Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:
SECTION 1. Section 63-13-30 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 63-13-30. (A) A caregiver who begins employment in a licensed or approved childcare center in South Carolina after June 30, 1994, must have at least a high school diploma~~ or General Educational Development (GED)~~, a high school equivalency credential recognized by the State Board of Education, Certificate of Completion, or a South Carolina High School Employability Credential ~~and at least six months' experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facility. If a caregiver does not meet the experience requirements, the caregiver must be directly supervised for six months by a staff person with at least one year experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facility~~. Within~~ six months~~ thirty days of being employed, a caregiver must ~~have six clock hours of training in child growth and development and early childhood education or shall continue to be under the direct supervision of a caregiver who has at least one year of experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facility~~complete fifteen hours of health and safety service provider training. The caregiver shall be directly supervised for a period of at least thirty days by a staff person with at least one year of experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved childcare facility and until such time as the caregiver has completed the required health and safety service provider training, provided the caregiver is also in compliance with Section 63-13-40

relating to required background checks.

(B) A caregiver who has ~~two years'~~ a high school diploma, a high school equivalency credential recognized by the State Board of Education, Certificate of Completion, or a South Carolina High School Employability Credential and at least six months' experience as a caregiver in a licensed or approved facility and is employed as of July 1, 1994, in a licensed or approved childcare center in South Carolina is exempt from the ~~high school diploma and General Educational Development (GED)~~ requirements of subsection (A).

SECTION 2. Section 63-13-20(22), (23), and (26) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(22) "Regular approval" means a written notice issued by the department for a ~~two year~~ three-year period to a department, agency, or institution of the State, or a county, city, or other political subdivision, approving the operation of a public childcare center or group childcare home in accordance with the provisions of the notice, this chapter, and the regulations of the department. The department shall begin issuing the written notices for regular approval beginning with the Calendar Year 2025.

(23) "Regular license" means a license issued by the department for ~~two~~ three years to an operator of a private childcare center or group childcare home or a family childcare home which elects to be licensed showing that the licensee is in compliance with the provisions of this chapter and the regulations of the department at the time of issuance and authorizing the licensee to operate in accordance with the license, this chapter, and the regulations of the department. The department shall begin issuing the written notices for regular approval beginning with the Calendar Year 2025.

(26) "Renewal" means in regard to childcare centers and group childcare homes, to grant an extension of a regular license or regular approval for another ~~two year~~ three-year period provided an investigation of such facilities verifies that they are in compliance with the applicable regulations, in regard to family childcare homes, to place the name of the operator on the registration list for another year provided procedures indicated in this chapter have been completed. The department shall begin issuing the written notices for regular approval beginning with the Calendar Year 2025.

SECTION 3. This act takes effect five business days after approval by the Governor.

Amend title to read:

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTION 63-13-30, RELATING TO CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PRESERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-20, RELATING TO CHILDCARE FACILITY DEFINITIONAL TERMS, SO AS TO CHANGE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.

/s/Sen. Shealy	/s/Rep. Erickson
/s/Sen. Young	/s/Rep. Hartnett
/s/Sen. McElveen	/s/Rep. J.L. Johnson
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. ERICKSON explained the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 109; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Atkinson	Bailey
Ballentine	Bamberg	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Felder	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	King
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	Magnuson	May
McCabe	McCravy	McGinnis

Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--109

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

As a member of the judicial selection and reform conference committee, I was out of the Chamber in conference with Senators and missed votes on other conference reports including S. 862, which I would have voted to adopt the conference report.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on S. 862:

S. 862 -- Senators Shealy and Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION

63-13-30, RELATING TO CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PRESERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-20, RELATING TO CHILDCARE FACILITY DEFINITIONAL TERMS, SO AS TO CHANGE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

S. 862--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, and this Bill having been read three times in each House, it was ordered that the title thereof be changed to that of an Act and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 4820--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

H. 4820--Conference Report
The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., June 04, 2024
The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:

H. 4820 -- Reps. Forrest, Burns, Chapman, Chumley, Haddon, Hayes, Hixon, Magnuson, McDaniel and Gibson: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 50-11-580 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 50-11-580. (A) The season for the hunting and taking ~~a~~ of legal male wild ~~turkey~~turkeys is April 3 through May 3~~:~~

~~(1) in Game Zones 1 and 2, April 1 through May 10; and~~

~~(2) in Game Zones 3 and 4, March 22 through April 30~~.

(B) The season bag limit for legal male wild turkeys is ~~three~~two

statewide for residents and two statewide for nonresidents. The daily bag limit is one, provided that~~:~~

~~(1)~~ only one legal male wild turkey may be taken ~~from April 1 through~~prior to April 10~~ from within Game Zones 1 and 2; and~~

~~(2) only one male wild turkey may be taken from March 22 through March 31 from within Game Zones 3 and 4~~.

(C) It is unlawful for a person to take a female wild turkey unless authorized by the department pursuant to Section 50-11-500(3).

(D) The department shall provide an annual report on wild turkey resources in South Carolina to the Chairman of the Senate Fish, Game and Forestry Committee and the Chairman of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, to include an itemized list of expenditures from the revenues generated from the sale of resident and nonresident wild turkey tags.

SECTION 2. Section 50-11-500 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(10) It is unlawful for a person to hunt, kill, or possess a male wild turkey with a beard less than six inches long and a tail fan that is not fully developed.

SECTION 3. Section 50-11-500 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(11) It is unlawful for a person to stalk a wild turkey while behind a decoy or tail fan. Tail fans include those made of real or synthetic feathers or an image or likeness of a tail fan applied to any material.

SECTION 4. Section 50-11-590 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 50-11-590. (A) The Saturday and Sunday preceding April 3 ~~the start of a game zone turkey season~~and the Saturday and Sunday following May 3 is declared to be a "Youth Turkey Hunting Weekend" ~~within the game zone~~ for youth turkey hunters under eighteen years of age.

(B) A license or tag requirement is waived for a youth turkey hunter during a Youth Turkey Hunting Weekend.

(C) The total bag limit ~~during Youth Turkey Hunting Weekend~~for the two Youth Turkey Hunting Weekends combined is one legal male wild turkey ~~for the weekend~~ that shall count toward the season bag limit. A youth turkey hunter who has reached the season bag limit on or prior to May 3 must not harvest or attempt to harvest a turkey during the Youth Turkey Hunting Weekend following May 3 but is permitted to call turkeys for another youth turkey hunter. A turkey harvest must be reported to the electronic harvest reporting system pursuant to the provisions of Section 50-11-546.

(D) Youth turkey hunters who have not completed the hunter education program pursuant to Section 50-9-310, and who hunt during a Youth Turkey Hunting Weekend, must be accompanied by an adult who is at least twenty-one years of age. An adult ~~may~~ must not harvest or attempt to harvest ~~turkeys~~ a turkey during a Youth Turkey Hunting Weekend but is permitted to call turkeys for a youth turkey hunter.

SECTION 5. Section 50-9-640 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 50-9-640. (A) For the privilege of hunting wild turkey, in addition to the required hunting license and big game permit, a person must possess a wild turkey tag issued in the person's name. The fee for a:

(1) resident is ~~five~~ twenty-five dollars for ~~three~~ two tags, one dollar of which may be retained by the license sales vendor; and

(2) nonresident is one hundred twenty-five dollars for two tags, one dollar of which may be retained by the license sales vendor.

(B) There is no cost for wild turkey tags for persons under the age of sixteen, lifetime licensees, and gratis licensees upon request to the department.

SECTION 6. The amendments contained in SECTIONS 1 and 4 of this act are repealed on May 11, 2028, and the text of these SECTIONS shall revert back to the language contained in the South Carolina Code of Laws as of January 1, 2024.

SECTION 7. SECTION 5 of Act 91 of 2021 is repealed.

SECTION 8. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Amend title to read:

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING SEASON AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-500, RELATING TO PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO WILD TURKEY, SO AS TO PROHIBIT HUNTING, KILLING, OR POSSESSING A MALE WILD TURKEY WITH A BEARD LESS THAN SIX INCHES LONG AND A TAIL FAN THAT IS NOT FULLY DEVELOPED, AND STALKING A WILD TURKEY BEHIND A DECOY OR TAILFAN; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-590, RELATING TO YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING WEEKEND, SO AS TO ADJUST THE DATES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOWED TOTAL BAG LIMIT; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-640, RELATING

TO WILD TURKEY TAG FEES, SO AS TO INCREASE TAG FEES; TO PROVIDE A SUNSET CLAUSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 5 OF ACT 91 OF 2021.

/s/Sen. Campsen	/s/Rep. Hixon
/s/Sen. McElveen	/s/Rep. Forrest
/s/Sen. Goldfinch	/s/Rep. Bauer
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. HIXON explained the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 74; Nays 33

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Bernstein	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Bustos	Calhoon
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Connell	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest
Haddon	Hart	Hartnett
Hayes	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hixon	Hosey
Howard	Jefferson	J. L. Johnson
W. Jones	Jordan	Kirby
Landing	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	McCabe
McDaniel	McGinnis	J. Moore
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Vaughan

Weeks	West	Williams
Willis	Wooten	

Total--74

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Burns	Caskey
B. J. Cox	Dillard	Elliott
Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hiott	S. Jones
Kilmartin	King	Lawson
Magnuson	May	McCravy
Mitchell	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Ott
Pace	Pedalino	Sessions
Wheeler	Whitmire	Yow

Total--33

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

As a member of the judicial selection and reform conference committee, I was out of the Chamber in conference with Senators and missed votes on other conference reports including H. 4820, which I would have voted to adopt the conference report.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on H. 4820:

H. 4820 -- Reps. Forrest, Hixon, Hayes, Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Magnuson, Chapman, McDaniel and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING

SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING SEASON AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11 -500, RELATING TO PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO WILD TURKEY, SO AS TO PROHIBIT HUNTING, KILLING, OR POSSESSING A MALE WILD TURKEY WITH A BEARD LESS THAN SIX INCHES LONG AND A TAIL FAN THAT IS NOT FULLY DEVELOPED, AND STALKING A WILD TURKEY BEHIND A DECOY OR TAILFAN; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-590, RELATING TO YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING WEEKEND, SO AS TO ADJUST THE DATES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOWED TOTAL BAG LIMIT; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-640, RELATING TO WILD TURKEY TAG FEES, SO AS TO INCREASE TAG FEES; TO PROVIDE A SUNSET CLAUSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 5 OF ACT 91 OF 2021.

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER granted Rep. KING a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* IN CHAIR

HOUSE STANDS AT EASE

The House stood at ease subject to the call of the Chair.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 3:07 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* in the Chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on S. 314:

S. 314 -- Senator Talley: A BILL AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-47-40, RELATING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FROM FORWARDING AND COMMENTING ON THE SUBMISSION OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; TO AMEND SECTION 2 47 50, RELATING TO PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; BY ADDING SECTION 2-47-52 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PROJECTS FROM BEING CONSIDERED A PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-47-55, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN, SO AS TO DELETE A REPORTING PROVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-47-56, RELATING TO GIFTS IN KIND FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES, SO AS TO DEFINE "SOURCE OF FUNDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-119-940 AND ACT 518 OF 1980, BOTH RELATING TO BORROWING LIMITATIONS AT CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-11-55, RELATING TO LEASE AGREEMENTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-103-110 RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF NEW CONSTRUCTION AT CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS.

Very respectfully,
President

Received as information.

S. 314--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

S. 314--Conference Report
The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., June 25, 2024

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:

S. 314 -- Senator Talley: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-10 SO AS TO PROVIDE CHAPTER DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-30 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OVER THRESHOLD AMOUNTS FOR HIGHER INSTITUTIONS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR REVIEW TO THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION AND JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL AFTER FULL ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING DESIGN WORK IS COMPLETED BUT PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION OF A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT, TO ALLOW THE CHAIRMAN OF JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE TO REQUEST A REVIEW AND COMMENT ON ANY OTHER PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-40 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 2-47-50 AND TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNING BOARDS TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION, THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND THE STATE FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AUTHORITY OF ALL PROJECTS APPROVED; BY ADDING SECTION 59-157-50 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO PROVIDE ON AN ANNUAL BASIS A REPORT OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AND ANY CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT ARE EXEMPT BY OPERATION OF SECTION 59-157-40.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Section 2-47-40 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 2-47-40. (A) To assist the authority and the Joint Bond Review Committee in carrying out their respective responsibilities, any agency or institution requesting or receiving funds from any source for

use in the financing of any permanent improvement project, as a minimum, shall provide to the authority, in such form and at such times as the authority, after review by the committee, may prescribe:

(1) a complete description of the proposed project;

(2) a statement of justification for the proposed project;

(3) a statement of the purposes and intended uses of the proposed project;

(4) the estimated total cost of the proposed project;

(5) an estimate of the additional future annual operating costs associated with the proposed project;

(6) a statement of the expected impact of the proposed project on the five-year operating plan of the agency or institution proposing the project;

(7) a proposed plan of funding for ~~financing~~ the project, specifically identifying funds proposed from sources other than capital improvement bond authorizations; and

(8) the specification of the priority of each project among those proposed.

(B) ~~All institutions of higher learning shall submit permanent improvement project proposal and justification statements to the authority, through the Commission on Higher Education, which shall forward all such statements and all supporting documentation received to the authority together with its comments and recommendations. The recommendations of the Commission on Higher Education, among other things, shall include all of the permanent improvement projects requested by the several institutions listed in the order of priority deemed appropriate by the Commission on Higher Education without regard to the sources of funds proposed for the financing of the projects requested.~~

The authority shall forward a copy of each project proposal and justification statement and supporting documentation received together with the authority's recommendations on such projects to the committee for its review and action. ~~The recommendations of the Commission on Higher Education shall be included in the materials forwarded to the committee by the authority.~~

(C) No provision in this section or elsewhere in this chapter, shall be construed to limit in any manner the prerogatives of the committee and the General Assembly with regard to recommending or authorizing permanent improvement projects and the funding such projects may require.

SECTION 2. Section 2-47-50 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 2-47-50. (A) The authority shall establish formally each

permanent improvement project before actions of any sort which implement the project in any way may be undertaken and no expenditure of any funds for any services or for any other project purpose contracted for, delivered, or otherwise provided prior to the date of the formal action of the authority to establish the project shall be approved. State agencies and institutions may advertise and interview for project architectural and engineering services for a pending project so long as the architectural and engineering contract is not awarded until after a state project number is assigned. After the committee has reviewed the form to be used to request the establishment of permanent improvement projects and has reviewed the time schedule for considering such requests as proposed by the authority, requests to establish permanent improvement projects shall be made in such form and at such times as the authority may require.

(B) Any proposal to finance all or any part of any project using any funds not previously authorized specifically for the project by the General Assembly or using any funds not previously approved for the project by the authority and reviewed by the committee shall be referred to the committee for review prior to approval by the authority.

(C) Any proposed revision of the scope or of the budget of an established permanent improvement project deemed by the authority to be substantial shall be referred to the committee for its review prior to any final action by the authority. In making their determinations regarding changes in project scope, the authority, and the committee shall utilize the permanent improvement project proposal and justification statements, together with any supporting documentation, considered at the time the project was authorized or established originally. Any proposal to increase the budget of a previously approved project using any funds not previously approved for the project by the authority and reviewed by the committee shall in all cases be deemed to be a substantial revision of a project budget which shall be referred to the committee for review. The committee shall be advised promptly of all actions taken by the authority which approve revisions in the scope of or the budget of any previously established permanent improvement project not deemed substantial by the authority.

(D) For purposes of this chapter, a with regard to all institutions of higher learning, permanent improvement or a permanent improvement project is any improvement meeting the definition of a capital improvement under generally accepted accounting principles including, without limitationdefined as:

(1) acquisition of land, regardless of cost, with staff level review of

~~the committee and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars~~;

(2) acquisition, as opposed to the construction, of buildings or other structures~~, regardless of cost, with staff level review of the committee and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority, up to two hundred fifty thousand dollars~~;

(3) ~~work on existing facilities for any given project including their renovation, repair, maintenance, alteration, or demolition in those instances in which the total cost of all work involved is one million dollars or more;~~

~~(4) architectural and engineering and other types of planning and design work, regardless of cost, which is intended to result in a permanent improvement project. Master plans and feasibility studies are not permanent improvement projects and are not to be included;~~

~~(5)~~ capital lease purchase of anya facility acquisition or construction ~~in which the total cost is one million dollars or more~~;

(4) new construction;

(5) work on existing facilities including their renovation, repair, maintenance, alteration, or demolition;

(6) architectural and engineering and other types of planning and design work that is intended to result in a permanent improvement project; excluding, however, master plans and feasibility studies;

(7)~~(6)~~ equipment that either becomes a permanent fixture of a facility or does not become permanent but is included in the construction contract ~~shall be included as a part of a project in which the total cost is one million dollars or more~~; and

(8)~~(7)~~ any project ~~new construction of a facility that exceeds a total cost of five hundred thousand dollars.~~

~~(E) Any permanent improvement project that meets the above definition must become a project, regardless of the source of funds. However, an institution of higher learning that has been~~ authorized ~~or~~ by the General Assembly including, without limitation, any project funded by appropriated capital improvement bond funds, capital reserve funds, ~~or~~ state appropriated funds, or state infrastructure bond funds ~~by the General Assembly for capital improvements shall process a permanent improvement project, regardless of the amount~~.

(E) Any capital improvement that meets the above definition must be established as a permanent improvement project in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, regardless of the source of funds.

~~(F) For purposes of establishing permanent improvement projects, Clemson University Public Service Activities (Clemson-PSA) and South~~

~~Carolina State University Public Service Activities (SC State PSA) are subject to the provisions of this chapter.~~

SECTION 3. Chapter 47, Title 2 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 2-47-52. (A) For purposes of this chapter, except as provided in subsection (B), permanent improvement projects are subject to review by the committee and approval by the authority where the costs of the permanent improvements exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars; provided, however, that acquisitions of land, buildings or other structures, and capital lease purchases of facility acquisitions or construction as defined in items (1), (2), and (3) of Section 2-47-50(D) are subject to review by the committee regardless of cost.

(B) For purposes of this chapter, permanent improvement projects proposed by public institutions of higher learning as defined in Section 59-103-5, including their related public service activities, are exempt from the requirements of Section 2-47-50 where the costs of the permanent improvements do not exceed ten million dollars for research universities as identified in Section 11-51-30(5) or two million five hundred thousand dollars for all other public institutions of higher learning so long as the institution's governing board votes to approve the project in a public session; provided, however, that acquisitions of land, buildings or other structures, and capital lease purchases of facility acquisitions or construction as defined in items (1), (2), and (3) of Section 2-47-50(D) are subject to review by the committee regardless of cost. Institutions shall provide a report of projects approved by their governing boards pursuant to this subsection, and work on existing facilities including their renovation, repair, maintenance, alteration, or demolition, to the Joint Bond Review Committee and the State Fiscal Accountability Authority of the previous fiscal year's approved projects that meet the same criteria of this subsection by November fifteenth of each year.

(C) State agencies and institutions may advertise, interview, and engage the services of professional firms for architectural, engineering, planning, and design work as set forth in Section 2-47-50(D)(6) to inform the project estimate prior to the review of the committee; provided, however, that the costs of such engagements do not exceed ten million dollars for research universities as identified in Section 11-51-30(5), two million five hundred thousand dollars for all other public institutions of higher learning, or two hundred fifty thousand dollars for all other agencies subject to the provisions of this chapter.

(D) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the

committee may establish reporting and other requirements.

(E) Where the funding for a proposed permanent improvement project includes proceeds from the issuance of bonds or other indebtedness, including any obligation for an agency or institution to make payments pursuant to a lease or other agreement securing indebtedness in connection with or on behalf of the permanent improvement project, approval of the permanent improvement project is the responsibility of the Department of Administration, and approval of the issuance of bonds, where required pursuant to the applicable bond enabling act, or other indebtedness in accordance with the provisions of this subsection, is the responsibility of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority.

SECTION 4. Section 2-47-55 and Section 2-47-56 are amended to read:

Section 2-47-55. ~~(A)~~ All state agencies and institutions of higher learning responsible for providing and maintaining physical facilities are required to ~~submit~~ maintain a Comprehensive Permanent Improvement Plan (CPIP). The CPIP must include all of the agency's or institution's permanent improvement projects anticipated and proposed over the ~~next~~ five succeeding years ~~beginning with the fiscal year starting July first~~ after submission. ~~The purpose of the CPIP process is to provide the authority and the committee with an outline of each agency's permanent improvement activities for the next five years.~~ Agencies and institutions of higher learning must submit a CPIP to the Department of Administration by September first of each year. The department must compile the plans and submit a comprehensive statewide permanent improvement plan to the committee and the authority ~~on or before a date to be determined by the committee and the authority. The CPIP for each higher education agency, including the technical colleges, must be submitted through the Commission on Higher Education which must review the CPIP and provide its recommendations to the authority and the committee~~ by January first of each year. The authority and the committee must approve the ~~CPIP~~ comprehensive statewide permanent improvement plan after submission and may develop policies and procedures to implement and accomplish the purposes of this section.

~~(B) The State shall define a permanent improvement only in terms of capital improvements, as defined by generally accepted accounting principles, for reporting purposes to the State.~~

Section 2-47-56. ~~Each state agency and institution may accept gifts in kind for architectural and engineering services and construction of a value less than two hundred fifty thousand dollars with the approval of the Commission of Higher Education or its designated staff, the director~~

~~of the department, and the Joint Bond Review Committee or its designated staff. No other approvals or procedural requirements, including the provisions of Section 11-35-10, may be imposed on the acceptance of such gifts.~~ For purposes of this chapter, the term "source of funds" includes, without limitation, gifts, gifts-in-kind, and donations; and when used as a financial resource to defray any cost of a permanent improvement project, the amount of the source of funds from such gifts, gifts-in-kind, and donations is the value of the gift, gift-in-kind, or donation. Each state agency and institution may accept gifts-in-kind for architectural and engineering services and construction following review by the committee or its designated staff in accordance with the provisions of Section 2-47-52. Such gifts are exempt from the provisions of Section 11-35-10.

SECTION 5. A. Section 59-119-940 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 59-119-940. Upon receiving the approval of the State Fiscal Accountability Authority or the Department of Administration, as appropriate, and upon review by the Joint Bond Review Committee, the trustees may from time to time borrow such sums as necessary to accomplish the purpose of this article and to evidence such borrowings by bonds issued pursuant to this article in the aggregate principal amount as they determine, except that other provisions of this article to the contrary notwithstanding, there must not be outstanding at any time bonds issued pursuant to this article in the aggregate principal amount as they determine, except that other provisions of this article to the contrary notwithstanding, there must not be outstanding at any time bonds issued pursuant to this article in excess of ~~two~~ five hundred million dollars.

B. SECTION 9D. of Act 518 of 1980, as last amended by Act 17 of 2007, is further amended to read:

D. May Issue Bonds.

Subject to obtaining the approval of the state board expressed by resolution duly adopted, the trustees are authorized to issue from time to time not exceeding ~~two~~ five hundred million dollars of bonds for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, renovating, or equipping athletic facilities and for the purpose of refunding any previous series of bonds authorized by this section. If the trustees, in authorizing the issuance of bonds pursuant to this section, prescribe by resolution that there must be on deposit in the Bond Reserve Fund certain sums at the time of the delivery of the bonds, the trustees are empowered to utilize a portion of the proceeds of any series of bonds issued pursuant to this section in order to meet the requirement.

SECTION 6. Section 1-11-55(2) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(2) The Division of General Services of the Department of Administration is hereby designated as the single central broker for the leasing of real property for governmental bodies. No governmental body shall enter into any lease agreement or renew any existing lease except in accordance with the provisions of this section. However, a technical college, with the approval by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, and a public institution of higher learning, may enter into any lease agreement or renew any lease agreement up to ~~one~~ two hundred thousand dollars annually for each property or facility.

SECTION 7. Section 59-103-110 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

SECTION 8. The repeal or amendment by this act of any law, whether temporary or permanent or civil or criminal, does not affect pending actions, rights, duties, or liabilities founded thereon, or alter, discharge, release or extinguish any penalty, forfeiture, or liability incurred under the repealed or amended law, unless the repealed or amended provision shall so expressly provide. After the effective date of this act, all laws repealed or amended by this act must be taken and treated as remaining in full force and effect for the purpose of sustaining any pending or vested right, civil action, special proceeding, criminal prosecution, or appeal existing as of the effective date of this act, and for the enforcement of rights, duties, penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities as they stood under the repealed or amended laws.

SECTION 9. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Amend title to read:

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-47-40, RELATING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FROM FORWARDING AND COMMENTING ON THE SUBMISSION OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; TO AMEND SECTION 2-47-50, RELATING TO PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; BY ADDING SECTION 2-47-52 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PROJECTS FROM BEING CONSIDERED A PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-47-55, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN, SO AS TO DELETE A REPORTING PROVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-47-56, RELATING TO GIFTS IN KIND FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING

SERVICES, SO AS TO DEFINE "SOURCE OF FUNDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-119-940 AND ACT 518 OF 1980, BOTH RELATING TO BORROWING LIMITATIONS AT CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-11-55, RELATING TO LEASE AGREEMENTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-103-110 RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF NEW CONSTRUCTION AT CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS.

/s/Sen. Peeler	/s/Rep. Ballentine
/s/Sen. Talley	/s/Rep. Cobb-Hunter
/s/Sen. Setzler	/s/Rep. Taylor
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. BALLENTINE explained the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 106; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Atkinson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hager	Hardee
Harris	Hartnett	Hayes
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing

Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Wheeler	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--106

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

S. 314--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, and this Bill having been read three times in each House, it was ordered that the title thereof be changed to that of an Act and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 3865--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

H. 3865--Conference Report
The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., June 25, 2024

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:
H. 3865 -- Reps. Hiott, Carter, Collins, Rutherford and Robbins: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-130, RELATING TO CORONER

QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE LICENSED PARAMEDICS WITH AT LEAST THREE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS ONE OF THE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS A CORONER MUST HAVE.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. The effective date of Act No. 56 of 2023, which enacted the "Law Enforcement and Personal Privacy Protection Act" and the "Judicial Privacy Protection Act", is delayed from July 1, 2024, until July 1, 2025.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. M. Johnson	/s/Rep. W. Newton
/s/Sen. Sabb	/s/Rep. Hiott
/s/Sen. Adams	/s/Rep. Rutherford
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. JORDAN explained the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 101; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt

Hiott	Hixon	Hosey
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
T. Moore	A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan
Moss	Murphy	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	Wheeler
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten	Yow	

Total--101

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on H. 3865:

H. 3865 -- Reps. Hiott, Collins, Rutherford, Carter and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-130, RELATING TO CORONER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE LICENSED

PARAMEDICS WITH AT LEAST THREE YEARS OF EXPERIENCE AS ONE OF THE ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS A CORONER MUST HAVE.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

H. 3865--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, and this Bill having been read three times in each House, it was ordered that the title thereof be changed to that of an Act and that it be enrolled for ratification.

H. 4087--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

H. 4087--Conference Report
The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., June 04, 2024

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:
H. 4087 -- Reps. G.M. Smith, West, Kirby, Ballentine, Robbins, Hewitt, M.M. Smith, Davis, Hiott, Long, Hager, Ott, Weeks, Dillard, W. Jones, Brewer, Hartnett and Murphy: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3410, RELATING TO CORPORATE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CHANGES TO STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AND CERTAIN TIMING; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3460, RELATING TO THE RECYCLING FACILITY TAX CREDIT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO LOWER THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF INVESTMENT FOR A QUALIFIED RECYCLING FACILITY AND TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PRODUCTS TO THE DEFINITION OF "POSTCONSUMER WASTE MATERIAL"; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12-10-20, 12-10-30, 12-10-40, 12-10-45, 12-10-50, 12-10-60, AND 12-10-80, ALL RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT OF 1995, SO AS TO ALLOW REMOTE EMPLOYEES WORKING IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE INCLUDED IN CERTAIN JOB CREATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO CREATE A NEW PROVISION TO INCENTIVIZE CERTAIN COMPANIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-95, RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT CREDIT AGAINST WITHHOLDING FOR RETRAINING, SO AS TO PROVIDE WHO IS

ELIGIBLE FOR THE CREDIT AND THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:
That the same do pass with the following amendments:
Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:
SECTION 1. Section 12-6-3410 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 12-6-3410. (A) A ~~corporation~~ taxpayer or a business unit of a taxpayer establishing a ~~corporate~~ headquarters facility in this State, or expanding or adding to an existing ~~corporate~~ headquarters facility, is allowed a credit against any tax due pursuant to Section 12-6-510, Section 12-6-530, Section 12-11-20, or Section 12-20-50 ~~as set forth in this section~~ or any combination thereof.

(B) In order to qualify for this credit, each of the following criteria must be satisfied:

(1) The qualifying real property costs of the ~~corporate~~ headquarters facility ~~establishment~~ or expansion~~, or addition~~ must be at least fifty thousand dollars. Qualifying real property costs are:

(a) costs incurred in the design, preparation, and development of establishing, or expanding ~~or adding to~~ a ~~corporate~~ headquarters facility; and

(b)(i) direct construction costs; or

(ii) with respect to leased facilities, direct-lease costs during the first five years of operations for the ~~corporate~~ headquarters facility.

(2) The headquarters establishment or~~,~~ expansion~~, or addition~~ must result in the creation of~~:~~

~~(a)~~ at least forty new full-time jobs that are:

(a) performing headquarters-related functions and services; ~~or research and development related functions and services. These jobs must be permanent, full-time positions located in this State; and~~

(b) ~~at least twenty of the above-referenced new jobs must be classified as headquarters staff employees~~ have gross wages equal to or greater than twice the per capita income of this State based on the most recent per capita income data available as of the end of the taxpayer's taxable year in which the jobs are filled and are subject to withholding pursuant to Chapter 8 of this title; and

(c) are provided a benefits package, including health care.

(C) The amount of the credit is equal to the sum of:

(1) twenty percent of the qualifying real property costs listed in

subsection (B)(1)~~.~~; and

(2) ~~(D) A headquarters establishment, expansion, or addition which meets the criteria of subsection (B) of this section is entitled to an additional credit equal to~~ twenty percent of cost for tangible personal property if ~~the following conditions are met~~:

~~(1)~~(a) the personal property is:

~~(a)~~(i) capitalized as personal property for income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code; and

~~(b)~~(ii) purchased for the establishment~~,~~ or expansion~~, or addition~~ of ~~a corporate~~ the taxpayer's or business unit's headquarters facility~~, or for the establishment, expansion, or addition of a research and development facility which is part of the same corporate project as the headquarters establishment, addition, or expansion~~; and

~~(c)~~(iii) used for ~~corporate~~ headquarters-related functions and services ~~or research and development related functions and services~~ in South Carolina.

~~(2) The establishment, expansion, or addition of a corporate headquarters or research and development facility must result in the creation of at least seventy-five new full-time jobs performing either:~~

~~(a) headquarters related functions and services; or~~

~~(b) research and development related functions and services.~~

~~The seventy-five required jobs must have an average cash compensation level of more than twice the per capita income of this State based on the most recent per capita income data available as of the end of the taxpayer's taxable year in which the jobs are filled.~~

(D) Reserved.

(E)(1)(a) For headquarters facilities which are constructed, the credit can only be claimed for the taxable year when the ~~headquarters establishment, expansion, or addition, and the research and development facility establishment, expansion, or addition, in the case of corporations qualifying under subsection (D),~~ facility is placed in service for federal income tax purposes. For ~~construction projects~~ facilities completed in phases and placed in service for federal income tax purposes in more than one taxable year, the ~~corporation~~ credit can be ~~claim~~ claimed ~~the credit on the South Carolina income tax return~~ for the taxable year in which ~~property, which qualifies for the credit,~~that phase of the headquarters facility is placed in service for federal income tax purposes. Credits cannot be obtained for costs incurred more than three taxable years after the taxable year in which the first property for which the credit is claimed is placed in service. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this subsection, if the entire project is not completed by the

end of the three taxable years, the ~~corporation may claim the~~ credit may be claimed for all property placed in service within the time limitation set forth in the preceding sentence. The credit may not be claimed for personal property which is replacing personal property for which the credit can be claimed. The department may for good cause extend the time for incurring additional costs and for claiming the credit if the project is not completed within the time period allowed by this subsection. For purposes of this subsection the term "property" includes qualifying real property and~~, where the conditions of subsection (D) are met,~~ qualifying personal property.

(b) for leased real property the credit must be claimed in the taxable year in which the first direct-lease costs are incurred.

(2) The ~~corporation~~ taxpayer must meet the staffing requirements of ~~subsections~~ subsection (B)(2) ~~and, if applicable, (D)(2),~~ by the end of the second taxable year following the last taxable year for which the credit is claimed. The ~~corporation~~ taxpayer must have documented plans to meet the initial staffing requirements at the time the credit is claimed. If the ~~corporation~~ taxpayer fails to meet the staffing requirements within the time required by this subsection, the ~~corporation~~ taxpayer must increase its tax liability for the current taxable year by an amount equal to the amount of credit, or any portion of the credit for which the ~~corporation~~ taxpayer would not qualify, which was used to reduce tax in the earlier years.

(F) The credit provided in this section is nonrefundable, but an unused credit may be carried forward for ten years. ~~An unused credit may be carried forward fifteen years if the criteria set forth in subsection (D)(2) are met.~~ In addition, a taxpayer may assign its rights to the unused credit to a succeeding taxpayer if the taxpayer transfers all or substantially all of the assets of the taxpayer or all or substantially all of the assets of a trade, business, or operating division of a taxpayer to the succeeding taxpayer, and the succeeding taxpayer maintains the ~~corporate~~ headquarters facility ~~of the taxpayer~~. No credit may be claimed for a taxable year during which the taxpayer or succeeding taxpayer fails to meet the qualifying employment requirements provided in this section and the carry-forward period is not extended for any year in which the credit may not be claimed for failure to meet the employment requirements. The credit may be claimed for a taxable year in the unextended carry-forward period if the taxpayer or succeeding taxpayer requalifies for the credit by meeting the employment requirements during that taxable year.

(G) If a fee-in-lieu arrangement under Section 4-29-67 is entered into

with respect to all or part of property involving a ~~corporate~~ headquarters, and the ~~corporation~~ taxpayer claiming the credit provided under this section is treated as the owner of the property for federal income tax purposes, then the ~~corporation~~ taxpayer must be treated as the owner of the property for purposes of the credit provided by this section.

(H) To the extent that this credit applies to the cost of certain property, the basis of the property for South Carolina income tax purposes must be reduced by the amount of the credit claimed with respect to the property. This basis reduction does not reduce the basis or limit or disallow any depreciation allowable under the law of this State for other than income tax purposes, even if the depreciation is based upon or otherwise relates to income tax depreciation including, without limitation, basis or depreciation which is allowable under this title for property tax purposes. If the ~~corporation~~ taxpayer fails to meet the staffing requirements of subsection ~~(E)~~(B)(2), the ~~corporation~~ taxpayer may increase the basis of the property by the amount of the original basis reduction with regard to that property in the year in which the credit is recaptured.

(I) The amount of a credit allowed under this section must be reduced by the amount of any past-due debt owed this State by the taxpayer.

(J) As used in this section:

(1) "~~Corporate~~ Headquarters" means the facility or portion of a facility where ~~corporate~~ headquarters staff employees are ~~physically~~ employed, and where the ~~majority of the company's or company~~ taxpayer's or the taxpayer's business unit's financial, personnel, legal, planning, information technology, or other headquarters-related functions are handled either on a regional, national, or global basis. A ~~corporate~~ headquarters must be a regional ~~corporate~~ headquarters~~,~~ or a national corporate headquarters~~, or global corporate headquarters~~ as defined below~~; provided, however, for taxpayers which are subject to tax under Chapter 11 of Title 12, a corporate headquarters must be a regional corporate headquarters:~~. A taxpayer or taxpayer's business unit doing business solely within South Carolina does not meet the definition of a headquarters.

(a) National ~~corporate~~ headquarters must be the sole ~~corporate headquarters in the nation~~ office or location in the nation or the world for the taxpayer or a business unit of the taxpayer with multistate operations and must handle headquarters-related functions ~~at least~~ on a national or global basis.~~ A national headquarters is considered to handle headquarters-related functions on a national basis from this State if the corporation has a facility in this State from which the corporation~~

~~engages in interstate commerce by providing goods or services for customers outside of this State in return for compensation.~~ The function and purpose of the national headquarters is to plan, direct, and control all aspects of the taxpayer or taxpayer's business unit's operations, and it has final authority over regional offices, operating facilities, or any other office of the taxpayer or business unit.

(b) Regional ~~corporate~~ headquarters must be the sole ~~corporate headquarters~~ office or location in the region for the taxpayer or a business unit of the taxpayer with multistate operations within the region and must handle headquarters-related functions on a regional basis. A regional headquarters performs a function that is separate from the management of operational facilities within the region. A regional headquarters performs functions similar to the national headquarters, but within a more limited area. For purposes of this section, " region" or "regional" means a geographic area comprised of either:

(i) at least five states, including this State; or

(ii) two or more states, including this State, if the entire business operations of the ~~corporation~~ taxpayer or business unit of the taxpayer are performed within fewer than five states~~; provided, however, that with respect to taxpayers which are subject to tax under Chapter 11 of Title 12, the requirement that "the entire business operations of the corporation are performed within fewer than five states", is replaced with "if all branches of the taxpayer, as defined below, are physically located in fewer than five states". For taxpayers which are subject to tax under Chapter 11 of Title 12, such taxpayer must have two or more branches, as that term is defined in Section 34-25-10(8), in each state within its region~~.

(c) A "~~company~~ business unit" is an organizational unit of a ~~corporation or bank and~~ taxpayer that is defined by the particular product or category of products it sells.

(2) "New job" means a job created by an employer in this State at the time a new facility, or expansion~~, or addition~~ is initially staffed, but does not include a job created when an employee is shifted from an existing location in this State to work in a new or expanded facility. An employee may be employed at a temporary location in this State pending completion of the new facility~~,~~ or expansion~~, or addition~~.

(3) "~~Full-time~~ Full time" means a job requiring a minimum of thirty-five hours of an employee's time a week for the entire normal year of ~~corporate~~ operations or a job requiring a minimum of thirty-five hours of an employee's time for a week for a year in which the employee was initially hired for or transferred to the ~~corporate~~ headquarters ~~or research~~

~~and development facility~~ in this State.

(4) "Headquarters-related functions and services" are those functions involving financial, personnel, administrative, legal, planning, information technology, or similar business functions.

(5) "Headquarters staff employees" means executive, administrative, or professional workers performing headquarters-related functions and services.

(a) An executive employee is a full-time employee in which at least eighty percent of his business functions involve the management of the enterprise and directing the work of at least two employees. An executive employee has the authority to hire and fire or has the authority to make recommendations related to hiring, firing, advancement, and promotion decisions, and an executive employee must customarily exercise discretionary powers.

(b) An administrative employee is a full-time employee who is not involved in manual work and whose work is directly related to management policies or general headquarters operations. An administrative employee must customarily exercise discretion and independent judgment.

(c) A professional employee is an employee whose primary duty is work requiring knowledge of an advanced type in a field of science or learning. This knowledge is characterized by a prolonged course of specialized study. The work must be original and creative in nature, and the work cannot be standardized over a specific period of time. The work must require consistent exercise of discretion and the employee must spend at least eighty percent of the time performing headquarters-related functions and services.

(6) ~~"Research and development" means laboratory, scientific, or experimental testing and development related to new products, new uses for existing products, or improving existing products, but "research and development" does not include efficiency surveys, management studies, consumer surveys, economic surveys, advertising, promotion, banking, or research in connection with literary, historical, or similar projects~~ Reserved.

(7) ~~"Research and development facility" means the building or buildings or portion of a building where research and development functions and services are physically located~~ Reserved.

(8) "Direct-lease costs" are cash lease payments. The term does not include any accrued, but unpaid, costs.

(9) "Remote employee" is a full-time employee of the taxpayer, including an employee who works for a business unit of the taxpayer,

who works for the taxpayer performing headquarters-related functions or services either completely or partially from a home office or other residence within the State.

SECTION 2. Section 12-6-3460(A)(3) and (4) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(3) "Qualified recycling facility" means a facility certified as a qualified recycling facility by a duly authorized representative of the department which includes all real and personal property incorporated into or associated with the facility located or to be located within this State that will be used by the taxpayer to manufacture or fabricate products for sale composed of at least fifty percent postconsumer waste material by weight or by volume. The minimum level of investment for a qualified recycling facility must be at least ~~three~~ one hundred fifty million dollars incurred by the end of the fifth calendar year after the year in which the taxpayer begins construction or operation of the facility.

(4) "Postconsumer waste material" means any product generated by a business or consumer which has served its intended end use and which has been separated from the solid waste stream for the purpose of recycling and includes, but is not limited to, scrap metal and iron, and used plastics, paper, glass, batteries, solar panels, turbines and related structures, and rubber.

SECTION 3. Sections 12-10-20 through 12-10-80 of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

Section 12-10-20. The General Assembly finds:

(1) that the economic well-being of the citizens of the State is enhanced by the increased development and growth of industry within the State, and that it is in the best interests of the State to induce the location or expansion of manufacturing, processing, services, distribution, warehousing, research and development, corporate offices, technology intensive, and certain tourism projects within the State to promote the public purpose of creating new jobs within the State;

(2) that the inducement provided in this chapter will encourage the creation of jobs which would not otherwise exist and will create sources of tax revenues for the State and its political subdivisions;

(3) the powers to be granted to the ~~Advisory~~ Coordinating Council for Economic Development by this chapter and the purposes to be accomplished are proper governmental and public purposes and that the inducement of the location or expansion of manufacturing, processing, services, distribution, warehousing, research and development, corporate offices, and certain tourism facilities within the State is of

paramount importance.

(4) The state's per capita income has not reached the United States average and certain rural, less developed counties have not experienced capital investment, per capita income, and job growth at a level equal to the state's average. The economic well-being of these areas will not be sustained without significant incentive to induce capital investment and job creation.

Section 12-10-30. As used in this chapter:

(1) "Council" means the Coordinating Council for Economic Development.

(2) "Department" means the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

(3) "Employee" means an employee of the qualifying business who works full time ~~at~~ in this State for the benefit of the project, including a remote employee as defined in item (20).

(4) "Gross wages" means wages subject to withholding.

(5) "Job development credit" means the amount a qualifying business may claim as a credit against employee withholding pursuant to Sections 12-10-80 and 12-10-81 and a revitalization agreement.

(6) "New job" means a job created or reinstated as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M)(3).

(7) "Qualifying business" means a business that meets the requirements of Section 12-10-50 and other applicable requirements of this chapter.

(8) "Project" means an investment for one or more purposes pursuant to this chapter needed for a qualifying business to locate, remain, or expand in this State and otherwise fulfill the requirements of this chapter.

(9) "Preliminary revitalization agreement" means the application by the qualifying business for benefits pursuant to Section 12-10-80 or 12-10-81 if the council approves the application and agrees in writing at the time of approval to allow the approved application to serve as the preliminary revitalization agreement. The date of the preliminary revitalization agreement is the date of the council approval.

(10) "Revitalization agreement" means an executed agreement entered into between the council and a qualifying business that describes the project and the negotiated terms and conditions for a business to qualify for a job development credit pursuant to Section 12-10-80 or 12-10-81.

(11) "Qualifying expenditures" means those expenditures that meet the requirements of Section 12-10-80(C) or 12-10-81(D).

(12) "Withholding" means employee withholding pursuant to Chapter 8 of this title.

(13) "Technology employee" means an employee at a technology-intensive facility as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M)(14) who is directly engaged in technology-intensive activities at that facility.

(14) "Production employee" means an employee directly engaged in manufacturing or processing at a manufacturing or processing facility as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M).

(15) "Retraining agreement" means an agreement entered into between a business and the council in which a qualifying business is entitled to retraining credit pursuant to Section 12-10-95.

(16) "Retraining credit" means the amount that a business may claim as a credit against withholding pursuant to Section 12-10-95 and the retraining agreement.

(17) "Technology-intensive activities" means the design, development, and introduction of new products or innovative manufacturing processes, or both, through the systematic application of scientific and technical knowledge at a technology intensive facility as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M).

(18) "Significant business" means a qualifying business making a significant capital investment as defined in Section 12-44-30(7).

(19) "Related person" includes any entity or person that bears a relationship to a business as provided in Internal Revenue Code Section 267 or 707(b). The related person must be a "qualifying business" as defined in item (7), except that the related person does not have to meet the requirements of Section 12-10-50(A)(1) or, in case the qualifying business qualifies for the credit against withholding for retraining pursuant to Section 12-10-95 of this chapter, the related person does not have to meet the requirements of Section 12-10-50(B)(1).

(20) "Remote employee" is a full-time employee who is a resident of this State, North Carolina, or Georgia who is subject to withholding pursuant to Chapter 8 who is hired to fill a job for the project and who works either completely or partially from a home office or other residence within or without this State.

Section 12-10-40. The amount of benefits available to qualified businesses is determined by the county designation as defined in Section 12-6-3360(B), in which the ~~business~~ project is located. For purposes of determining the amount of job development credit that may be claimed for a job filled by a remote employee, the physical location of the project must be used and not the physical location where the remote employee provides services.

Section 12-10-45. A tire manufacturer that has over one billion dollars in capital investment in this State and employs over five thousand

workers in this State may, after certification by the council, designate up to two census tracts, but not to exceed four hundred acres per site, in any area of the State as an enterprise zone provided that a capital investment of at least one hundred million dollars be made over a five-year period at each site. The tire manufacturer's capital investment must be based upon the gross cost of assets in South Carolina as shown on the manufacturer's property tax and fee-in-lieu of property tax filings. The council will certify the manufacturer if it determines that the available incentives are appropriate for the new project, the total benefits of the new project exceed the costs to the public, and the qualifying business otherwise fulfills the requirements of this chapter.

Section 12-10-50. (A) To qualify for the benefits provided in this chapter, a business must be located within this State and must:

(1) be engaged primarily in a business of the type identified in Section 12-6-3360;

(2) provide a benefits package, including health care, to full-time employees ~~at~~ hired for the project;

(3) enter into a revitalization agreement that is approved by the council and that describes a minimum job requirement and minimum capital investment requirement for the project as provided in Section 12-10-90; and

(4) have negotiated incentives that the council has determined are appropriate for the project, and the council shall certify that:

(a) the total benefits of the project exceed the costs to the public; and

(b) the business otherwise fulfills the requirements of this chapter.

(B) To qualify for benefits pursuant to Section 12-10-95, a business must:

(1) be engaged in manufacturing or processing operations or technology-intensive activities at a manufacturing, processing, or technology-intensive facility as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M);

(2) provide a benefits package, including health care, to employees being retrained; and

(3) enter into a retraining agreement with the council.

Section 12-10-60. ~~(A)~~ The council may enter into a revitalization agreement with each qualifying business with respect to the project. The terms and provisions of each revitalization agreement must be determined by negotiations between the council and the qualifying business. The decision to enter into a revitalization agreement with a qualifying business is solely within the discretion of the council based

on the appropriateness of the negotiated incentives to the project and the determination that approval of the project is in the best interests of the State. The revitalization agreement must set a date by which the qualifying business shall have ~~completed the project~~ met the required investment and employment levels. ~~Within three months of the completion date~~After meeting the thresholds, the qualifying business shall document the actual costs of the project in a manner acceptable to the council. A business is allowed to count jobs filled by remote employees towards the minimum employment levels. While remote employees count towards a business's minimum employment levels, a business may claim job development credits on a remote employee only to the extent the remote employee was subject to withholdings pursuant to Chapter 8. A business which pays withholdings on a remote employee in South Carolina and some other state can only claim job development credits to the extent of the South Carolina withholdings.

~~(B) If a qualifying business that entered into a revitalization agreement before January 1, 1997, receives council approval to amend its revitalization agreement to increase its minimum job requirement, the law in effect on the date of the amendment determines the amount of job development credit a qualifying business may claim pursuant to Section 12-10-80 for additional jobs created after the date of the amendment. This subsection does not apply to a business whose application for job development fees or credits pursuant to Section 12-10-81 has been approved by council before the effective date of this act.~~

Section 12-10-80. (A) A business that qualifies pursuant to Section 12-10-50(A) and has certified to the council that the business has met the minimum job requirement and minimum capital investment provided for in the revitalization agreement may claim job development credits as determined by this section.

(1) A business may claim job development credits against its withholding on its quarterly state withholding tax return for the amount of job development credits allowable pursuant to this section.

(2) A business that is current with respect to its withholding tax and other tax due and owing the State and that has maintained its minimum employment and investment levels identified in the revitalization agreement may claim the credit on a quarterly basis beginning with the first quarter after the council's certification to the department that the minimum employment and capital investment levels were met for the entire quarter. If a qualifying business is not current as to all taxes due and owing to the State as of the date of the return on which the credit would be claimed, without regard to extensions, the business may claim

the credit only in an amount reduced by the amount of taxes due and owing to the State as of the date of the return on which the credit is claimed.

(3) A qualifying business may claim its initial job development credit only after the council has certified to the department that the qualifying business has met the required minimum employment and capital investment levels.

(4) To be eligible to apply to the council to claim a job development credit, a qualifying business shall create at least ten new, full-time jobs, as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M), at the project described in the revitalization agreement within five years of the effective date of the agreement.

(5) A qualifying business is eligible to claim a job development credit pursuant to the revitalization agreement for not more than fifteen years.

(6) A ~~company's~~ qualifying business's job development credits shall be suspended during any quarter in which the ~~company~~ qualifying business fails to maintain one hundred percent of the minimum job requirement set forth in the ~~company's~~ qualifying business's revitalization agreement. A company only may claim credits on jobs, including a range of jobs approved by the council, as set forth in the company's final revitalization agreement.

(7) Credits may be claimed beginning the quarter subsequent to the council's approval of the ~~company's~~ qualifying business's documentation that the minimum jobs and capital investment requirements have been met.

(8) To the extent any return of an overpayment of withholding that results from claiming job development credits is not used as permitted by subsection (C) or by Section 12-10-95, it must be treated as misappropriated employee withholding.

(9) Job development credits may not be claimed for purposes of this section with regard to an employee whose job was created in this State before the taxable year of the qualifying business in which it enters into a preliminary revitalization agreement.

(10) If a qualifying business claims job development credits pursuant to this section, it shall make its payroll books and records available for inspection by the council and the department at the times the council and the department request. Each qualifying business claiming job development credits pursuant to this section shall file with the council and the department the information and documentation requested by the council or department respecting employee

withholding, the job development credit, and the use of any overpayment of withholding resulting from the claiming of a job development credit according to the revitalization agreement.

(11) Each qualifying business claiming in excess of ten thousand dollars in a calendar year must furnish to the council and to the department a report that itemizes the sources and uses of the funds. The report must be filed with the council and the department no later than June thirtieth following the calendar year in which the job development credits are claimed, except when a qualifying business obtains the written approval by the council for an extension of that date. Extensions may be granted only for good cause shown. The department shall impose a penalty pursuant to Section 12-54-210 for all reports filed after June thirtieth or the approved extension date, whichever is later. The department shall audit each qualifying business with claims in excess of ten thousand dollars in a calendar year at least once every three years to verify proper sources and uses of the funds.

(12) Each qualifying business claiming ten thousand dollars or less in any calendar year must furnish a report prepared by the company that itemizes the sources and uses of the funds. This report must be filed with the council and the department no later than June thirtieth following the calendar year in which the job development credits are claimed, except when a qualifying business obtains the written approval by the council for an extension of that date. Extensions may be granted only for good cause shown. The department shall impose a penalty pursuant to Section 12-54-210 for all reports filed after June thirtieth or the approved extension date, whichever is later.

(13) An employer may not claim an amount that results in an employee's receiving a smaller amount of wages on either a weekly or on an annual basis than the employee would receive otherwise in the absence of this chapter.

(14)(a) For purposes of this chapter, a qualifying business may designate up to two related persons whose jobs and investments located at the project may be included to determine whether the qualifying business has met and maintained the minimum job requirement and minimum capital investment requirement. Qualified expenditures described in subsection (C) incurred by a related person may be treated as though such qualifying expenditures were incurred by the qualifying business for purposes of claiming the job development credit and each related person may claim the job development credit for the jobs created by such related person and include any qualifying expenditures of the qualifying business or another related person for purposes of claiming

the job development credit as if created and made by the related person.

(b) A single-member limited-liability company that is not regarded as an entity separate from its owner and a qualified subchapter "S" subsidiary as defined in Section 1361(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code that is not regarded as a separate entity from the "S" corporation that owns its stock, is treated as the qualifying business for all purposes under this chapter, including for purposes of claiming the job development credit against withholding but it counts as a related person for purposes of the limit described in subitem (a).

(B)(1) The maximum job development credit a qualifying business may claim for new employees is limited to the lesser of withholding tax paid to the State on a quarterly basis or the sum of the following amounts:

(a) two percent of the gross wages of each new employee who earns $8.74 or more an hour but less than $11.64 an hour;

(b) three percent of the gross wages of each new employee who earns $11.65 or more an hour but less than $14.55 an hour;

(c) four percent of the gross wages of each new employee who earns $14.56 or more an hour but less than $21.84 an hour; and

(d) five percent of the gross wages of each new employee who earns $21.85 or more an hour.

(2) The hourly gross wage figures in item (1) must be adjusted annually by an inflation factor determined by the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office.

(C) To claim a job development credit, the qualifying business must incur qualified expenditures at the project or for utility or transportation improvements that serve the project. To be qualified, the expenditures must be:

(1) incurred during the term of the revitalization agreement, including a preliminary revitalization agreement, or within sixty days before the council's receipt of an application for benefits pursuant to this section;

(2) authorized by the revitalization agreement; and

(3) used for any of the following purposes:

(a) training costs and facilities;

(b) acquiring and improving real property whether constructed or acquired by purchase, or in cases approved by the council, acquired by capital or operating lease with at least a five-year term or otherwise;

(c) improvements to both public and private utility systems including water, sewer, electricity, natural gas, and telecommunications;

(d) fixed transportation facilities including highway, rail, water, and air;

(e) construction or improvements of real property and fixtures constructed or improved primarily for the purpose of complying with local, state, or federal environmental laws or regulations;

(f) employee relocation expenses, but only for those employees to whom the company is paying gross wages at least two times the lower of the per capita income for either the state or the county in which the project is located;

(g) financing the costs of a purpose described in items (a) through (f);

(h) training for all relevant employees that enable a company to export or increase a company's ability to export its products, including training for logistics, regulatory, and administrative areas connected to the company's export process and other export process training that allows a qualified company to maintain or expand its business in this State;

(i) apprenticeship programs;

(j) quality improvement programs of the South Carolina Quality Forum.

(D)(1) The amount of job development credits a qualifying business may claim for its use for qualifying expenditures is limited according to the designation of the county as defined in Section 12-6-3360(B), as follows:

(a) one hundred percent of the maximum job development credits may be claimed by businesses located in counties designated as "Tier IV";

(b) eighty-five percent of the maximum job development credits may be claimed by businesses located in counties designated as "Tier III";

(c) seventy percent of the maximum job development credits may be claimed by businesses located in counties designated as "Tier II"; or

(d) fifty-five percent of the maximum job development credits may be claimed by businesses located in counties designated as "Tier I".

(2) The amount that may be claimed as a job development credit by a qualifying business is limited by this subsection and by the revitalization agreement. The council may approve a waiver of ninety-five percent of the limits provided in item (1) for~~:~~

~~(a)~~ a significant business as defined in Section 12-10-30(18)~~; and~~

~~(b) a related person to a significant business if the related person is located at the project site of the significant business and qualifies for job development credits pursuant to this chapter.~~

~~For purposes of this item, a related person includes any entity or~~

~~person that bears a relationship to a significant business as provided in Internal Revenue Code Section 267 and includes, without limitation, a limited liability company of which more than fifty percent of the capital interest or profits is owned directly or indirectly by a significant business or by a person or entity, or group of persons or entities which owns, more than fifty percent of the capital interest or profits in the significant business~~.

(3) The ~~county~~ designation of the county in which the project is located on the date the application for job development credit incentives is received in the ~~Office~~ office of the ~~Coordinating Council~~ council remains in effect for the entire period of the revitalization agreement~~, except as to additional jobs created pursuant to an amendment to a revitalization agreement entered into before June 1, 1997, as provided in Section 12-10-60. In that case the county designation on the date of the amendment remains in effect for the remaining period of the revitalization agreement as to any additional jobs created after the effective date of the amendment~~.

(E) The council shall certify to the department the maximum job development credit for each qualifying business. After receiving certification, the department shall remit an amount equal to the difference between the maximum job development credit and the job development credit actually claimed to the State Rural Infrastructure Fund as defined and provided in Section 12-10-85.

(F) Any job development credit of a qualifying business permanently lapses upon expiration or termination of the revitalization agreement. If an employee is terminated, the qualifying business immediately must cease to claim job development credits as to that employee.

(G) For purposes of the job development credit allowed by this section, an employee is a person whose job was created in this State.

(H) Job development credits may not be claimed by a governmental employer who employs persons at a closed or realigned military installation as defined in Section 12-10-88(E).

(I) A taxpayer who qualifies for the job development credit pursuant to the provisions of this section and who is located in a multicounty business or industrial park jointly established pursuant to Section 13 of Article VIII of the Constitution of this State is allowed a job development credit equal to the amount allowed pursuant to subsection (D) for the designation of the county which has the lowest development status of the counties containing the park if:

(1) the park is developed and established on the geographical boundary of adjacent counties; and

(2) the written agreement, pursuant to Section 4-1-170, requires revenue from the park to be allocated to each county on an equal basis.

(J) Where the qualifying business that creates new jobs under this section is a qualifying service-related facility as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M)(13), the determination of the number of jobs created for purposes of eligibility must be based on the total number of new jobs created within five years of the effective date of the revitalization agreement, without regard to monthly or other averaging.

(K) For purposes of this section, the job and per capita income thresholds contained in the definition of "qualifying service-related facility" as set forth in Section 12-6-3360(M)(13)(b) must be modified to read as set forth in the item below:

(1) a business, other than a business engaged in legal, accounting, banking, or investment services (including a business identified under NAICS Section 55) or retail sales, which has a net increase of at least:

(a) one hundred twenty-five jobs ~~at~~ on the payroll for a single location;

(b) one hundred jobs at a single location comprised of a building or portion of a building that has been vacant for at least twelve consecutive months before the ~~taxpayer's~~ business's investment;

(c) seventy-five jobs ~~at~~ on the payroll for a single location and the jobs have an average cash compensation level of more than one and one-half times the lower of state per capita income or per capita income in the county where the jobs are located;

(d) fifty jobs ~~at~~ on the payroll for a single location and the jobs have an average cash compensation level of more than twice the lower of state per capita income or per capita income in the county where the jobs are located; or

(e) twenty-five jobs ~~at~~ on the payroll for a single location and the jobs have an average cash compensation level of more than two and one-half times the lower of state per capita income or per capita income in the county where the jobs are located.

(L) For purposes of this section and notwithstanding the provisions of Section 12-10-50(A)(1), subject to the discretion of the council, the definition of "qualifying service-related facility" as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M)(13), as modified by Section 12-10-80(K)(1), shall also include the following:

(1) a business engaged in legal, accounting, banking, or investment services operating at a single facility if the single facility would otherwise qualify as a qualifying service-related facility as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M)(13)(b), as modified by subsections (J) and (K)

above, if not for the exclusions contained in Section 12-6-3360(M)(13)(b);

(2) a business generally engaged in retail sales at a single facility if that single facility would otherwise qualify as a qualifying service-related facility as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M)(13)(b), as modified by subsections (J) and (K) above, if not for the exclusions contained in Section 12-6-3360(M)(13)(b) and provided that no retail sales are conducted at that single facility; and

(3) In making a determination with regard to Section 12-10-80(L)(1) or Section 12-10-80(L)(2), the council may consider the following:

(a) the percentage of such business's annual gross receipts from services or other income producing activity derived from customers or clients located outside of South Carolina for the twelve months preceding the month in which such business applies to the council to claim a job development credit and such percentage may not be less than seventy-five percent;

(b) the nature of the new jobs to be created at the project;

(c) the wages of the new jobs to be created at the project;

(d) the capital investment of the project; and

(e) the potential for expansion or growth of the business or industry.

(M) If the council approves an operating lease as an eligible expenditure under Section 12-10-80(C) for a qualifying business that qualifies pursuant to subsections (K) or (L) and will create at least twenty-five jobs for a project and all of the jobs will have a cash compensation level of more than two and one-half times the per capita income in the county where the project is located, the qualifying business may be reimbursed on an annual basis for lease payments before the certification to the council that the qualifying business has met the minimum job requirement and minimum capital investment provided for in the revitalization agreement. The reimbursements may begin in the first year in which the business creates at least ten new jobs that meet such wage threshold and may continue for up to ten years. This subsection does not apply to build-to-suit lease payments.

SECTION 4. Section 12-10-95 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 12-10-95. (A)(1) Subject to the conditions in this section, a business engaged in manufacturing or processing operations or technology-intensive activities at a manufacturing, processing, or technology-intensive facility as defined in Section 12-6-3360(M), or warehousing and distribution, and that meets the requirements of Section

12-10-50(B)(2) ~~may negotiate with a technical college~~, with approval from the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, ~~to~~ may claim as a credit against withholding one thousand dollars a year for the retraining of a production or technology or warehousing and distribution first line employee or immediate supervisor who has been continuously employed by the business for a minimum of ~~two years~~ one year and is a full-time employee, so long as retraining is necessary for the qualifying business to remain competitive or to introduce new technologies. In addition to the yearly limits, the retraining credit claimed against withholding may not exceed five thousand dollars over five consecutive years for each retrained production or technology first line employee or immediate supervisor.

(2) Retraining programs that are eligible for the credit include, but are not limited to:

(a) retraining of current employees on newly installed equipment; ~~and~~

(b) retraining of current employees on newly implemented technology, such as computer platforms, software implementation and upgrades, Total Quality Management, ISO 9000, and self-directed work teams~~.~~; and

(c) retraining of current employees for the purpose of upskilling, management development, or recertification in production-related competencies.

Executive training, ~~management development training, career development,~~ personal enrichment training, and cross-training of employees on equipment or technology that is not new to the company are not eligible for the credit.

(B) A qualifying business is eligible to claim as a retraining credit against withholding the lower amount of the following:

(1) the retraining credit for the applicable withholding period as determined by subsection (A); or

(2) withholding paid to the State for the applicable withholding period.

(C) All retraining must be approved by ~~a technical college under the jurisdiction of the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education. A qualifying business must submit a retraining program for approval by the appropriate technical college. The approving technical college may provide the retraining itself, subject to the retraining program, or contract with other training entities to provide the required retraining, or supervise the employer's approved internal training program.~~the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.

(D) An employer may not receive the credit allowed by this section if the employer requires that the employee reimburse or pay the employer for the direct costs of retraining, or if the employee is required to reimburse or pay the employer indirectly through the forfeiture of leave time, vacation time, or other compensable time. Direct costs of retraining include instructor salaries, development of retraining programs, purchase or rental of materials and supplies, textbooks and manuals, instructional media, such as video tapes, presentations, equipment used for retraining only, not to include production equipment, and reasonable travel costs as limited by the state's travel expense reimbursement policy.

(E) The qualifying business must expend at least one dollar ~~fifty cents~~ on retraining eligible employees for every dollar claimed as a credit against withholding for retraining. All training costs, including costs in excess of the retraining credits and matching funds, are the responsibility of the business.

(F) A qualifying business may not claim retraining credit for training provided to the following production or technology first line employees or immediate supervisors:

(a) temporary or contract employees; and

(b) employees who are ~~subject to a~~ included in the minimum job requirement of an ongoing revitalization agreement, including a preliminary revitalization agreement and for which the company is eligible to claim job development credits. A qualifying business may claim retraining credits for employees who are not subject to the job development credit but who are included in the base employment of an ongoing revitalization agreement provided that such employees meet the requirements for retraining eligibility included in this section.

(G) ~~Notwithstanding~~ In addition to another provision of this section, the retraining credit allowed by this section is for:

(1) training included in a registered apprenticeship ~~programs~~program; and

(2) retraining for all relevant employees that enable a company to export or increase its ability to export its products, including training for logistics, regulatory, and administrative areas connected to its export process and other export process training that allows a qualified company to maintain or expand its business in this State.

(H) There is hereby established an annual renewal fee of two hundred fifty dollars to be billed and collected by the department.

(I)(1) All approved programs and training must be reviewed annually by the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education.

(2) A qualifying business may contract with the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education or a subsidiary technical college to assist with additional program administration beyond what is required in a typical retraining agreement for a quarterly fee not to exceed twenty percent of the retraining credit amount claimed. Fees must be collected on a quarterly basis.

~~(2)~~(3) Every three years, the Department of Revenue must audit any business that claimed the job retraining credit pursuant to this section during that time period, solely for the purpose of verifying proper sources and uses of the credits.

(J) The State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education shall establish policies and procedures to provide the oversight and review provisions of this section. By November fifteenth of each year, the State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education shall submit a statewide aggregated report detailing the utilization of the retraining credit pursuant to this section, as well as the board's activities in regard to oversight, to the Governor, the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, the Coordinating Council for Economic Development, and the Department of Revenue. Also, the board shall make the report available in a conspicuous place on the website maintained by the board.

SECTION 5. Section 12-6-1120 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(11) For taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2023, and prior to January 1, 2029, there shall be subtracted from taxable income any grant or subgrant pursuant to the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program established pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 1702, or the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, received for the purpose of making investments in broadband infrastructure but only to the extent that such grant or subgrant is included in the corporation's taxable income, as defined under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

SECTION 6. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor and first applies to income tax years beginning after 2023, except that SECTION 3 first applies to income tax years beginning after 2020.

Amend title to read:

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3410, RELATING TO CORPORATE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CHANGES TO STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AND CERTAIN TIMING; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3460, RELATING TO THE RECYCLING

FACILITY TAX CREDIT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO LOWER THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF INVESTMENT FOR A QUALIFIED RECYCLING FACILITY AND TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PRODUCTS TO THE DEFINITION OF "POSTCONSUMER WASTE MATERIAL"; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12-10-20; 12-10-30, 12-10-40, 12-10-45, 12-10-50, 12-10-60, AND 12-10-80, ALL RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT OF 1995, SO AS TO ALLOW REMOTE EMPLOYEES WORKING IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE INCLUDED IN CERTAIN JOB CREATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO CREATE A NEW PROVISION TO INCENTIVIZE CERTAIN COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-95, RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT CREDIT AGAINST WITHHOLDING FOR RETRAINING, SO AS TO ADD WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN DEDUCTIONS TO TAXABLE INCOME.

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/s/Sen. Davis	/s/Rep. West
/s/Sen. Setzler	/s/Rep. B. Newton
Sen. Massey	/s/Rep. Kirby
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. B. NEWTON explained the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 93; Nays 13

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Erickson	Forrest
Gagnon	Garvin	Gibson
Gilliam	Gilliard	Guest

Guffey	Hager	Hardee
Hartnett	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	Mitchell	J. Moore
T. Moore	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	Ott	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--93

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Haddon	Harris
S. Jones	Kilmartin	Magnuson
May	McCabe	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	O'Neal	Oremus
Trantham		

Total--13

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on H. 4087:

H. 4087 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West, Kirby, Ballentine, Robbins, Hewitt, M. M. Smith, Davis, Hiott, Long, Hager, Ott, Weeks, Dillard, W. Jones, Brewer, Hartnett and Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3410, RELATING TO CORPORATE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CHANGES TO STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AND CERTAIN TIMING; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3460, RELATING TO THE RECYCLING FACILITY TAX CREDIT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO LOWER THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF INVESTMENT FOR A QUALIFIED RECYCLING FACILITY AND TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PRODUCTS TO THE DEFINITION OF "POSTCONSUMER WASTE MATERIAL"; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12-10-20; 12-10-30, 12-10-40, 12-10-45, 12-10-50, 12-10-60, AND 12-10-80, ALL RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT OF 1995, SO AS TO ALLOW REMOTE EMPLOYEES WORKING IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE INCLUDED IN CERTAIN JOB CREATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO CREATE A NEW PROVISION TO INCENTIVIZE CERTAIN COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-95, RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT CREDIT AGAINST WITHHOLDING FOR RETRAINING, SO AS TO ADD WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN DEDUCTIONS TO TAXABLE INCOME.

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President

Received as information.

S. 577--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

S. 577--Conference Report
The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., June 25, 2024

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:
S. 577 -- Senator Alexander: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-8-530, SECTION 12-8-540, SECTION 12-8-570, SECTION 12-8-580, AND SECTION 12-8-595, ALL RELATING TO THE WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAXES, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE TOP MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATE.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:
That the same do pass with the following amendments:
Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:
SECTION 1. Section 12-8-530(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) A person distributing prizes or winnings to a resident or nonresident of five hundred dollars or more shall withhold ~~seven percent~~ a percentage equal to the maximum individual tax rate of each distribution made to an individual, partnership, trust, or estate and five percent of each distribution made to a corporation or other entity.

SECTION 2. Section 12-8-540(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) A person making rent or royalty payments to a nonresident of twelve hundred dollars in any calendar year or more annually for the use or privilege of using property in this State shall withhold ~~seven percent~~ a percentage equal to the maximum individual tax rate of each payment to a nonresident individual, partnership, trust, or estate and five percent of each payment to a nonresident corporation or any other nonresident entity.

SECTION 3. Section 12-8-570(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) A trust or estate making a distribution of South Carolina taxable income to a nonresident beneficiary must withhold ~~seven percent~~ a percentage equal to the maximum individual tax rate of the beneficiary's distribution which is attributable to South Carolina taxable income. The amounts withheld must be remitted to the department at the time estimated tax payments are due.

SECTION 4. Section 12-8-580(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A)(1) A person who purchases real property, or real property and

associated tangible personal property, from a nonresident seller shall withhold:

(a) ~~seven percent~~ a percentage equal to the maximum individual tax rate of the gain recognized on the sale by a nonresident individual, partnership, trust, or estate and five percent for a nonresident corporation or other nonresident entity if the seller provides the buyer with an affidavit, described in subsection (E), stating the amount of gain;

(b) ~~seven percent~~ a percentage equal to the maximum individual tax rate of the amount realized on the sale for a nonresident individual, partnership, trust, or estate and five percent by a nonresident corporation or any other nonresident entity if the seller does not provide the buyer with an affidavit described in subsection (E); or

(c) the entire net proceeds payable to the nonresident seller, if the amount required to be withheld in subitem (1) or (2) exceeds the net proceeds payable to the seller.

(2) If a seller finances all or part of the transaction, in lieu of remitting the tax due on each installment payment, the seller may give the buyer an affidavit stating that, for state income tax purposes, he will elect out of installment sales treatment, as defined by Section 453 of the Internal Revenue Code, and remit the entire amount of tax to be due over the period of the installment agreement.

SECTION 5. Section 12-8-595(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) A withholding agent, as defined in Section 12-8-10, shall withhold state income tax at the same rate ~~of seven percent~~ as the maximum individual income tax rate of the amount of compensation paid to an individual, which compensation is reported on Form 1099 and with respect to which the individual has:

(1) failed to provide a taxpayer identification number or social security number;

(2) failed to provide a correct taxpayer identification number or social security number; or

(3) provided an Internal Revenue Service issued taxpayer identification number issued for nonresident aliens.

SECTION 6. Section 12-2-140(A) and (B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) Each state agency and each political subdivision of the State, is authorized, as necessary to comply with Internal Revenue Service Publication 1075, including amendments thereto and publications replacing Publication 1075, to obtain state and national criminal history background checks and investigations performed by the State Law Enforcement Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation on all

applicants, prospective employees, employees, subcontractors, and contractors with access to federal tax information. The State Law Enforcement Division is authorized to conduct fingerprint-based state and national background checks for state agencies, state institutions, and political subdivisions of the State which have access to federal tax information in order to comply with Publication 1075.

(B) An applicant, prospective employee, employee, subcontractor, or contractor of a state agency or a political subdivision of the State with access to or that uses federal tax information must:

(1) agree to a national background check and the release of all investigative records to the applicable state agency or political subdivision for the purpose of verifying criminal history information for noncriminal justice purposes; and

(2) supply a fingerprint sample and submit to a state criminal history background check and investigation to be conducted by the State Law Enforcement Division, and then submit to a national criminal history background check to be conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SECTION 7. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor..

Amend title to read:

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-8-530, SECTION 12-8-540, SECTION 12-8-570, SECTION 12-8-580, AND SECTION 12-8-595, ALL RELATING TO THE WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAXES, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE TOP MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-2-140, RELATING TO ACCESS TO FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH SUCH ACCESS TO HAVE RECEIVED A BACKGROUND CHECK.

/s/Sen. Peeler	/s/Rep. Whitmire
/s/Sen. Alexander	/s/Rep. Hayes
/s/Sen. Setzler	/s/Rep. Willis
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. WHITMIRE explained the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 105; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Harris
Hartnett	Henegan	Herbkersman
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	S. Jones	W. Jones
Jordan	Kilmartin	Kirby
Landing	Lawson	Leber
Ligon	Long	Lowe
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	J. Moore	T. Moore
A. M. Morgan	T. A. Morgan	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Trantham	Vaughan	Weeks
West	Whitmire	Williams
Willis	Wooten	Yow

Total--105

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on S. 577:

S. 577 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-8-530, SECTION 12-8-540, SECTION 12-8-570, SECTION 12-8-580, AND SECTION 12-8-595, ALL RELATING TO THE WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAXES, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE TOP MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-2-140, RELATING TO ACCESS TO FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH SUCH ACCESS TO HAVE RECEIVED A BACKGROUND CHECK.

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on H. 4386:

H. 4386 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-400 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING THE LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-350, RELATING TO THE TRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSES, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE FROM THE GENERAL TRANSFER PROHIBITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-325, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE COMMERCIAL TRAP LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-360, RELATING TO LICENSES TO ENGAGE IN SHEDDING PEELER CRABS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT AN APPLICANT'S OR LICENSEE'S BUSINESS PREMISES BE CAPABLE OF PEELER SHEDDING OPERATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-545, RELATING TO TRAPS FOR TAKING BLUE CRAB, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MATERIAL, DIMENSIONS, AND ESCAPE-VENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRAPS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1345 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF CRAB TRAPS IN THE WATERS OF THIS STATE FROM JANUARY 16 THROUGH JANUARY 29 OF EACH YEAR; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1302 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A RECREATIONAL LIMIT OF ONE BUSHEL OF BLUE CRABS PER PERSON PER DAY NOT TO EXCEED TWO BUSHELS PER BOAT; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-330, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT LIMITS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF TRAPS THAT MAY BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES FROM TWO TO TEN WITH A RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-540, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING LICENSES SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COST OF THE RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-647 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING, HARMING, OR KILLING OF ROBUST REDHORSE.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024

H. 4386--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

H. 4386--Conference Report
The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., June 04, 2024
The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:
H. 4386 -- Rep. Forrest: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-647 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING, HARMING, OR KILLING OF ROBUST REDHORSE.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Article 3, Chapter 5, Title 50 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 50-5-400. (A) For the privilege of taking blue crabs by trap for a commercial purpose in the waters of this State, an individual must obtain a limited commercial blue crab license, a commercial saltwater fishing license, and a commercial equipment license for traps.

(B) The cost of a limited commercial blue crab license is one hundred dollars for residents and five hundred dollars for nonresidents.

(C) The following individuals are eligible to obtain a limited commercial blue crab license:

(1) an individual who possessed a valid commercial equipment license for traps during the 2023-2024 license year and who has verifiable documentation of at least five hundred pounds of commercial blue crab landings during the first six months of the 2023-2024 license year, the entirety of the 2022-2023 license year, or the entirety of the 2021-2022 license year;

(2) an individual who is selected via an applicant lottery pursuant to subsection (D); or

(3) an individual who receives a valid limited commercial blue crab license via transfer pursuant to subsection (E).

(D) If the total number of limited commercial blue crab licenses issued by the department in a license year is below one hundred, then the department may award additional licenses, not to exceed one hundred total limited commercial blue crab licenses, via an applicant lottery.

(E) A limited commercial blue crab license may be transferred by the licensee to another individual after providing information relating to the

transfer as required by the department. An individual is limited to one commercial blue crab license and a licensee must not receive a transfer of another limited commercial blue crab license.

(F) The maximum number of traps used for taking blue crab, inclusive of peeler traps, that may be licensed to:

(1) an individual who obtains a limited commercial blue crab license under subsection (C)(1) is the greater of two hundred traps and the highest number of traps licensed by the individual in the three previous license years;

(2) an individual who receives a limited commercial blue crab license via transfer is the greater of two hundred traps and the average number of traps licensed by a holder of the transferred limited commercial blue crab license in the three previous license years; or

(3) an individual who is selected via lottery is two hundred traps.

(G) If the 2024-2025 license year or 2023-2024 license year is used to determine the highest number of traps that may be licensed under subsection (F), then only the first six months of the 2023-2024 license year must be used in the determination.

(H) A limited commercial blue crab license must be renewed annually. Prior to every fourth license year, a licensee must have verifiable documentation of at least four thousand pounds of commercial blue crab landings in at least one of the three previous license years. If a licensee does not meet the documented landings threshold, then the licensee's limited commercial blue crab license must not be renewed by the department.

SECTION 2. Section 50-5-350(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) Licenses and permits, other than a limited commercial blue crab license, are not transferable; however, any licensed commercial saltwater fisherman may operate any licensed commercial equipment with written permission of the owner except:

(1) channel nets; and

(2) any commercial equipment licensed at the resident fee when the nonresident fee is greater if the operator is a nonresident.

SECTION 3. Section 50-5-325(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) Commercial equipment, excluding vessels, used in the salt waters of this State and in fisheries for anadromous and catadromous species in any waters of this State must be licensed by the department. The owner and operator are responsible for obtaining a license:

(1) to use a trawl or trawls, and the cost is one hundred twenty-five dollars for residents and three hundred dollars for nonresidents;

(2) to use traps, other than traps for taking blue crab, and the cost is

twenty-five dollars ~~per~~ for fifty traps and one dollar for each trap thereafter for residents, and one hundred twenty-five dollars ~~per~~ for fifty traps and five dollars for each trap thereafter for nonresidents;

(3) to use traps for taking blue crab, and the cost is two dollars for each trap for residents and ten dollars for each trap for nonresidents;

~~(3)~~(4) to use a channel net for taking shrimp, and the cost is two hundred fifty dollars for each net;

~~(4)~~(5) to use a gill net for taking shad, herring, or sturgeon, and the cost is ten dollars per one hundred net yards or a fraction thereof for residents and fifty dollars per one hundred net yards or a fraction thereof for nonresidents, and to use any other gill net or haul seine the cost is ten dollars per one hundred net feet or a fraction thereof for residents and fifty dollars per one hundred net feet or a fraction thereof for nonresidents;

~~(5)~~(6) to use hand-held equipment to take shellfish, including tongs, rakes, and forks, at no cost;

~~(6)~~(7) to use a drag dredge, and the cost is seventy-five dollars for residents and three hundred seventy-five dollars for nonresidents;

~~(7)~~(8) to use other mechanically operated or boat assisted equipment, other than equipment used to set or retrieve licensed equipment, and the cost is one hundred twenty-five dollars for residents and six hundred twenty-five dollars for nonresidents;

~~(8)~~(9) to use trotlines with baits or hooks, and the cost is ten dollars for residents and fifty dollars for nonresidents for each line having not more than fifty baits or hooks per line;

~~(9)~~(10) to use any other commercial equipment, and the cost is ten dollars for each type for residents and fifty dollars per type for nonresidents.

SECTION 4. Section 50-5-360(B) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(B) In order to engage in shedding peeler crabs, a person or entity must first be a licensed wholesale seafood dealer, ~~and~~ must be licensed for peeler crabs, and the person's or entity's business premises must be capable of peeler shedding operations. The fee for a resident peeler crab license is an additional seventy-five dollars, and the fee for a nonresident license is an additional three hundred seventy-five dollars. Persons holding this license and engaged in shedding peeler crabs are authorized to receive, possess, and sell peeler crabs regardless of size. The department may inspect the business premises of a person or entity applying for a peeler crab license and of a peeler crab licensee to ensure the applicant's or licensee's business premises are capable of peeler shedding operations.

SECTION 5. Section 50-5-545 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 50-5-545. (A) Except as provided in this section, ~~from June 1 through March 14,~~ a trap used for taking blue crab ~~used~~ for commercial purposes from June 1 through March 14, or for recreational purposes year round, must have at least two unobstructed, circular escape vents (rings) which must be two and three-eighths inches or greater in inside diameter and located on vertical surfaces. At least one vent (ring) must be in the upper chamber. All vents (rings) must be within two inches of the horizontal partition or the base of the trap.

(B) A trap used for taking blue crab constructed of a single chamber must have at least one two and three-eighths inch or larger inside diameter escape vent (ring) located on a vertical surface within two inches of the base of the trap. Peeler traps are exempt year round.

(C) A trap used for taking blue crab, other than peeler traps, must be constructed of wire with a minimum mesh size of one and one-half inches, have throats or entrances located only on a vertical surface, and have a maximum dimension of twenty-four inches by twenty-four inches by twenty-four inches or a volume of eight cubic feet.

SECTION 6. Article 13, Chapter 5, Title 50 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 50-5-1345. (A) The department must promulgate regulations establishing criteria for the designation of closed seasons and closed or partially closed areas for the taking of blue crabs by trap. In accordance with the established criteria, the department may designate closed seasons and closed or partially closed areas for the taking of blue crabs by trap upon at least forty-five days' public notice.

(B) A trap that is in the waters of this State during a closed season or in a closed or partially closed area may be confiscated by the department or by an agent of the department.

(C) It is unlawful to take or attempt to take blue crabs by trap during a closed season or in a closed or partially closed area. A person who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than two hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.

(D) Nothing in this section limits the authority of the department under Section 50-5-32.

SECTION 7. Article 13, Chapter 5, Title 50 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 50-5-1302. (A) For the purposes of this section, "day" means sunrise on one day to sunrise on the following day.

(B) It is unlawful for a person to take or possess for recreational

purposes more than one bushel of blue crabs in any one day, not to exceed two bushels in any one day on any boat.

(C) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not less than one hundred dollars and not more than five hundred dollars.

SECTION 8. Section 50-5-330(A) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(A) A person may fish or use the following in the salt waters of this State solely for recreational purposes without being commercially licensed:

(1) shrimp seines;

(2) hand-operated tongs, rakes except bull rakes, and forks except seed forks, used to harvest shellfish;

(3) hook and line or rod and reel;

(4) minnow traps, drop nets, and dip nets;

(5) cast nets; however, the use must comply with all other provisions of law;

(6) no more than two crab traps without a recreational crab trap endorsement;

(7) no more than five crab traps with a recreational crab trap endorsement;

~~(7)~~(8) no more than two trotlines with a cumulative total of not more than fifty hooks or baits;

~~(8)~~(9) no more than ten bush or pole lines with single hooks or baits.

SECTION 9. Section 50-9-540 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(E) For the privilege of fishing more than two and up to five crab traps recreationally, a recreational saltwater license holder must purchase an annual enhanced recreational crab trap endorsement at a cost of five dollars.

SECTION 10. Section 50-5-555 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

(G) The department may impose a civil penalty of up to one hundred dollars for each trap in violation of this section for a first offense, up to three hundred dollars for a second offense, and up to five hundred dollars for a third or subsequent offense.

SECTION 11. Article 6, Chapter 13, Title 50 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 50-13-647. It is unlawful to take, harm, or kill robust redhorse (moxostoma robustum) from public waters. Any robust redhorse taken must be returned immediately to the water from which it was taken. A person who violates the provisions of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than five hundred dollars for a first offense and not more than one thousand dollars

for each subsequent offense.

SECTION 12. Upon approval of this act by the Governor, a moratorium on the issuance of new commercial equipment licenses to use traps for the taking of blue crab takes effect, at which time the department must not issue any new commercial equipment licenses to use traps for the taking of blue crab. This moratorium expires on June 15, 2025. Commercial equipment licenses to use traps for the taking of blue crab in effect for the 2023-2024 license year are extended and do not expire until June 30, 2025.

SECTION 13. Sections 4, 6, 11, and 12 of this act take effect upon approval by the Governor. All other sections take effect on July 1, 2025.

Amend title to read:

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-400 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING THE LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-350, RELATING TO THE TRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSES, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE FROM THE GENERAL TRANSFER PROHIBITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-325, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE COMMERCIAL TRAP LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-360, RELATING TO LICENSES TO ENGAGE IN SHEDDING PEELER CRABS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT AN APPLICANT'S OR LICENSEE'S BUSINESS PREMISES BE CAPABLE OF PEELER SHEDDING OPERATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-545, RELATING TO TRAPS FOR TAKING BLUE CRAB, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MATERIAL, DIMENSIONS, AND ESCAPE-VENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRAPS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1345 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROMULGATE CERTAIN REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE TAKING OF BLUE CRABS BY TRAP; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1302 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A RECREATIONAL LIMIT OF ONE BUSHEL OF BLUE CRABS PER PERSON PER DAY NOT TO EXCEED TWO BUSHELS PER BOAT; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-330, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT LIMITS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CRAB TRAPS THAT MAY BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES FROM TWO TO FIVE WITH A RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT; BY AMENDING

SECTION 50-9-540, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COST OF THE RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-555, RELATING TO TRAP PLACEMENT AND ATTENTION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS RELATING TO TRAP PLACEMENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-647 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING, HARMING, OR KILLING OF ROBUST REDHORSE.

/s/Sen. Campsen	/s/Rep. Hixon
/s/Sen. Goldfinch	/s/Rep. Forrest
/s/Sen. McElveen	Rep. McDaniel
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. FORREST explained the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 88; Nays 15

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Bernstein
Blackwell	Bradley	Brewer
Brittain	Burns	Bustos
Calhoon	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
Connell	B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox
Crawford	Davis	Dillard
Elliott	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Guffey
Haddon	Hardee	Henegan
Hewitt	Hiott	Hixon
Hosey	Jefferson	J. E. Johnson
J. L. Johnson	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Ligon	Long
Lowe	McCravy	McDaniel
McGinnis	J. Moore	T. Moore
Moss	Murphy	B. Newton

Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pedalino	Pendarvis
Pope	Rivers	Robbins
Rose	Rutherford	Sandifer
Schuessler	Sessions	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Thayer	Trantham
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Whitmire	Williams	Willis
Wooten		

Total--88

Those who voted in the negative are:

Beach	Erickson	Hager
Harris	Hartnett	S. Jones
Leber	Magnuson	May
McCabe	Mitchell	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Pace	Yow

Total--15

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

As a member of the judicial selection and reform conference committee, I was out of the Chamber in conference with Senators and missed votes on other conference reports including H. 4386, which I would have voted to adopt the conference report.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

H. 4386--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, and this Bill having been read three times in each House, it was ordered that the title thereof be changed to that of an Act and that it be enrolled for ratification.

S. 142--FREE CONFERENCE POWERS GRANTED

Rep. BERNSTEIN moved that the Committee of Conference on the following Bill be resolved into a Committee of Free Conference and briefly explained the Conference Committee's reasons for this request:

S. 142 -- Senators Shealy, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Hutto, Jackson, Campsen, McLeod, Setzler and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING", SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION TO INCLUDE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR AND PROMOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN PROSTITUTION OF A MINOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2020, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PENALTIES, MINOR VICTIMS AND DEFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY RAISE DURESS AND COERCION AS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INTERRELATED TO TRAFFICKING, TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY HAVE CERTAIN OFFENSES EXPUNGED IF THE OFFENSES WERE A DIRECT RESULT OR INTERRELATED TO BEING A VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING, AND TO PROVIDE SIMILAR PROVISIONS FOR MINOR TRAFFICKING VICTIMS AND TO REQUIRE THE MINOR TO BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE; BY ADDING SECTION 16-25-130 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM WITHIN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO PROTECT THE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, STALKING, HARASSMENT, AND OTHER SEXUAL OFFENSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO ALLOW SENTENCING FOR THE CRIME OF KIDNAPPING AND OTHER CRIMES; BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-340 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF LURING AND PROVIDE A PENALTY AND DEFENSES TO PROSECUTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT ARE RETROACTIVE.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 103; Nays 2

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Anderson	Bailey	Ballentine
Bamberg	Bannister	Bauer
Beach	Bernstein	Blackwell
Bradley	Brewer	Brittain
Burns	Bustos	Calhoon
Caskey	Chapman	Chumley
Clyburn	Collins	Connell
B. J. Cox	B. L. Cox	Crawford
Davis	Dillard	Elliott
Erickson	Forrest	Gagnon
Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy
McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	W. Newton
Nutt	O'Neal	Oremus
Ott	Pace	Pedalino
Pendarvis	Pope	Rivers
Robbins	Rose	Rutherford
Sandifer	Schuessler	G. M. Smith
M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis
Taylor	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--103

Those who voted in the negative are:
Guffey Sessions

Total--2

So, the motion to resolve the Committee of Conference into a Committee of Free Conference was agreed to.

The Committee of Conference was thereby resolved into a Committee of Free Conference. The SPEAKER appointed Reps. BERNSTEIN, CONNELL and GUEST to the Committee of Free Conference and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Free Conference on S. 142:

S. 142 -- Senators Shealy, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Hutto, Jackson, Campsen, McLeod, Setzler and Garrett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING", SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION TO INCLUDE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR AND PROMOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN PROSTITUTION OF A MINOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2020, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PENALTIES, MINOR VICTIMS AND DEFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY RAISE DURESS AND COERCION AS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INTERRELATED TO TRAFFICKING, TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY HAVE CERTAIN OFFENSES EXPUNGED IF THE OFFENSES WERE A DIRECT RESULT OR INTERRELATED TO BEING A VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING, AND TO PROVIDE SIMILAR PROVISIONS FOR MINOR TRAFFICKING VICTIMS AND TO REQUIRE THE MINOR TO BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE; BY ADDING SECTION 16-25-130 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE ADDRESS

CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM WITHIN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO PROTECT THE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, STALKING, HARASSMENT, AND OTHER SEXUAL OFFENSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO ALLOW SENTENCING FOR THE CRIME OF KIDNAPPING AND OTHER CRIMES; BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-340 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF LURING AND PROVIDE A PENALTY AND DEFENSES TO PROSECUTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT ARE RETROACTIVE.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

S. 142--FREE CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

S. 142--Free Conference Report
The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., June 03, 2024

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:
S. 142 -- Senators Shealy, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Hutto, Jackson, Campsen, McLeod, Setzler and Garrett: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING", SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION TO INCLUDE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR AND PROMOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN PROSTITUTION OF A MINOR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2020, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PENALTIES, MINOR VICTIMS AND DEFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY RAISE DURESS AND COERCION AS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO NONVIOLENT OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INCIDENT TO THE TRAFFICKING, TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY NOT BE CONVICTED FOR NONVIOLENT OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INCIDENT TO THE TRAFFICKING, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A MINOR SEX TRAFFICKING VICTIM CANNOT BE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF OR BE THE SUBJECT OF A DELINQUENCY PETITION IF THE MINOR'S CONDUCT WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF OR

INCIDENTAL TO OR RELATED TO TRAFFICKING; AND SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT ARE RETROACTIVE.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:
That the same do pass with the following amendments:
Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:
SECTION 1. Section 16-3-2010(7) of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

(7) "Sex trafficking" means the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for one of the following when it is induced by force, fraud, or coercion or the person performing the act is under the age of eighteen years and anything of value is given, promised to, or received, directly or indirectly, by any person:

(a) criminal sexual conduct pursuant to Section 16-3-651;

(b) criminal sexual conduct in the first degree pursuant to Section 16-3-652;

(c) criminal sexual conduct in the second degree pursuant to Section 16-3-653;

(d) criminal sexual conduct in the third degree pursuant to Section 16-3-654;

(e) criminal sexual conduct with a minor pursuant to Section 16-3-655;

(f) engaging a child for sexual performance pursuant to Section 16-3-810;

(g) producing, directing, or promoting sexual performance by a child pursuant to Section 16-3-820;

(h) sexual battery pursuant to Section 16-3-651;

(i) sexual conduct pursuant to Section 16-3-800; ~~or~~

(j) sexual performance pursuant to Section 16-3-800;

(k) sexual exploitation of a minor pursuant to Section 16-15-395, 16-15-405, or 16-15-410; or

(l) promoting or participating in prostitution of a minor pursuant to Section 16-15-415 or 16-15-425.

SECTION 2. Sections 16-3-2020(F) and (G) of the S.C. Code are amended to read:

(F) In a prosecution or adjudication of a person who is a victim of trafficking in persons, it is an affirmative defense that he was under duress or coerced into committing the offenses for which he is subject to

prosecution or adjudication, if the offenses were committed as a direct result of, or ~~incidental or related to,~~interrelated to trafficking. A victim of trafficking in persons convicted or adjudicated delinquent of a violation of this article, ~~or~~ prostitution, or any other nonviolent misdemeanor or Class F felony offenses may motion the court to ~~vacate the conviction and~~ expunge the record of the conviction or adjudication for a nonviolent misdemeanor or Class F felony offense committed as a direct result of, or interrelated to trafficking. The court may grant the motion on a finding by a preponderance of evidence that the person's participation in the offense was a direct result of~~being a victim.~~ or interrelated to being a victim of trafficking. The court may consider any prior rulings made by a court on the petitioners use of the affirmative defense provided in this section. An alleged victim of trafficking who files a motion to expunge the record pursuant to this subsection must file reasonable notice of the motion with the original prosecuting agency for the underlying offense and reasonable notice must be given or attempted to be given to any victims pursuant to the Victim's Bill of Rights. For purposes of this subsection, nonviolent misdemeanor offense or Class F felony means all offenses listed in Section 16-1-20(A)(6)(7)(8) and (9).

(G) If the victim was a minor under the age of eighteen at the time of the offense, the victim of trafficking in persons may not be prosecuted in court ~~pursuant~~ or adjudicated delinquent for a violation of this article, ~~or~~ a prostitution offense, or for any other nonviolent misdemeanor or Class F felony offense if it is determined after investigation that the victim committed the offense as a direct result of, or interrelated to~~incidental or related to,~~ trafficking. For purposes of this subsection, nonviolent misdemeanor offense or Class F felony means all offenses listed in Section 16-1-20(A)(6)(7)(8) and (9). ~~A person under the age of eighteen who is a victim of trafficking in persons in violation of this title shall not be found in violation of or be the subject of a delinquency petition if it is determined after investigation that the victim's conduct was a direct result of, or incidental or related to, trafficking~~ However, if the victim is still under the age of eighteen, the victim must be referred by law enforcement or the prosecuting agency to the Department of Social Services in accordance with Sections 63-7-20, 63-7-310, 63-7-630, 63-7-980 and 63-11-2400. The department must assess the referral and proceed according to the provisions in Title 63.

SECTION 3. Article 1, Chapter 25, Title 16 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 16-25-130. (A) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "Address" means the residential street address, school address,

or work address of an individual, as specified on the application for a program participant under this section.

(2) "Address confidentiality program" or "program" means the address confidentiality program established by this section.

(3) "Application assistant" means an employee of an agency or nonprofit organization who provides counseling, referral, shelter, or other specialized services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, human trafficking, sexual offenses, stalking, or harassment and who has been designated by the Attorney General to assist persons with applications to participate in the address confidentiality program.

(4) "Designated address" means the address assigned to a program participant by the Attorney General pursuant to this section.

(5) "Domestic violence" means any act that is described in Chapter 25, Title 16.

(6) "Human trafficking" has the same meaning as provided in Article 19, Chapter 3, Title 16.

(7) "Mailing address" means an address that is recognized for delivery by the United States Postal Service.

(8) "Program participant" means a person certified by the Attorney General to participate in the program.

(9) "Sexual offense" means any act that is described in Articles 7 and 8, Chapter 3, Title 16.

(10) "Stalking" has the same meaning as provided in Article 17, Chapter 3, Title 16.

(11) "Harassment" has the same meaning as provided in Article 17, Chapter 3, Title 16.

(B) The address confidentiality program is established to protect victims of domestic violence, human trafficking, stalking, harassment, or sexual offenses by authorizing the use of designated addresses for such victims. The program is administered by the Attorney General under the following application and certification procedures:

(1) Upon the recommendation of an application assistant, the following persons may apply to the Attorney General for assignation of a designated address:

(a) an individual;

(b) a parent, guardian, custodian, legal counsel, or other appropriate adult acting on behalf of a minor; or

(c) a guardian acting on behalf of an incapacitated person.

(2) The Attorney General may approve an application only if it is filed with the Office of the Attorney General in the manner established and on a form prescribed by the Attorney General. A completed

application must contain:

(a) the application's preparation date, the applicant's signature, and the signature and victim service provider number of the application assistant who assisted the applicant in applying to be a program participant;

(b) a designation of the Attorney General as agent for the purposes of service of process and for receipt of first-class, certified or registered mail;

(c) the mailing address where the applicant may be contacted by the Attorney General or his designee and the telephone number or numbers at which the applicant may be called by the Attorney General or his designee; and

(d) one or more addresses or mailing addresses that the applicant requests be concealed, if disclosure may jeopardize the applicant's safety or increase the risk of violence to the applicant or members of the applicant's household.

(3) Upon receipt of a properly completed application, the Attorney General may certify the applicant as a program participant. A program participant is certified for four years following the date of initial certification unless the certification is withdrawn or invalidated before that date. The Attorney General shall send notification of lapsing certification and a reapplication form to a program participant at least four weeks prior to the expiration of the program participant's certification.

(4) The Attorney General shall forward first-class, certified or registered mail to the appropriate program participants.

(5)(a) An applicant may not file an application knowing that it:

(i) contains false or incorrect information; or

(ii) falsely claims that disclosure of the address or mailing address listed in the application threatens the safety of the applicant, the applicant's children, the minor, or incapacitated person on whose behalf the application is made.

(b) An application assistant may not assist or participate in the filing of an application that the application assistant knows:

(i) contains false or incorrect information; or

(ii) falsely claims that disclosure of the address or mailing address listed in the application threatens the safety of the applicant, the applicant's children, the minor, or incapacitated person on whose behalf the application is made.

(C) Certification for the program may be canceled if one or more of the following conditions apply:

(1) a program participant obtains a name change, unless the program participant provides the Attorney General with documentation of a legal name change within thirty business days of the name change;

(2) there is a change in a program participant's residential street address from the address listed on the application, unless the program participant provides the Attorney General with notice of the change in such manner as the Attorney General provides; or

(3) the applicant or program participant files an application knowing that it:

(a) contains false or incorrect information; or

(b) falsely claims that disclosure of the address or mailing address listed in the application threatens the safety of the applicant, the applicant's children, the minor, or incapacitated person on whose behalf the application is made.

(D) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (E), state and local government agencies and the courts shall accept and use only the designated address as the program participant's address upon demonstration of a program participant's certification in the program.

(E) As the Attorney General determines appropriate, he may make a program participant's address or mailing address available for use by granting an exemption to:

(1) a law enforcement agency, a commissioner or other chief administrator of a state or local government agency, or the commissioner's or administrator's designee, if:

(a) the agency has a bona fide statutory, administrative, or law enforcement need for the program participant's address or mailing address such that the agency is unable to fulfill its statutory duties and obligations without the address or mailing address; and

(b) the program participant's address or mailing address will be used only for those statutory, administrative, or law enforcement purposes and otherwise will be kept under seal and excluded from public inspection; or

(2) a person identified in a court order, if the Attorney General receives a court order that specifically orders the disclosure of a particular program participant's address and mailing address and the reasons stated for the disclosure.

(F) A program participant's application and supporting materials, and the program's state email account, are not public record pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 30, the Freedom of Information Act, and must be kept confidential by the Attorney General.

(G) The Attorney General, his employees, application assistance

agencies designated under this section, and the employees or volunteers of such agencies shall not be liable for any injury, loss, or damage resulting from any act or omission under this section, except if the injury, loss, or damage is caused by an act or omission pursuant to this section that is criminal, grossly negligent, intentional, or wilful. The State asserts this immunity under Section 15-78-20.

(H) This section does not create, and shall not be construed to create, a new cause of action or substantive legal right against the State or an officer or employee thereof.

(I) A participant in the address confidentiality program may not be mailed an absentee ballot unless the participant has requested an absentee ballot pursuant to Section 7-15-330. The participant's absentee ballot must be the same ballot used in the precinct assigned to the participant's residential street address. The request for an absentee ballot submitted by the participant is not a public record pursuant to Chapter 4, Title 30, the Freedom of Information Act, and must be kept confidential by the county board of voter registration and elections to which the request was made.

SECTION 4. A. Section 16-3-910 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

Section 16-3-910. ~~Whoever shall~~A person who unlawfully ~~seize, confine, inveigle, decoy, kidnap, abduct or carry away~~ seizes, confines, inveigles, decoys, kidnaps, abducts, or carries away any other person by any means whatsoever without authority of law, except when a minor is seized or taken by his parent, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be imprisoned for a period not to exceed thirty years ~~unless sentenced for murder as provided in Section 16-3-20~~.

B. Nothing contained in this SECTION may be construed to repeal, replace, or preclude application of any other criminal statute.

SECTION 5. Article 3, Chapter 15, Title 16 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 16-15-340. (A) As used in this section, "child" means a person under sixteen years of age.

(B) A person eighteen years of age or older who, with the intent to harm a child or for any other unlawful purpose, lures, entices, or attempts to lure or entice a child, is guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than ten thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both.

(C) Mistake of age is not a defense to prosecution pursuant to the provisions of this section. However, it is an affirmative defense to prosecution pursuant to the provisions of this section if the:

(1) person lured, enticed, or attempted to lure or entice, the child for

a lawful purpose; or

(2) person's actions were otherwise reasonable under the circumstances, and the person did not have the intent to harm the child.

(D) The penalties provided in this section are in addition to other penalties as provided by law for kidnapping or any other offense, as warranted. The offense of luring a child is not intended to be a lesser included offense of kidnapping or any other offense.

SECTION 6. The rights delineated under SECTION 2 of this act shall apply retroactively.

SECTION 7. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this act is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this act, the General Assembly hereby declaring that it would have passed this act, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

SECTION 8. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Amend title to read:

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING", SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION TO INCLUDE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR AND PROMOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN PROSTITUTION OF A MINOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2020, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PENALTIES, MINOR VICTIMS AND DEFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY RAISE DURESS AND COERCION AS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INTERRELATED TO TRAFFICKING, TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY HAVE CERTAIN OFFENSES EXPUNGED IF THE OFFENSES WERE A DIRECT RESULT OR INTERRELATED TO BEING A VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING, AND TO PROVIDE SIMILAR PROVISIONS FOR MINOR TRAFFICKING VICTIMS AND TO REQUIRE THE MINOR TO BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE; BY ADDING SECTION 16-25-130 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM WITHIN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO PROTECT THE VICTIMS

OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, STALKING, HARASSMENT, AND OTHER SEXUAL OFFENSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO ALLOW SENTENCING FOR THE CRIME OF KIDNAPPING AND OTHER CRIMES; BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-340 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF LURING AND PROVIDE A PENALTY AND DEFENSES TO PROSECUTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT ARE RETROACTIVE.

/s/Sen. Hutto	/s/Rep. Bernstein
/s/Sen. Gustafson	/s/Rep. Guest
/s/Sen. Adams	/s/Rep. Connell
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. BERNSTEIN explained the Free Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 100; Nays 1

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Caskey	Chapman
Chumley	Clyburn	Collins
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Garvin	Gibson	Gilliam
Gilliard	Guest	Haddon
Hager	Hardee	Hartnett
Henegan	Herbkersman	Hewitt
Hixon	Hosey	Howard
Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kilmartin	Kirby	Landing
Lawson	Leber	Ligon
Long	Lowe	Magnuson
May	McCabe	McCravy

McDaniel	McGinnis	Mitchell
J. Moore	T. Moore	A. M. Morgan
T. A. Morgan	Moss	Murphy
Neese	B. Newton	Nutt
O'Neal	Oremus	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Rutherford	Sandifer	Schuessler
Sessions	G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith
Spann-Wilder	Stavrinakis	Taylor
Thayer	Trantham	Vaughan
Weeks	West	Whitmire
Williams	Willis	Wooten
Yow		

Total--100

Those who voted in the negative are:
Guffey

Total--1

The Free Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

STATEMENT FOR JOURNAL

As a member of the judicial selection and reform conference committee, I was out of the Chamber in conference with Senators and missed votes on other conference reports including S. 142, which I would have voted to adopt the free conference report.

Rep. Wm. Weston Newton

S. 142--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The Report of the Committee of Free Conference having been adopted by both Houses, and this Bill having been read three times in each House, it was ordered that the title thereof be changed to that of an Act and that it be enrolled for ratification.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. HENEGAN a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. YOW a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. WILLIS a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

The SPEAKER *PRO TEMPORE* granted Rep. ROBBINS a leave of absence for the remainder of the day.

HOUSE STANDS AT EASE

The House stood at ease subject to the call of the Chair.

THE HOUSE RESUMES

At 5:20 p.m. the House resumed, the SPEAKER in the Chair.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:

The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on H. 4116:

H. 4116 -- Reps. Sandifer, M. M. Smith and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-19-295 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DIVIDING OF FEES OR OTHER COMPENSATION CHARGED OR RECEIVED BY LICENSEES OF THE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITH ANOTHER PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, OR LEGAL ENTITY FOR THE DELIVERY OR PERFORMANCE OF FUNERAL SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-100, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS REGULATING PRENEED FUNERAL CONTRACTS, SO AS TO INCREASE FINE RANGES AND PERMANENTLY BAR PERSONS CONVICTED OF A FELONY FROM CONDUCTING PRENEED CONTRACT SALES;

BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-110, RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST UNLICENSED PRENEED CONTRACT SALES PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE COMPLAINTS TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RESPOND MAY BE WRITTEN OR ORAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-360, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE SAFE CREMATION ACT, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES AND REQUIRE IMMEDIATE REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS TO THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-385, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS THAT CREMATORIES EMPLOY CERTAIN TRAINED STAFF TO PERFORM CREMATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL CREMATIONS BE PERFORMED BY THESE TRAINED STAFF MEMBERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-30, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LICENSURE TO PRACTICE FUNERAL SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONDUCT CONSTITUTING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES INCLUDES PARTIES WHO EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OR AUTHORITY OVER A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT OR ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO PROHIBIT CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, OR INDIVIDUALS IN WHOSE NAME APPEARS THE NAME OF A PERSON WITH A REVOKED OR LAPSED LICENSE FROM HAVING A LICENSE TO OPERATE A FUNERAL HOME; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, OR EMPLOYEES MAY NOT BE LIABLE FOR ACTS PERFORMED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES IN THE ABSENCE OF MALICE SHOWN AND PROVEN IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-80, RELATING TO INSPECTORS EMPLOYED BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO INSTEAD REQUIRE THE BOARD TO EMPLOY AT LEAST TWO INVESTIGATORS WHO MAY BE LICENSED EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS WITH CERTAIN EXPERIENCE BUT WHO HAVE NOT BEEN DISCIPLINED; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-110, RELATING TO CONDUCT CONSTITUTING UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BY A LICENSEE OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO MAKE GRAMMATICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-

115, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLICENSED PERSONS WITHIN THIS JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-200, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITHOUT A LICENSE OR USING FALSE INFORMATION TO OBTAIN SUCH LICENSURE, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES, AND TO SUBJECT PERSONS WHO AID AND ABET UNLICENSED PERSONS OR ENTITIES IN ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICE WITHOUT LICENSURE TO THESE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-250, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN COURSEWORK IN ETHICS, TO REQUIRE FOUR HOURS OF TOTAL ANNUAL COURSEWORK, TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK TO BE IN ETHICS, AND TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK BE COMPLETED IN PERSON; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-290, RELATING TO THE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PAYMENTS RECEIVED FOR FUNERAL MERCHANDISE BEING PURCHASED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE PAYMENTS MUST BE KEPT IN A TRUST ACCOUNT UNTIL THE MERCHANDISE IS DELIVERED FOR ITS INTENDED USE OR IS DELIVERED INTO THE PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE PURCHASER.

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, it was ordered that the title be changed to that of an Act, and that it be enrolled for ratification.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

The following was received:

Columbia, S.C., Wednesday, June 26, 2024
Mr. Speaker and Members of the House:
The Senate respectfully informs your Honorable Body that it has adopted the report of the Committee of Conference on S. 1046:

S. 1046 -- Senators Hembree, Climer, M. Johnson, Peeler, Corbin, Cromer, Shealy, Grooms, Bennett, Gambrell, Loftis, Rice, Gustafson, Martin, Verdin, Turner, Kimbrell, Reichenbach, Cash, Harpootlian, McLeod and Fanning: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-10, RELATING TO JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS, INITIAL TERMS, AND SUBSEQUENT TERMS, TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT, EXCEPT THOSE FIRST APPOINTED, THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SENATE PRESIDENT, THE SENATE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND THE HOUSE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO NOMINEE MAY BE A FAMILY MEMBER OF A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-20, RELATING TO INVESTIGATION BY COMMISSION AND PUBLICATION OF VACANCIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-30, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND EXECUTIVE SESSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS BE LIVE STREAMED; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-70, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DUAL OFFICES, PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR, AND PLEDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FLOOR PRIVILEGES AND PROHIBITIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND ESTABLISHING SET TIMES FOR THE RELEASE OF REPORTS AND THE SEEKING OF PLEDGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FORMAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT OF QUALIFICATIONS SHALL OCCUR NO EARLIER THAN TWELVE DAYS AFTER NOMINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO NOMINATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SHALL BE RELEASED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING

SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE A MAJORITY VOTE OF EACH HOUSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERMS AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FULL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OF THE COUNTY THE MAGISTRATE WILL SERVE.

Very respectfully,
President
Received as information.

S. 1046--CONFERENCE REPORT ADOPTED

S. 1046--Conference Report
The General Assembly, Columbia, S.C., June 26, 2024

The COMMITTEE OF CONFERENCE, to whom was referred:

S. 1046 -- Senators Hembree, Climer, M. Johnson, Peeler, Corbin, Cromer, Shealy, Grooms, Bennett, Gambrell, Loftis, Rice, Gustafson, Martin, Verdin, Turner, Kimbrell, Reichenbach, Cash, Harpootlian, McLeod and Fanning: TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-10, RELATING TO JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, APPOINTMENT, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS, INITIAL TERMS, AND SUBSEQUENT TERMS, TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE THAT, EXCEPT THOSE FIRST APPOINTED, THE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SENATE PRESIDENT, THE SENATE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, AND THE HOUSE JUDICIARY CHAIRMAN SHALL SERVE AN INITIAL TERM OF TWO YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT NO NOMINEE MAY BE A FAMILY MEMBER OF A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 2-19-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-20, RELATING TO INVESTIGATION BY

COMMISSION AND PUBLICATION OF VACANCIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA FOR THE QUALIFICATION OF JUDICIAL CANDIDATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-30, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND EXECUTIVE SESSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS BE LIVE STREAMED; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-70, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION AGAINST DUAL OFFICES, PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR, AND PLEDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN FLOOR PRIVILEGES AND PROHIBITIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND ESTABLISHING SET TIMES FOR THE RELEASE OF REPORTS AND THE SEEKING OF PLEDGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FORMAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT OF QUALIFICATIONS SHALL OCCUR NO EARLIER THAN TWELVE DAYS AFTER NOMINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-80, RELATING TO NOMINATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL QUALIFIED CANDIDATES SHALL BE RELEASED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CANDIDATE MUST RECEIVE A MAJORITY VOTE OF EACH HOUSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT, TERMS AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION OR RECERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL RECEIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FULL LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION OF THE COUNTY THE MAGISTRATE WILL SERVE.

Beg leave to report that they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend:

That the same do pass with the following amendments:

Amend the bill, as and if amended, by striking all after the enacting words and inserting:

SECTION 1. Chapter 19, Title 2 of the S.C. Code is amended to read:

CHAPTER 19

South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission

Screening and Election of Justices and Judges

Section 2-19-5. (A) There is created the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission composed of twelve members who must be appointed as follows:

(1) four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and of these appointments:

(a) three members must be members of the House of Representatives; and

(b) one member must be selected from the South Carolina Bar who must be a member of the Bar in good standing with ten years' experience in the practice of law;

(2) four members appointed by the Senate and of these appointments:

(a) two members must be appointed by the President of the Senate one of whom must be a member of the Senate and one of whom must be selected from the South Carolina Bar and must be a member in good standing with ten years' experience in the practice of law; and

(b) two members must be appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee both of whom must be members of the Senate; and

(3) four members appointed by the Governor all of which must be members in good standing of the South Carolina Bar with at least ten years' experience in the practice of law.

(B) No person is eligible for appointment if he individually contributed to a campaign of one of the appointing authorities in the most recent election. Nonlegislative members may not be a public employee or serve in another elected office.

(C) Members of the commission shall serve for a term of two years and may serve no more than two consecutive terms. However, a member of the House of Representatives or Senate who ceases to serve as a member of the General Assembly will have his service on the commission terminated upon the end of his service in the General Assembly. Additionally, a member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term may serve two full terms thereafter. The initial appointments must be made as follows:

(1) one member each appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to subsection (A)(1)(a) and (b) shall serve an initial term of one year and may be reappointed to a following two-year term;

(2) one member each appointed by the President of the Senate and the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee pursuant to subsection (A)(2)(a) and (b) shall serve an initial term of one year and may be

reappointed to a following two-year term; and

(3) two members appointed by the Governor pursuant to subsection (A)(3)(b) shall serve an initial term of one year and may be reappointed to a following two-year term.

(D) In making appointments to the commission, race, gender, national origin, and other demographic factors shall be considered to ensure nondiscrimination to the greatest extent possible as to all segments of the population of the State.

(E) A vacancy on the commission must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for the original selection.

(F) Members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission serving on the effective date of this act who have served more than four years on the commission are not eligible for appointment to the commission pursuant to the provisions of this act except for the current chairman and vice chairman who can serve a two-year term but then may not serve a successive term.

(G) No member of the commission shall receive any compensation for commission services, except those set by law for travel, board, and lodging expenses incurred in the performance of commission duties.

(H) No member of the commission is eligible for nomination and appointment as a judge or justice of the state court system or administrative law court while serving on the commission and for a period of one year thereafter. If a candidate is a family member of a member of the commission, the member must resign. For the purposes of this subsection, "family member" means a spouse, parent, brother, sister, child, step-child, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparent, or grandchild.

Section 2-19-10. ~~(A) Whenever~~When an election is to be held by the General Assembly in Joint Session, for members of the judiciary, ~~a~~ the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission, composed of ~~ten~~twelve members, shall ~~be appointed, in the manner prescribed by this section, to~~ consider the qualifications of the candidates. The ~~Judicial Merit Selection Commission~~commission shall meet at least once annually and at other times as may be designated by the chairman. The commission, at its first meeting and then annually, shall elect a chairman and a vice chairman who shall serve for a term of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified, and adopt rules necessary to the purposes of the commission. These rules shall address, among other things:

(1) the confidentiality of records and other information received concerning candidates for judicial office;

(2) the conduct of proceedings before the commission;

(3) receipt of public statements in support of or in opposition to any of the candidates;

(4) procedures to review the qualifications of retired judges for continued judicial service;

(5) contacting incumbent judges regarding their desire to seek ~~re-election~~reelection;

(6) prohibition against candidates communicating with individual members of the commission concerning the qualifications of candidates unless specifically authorized by the commission~~.~~; and

(7) format and use of anonymous surveys by the commission.

~~A member may succeed himself as chairman or vice chairman~~. ~~Six~~Seven members of the commission constitute a quorum at all meetings.

~~(B) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Judicial Merit Selection Commission shall consist of the following individuals:~~

~~(1) five members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and of these appointments:~~

~~(a) three members must be serving members of the General Assembly; and~~

~~(b) two members must be selected from the general public;~~

~~(2) three members, appointed by the Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, who must be serving members of the Senate; and~~

~~(3) two members, appointed by the President of the Senate, who must be selected from the general public.~~

~~(C) In making appointments to the commission, race, gender, national origin, and other demographic factors should be considered to ensure nondiscrimination to the greatest extent possible as to all segments of the population of the State.~~

~~(D) The term of office of a member of the commission who is not a member of the General Assembly shall be for four years subject to a right of removal at any time by the person appointing him, and until his successor is appointed and qualifies. A member of the commission who is a serving member of the General Assembly shall serve for the term of office to which he has been elected.~~

~~(E) A vacancy on the Judicial Merit Selection Commission must be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for the original selection.~~

~~(F) No member of the commission shall receive any compensation for~~

~~commission services, except those set by law for travel, board, and lodging expenses incurred in the performance of commission duties.~~

~~(G) No member of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission is eligible for nomination and appointment as a judge or justice of the state court system or administrative law judge division while serving on the commission and for a period of one year thereafter.~~

Section 2-19-20. (A) It is the responsibility of the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission to determine when judicial vacancies are to occur in the ~~administrative law judge division~~Administrative Law Court and on the family court, circuit court, court of appeals, or Supreme Court and to expeditiously investigate in advance the qualifications of those who seek ~~nomination~~the position. For purposes of this chapter, a vacancy is created in the ~~administrative law judge division~~ Administrative Law Court or on the family court, circuit court, court of appeals, or Supreme Court when any of the following occurs: a term expires; a new judicial position is created; or a judge can no longer serve due to resignation, retirement, disciplinary action, disability, or death.

(B) The commission, upon receiving notice of a judicial vacancy, ascertaining that a judicial vacancy shall occur, or receiving the decision of an incumbent judge regarding his seeking ~~re-election~~reelection, shall notify the Supreme Court of the vacancy for publication in the advance sheets provided by the Clerk of the Supreme Court at least thirty days prior to closing applications for the vacancy. The commission shall, if practicable, also notify the South Carolina Bar, other professional legal organizations it considers appropriate, and each newspaper of this State with daily circulation of the vacancy at least thirty days prior to closing applications for the vacancy. This notice must include, but not be limited to, the judicial office in which the vacancy occurs, the address to which, and the date by which interested candidates may apply.

(C) The ~~Judicial Merit Selection Commission~~commission shall announce and publicize vacancies and forthcoming vacancies in the ~~administrative law judge division~~ Administrative Law Court, on the family court, circuit court, court of appeals, and Supreme Court. A person who desires to be considered for ~~nomination~~a position as justice or judge may make application to the commission. ~~No person may concurrently seek more than one judicial vacancy.~~ The commission shall announce the names of those persons who have applied.

(D) Any person wishing to seek a judicial office, which is elected by the General Assembly, shall file a notice of intention to seek the office with the ~~Judicial Merit Selection Commission~~commission. Upon receipt

of the notice of intention, the commission shall begin to conduct the investigation of the candidate as it considers appropriate and may in the investigation utilize the services of any agency of state government. This agency shall, upon request, cooperate fully with the commission.

Section 2-19-25. (A) The South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission is authorized to investigate and obtain information relative to any candidate for an ~~administrative law~~ Administrative Law Court judgeship or a family court, circuit court, court of appeals, or Supreme Court judgeship from any state agency or other group including, but not limited to, court administration and any law enforcement agency, to the extent permitted by law. And, as part of the investigation, candidates for election to judicial office or reelection to judicial office must disclose any sanctions, including private reprimands, to the commission.

(B) The chairman of the commission shall notify the President of the South Carolina Bar of the judgeships to be filled and of the candidates for those judgeships no later than four weeks before the scheduled date for the public hearing. The chairman of the commission shall also request the South Carolina Bar to offer the commission an assessment of each candidate's qualifications for the judgeship sought, and the date by which the assessment must be returned to the commission. This assessment must specify the bar's finding as to whether each candidate is qualified or unqualified for the judgeship sought and the reasons for that finding. The commission may receive the bar's assessment in that form and at that time it desires but shall attach the assessments to its findings of fact in such form as the commission considers appropriate. Failure of the bar to return the assessment by the date requested is not a ground for delaying the applicable hearings or election.

(C) The commission shall forward the names of justices and judges who are at the midpoint in their terms to the committee in order for the committee to conduct midterm reviews utilizing the electronic ballot box survey polling or other forms of electronic surveys as it deems appropriate. The results of the midterm reviews must be forwarded to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. Midterm reviews also must be provided to the commission at the next public screening of each judicial candidate.

Section 2-19-30. (A) Upon completion of the investigation, the Chairman of the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission shall schedule a public hearing concerning the qualifications of the candidates. Any person who desires to testify at the hearing, including candidates, shall furnish a written statement of his proposed testimony to the commission no later than two weeks prior to the date and time set

for the hearing unless sufficient cause is determined by the ~~Judicial Merit Selection Commission~~commission for allowing the submitting individual's testimony after the deadline. The commission shall determine the persons who shall testify at the hearing. All testimony, including documents furnished to the commission, must be submitted under oath and persons knowingly furnishing false information either orally or in writing are subject to the penalties provided by law for perjury and false swearing.

(B) During the course of the investigation, the commission may schedule an executive session at which each candidate, and other persons whom the commission wishes to interview, may be interviewed by the commission on matters pertinent to the candidate's qualification for the office to be filled.

(C) ~~A~~At a reasonable time thereafter the commission shall render its tentative findings as to whether the candidate is qualified for the office to be filled and its reasons therefor as to each candidate.

(D) As soon as possible after the completion of the hearing, a verbatim copy of the testimony, documents submitted at the hearing, and findings of fact must be transcribed and published or otherwise made available in a reasonable number of copies to the members of both houses prior to the date of the scheduled election, and a copy ~~thereof~~ shall be furnished to each candidate and anyone else upon request. A charge for these copies may be made as authorized in the Freedom of Information Act.

(E) A candidate may withdraw at any ~~stage of the proceedings and in this event no further inquiry or consideration of his candidacy shall be made~~ time prior to the public hearing or after the draft report is issued to members of the General Assembly. ~~All materials concerning that candidate including his report, transcript, application, materials, and other information gathered during the commission's investigation must be kept confidential and destroyed as soon as possible after the candidate's written notification to the commission of his withdrawal.~~ The information concerning a withdrawn candidate also shall be exempt from disclosure pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 30. However, all materials concerning the candidate must be retained and may not be destroyed by the commission.

(F) All of the commission's public hearings shall be live streamed except for the portions of the hearings conducted in executive session.

Section 2-19-35. (A) The responsibility of the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission is to investigate and consider the qualifications of the candidates for judicial office in ~~the administrative law judge division~~Administrative Law Court or on the family court,

circuit court, court of appeals, or Supreme Court. Investigations and consideration of the commission should include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

(1) constitutional qualifications;
(2) ethical fitness;
(3) professional and academic ability;
(4) character;
(5) reputation;
(6) physical health;
(7) mental stability;
(8) experience; and
(9) judicial temperament.

(B) ~~In making nominations, race~~Race, gender, national origin, and other demographic factors ~~should~~shall be considered by the commission to ensure nondiscrimination to the greatest extent possible as to all segments of the population of the State.

Section 2-19-40. ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, when there is no known opposition to a candidate, and there appears to be no substantial reason for having a public hearing, whether or not a candidate is an incumbent, and no request is made by at least six members of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission for a public hearing, the commission chairman upon recommendation of the commission may determine that the public hearing is unnecessary and it may not be held.~~ Reserved.

Section 2-19-50. All records, information, and other material that the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission has obtained or used to make its findings of fact, except materials, records, and information presented under oath at the public hearing, must be kept strictly confidential. ~~After the commission has reported its findings of fact, all records, information, and material required to be kept confidential must be destroyed.~~ The information required to be kept confidential also shall be exempt from disclosure pursuant to Chapter 4 of Title 30.

Section 2-19-60. (A) The South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission in the discharge of its duties may administer oaths and affirmations, take depositions, and issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, and other records considered necessary in connection with the investigation of the candidate.

(B) No person shall be excused from attending and testifying or from producing books, papers, correspondence, memoranda, or other records

before the ~~Judicial Merit Selection Commission~~commission on the ground that the testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, required of him may tend to incriminate him or subject him to a penalty or forfeiture. But no individual shall be prosecuted or subjected to any criminal penalty based upon testimony or evidence submitted or forfeiture for or on account of any transaction, matter, or thing concerning which he is compelled, after having claimed his privilege against self-incrimination, to testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, except that the individual so testifying shall not be exempt from prosecution and punishment for perjury and false swearing committed in so testifying.

(C) In case of contumacy by any person or refusal to obey a subpoena issued to any person, any circuit court of this State or circuit judge ~~thereof~~ within the jurisdiction of which the person guilty of contumacy or refusal to obey is found, resides, or transacts business, upon application by the ~~Judicial Merit Selection Commission~~commission may issue to this person an order requiring him to appear before the commission to produce evidence if so ordered or to give testimony touching the matter under investigation. Any failure to obey an order of the court may be punished as a contempt ~~hereof~~. Subpoenas shall be issued in the name of the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission and shall be signed by the commission chairman. Subpoenas shall be issued to those persons as the commission may designate.

Section 2-19-70. (A) No member of the General Assembly may be elected to a judicial office while he is serving in the General Assembly nor shall that person be elected to a judicial office for a period of one year after he either:

(1) ceases to be a member of the General Assembly; or

(2) fails to file for election to the General Assembly in accordance with Section 7-11-15.

(B) The privilege of the floor in either house of the General Assembly may not be granted to any candidate or any immediate family member of a candidate unless the family member is serving in the General Assembly, during the time the candidate's application is pending before the commission and during the time his nomination by the commission for election to a particular judicial office is pending in the General Assembly.

(C) No ~~candidate for judicial office~~person may seek, directly or indirectly the pledge of a member of the General Assembly's vote or, directly or indirectly, contact a member of the General Assembly

regarding screening for the judicial office until the qualifications of all candidates for that office have been determined by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission and the commission has formally released its report as to the qualifications of all candidates for the vacancy to the General Assembly. No member of the General Assembly may offer his pledge to any person until the qualifications of all candidates for that office have been determined by the Judicial Merit Selection Commission and until the commission has formally released its report as to the qualifications of its nominees to the General Assembly. The formal release of the report of qualifications shall occur no earlier than ~~forty-eight hours~~twelve days after the nominees have been initially released to members of the General Assembly. For purposes of this section, indirectly seeking a pledge means the candidate, or someone acting on behalf of and at the request of the candidate, requesting a person to contact a member of the General Assembly on behalf of the candidate before nominations for that office are formally made by the commission. Prior to the formal release of the report as to the qualifications of judicial candidates, a person may not request that a member of the General Assembly, nor may a member of the General Assembly offer to, act on behalf of a candidate in furtherance of the candidate's candidacy in any capacity including, but not limited to, acting as a vote counter for a candidate. The prohibitions of this section do not extend to an announcement of candidacy by the ~~candidate~~a person and statements by the candidate detailing the candidate's qualifications.

(D) No member of the General Assembly may trade anything of value, including pledges to vote for legislation or for other candidates now or in the future, in exchange for another member's pledge to vote for a candidate for judicial office or as an inducement for a candidate to withdraw.

(E) Violations of this section may be considered by the merit selection commission when it considers the candidate's qualifications and until the time set for election of candidates. Violations of this section by members of the General Assembly shall be reported by the commission to the House or Senate Ethics Committee, as may be applicable. Violations of this section by nonlegislative commission members shall be reported by the commission to the State Ethics Commission. A violation of this section is a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, the violator must be fined not more than one thousand dollars or imprisoned not more than ninety days. Cases tried under this section may not be transferred from general sessions court pursuant to Section 22-3-545.

Section 2-19-80. (A) The commission shall make nominations to the

General Assembly of candidates and their qualifications for election to the Supreme Court, court of appeals, circuit court, family court, and the administrative law judge division. It shall review the qualifications of all applicants for a judicial office and select therefrom and submit to the General Assembly the names and qualifications of ~~the three~~not more than six candidates whom it considers best qualified for the judicial office under consideration. If fewer than ~~three~~ six persons apply to fill a vacancy or if the commission concludes there are fewer than ~~three~~ six candidates qualified for a vacancy, it shall submit to the General Assembly only the names and qualifications of those who are considered to be qualified, with a written explanation for submitting fewer than ~~three~~ six names.

(B) The nominations of the commission for any judgeship are binding on the General Assembly, and it shall not elect a person not nominated by the commission. Nothing shall prevent the General Assembly from rejecting all persons nominated. In this event, the commission shall submit another group of names and qualifications for that position. Further ~~nominations~~procedures in the manner required by this chapter must be made until the office is filled.

(C)(1) If the commission does not find the incumbent justice or judge qualified for the judicial office held and sought, his name shall not be submitted to the General Assembly for ~~re-election~~ reelection and upon expiration of his then current term of office, he shall cease serving in that judicial position.

(2) If the commission finds an incumbent judge not qualified for the office sought, or if an incumbent judge dies, withdraws, or becomes otherwise disqualified for the office sought between the time he makes application for the office and the date of the election ~~therefor~~, the election for the office may not be held at that scheduled time, and the commission shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of this chapter to make other nominations for the office as though a new vacancy without an incumbent exists in that office, including reopening the application process with all required notices. Nothing prevents the commission from including in its new nominations the names and qualifications of persons other than the incumbent judge it included in its previous nominations.

(D) The commission shall accompany its nominations to the General Assembly with reports ~~or recommendations~~ as to the qualifications of particular candidates and the particular reasons a candidate or candidates were not found qualified.

(E) A period of at least ~~two weeks~~ twenty-two days must elapse

between the date of the commission's nominations to the General Assembly and the date the General Assembly conducts the election for these judgeships.

Section 2-19-90. The General Assembly shall meet in joint session for the election of judges. The date and time for the joint session shall be set by concurrent resolution upon the recommendation of the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission. The Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission shall announce the commission's nominees for each judicial race, and no further nominating or seconding speeches shall be allowed by members of the General Assembly. In order to be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of the vote of the members of the General Assembly voting in joint session.

Section 2-19-100. In order to be eligible for appointment by the Chief Justice to serve, any retired justice or judge of this State must have been reviewed by the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission under procedures it shall establish to review retired judges' qualifications for continued judicial service and be found by the commission to be qualified to serve in these situations within four years of the date of his appointment to serve, except that if a justice or judge retired before the expiration of his then current term, no further review of that justice or judge is required until that term would have expired.

Section 2-19-110. Upon a vacancy in the office of master-in-equity, candidates ~~therefor~~ shall submit an application to the South Carolina Judicial Merit Selection Commission. Upon completion of reports and recommendations, the commission shall submit such reports and recommendations on all qualified master-in-equity candidates to the appropriate county legislative delegations. The county legislative delegations ~~shall~~ may then submit the name of a candidate to the Governor for consideration for appointment. Nothing shall prevent the delegation from rejecting a candidate and directing the commission to reopen the process. ~~Nothing~~And, nothing shall prevent the Governor from rejecting the person nominated by the delegation. In this event, the delegation shall submit another name for consideration. No person found not qualified by the commission may be appointed to the office of master-in-equity. For purposes of this section, a vacancy is created in the office of the master-in-equity when any of the following occurs: a term expires, a new judicial position is created, or a judge no longer can serve due to resignation, retirement, disciplinary action, disability, or death. The ~~Judicial Merit Selection Commission~~commission may begin screening prior to the actual date of the vacancy in the case of an expiration of term, resignation, or retirement pursuant to written notice

~~thereof~~.

Section 2-19-120. ~~(A) The Chairman of the Judicial Merit Selection Commission, upon the advice of the commission, shall select members to serve on Citizens Committees on Judicial Qualifications for each geographic district set by the commission. These committees shall, under the rules adopted by the commission, advise the commission concerning judicial candidates. The committees shall report their findings to the commission in such form as prescribed by the commission.~~

~~(B) The members appointed to the Citizens Committees on Judicial Qualifications shall be compensated with an emolument of one hundred dollars per round of screening.~~

SECTION 2. This act takes effect on July 1, 2025.

Amend title to conform.

/s/Sen. Rankin	/s/Rep. W. Newton
/s/Sen. Malloy	/s/Rep. Caskey
/s/Sen. Massey	/s/Rep. Stavrinakis
On part of the Senate.	On part of the House.

Rep. W. NEWTON explained the Conference Report.

The yeas and nays were taken resulting as follows:

Yeas 97; Nays 0

Those who voted in the affirmative are:

Bailey	Ballentine	Bamberg
Bannister	Bauer	Beach
Bernstein	Blackwell	Bradley
Brewer	Brittain	Burns
Bustos	Calhoon	Caskey
Chapman	Chumley	Clyburn
Collins	Connell	B. J. Cox
B. L. Cox	Crawford	Davis
Dillard	Elliott	Erickson
Forrest	Gagnon	Garvin
Gibson	Gilliam	Gilliard
Guest	Guffey	Haddon
Hager	Harris	Hartnett
Herbkersman	Hewitt	Hiott
Hixon	Hosey	Howard

Jefferson	J. E. Johnson	J. L. Johnson
S. Jones	W. Jones	Jordan
Kirby	Landing	Lawson
Leber	Ligon	Long
Magnuson	May	McCabe
McCravy	McDaniel	McGinnis
Mitchell	T. Moore	Moss
Murphy	Neese	B. Newton
W. Newton	Nutt	O'Neal
Oremus	Ott	Pace
Pedalino	Pendarvis	Pope
Rivers	Robbins	Rose
Sandifer	Schuessler	Sessions
G. M. Smith	M. M. Smith	Spann-Wilder
Stavrinakis	Taylor	Thayer
Vaughan	Weeks	West
Wheeler	Whitmire	Williams
Wooten		

Total--97

Those who voted in the negative are:

Total--0

The Conference Report was adopted and a message was ordered sent to the Senate accordingly.

S. 1046--ORDERED ENROLLED FOR RATIFICATION

The Report of the Committee of Conference having been adopted by both Houses, and this Bill having been read three times in each House, it was ordered that the title thereof be changed to that of an Act and that it be enrolled for ratification.

Rep. HIOTT moved that the House do now adjourn, pursuant to the Sine Die Resolution, which was agreed to.

RATIFICATION OF ACTS
FOR JUNE 27, 2024

Pursuant to an invitation the Honorable Speaker and House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber on June 27, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. and the following Acts and Joint Resolutions were ratified:

(R. 238, S. 142) -- Senators Shealy, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Hutto, Jackson, Campsen, McLeod, Setzler and Garrett: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING", SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION TO INCLUDE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR AND PROMOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN PROSTITUTION OF A MINOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2020, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PENALTIES, MINOR VICTIMS AND DEFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY RAISE DURESS AND COERCION AS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INTERRELATED TO TRAFFICKING, TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY HAVE CERTAIN OFFENSES EXPUNGED IF THE OFFENSES WERE A DIRECT RESULT OR INTERRELATED TO BEING A VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING, AND TO PROVIDE SIMILAR PROVISIONS FOR MINOR TRAFFICKING VICTIMS AND TO REQUIRE THE MINOR TO BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 16-25-130 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM WITHIN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO PROTECT THE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, STALKING, HARASSMENT, AND OTHER SEXUAL OFFENSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO ALLOW SENTENCING FOR THE KIDNAPPING OFFENSES WHEN ALSO SENTENCED FOR MURDER; BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-340 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF LURING A CHILD AND PROVIDE A PENALTY AND DEFENSES TO PROSECUTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT ARE RETROACTIVE.

(R. 239, S. 314) -- Senator Talley: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-47-40, RELATING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE

JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FORWARD AND COMMENT ON THE SUBMISSION OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; TO AMEND SECTION 2-47-50, RELATING TO PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; BY ADDING SECTION 2-47-52 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PROJECTS FROM BEING CONSIDERED A PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-47-55, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN, SO AS TO DELETE A REPORTING PROVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-47-56, RELATING TO GIFTS IN KIND FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES, SO AS TO DEFINE "SOURCE OF FUNDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-119-940 AND ACT 518 OF 1980, BOTH RELATING TO BORROWING LIMITATIONS AT CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-11-55, RELATING TO LEASE AGREEMENTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-103-110 RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF NEW CONSTRUCTION AT CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS.

(R. 240, S. 577) -- Senator Alexander: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-8-530, SECTION 12-8-540, SECTION 12-8-570, SECTION 12-8-580, AND SECTION 12-8-595, ALL RELATING TO THE WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAXES, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE TOP MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-2-140, RELATING TO ACCESS TO FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH SUCH ACCESS TO HAVE RECEIVED A BACKGROUND CHECK.

(R. 241, S. 862) -- Senators Shealy and Gustafson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-30, RELATING TO CAREGIVER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR EDUCATIONAL AND PRESERVICE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 63-13-20, RELATING TO CHILDCARE

FACILITY DEFINITIONAL TERMS, SO AS TO CHANGE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.

(R. 242, S. 969) -- Senators Alexander, Peeler, Setzler, K. Johnson, Young, Malloy, Senn, Stephens, McLeod and Gustafson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTEER EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN UNPAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3800, RELATING TO THE TAX CREDIT FOR SERVING AS A PRECEPTOR, SO AS TO AMEND DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING ACT 45 OF 2019, RELATING TO THE PRECEPTOR TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO EXTEND THE PRECEPTOR TAX CREDIT FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4-37-30, RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES OR TOLLS AS REVENUE FOR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FOR UNPREPARED FOOD ITEMS.

(R. 243, S. 1031) -- Senator Cromer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 35, RELATING TO ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM FINANCIAL CRIME, STANDARDIZE THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING, AND MODERNIZE SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE FUNDS ARE PROTECTED IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE AND COMPETITIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

(R. 244, S. 1046) -- Senators Hembree, Climer, M. Johnson, Peeler, Corbin, Cromer, Shealy, Grooms, Bennett, Gambrell, Loftis, Rice, Gustafson, Martin, Verdin, Turner, Kimbrell, Reichenbach, Cash, Harpootlian, McLeod and Fanning: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF TITLE 2, RELATING TO JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION

COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS, INITIAL TERMS, AND SUBSEQUENT TERMS; TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP TO TWELVE MEMBERS, INCLUDING FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; TO PROVIDE A QUORUM IS SEVEN MEMBERS, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO PROVIDE FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS AND TERM LIMITS OF MEMBERS; TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS BE LIVE STREAMED EXCEPT WHEN THE COMMISSION IS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION; TO ESTABLISH SET TIMES FOR THE RELEASE OF REPORTS AND THE SEEKING OF PLEDGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FORMAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT OF QUALIFICATIONS SHALL OCCUR NO EARLIER THAN TWELVE DAYS AFTER NOMINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF NOMINEES RELEASED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THREE TO SIX; TO REQUIRE MIDTERM REVIEWS OF JUSTICES AND JUDGES AND PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR THE COMMISSION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR TO CONDUCT THE REVIEW; TO REQUIRE THE RETENTION OF INVESTIGATIVE MATERIALS; TO PROHIBIT VOTE COUNTING BEFORE THE FORMAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT; TO REQUIRE THE REPORT TO INCLUDE THE PARTICULAR REASONS WHEN CANDIDATES WERE FOUND NOT QUALIFIED; TO PROVIDE TWENTY-TWO DAYS MUST ELAPSE BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE COMMISSION'S NOMINATIONS AND THE ELECTIONS FOR THESE JUDGESHIPS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING SHALL PREVENT A LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION FROM REJECTING A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF MASTER-IN-EQUITY AND DIRECTING THE COMMISSION TO REOPEN THE SCREENING PROCESS.

(R. 245, H. 3865) -- Reps. Hiott, Collins, Rutherford, Carter and Robbins: AN ACT TO DELAY THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ACT 56 OF 2023, REGARDING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT AND THE JUDICIAL PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JULY 1, 2025.

(R. 246, H. 3988) -- Reps. Davis, M.M. Smith, B.J. Cox, Pedalino, Forrest, Wheeler, Kirby and Guffey: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACTIONS THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "DIRECT SUPERVISION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-40, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY, SO AS TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-84, RELATING TO PHARMACY INTERNS AND EXTERNS, SO AS TO REVISE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-190, RELATING TO PROTOCOL FOR PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES WITHOUT PRACTITIONER ORDERS OR PRESCRIPTIONS, SO AS TO LOWER THE AUTHORIZED VACCINATION RECIPIENT AGE TO SIXTEEN YEARS, TO PROVIDE INFORMED CONSENT REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE PHARMACY TECHNICIANS MAY ADMINISTER VACCINATIONS UNDER PHARMACIST SUPERVISION, TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACY INTERNS TO MAKE VACCINATIONS, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-200, RELATING TO THE JOINT PHARMACIST ADMINISTERED VACCINES COMMITTEE, SO AS TO REVISE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

(R. 247, H. 4087) -- Reps. G.M. Smith, West, Kirby, Ballentine, Robbins, Hewitt, M.M. Smith, Davis, Hiott, Long, Hager, Ott, Weeks, Dillard, W. Jones, Brewer, Hartnett and Murphy: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3410, RELATING TO CORPORATE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CHANGES TO STAFFING REQUIREMENTS AND CERTAIN TIMING; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3460, RELATING TO THE RECYCLING FACILITY TAX CREDIT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO LOWER THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF INVESTMENT FOR A QUALIFIED RECYCLING FACILITY AND TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PRODUCTS TO THE DEFINITION OF "POSTCONSUMER WASTE MATERIAL"; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12-10-20; 12-10-30, 12-10-40, 12-10-45, 12-10-50,

12-10-60, AND 12-10-80, ALL RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT OF 1995, SO AS TO ALLOW REMOTE EMPLOYEES WORKING IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE INCLUDED IN CERTAIN JOB CREATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO CREATE A NEW PROVISION TO INCENTIVIZE CERTAIN COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-95, RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT CREDIT AGAINST WITHHOLDING FOR RETRAINING, SO AS TO ADD WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN DEDUCTIONS TO TAXABLE INCOME.

(R. 248, H. 4116) -- Reps. Sandifer, M.M. Smith and King: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-19-295 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DIVIDING OF FEES OR OTHER COMPENSATION CHARGED OR RECEIVED BY LICENSEES OF THE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITH ANOTHER PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, OR LEGAL ENTITY FOR THE DELIVERY OR PERFORMANCE OF FUNERAL SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-100, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS REGULATING PRENEED FUNERAL CONTRACTS, SO AS TO INCREASE FINE RANGES AND PERMANENTLY BAR PERSONS CONVICTED OF A FELONY FROM CONDUCTING PRENEED CONTRACT SALES; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-110, RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST UNLICENSED PRENEED CONTRACT SALES PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE COMPLAINTS TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RESPOND MAY BE WRITTEN OR ORAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-305, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SAFE CREMATION ACT, SO AS TO REVISE A DEFINITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-360, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE SAFE CREMATION ACT, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES AND REQUIRE IMMEDIATE REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS TO THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-385, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS THAT CREMATORIES EMPLOY CERTAIN TRAINED STAFF TO PERFORM CREMATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL CREMATIONS BE PERFORMED BY THESE TRAINED STAFF

MEMBERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-30, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LICENSURE TO PRACTICE FUNERAL SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONDUCT CONSTITUTING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES INCLUDES PARTIES WHO EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OR AUTHORITY OVER A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT OR ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO PROHIBIT CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, OR INDIVIDUALS IN WHOSE NAME APPEARS THE NAME OF A PERSON WITH A REVOKED OR LAPSED LICENSE FROM HAVING A LICENSE TO OPERATE A FUNERAL HOME; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, OR EMPLOYEES MAY NOT BE LIABLE FOR ACTS PERFORMED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES IN THE ABSENCE OF MALICE SHOWN AND PROVEN IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-80, RELATING TO INSPECTORS EMPLOYED BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO INSTEAD REQUIRE THE BOARD TO EMPLOY AT LEAST TWO INVESTIGATORS WHO MAY BE LICENSED EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS WITH CERTAIN EXPERIENCE BUT WHO HAVE NOT BEEN DISCIPLINED; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-110, RELATING TO CONDUCT CONSTITUTING UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BY A LICENSEE OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO MAKE GRAMMATICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-115, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLICENSED PERSONS WITH THIS JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-200, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITHOUT A LICENSE OR USING FALSE INFORMATION TO OBTAIN SUCH LICENSURE, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES, AND TO SUBJECT PERSONS WHO AID AND ABET UNLICENSED PERSONS OR ENTITIES IN ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICE WITHOUT LICENSURE TO THESE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-230, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AS AN

EMBALMER OR A FUNERAL DIRECTOR, SO AS TO REVISE DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-250, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN COURSEWORK IN ETHICS, TO REQUIRE FOUR HOURS OF TOTAL ANNUAL COURSEWORK, TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK TO BE IN ETHICS, AND TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK BE COMPLETED IN PERSON; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-265, RELATING TO FUNERAL HOME, BRANCH FUNERAL HOME, AND CREMATORY PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE MANAGER RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-290, RELATING TO THE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PAYMENTS RECEIVED FOR FUNERAL MERCHANDISE BEING PURCHASED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE PAYMENTS MUST BE KEPT IN A TRUST ACCOUNT UNTIL THE MERCHANDISE IS DELIVERED FOR ITS INTENDED USE OR IS DELIVERED INTO THE PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE PURCHASER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF EMBALMERS, FUNERAL DIRECTORS, AND RELATED FACILITIES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.

(R. 249, H. 4386) -- Rep. Forrest: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-400 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING THE LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-350, RELATING TO THE TRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSES, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE FROM THE GENERAL TRANSFER PROHIBITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-325, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE COMMERCIAL TRAP LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-360, RELATING TO LICENSES TO ENGAGE IN SHEDDING PEELER CRABS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT AN APPLICANT'S OR LICENSEE'S BUSINESS PREMISES BE CAPABLE OF PEELER SHEDDING OPERATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-545, RELATING TO TRAPS FOR

TAKING BLUE CRAB, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MATERIAL, DIMENSIONS, AND ESCAPE-VENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRAPS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1345 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROMULGATE CERTAIN REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE TAKING OF BLUE CRABS BY TRAP; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1302 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A RECREATIONAL LIMIT OF ONE BUSHEL OF BLUE CRABS PER PERSON PER DAY NOT TO EXCEED TWO BUSHELS PER BOAT; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-330, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT LIMITS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CRAB TRAPS THAT MAY BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES FROM TWO TO FIVE WITH A RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-540, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COST OF THE RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-555, RELATING TO TRAP PLACEMENT AND ATTENTION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS RELATING TO TRAP PLACEMENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-647 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING, HARMING, OR KILLING OF ROBUST REDHORSE.

(R. 250, H. 4820) -- Reps. Forrest, Hixon, Hayes, Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Magnuson, Chapman, McDaniel and Gibson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING SEASON AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-500, RELATING TO PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO WILD TURKEY, SO AS TO PROHIBIT HUNTING, KILLING, OR POSSESSING A MALE WILD TURKEY WITH A BEARD LESS THAN SIX INCHES LONG AND A TAIL FAN THAT IS NOT FULLY DEVELOPED, AND STALKING A WILD TURKEY BEHIND A DECOY OR TAIL FAN; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-590, RELATING TO YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING WEEKEND, SO AS TO ADJUST THE DATES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOWED TOTAL BAG LIMIT; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-640, RELATING TO WILD TURKEY TAG FEES, SO

AS TO INCREASE TAG FEES; TO PROVIDE A SUNSET CLAUSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 5 OF ACT 91 OF 2021, RELATING TO CATCH AND SIZE LIMITS FOR THE TAKING, POSSESSING, LANDING, SELLING, OR PURCHASING OF CERTAIN FISH FROM THE STATE'S WATERS.

(R. 251, H. 4843) -- Reps. Bailey, Brittain, Guest, J.E. Johnson, Sandifer and Anderson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-39-148 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN BUSINESSES WITH A DECK OR OTHER STRUCTURE LOCATED IN A CRITICAL AREA TO USE THE STRUCTURE FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FOOD OR BEVERAGE SERVICES TO PATRONS.

(R. 252, H. 5100) -- Ways and Means Committee: AN ACT TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

(R. 253, H. 5101) -- Ways and Means Committee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:50 p.m. the House, in accordance with the motion of Rep. G. M. SMITH, adjourned in memory of Blaine Alan Varner, and in accordance with S.1192, the Sine Die Resolution.

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H. 3116 -- Reps. Felder, Carter, Pope, Guffey, O'Neal, Hart, Caskey, Williams, Blackwell and Gilliam: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-610, RELATING TO PERSONS LIABLE FOR TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS ON REAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND CERTAIN SPOUSES ARE EXEMPT FROM PROPERTY TAXES IN THE YEAR IN WHICH THE DISABILITY OCCURS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A QUALIFIED SURVIVING SPOUSE INCLUDES CERTAIN SPOUSES REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE DECEASED SPOUSE APPLIED, FILED FOR, OR CLAIMED AN EXEMPTION AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR TWO PRIVATE PASSENGER VEHICLES MAY BE CLAIMED BY CERTAIN SPOUSES OF A DISABLED VETERAN OR CERTAIN TRUSTEES.
Rec. V. 1473; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 1473; Conc. & Enr. 1473; Rat. 1996

H. 3121 -- Reps. Hyde, Carter, B. Newton, Neese, T. Moore, Pope, Bauer, Davis, M. M. Smith, Willis, Brewer, Robbins, Felder, Stavrinakis, Wetmore and Caskey: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT TO A PROPERTY OWNER WHO ENCUMBERS HIS PROPERTY WITH A PERPETUAL RECREATIONAL TRAIL EASEMENT.
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H. 3127 -- Reps. Moss, McCravy, Lawson, Burns, Pace, Pope, Guffey, O'Neal, Nutt, W. Jones, Yow, Brewer, Mitchell, Robbins, Magnuson and Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALLOWED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, DISABLED, OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO INCREASE THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT FROM

THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS TO THE FIRST ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-37-245 RELATING TO AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.
Co-Sponsor added 1770

H. 3160 -- Reps. Stavrinakis, Gilliard and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY ACT, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PERSONAL VEHICLE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-23-1610, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "PREARRANGED RIDE".
Rep. Com. 1639; Co-Sponsor added 1838, 1901; 2nd R. 1923; 3rd R. 1979; Rec. V. 1923; Point of Order 1787

H. 3161 -- Reps. Burns, Chumley, McCravy, Taylor, Pace, Kilmartin, Haddon, Beach, O'Neal, Nutt, S. Jones, B. J. Cox, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Elliott, Thayer, Cromer, White, McCabe, Oremus, Forrest, Magnuson, Harris, Brittain and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-115 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OR PARTISAN ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REGISTERED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT PARTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-110, RELATING TO REGISTRATION IN ORDER TO VOTE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON IS NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE IN A PARTISAN PRIMARY ELECTION OR PARTISAN ADVISORY REFERENDUM UNLESS THE PERSON HAS REGISTERED AS BEING A MEMBER OF THAT POLITICAL PARTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-170, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENT OF STATING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION, IF ANY, ON THE FORM AND INCLUDING IT IN THE OATH, AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION TO ASSIST IN CAPTURING THIS DATA; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-9-20, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE, AS A REQUIREMENT, REGISTERING AS A MEMBER OF THE PARTY AND TO PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR CHANGING POLITICAL PARTY AFFILIATION OR NONAFFILIATION AFTER A SELECTION HAS BEEN MADE.
Co-Sponsor added 1357

H. 3162 -- Reps. Burns, Chumley, Taylor, Kilmartin, Beach, Harris and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1625 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY VOTING SYSTEM PURCHASED FOR USE IN SOUTH CAROLINA MUST UTILIZE HAND-MARKED PAPER BALLOTS THAT ARE COUNTED BY HAND.
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H. 3174 -- Reps. Moss, West, Cobb-Hunter, Williams, Henegan, Thayer and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-705 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A CIVIL OFFENSE FOR LITTERING;

AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-700, RELATING TO DUMPING LITTER ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY, SO AS TO REVISE THE PENALTIES FOR LITTERING OFFENSES.
Co-Sponsor added 2247

H. 3175 -- Reps. Moss, Carter, Lawson, Pope, Yow, Bustos, Landing and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-600, RELATING TO ASSAULT AND BATTERY OFFENSES, SO AS TO ADD THAT ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE OCCURS WHEN A PERSON INJURES A HEALTH CARE WORKER OR EMERGENCY RESPONSE EMPLOYEE IN THE DISCHARGE OF OR BECAUSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.
Co-Sponsor added 3134

H. 3180 -- Reps. Rutherford and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 15-41-30, RELATING TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM ATTACHMENT, LEVY, AND SALE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A DEBTOR'S INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY USED AS A PRIMARY RESIDENCE MAY NOT BE SOLD IF THE ACTION WAS INSTITUTED BY A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT UNPAID DUES, FEES, OR FINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-30-130, RELATING TO THE ENFORCEABILITY OF A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE ENFORCEABILITY OF A PROVISION GRANTING A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION THE AUTHORITY TO FORECLOSE ON PROPERTY; AND BY ADDING SECTION 29-3-810 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A FORECLOSURE ACTION NOT AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE.
Rep. Com. 2680; Co-Sponsor added 1902; Co-Sponsor removed 2922; Amd. 2927; 2nd R. 3055; 3rd R. 3106; Rec. V. 3057; Proposed Amd. 2928, 3056; Point of Order 2929

H. 3206 -- Reps. Garvin and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-6-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AN ADULT SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER WHOSE INCOME IS AT OR BELOW ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL, WITH A FIVE PERCENT INCOME DISREGARD, IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, AND AMENDMENTS TO THAT ACT.
Co-Sponsor added 1654

H. 3227 -- Reps. Rutherford, Crawford, Gagnon, Mitchell, Taylor, Guffey, O'Neal, Pope, Felder and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-1-40 AND 63-19-20, BOTH RELATING TO STATUS OFFENSES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE PLAYING A PINBALL MACHINE AS A STATUS OFFENSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 63-19-2430 RELATING TO THE PLAYING OF PINBALL MACHINES BY A MINOR.
Rep. Com. 2684; Co-Sponsor added 2690, 2921; 2nd R. 2945; 3rd R. 3011; Rec. V. 2946; Op. 2947

H. 3236 -- Reps. Bustos and O'Neal: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA

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Co-Sponsor removed 1130

H. 3247 -- Reps. Collins, Chapman, Haddon, Pope, Robbins, Gatch, Brewer, Murphy, Mitchell, Hager, Calhoon, Wooten, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Davis, Schuessler and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING "FARGO'S AND HYCO'S LAW"; AND BY AMENDING ARTICLE 11, CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47, RELATING TO TEASING, MALTREATING, AND INJURING POLICE DOGS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE.
Co-Sponsor added 1269, 1530, 1771, 1902

H. 3248 -- Reps. Collins and Carter: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 609 OF 1984, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTIES OF SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO DETERMINE THE STIPEND AMOUNT.
2nd R. 3241; 3rd R. 3253; Rec. V. 3242; Amd. 3241; Recalled 3150; Op. 3243; Rat. 4405

H. 3255 -- Reps. Jefferson, Henegan, Anderson, Sandifer, Rivers and Gilliard: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-63-110 SO AS TO PROHIBIT ISSUERS OF INDIVIDUAL LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST LIVING ORGAN DONORS; BY ADDING SECTION 38-65-130 SO AS TO PROHIBIT ISSUERS OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST LIVING ORGAN DONORS; BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-105 SO AS TO PROHIBIT ISSUERS OF DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE POLICIES FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST LIVING ORGAN DONORS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-72-110 SO AS TO PROHIBIT ISSUERS OF LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE POLICIES FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST LIVING ORGAN DONORS.
Rat. 4405

H. 3278 -- Reps. West, Ligon and Sandifer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-10, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS BOARD, SO AS TO MODIFY THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONS AND MODIFY EXISTING DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 40-60-30, 40-60-31, AND 40-60-33, ALL RELATING TO REAL ESTATE APPRAISER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MODIFY EXEMPTIONS, REVISE, AND PROVIDE EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND ACCEPTABLE EQUIVALENCIES FOR APPRENTICE APPRAISERS, AND TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSED MASS APPRAISERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-34, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO APPRENTICE APPRAISERS AND APPRAISER SUPERVISING APPRENTICES, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-60-35, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO

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Rep. Com. 1257; Co-Sponsor added 3278; 2nd R. 1368; 3rd R. 1413; Rec. V. 1389; Amd. 1368; Point of Order 1336; Rat. 4681

H. 3293 -- Reps. Collins, Pope, Felder and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-280, RELATING TO POLICIES CONCERNING THE USE OF PAGING DEVICES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO INSTEAD REQUIRE POLICIES CONCERNING THE USE OF WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE SUCH POLICIES MUST PROHIBIT THE USE OF WIRELESS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES IN CLASSROOMS AND GYMNASIUMS DURING PERIODS OF ACADEMIC INSTRUCTION.
Co-Sponsor added 1029

H. 3295 -- Reps. Collins, Erickson, Bradley and Alexander: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-210 SO AS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-39-290 SO AS TO DIRECT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO ADOPT, ESTABLISH, AND PROMULGATE NECESSARY RULES AND REGULATIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-360 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR EXEMPTING COMPETENCY-BASED SCHOOLS FROM CERTAIN APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-1-425, RELATING TO THE STATUTORY ANNUAL SCHOOL CALENDAR AND INSTRUCTION TIME REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-39-100, RELATING TO REQUIRED UNITS FOR A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
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H. 3309 -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope, Erickson, Bradley, Davis, Caskey and M. M. Smith: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SEIZURE SAFE SCHOOLS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-10-215 SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL ADOPT A SEIZURE TRAINING PROGRAM AND TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSES AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROGRAMS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-80, RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL HEALTH CARE PLANS FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Rep. Com. 1113; Co-Sponsor added 1178, 1222; 2nd R. 1239; 3rd R. 1278; Rec. V. 1243; Amd. 1239; Proposed Amd. 1194; Point of Order 1194; Rat. 4406

H. 3310 -- Reps. Gilliam and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".
Co-Sponsor added 1269

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LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5-10, RELATING TO THE PERFORMANCE OF THE DUTIES OF A REGISTER OF DEEDS, SO AS TO ADD FLORENCE COUNTY TO THE COUNTIES EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT THESE DUTIES BE PERFORMED BY THE CLERK OF COURT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5-12, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE REGISTER OF DEEDS FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES, SO AS TO ADD FLORENCE COUNTY TO THE COUNTIES WHERE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY APPOINTS THE REGISTER OF DEEDS.
Rat. 4682

H. 3345 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Lawson, Moss, Gagnon, Hixon and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-47-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "FIRST RESPONDER"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 23-47-85 SO AS TO PROVIDE 911 PROFESSIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS ARE ENTITLED TO CERTAIN BENEFITS.
Co-Sponsor added 1332

H. 3355 -- Reps. Moss and Lawson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-4072 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH VEHICLE OPERATORS UTILIZING FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLIES MAY TOW AN ADDITIONAL TRAILING VEHICLE.
Rec. V. 2502; Point of Order 1942; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 2502; Conc. & Enr. 2502; Rat. 4407

H. 3424 -- Reps. T. Moore, Carter, McCravy, Lawson, Beach, Pope, Nutt, Oremus, Vaughan, Long, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Kilmartin, Cromer, O'Neal, Yow, Gilliam, W. Newton, Guest, Schuessler, Moss, Magnuson, Harris, Pace, Brittain, Bailey, Robbins, Sessions, Ligon, Felder, B. L. Cox, Guffey, Bradley, Murphy, Brewer, Connell, Hiott, Mitchell, Hager, Erickson, B. J. Cox, Blackwell, Wooten, Ballentine, Hyde, Wheeler, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, B. Newton, Elliott, Forrest, Willis, Hixon, Taylor, J. E. Johnson, Chapman and Ott: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-310 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A COMMERCIAL ENTITY THAT PUBLISHES CERTAIN OBSCENE MATERIAL ONLINE MAY BE HELD LIABLE FOR CERTAIN DAMAGES, TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A COMMERCIAL ENTITY TO MAKE A PORNOGRAPHIC WEBSITE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY SEEK INJUNCTIVE AND OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF.
Rep. Com. 1109; Co-Sponsor added 135, 1081, 1099, 1127, 1178, 1222, 1269; 2nd R. 1288; 3rd R. 1338; Rec. V. 1296, 1339, 4513; Amd. 1292, 4513; S/A Amd. 4513; Proposed Amd. 1288; Req. Deb. 1184; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 1288; Rat. 4683

H. 3430 -- Reps. Collins, Carter, Beach, Moss, Lawson, Robbins, Brewer, Murphy, Schuessler, White, Hyde, Chapman, Mitchell, Gatch, B. Newton, Crawford, Hager, Connell, Neese, Ott, Wetmore, Stavrinakis, Weeks, Bauer, McDaniel, King, Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Williams, Dillard, W. Jones, Anderson, Garvin, Guffey, Sessions and Wheeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-11-720, RELATING TO ENTITIES WHOSE EMPLOYEES

AND RETIREES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.
Co-Sponsor added 1099, 1127, 1223, 1270, 1332, 1357

H. 3467 -- Reps. Taylor, Burns, Magnuson, Hartnett and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 148 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE MEASURES TO PROTECT EXPRESSIONS BY STUDENTS AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS IN CERTAIN PLACES ON THE CAMPUSES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR POLICIES AND PROCEDURES, TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING, AND TO PROVIDE MEANS OF REDRESS FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ACT, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Co-Sponsor added 135

H. 3518 -- Reps. Felder and Williams: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-286, RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION OF LICENSES OR PERMITS OR THE DENIAL OF ISSUANCE OF LICENSES OR PERMITS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE WHO DRIVE MOTOR VEHICLES WITH A CERTAIN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, TO PROVIDE PERSONS, AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF NOTICES OF SUSPENSIONS, MAY ENROLL IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE THE PERIOD OF TIME THE IGNITION INTERLOCK MUST BE MAINTAINED ON TEMPORARY ALCOHOL LICENSES, TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN PERSONS CAN OBTAIN TEMPORARY ALCOHOL LICENSES WITHOUT INTERLOCK RESTRICTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE, IF SUSPENSIONS ARE UPHELD, THE PERSONS MUST ENROLL IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2951, RELATING TO SUSPENSIONS OF LICENSES FOR THE REFUSAL TO SUBMIT TO TESTING OR FOR CERTAIN ALCOHOL CONCENTRATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, TO PROVIDE PERSONS MAY ENROLL IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAM AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF THE NOTICES OF SUSPENSION, TO PROVIDE FEES ASSESSED UNDER THIS PROVISION MUST BE HELD IN TRUST UNTIL THE FINAL DISPOSITIONS OF CONTESTED HEARINGS, TO PROVIDE IF SUSPENSIONS ARE UPHELD AT CONTESTED HEARINGS, THE PERSONS MUST ENROLL IN THE IGNITION INTERLOCK DEVICE PROGRAM, AND TO PROVIDE IF THE SUSPENSIONS ARE OVERTURNED, THE FEES MUST BE REIMBURSED TO THE PERSONS AND THEIR DRIVING PRIVILEGES MUST BE REINSTATED.
Rec. V. 2510; Point of Order 1944; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 2509; Conc. & Enr. 2509; Rat. 4407

H. 3523 -- Reps. McCravy, Lawson, Yow, Leber, Bailey, Brittain, Robbins, Sessions, Mitchell, Wheeler, Schuessler, B. Newton, Erickson, Bradley, Oremus, Cromer, Chapman, Gagnon, Gilliam and Gibson: A BILL TO AMEND SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 1 SO AS TO CREATE THE "FALLEN FIRST RESPONDER SURVIVOR ADVOCATE" POSITION WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND PROVIDE

ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.
Rep. Com. 1111; Co-Sponsor added 1128, 1178; 2nd R. 1206; 3rd R. 1234; Rec. V. 1207; Amd. 1207; D. A. 1190; Point of Order 1190

H. 3592 -- Reps. Hyde and Carter: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-86, RELATING TO COMPOUNDING OF MEDICATIONS BY PHARMACIES, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPOUNDING PHARMACIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-87, RELATING TO NUCLEAR/RADIOLOGIC PHARMACY PRACTICES, SO AS TO REMOVE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING NUCLEAR PHARMACY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-88, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PREPARATION, LABELING, AND DISTRIBUTION OF STERILE PRODUCTS BY PHARMACIES, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN STANDARDS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-43-197 SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS OR ENTITIES AUTHORIZED TO DISPENSE DRUGS MAY ACQUIRE CERTAIN DRUGS COMPOUNDED OR REPACKAGED BY AN OUTSOURCING FACILITY DIRECTLY FROM THE OUTSOURCING FACILITY WITHOUT AN ORDER AND MAY DISPENSE THE DRUGS TO THE SAME EXTENT AS AUTHORIZED FOR OTHER AUTHORIZED MEANS; AND TO PROVIDE THE BOARD OF PHARMACY MUST PROMULGATE CERTAIN RELATED REGULATIONS.
Rec. V. 2500; Point of Order 1941; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 2500; Conc. & Enr. 2500; Rat. 4408

H. 3594 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, G. M. Smith, Lowe, Wooten, Hiott, Bailey, Beach, Burns, Caskey, Crawford, Cromer, Elliott, Forrest, Haddon, Hardee, Hixon, Hyde, Jordan, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, T. Moore, B. Newton, Nutt, Oremus, M. M. Smith, S. Jones, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Willis, Yow, West, Lawson, Chapman, Chumley, Leber, Mitchell, Pace, Harris, O'Neal, Kilmartin, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Hager, Sandifer, Connell, Gilliam, Davis, B. L. Cox, Vaughan, White, Collins, J. E. Johnson, Gagnon, Gibson, W. Newton, Bustos, Herbkersman, Landing, Moss, Pope and Guest: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024" BY AMENDING SECTION 10-11-320, RELATING TO CARRYING OR DISCHARGING FIREARMS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMIT HOLDERS, SO AS TO DELETE A PROVISION THAT MAKES THIS SECTION INAPPLICABLE TO PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALABLE WEAPONS PERMITS AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO PERSONS WHO POSSESS FIREARMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-20, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO REVISE THE PLACES WHERE AND CIRCUMSTANCES UPON WHICH HANDGUNS AND FIREARMS MAY BE CARRIED, AND PERSONS WHO MAY CARRY HANDGUNS AND FIREARMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-50, RELATING TO CERTAIN PENALTIES, DISPOSITION OF FINES, AND FORFEITURE AND DISPOSITION OF HANDGUNS, SO AS TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-55, RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR RETURNING FOUND HANDGUNS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION

RELATING TO FILING APPLICATIONS TO OBTAIN FOUND HANDGUNS, AND PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT ALLOW LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO MAINTAIN POSSESSION OR DISPOSE OF FOUND HANDGUNS; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-420, RELATING TO POSSESSION OF FIREARMS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION, AND TO DELETE THE TERM "WEAPON" AND REPLACE IT WITH THE TERM "FIREARM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-430, RELATING TO CARRYING WEAPONS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THIS PROVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-465, RELATING TO THE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFULLY CARRYING PISTOLS OR FIREARMS ONTO PREMISES OF BUSINESSES SELLING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR, BEER, OR WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION DOES NOT APPLY TO CERTAIN OFFENSES THAT PROHIBIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN DEADLY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE THIS PROVISION APPLIES TO PERSONS WHO KNOWINGLY CARRY CERTAIN FIREARMS, TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT EXEMPTS PERSONS WHO POSSESS CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS LAWFULLY CARRYING FIREARMS WHO DO NOT CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-215, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS REQUIRING PERMIT HOLDERS TO CARRY PERMITS WHILE CARRYING WEAPONS AND IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS PERMIT HOLDERS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, TO PROVIDE PERSONS MUST REPORT THE LOSS OR THEFT OF A FIREARM TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS TO REPORT THE LOSSES OF PERMITS TO SLED, TO REVISE THE PREMISES UPON WHICH PERMIT HOLDERS MUST NOT CARRY WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PENALTIES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS, TO REVISE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES EXEMPTIONS TO CARRYING PERMITS, TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR CARRYING EXPIRED PERMITS, TO PROVIDE SLED SHALL OFFER A CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT TRAINING COURSE, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD MAY OBTAIN PERMITS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-220, RELATING TO THE RIGHT TO ALLOW OR PERMIT CONCEALED WEAPONS UPON PREMISES AND THE POSTING OF SIGNS PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, THAT PERSONS MUST KNOWINGLY VIOLATE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION TO BE CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION, AND TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION DOES NOT LIMIT PERSONS FROM CARRYING CERTAIN WEAPONS IN STATE PARKS; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-232, RELATING TO CARRYING CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ON PREMISES OF CERTAIN SCHOOLS LEASED BY CHURCHES, SO AS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE CHURCH OFFICIALS OR GOVERNING BODIES MAY ALLOW ANY PERSON TO CARRY A CONCEALABLE WEAPON ON THE LEASED PREMISES; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-235, RELATING TO CONCEALABLE WEAPON SIGN REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SIGNS MUST BE POSTED AT LOCATIONS WHERE THE CARRYING OF

CONCEALABLE WEAPONS IS PROHIBITED; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-600, RELATING TO RETIRED PERSONNEL, IDENTIFICATION CARDS, AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 51-3-145, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL ACTS COMMITTED AT STATE PARKS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS MAY POSSESS OR CARRY CONCEALABLE WEAPONS IN STATE PARKS; BY REPEALING SECTIONS 16-23-460, 23-31-225, AND 23-31-230 RELATING TO THE CARRYING OF WEAPONS BY INDIVIDUALS ON THEIR PERSON, INTO RESIDENCES OR DWELLINGS, OR BETWEEN A MOTOR VEHICLE AND A RENTED ACCOMMODATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-500, RELATING TO UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY PERSONS CONVICTED OF VIOLENT OFFENSES, THE CONFISCATION OF CERTAIN WEAPONS, AND THE RETURN OF FIREARMS TO INNOCENT OWNERS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIST OF CRIMES SUBJECT TO THIS PROVISION AND THE PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH VIOLATIONS, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "CRIME PUNISHABLE BY A MAXIMUM TERM OF IMPRISONMENT OF MORE THAN ONE YEAR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-5-910, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXPUNGEMENT OF CRIMINAL RECORDS FOR CERTAIN UNLAWFUL POSSESSIONS OF FIREARMS OR WEAPONS OFFENSES, AND TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-240, RELATING TO PERSONS ALLOWED TO CARRY CONCEALABLE WEAPONS ANYWHERE IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO ADD ADDITIONAL PERSONS TO THIS LIST WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 23-31-245 SO AS TO PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MAY SEARCH, DETAIN, OR ARREST PERSONS OPENLY CARRYING WEAPONS; BY ADDING SECTION 17-1-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS MAY APPLY FOR EXPUNGEMENTS OF CONVICTIONS FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF HANDGUNS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY ADDING SECTION 16-23-495 SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR PERSONS CONVICTED OF COMMITTING OR ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT CERTAIN CRIMES INVOLVING CONCEALABLE WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE SLED SHALL DEVELOP AND DISTRIBUTE A DOCUMENT THAT INFORMS GUN PURCHASERS THAT THEY MAY OBTAIN CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS, CARRY THEIR WEAPONS WITHOUT A PERMIT, AND CERTAIN PENALTIES IMPOSED FOR CRIMES INVOLVING CONCEALABLE WEAPONS, TO PROVIDE SLED MUST INFORM THE PUBLIC THE STATE PROVIDES A PROCESS FOR GUN OWNERS TO OBTAIN CONCEALED WEAPON PERMITS AND ALLOWS GUN OWNERS TO CARRY THEIR WEAPONS WITHOUT PERMITS; AND TO PROVIDE NO PROVISION OF THIS ACT SHOULD BE CONSTRUED TO DISCOURAGE GUN OWNERSHIP OR GUN SAFETY TRAINING, BUT TO ENCOURAGE GUN OWNERS TO RECEIVE GUN SAFETY TRAINING.

Rec. V. 1512, 1875; S/A Amd. 1494; D. A. 1470; Point of Order 1420, 1874; Con. Com. 1551; Rep. Con. Com. 1853; Adopted 1853; M. To S. 1553; M. from S. 1551, 1632, 1961; Rat. 1996

H. 3608 -- Reps. Hixon, Bailey and Brittain: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-39-260, RELATING TO RECORDS OF SALES OR CONVEYANCES AND RESULTING CHANGES IN DUPLICATES AND ENDORSEMENT OF DEEDS BY AUDITORS, SO AS TO

PROVIDE GUIDELINES FOR THE RECORDS OF COUNTY REAL PROPERTY SALES AND TO REMOVE COUNTY AUDITOR FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 30-5-120, RELATING TO THE VALIDATION OF CERTAIN CONVEYANCES NOT ENDORSED BY A COUNTY AUDITOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY CONVEYANCE MEETING THE STATUTORY PREREQUISITES FOR RECORDING ARE VALID AND BINDING; BY REPEALING SECTION 30-5-80 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF THE AUDITOR'S ENDORSEMENT BEFORE THE RECORDATION OF DEEDS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 8-21-130 RELATING TO FEES COLLECTED BY COUNTY AUDITORS FOR AN ENDORSEMENT ON A DEED.

Rep. Com. 1110; Co-Sponsor added 1128; 2nd R. 1448; 3rd R. 1475; Rec. V. 1449; D. A. 1423; Req. Deb. 1187; Rat. 4408

H. 3616 -- Reps. Beach, Leber, Cromer, O'Neal, Pace, Harris, S. Jones, Magnuson, Gatch, Hiott, Willis, Lowe, Vaughan, White, Kilmartin, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, McCravy and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "DEFENSE OF CHILDREN'S INNOCENCE ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY BUSINESS WHERE DRAG SHOWS ARE HELD IS DEEMED TO BE A SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS FOR ALL LOCAL ORDINANCES RELATING TO A SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS; BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-210 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A STATE AGENCY, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, AND ANY ENTITY THAT IS SUPPORTED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY PUBLIC FUNDS FROM USING ANY PUBLIC FUNDS TO HOST OR PROVIDE A DRAG SHOW; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-385, RELATING TO DISSEMINATING HARMFUL MATERIALS TO MINORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSE OF ALLOWING A MINOR TO VIEW A DRAG SHOW.

Co-Sponsor added 135, 1081, 1099

H. 3617 -- Reps. Bernstein, Pope, Cobb-Hunter, Ballentine, Caskey, Jordan, W. Newton, B. Newton, Haddon, Elliott, Collins, J. E. Johnson, Henegan, Garvin, Alexander, Wheeler, Henderson-Myers, Hosey, Kirby, Weeks, Hart, Wetmore, W. Jones, Bauer, King, Crawford, Carter, Ott, Yow and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 8-11-150 AND 8-11-155, BOTH RELATING TO PAID PARENTAL LEAVE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF WEEKS OF PAID PARENTAL LEAVE IN THE EVENT OF THE BIRTH OR ADOPTION OF A CHILD FOR ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEES.

Co-Sponsor added 1464, 2456

H. 3618 -- Reps. Henegan, Williams, Thigpen, King, W. Jones, Henderson-Myers, Kirby, Dillard, McDaniel, S. Jones, Yow, J. L. Johnson, Bernstein, Bauer, Cobb-Hunter, Wetmore, Wheeler, Weeks, Mitchell, Pope, Jefferson, Vaughan, Atkinson, Gilliard, Rivers, Hayes, J. Moore, Thayer, Carter, Garvin, Hyde, Guest, B. Newton, Crawford, McGinnis, Hardee, Brittain, Bailey, Chapman, Schuessler, Cromer, Anderson, Burns, Gagnon, Hixon, Taylor, White, Elliott, Davis, B. L. Cox, Hartnett, M. M. Smith, Kilmartin, Stavrinakis, J. E. Johnson, Pace, Neese, Robbins, Lawson, Guffey, Brewer, Hewitt, Herbkersman and Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 38-71-292 AND 38-71-820 BOTH SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND OUTLINE THE APPLICABILITY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COST SHARING FOR INSURERS; BY ADDING SECTION

38-71-2270 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND OUTLINE THE APPLICABILITY AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COST SHARING FOR PHARMACY BENEFIT MANAGERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-71-2200, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Co-Sponsor added 182, 1029, 1099, 1128, 1357, 1464, 1530, 1654, 2690, 3265

H. 3665 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, King and Anderson: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO URGE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT FEDERAL LEGISLATION GRANTING STATEHOOD TO THE PEOPLE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.
Co-Sponsor added 2456

H. 3676 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Pope, Jordan, W. Newton, Elliott, Lowe, J. E. Johnson, Guest, Mitchell, Taylor, Robbins and Brewer: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO IMPOSE FISCAL RESTRAINTS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH A BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT.
Rep. Com. 1640; Co-Sponsor added 182, 1100, 1270, 1571, 1615; 2nd R. 1801; Rec. V. 1808; Amd. 1801; Point of Order 1802

H. 3679 -- Reps. Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Long, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF RYLIE KAMRYN SLOAN OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Ret. By S. With Conc. 3139

H. 3680 -- Reps. Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Long, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan,

Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF JAMIE HOWARD SLOAN OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.

Ret. By S. With Conc. 3139

H. 3682 -- Reps. Murphy, Wetmore, Bailey, Rose, Crawford, Brewer, Taylor, Hardee, Wooten, Pope, McDaniel, Hewitt, Bauer, Yow, J. E. Johnson, Willis, Ligon, Lawson, Robbins, Schuessler, Guest, Henegan, Williams, M. M. Smith and Vaughan: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 47-1-140, RELATING TO THE CARE OF ANIMALS AFTER THE ARREST OF THE OWNER, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS REGARDING A LIEN ON THE SEIZED ANIMAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-1-145, RELATING TO CUSTODY AND CARE OF ANIMALS AFTER THE ARREST OF THE OWNER, SO AS TO OUTLINE HEARING PROCEDURES FOR ORDERING THE COST OF CARE OF THE SEIZED ANIMALS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 47-1-170, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Rec. V. 4445; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4445; Conc. & Enr. 4445; Rat. 4683

H. 3690 -- Reps. Taylor, G. M. Smith, Thayer, Bradley, Hiott, Bannister, W. Newton, Sandifer, West, Davis, Erickson, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, Whitmire, Hixon, Elliott, Forrest, Wooten, Bustos, Willis, Yow, Carter, Hartnett, Moss, McCravy, B. J. Cox, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Oremus, Hardee, Ligon, Long, Gilliam, Magnuson, Lawson, Nutt, Brewer, Guffey, Hager, Mitchell, Neese, Sessions, Vaughan, Robbins, Kilmartin, M. M. Smith, B. Newton, Hewitt, Leber, Pope, Blackwell, Caskey and Landing: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ESG PENSION PROTECTION ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 9-16-10, RELATING TO RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUNDS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION OF "PECUNIARY FACTOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 9-16-30, RELATING TO DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS BY THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PROXY VOTING DECISIONS MUST BE BASED ON PECUNIARY FACTORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 9-16-50, RELATING TO INVESTMENT AND MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS BY TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE COMMISSION MAY ONLY CONSIDER PECUNIARY FACTORS IN MAKING CERTAIN INVESTMENT DECISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 9-16-320, RELATING TO ANNUAL INVESTMENT PLANS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MEETINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 9-16-330, RELATING TO STATEMENT OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN CERTIFICATIONS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 9-16-110 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY BRING AN ACTION TO ENFORCE CERTAIN PROVISIONS.
Rat. 1252

H. 3708 -- Reps. S. Jones, Cobb-Hunter, Jefferson, Thigpen, White, Gilliam, Gibson, May, Long, Chumley, West and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PERINATAL INTEGRATION ACT OF 2023"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-89-110 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS THAT INTEGRATE MIDWIVES AND BIRTHING CENTERS INTO THE ORGANIZATION OF PERINATAL LEVELS OF CARE.
Co-Sponsor added 1030

H. 3735 -- Reps. McCravy, Gibson, Henderson-Myers, Magnuson, Lawson, T. Moore, Nutt, Hyde, Long, Chumley, Harris and Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-96 SO AS TO ALLOW GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO MAINTAIN A SUPPLY OF OPIOID ANTIDOTES TO BE ADMINISTERED BY TRAINED EMPLOYEES IN AN EMERGENCY, TO REQUIRE CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES AND OTHER ENTITIES TO IMPLEMENT A PLAN FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF STUDENTS AT RISK OF EXPERIENCING AN OPIOID OVERDOSE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-130-65 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESCRIPTION AND DISPENSING OF OPIOID ANTIDOTES TO SCHOOLS AND TO AUTHORIZE GOVERNING AUTHORITIES OF SCHOOLS TO PURCHASE AND STORE, AND TRAINED EMPLOYEES TO ADMINISTER, OPIOID ANTIDOTES IN AN EMERGENCY, TO REQUIRE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND BOARD OF PHARMACY TO DEVELOP AN APPLICABLE JOINT PROTOCOL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Co-Sponsor added 1902, 3134

H. 3742 -- Reps. Chapman, West, Thayer, Forrest, M. M. Smith, Lawson, Gagnon, Hiott, McCravy, Beach, Pope, Vaughan, McGinnis, Brewer, Leber, Hyde, B. L. Cox, Sandifer, T. Moore, B. Newton, Hardee, Schuessler, Bailey, Kirby, Guest, Robbins, Whitmire, Davis, Neese, Ott, Cobb-Hunter, Hewitt, Mitchell, Yow, Murphy, Pedalino, B. J. Cox, Ligon, Crawford, J. E. Johnson, Carter, Haddon, Felder, Calhoon, Elliott, Herbkersman, Brittain, Sessions and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-250, RELATING TO SCHEDULE IV CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ADD KRATOM AS A SCHEDULE IV CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.
Co-Sponsor added 1408, 1571

H. 3748 -- Reps. Caskey, Wooten, Wetmore, Hartnett, Erickson, W. Newton, Pope, Robbins, Mitchell and Yow: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-680, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL ALTERATION OR REMOVAL OF BOUNDARY LANDMARKS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE SECTION PROHIBITS MALICIOUSLY OR FRAUDULENTLY ALTERING, DESTROYING, OR REMOVING ANY GEODETIC CONTROL MONUMENTS OR PROPERTY CORNER MONUMENTS, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO ALLOW RESTITUTION TO BE REQUIRED AS

PART OF A PERSON'S SENTENCE FOR A CONVICTION UNDER THIS SECTION.
Rep. Com. 2440; Co-Sponsor added 1975, 2456; 2nd R. 2648; 3rd R. 2693; Rec. V. 2649, 4518; Amd. 2648; Point of Order 2599; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4518; Conc. & Enr. 4518; Rat. 4684

H. 3776 -- Reps. Bannister, Bamberg, Caskey, Collins, Connell, Elliott, Garvin, Gatch, Guest, Hager, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, Jordan, McCabe, McCravy, Mitchell, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Stavrinakis, T. Moore, Tedder, W. Newton, Weeks, Wetmore and Wheeler: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 14-5-130 RELATING TO JUDGES ABSENTING THEMSELVES FROM THE STATE.
Rep. Com. 1883; 2nd R. 2473; 3rd R. 2584; Rec. V. 2473; Rat. 4684

H. 3782 -- Reps. West, Yow, Jefferson, Ligon, Nutt, Anderson, Hardee, Bannister, Thayer, Blackwell and Oremus: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-12-300, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "CABLE SERVICE" AND "VIDEO SERVICE"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 58-9-2200, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "RETAIL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE".
Rec. V. 1135; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 1134; Conc. & Enr. 1134; Rat. 1253

H. 3783 -- Reps. Sandifer and Hardee: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE LESS THAN THREE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE FOR THE GOVERNOR'S CONSIDERATION UNTIL THE VACANCY IS FILLED OR JULY 1, 2023, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST.

H. 3784 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, W. Jones, Clyburn, Hosey, King and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 75, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS FOR THE COMPACT.
Co-Sponsor added 1408

H. 3786 -- Reps. Lowe, G. M. Smith, Bannister, Jordan, Rutherford, Bernstein, Cobb-Hunter, Henegan, Gilliam, Hewitt, Erickson, Ott, M. M. Smith, W. Newton, Murphy,
H. 3799 -- Reps. Hyde and Nutt: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-270 SO AS TO DECLARE THE FIRST MONDAY OF MARCH OF EACH YEAR AS "WATER PROFESSIONALS DAY".
Rat. 1253

H. 3811 -- Rep. Elliott: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3585, RELATING TO THE INDUSTRY

PARTNERSHIP FUND TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE AGGREGATE CREDIT FROM NINE MILLION TO TWELVE MILLION DOLLARS FOR TAX YEARS AFTER 2022.
Rat. 4409

H. 3832 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Davis, B. J. Cox, Pace, Harris, White, S. Jones, Kilmartin, Guffey, Sessions, O'Neal, Bustos, Hartnett, Landing and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM THE SALES TAX SO AS TO EXEMPT THE PERSONAL PROTECTION EQUIPMENT OF A FIREFIGHTER AND TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-627, RELATING TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE FEE SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN FIREFIGHTING VEHICLES AND AMBULANCES.
Co-Sponsor added 182

H. 3865 -- Reps. Hiott, Collins, Rutherford, Carter and Robbins: AN ACT TO DELAY THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF ACT 56 OF 2023, REGARDING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT AND THE JUDICIAL PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT FROM JULY 1, 2024, UNTIL JULY 1, 2025.
Rec. V. 4550, 4845; D. A. 4538; Non-Conc. 4549; Enr. 4847; Con. Com. 4580; Rep. Con. Com. 4844; Adopted 4844; M. To S. 4551, 4846, 4580; M. from S. 4580, 4846; Rat. 4921

H. 3866 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-7-95 SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT, WHEN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PROCEEDS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DOES NOT UNDERTAKE REPRESENTATION OF STATE AGENCIES AND CANNOT BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE POSSESSION, CUSTODY, OR CONTROL OVER STATE AGENCY DOCUMENTS OR ELECTRONICALLY STORED INFORMATION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-55 SO AS TO SPECIFY THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IS ACTING IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST OF THE STATE IN UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICE PROCEEDINGS, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION.
Rec. V. 1617; S/A Amd. 1617; Non-Conc. 1617; M. To S. 1618

H. 3872 -- Reps. Murphy, Caskey, B. Newton, Brewer, Robbins, Sandifer, Herbkersman, Rutherford, Wooten, Connell, Mitchell and Hager: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-150-145 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING LOTTERY CLAIMS FROM NONCONSENSUAL DISCLOSURE OR RELEASE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, TO PROVIDE THE LOTTERY COMMISSION MAY DISCLOSE CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING LOTTERY CLAIMS WITHOUT CONSENT, AND TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION FOR PARTICIPANTS IN CERTAIN PROMOTIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 30-4-40, RELATING TO MATTERS EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.
Rat. 1253

H. 3880 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Herbkersman, Davis, Elliott, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox and Pace: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-2420, RELATING TO THE ADMISSIONS TAX, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO TAX MAY BE CHARGED OR COLLECTED ON ANNUAL OR MONTHLY DUES PAID TO A GOLF CLUB.
Rat. 4409

H. 3895 -- Reps. Elliott, Taylor, Carter, Forrest, O'Neal, J. L. Johnson, B. J. Cox, A. M. Morgan, Caskey, Cromer, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Lowe, Jordan, Oremus, Blackwell, Guffey, Jefferson, Leber, May, Willis, Guest, Williams, Haddon, White, Brittain, T. Moore, Kilmartin, Vaughan, Hyde, Pope, T. A. Morgan, Hixon, Mitchell, Yow, Schuessler, Wooten, West, Hartnett, B. Newton, S. Jones, Hager, Bustos, Gibson, Neese, M. M. Smith, Gatch and Hewitt: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MAKE APPLICATION BY THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION FOR A CONVENTION OF THE STATES TO BE CALLED, RESTRICTED TO PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO SET A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF TERMS THAT A PERSON MAY BE ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO SET A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF TERMS THAT A PERSON MAY BE ELECTED AS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE.
Co-Sponsor added 203, 1357, 1408, 1464, 1531, 1572

H. 3951 -- Reps. Haddon, G. M. Smith, Bannister, Hiott, Ligon, Hixon, Leber, Erickson, Forrest, Brewer, Murphy, Robbins, Willis, Calhoon, Pope, Davis and M. M. Smith: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-59-40, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK, SO AS TO INCREASE MEMBERSHIP BY ADDING THE COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE, THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, AND THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 48-59-150 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE WORKING FARMLAND PROTECTION FUND.
Rec. V. 1397; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 1397; Conc. & Enr. 1397; Rat. 2000

H. 3960 -- Rep. Forrest: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-686 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA POULTRY FESTIVAL IN LEXINGTON COUNTY AS THE OFFICIAL STATE POULTRY FESTIVAL.
Rat. 1253

H. 3963 -- Reps. Nutt and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-920, RELATING TO REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF INDIVIDUAL ANTLERED DEER TAGS, SO AS TO UTILIZE THE REVENUE FOR THE COYOTE AND HOG MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.
Rep. Com. 1637; Co-Sponsor added 1270; 2nd R. 1780; 3rd R. 1808; Rec. V. 1781; Amd. 1780; Op. 1782

H. 3964 -- Reps. W. Jones, Dillard, Cobb-Hunter, Ott, G. M. Smith, Hyde, Weeks, Kilmartin, Leber and Collins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3805 SO AS TO PROVIDE A TAX CREDIT

FOR A TAXPAYER THAT CONTRACTS WITH A SMALL BUSINESS WHICH NECESSITATES THE SMALL BUSINESS HIRING ADDITIONAL FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES.

Co-Sponsor added 1771

H. 3980 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, M. M. Smith, Moss, Lawson, Guffey, West, Brittain, Hardee, McGinnis, Bailey, B. L. Cox, Pace, Mitchell, Chapman, Davis, B. Newton, Burns, Cromer, Hixon, A. M. Morgan and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 14-1-250 SO AS TO REQUIRE JUDGES AND OTHER JUDICIAL OFFICIALS OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO REPORT ALL CASES OF SUSPECTED FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS TO THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-55-570, RELATING TO NOTIFICATION OF INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION OF KNOWLEDGE OR BELIEF OF FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO THE OBLIGATION OF JUDGES AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE UNIFIED JUDICIAL SYSTEM TO REPORT SUSPECTED FALSE STATEMENTS OR MISREPRESENTATIONS TO THE INSURANCE FRAUD DIVISION.

Rep. Com. 2685; Co-Sponsor added 2456; 2nd R. 2949; 3rd R. 3011; Rec. V. 2950; Amd. 2949; Op. 2951

H. 3988 -- Reps. Davis, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, Pedalino, Forrest, Wheeler, Kirby and Guffey: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE PHARMACY PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACTIONS THAT CONSTITUTE THE PRACTICE OF PHARMACY AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "DIRECT SUPERVISION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-40, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY, SO AS TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-84, RELATING TO PHARMACY INTERNS AND EXTERNS, SO AS TO REVISE SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-190, RELATING TO PROTOCOL FOR PHARMACISTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES WITHOUT PRACTITIONER ORDERS OR PRESCRIPTIONS, SO AS TO LOWER THE AUTHORIZED VACCINATION RECIPIENT AGE TO SIXTEEN YEARS, TO PROVIDE INFORMED CONSENT REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE PHARMACY TECHNICIANS MAY ADMINISTER VACCINATIONS UNDER PHARMACIST SUPERVISION, TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACY INTERNS TO MAKE VACCINATIONS, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-43-200, RELATING TO THE JOINT PHARMACIST ADMINISTERED VACCINES COMMITTEE, SO AS TO REVISE QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

Rep. Com. 1644; Co-Sponsor added 1975, 2419; Co-Sponsor removed 1494, 1771; 2nd R. 2488; 3rd R. 2583; Rec. V. 2427, 2491, 4496, 4765; Amd. 2421, 2488, 2491; Proposed Amd. 2426, 2489; D. A. 1936, 1989, 2421, 2459; Req. Deb. 1989; Non-Conc. 4495; Enr. 4767; Con. Com. 4569; Rep. Con. Com. 4758; Adopted 4758; M. To S. 4497, 4570, 4766; M. from S. 4569, 4757; Rat. 4922

H. 3989 -- Reps. Ott, G. M. Smith, Cobb-Hunter, Ligon, Kirby, Haddon, Oremus, Brewer, Gagnon, Sandifer, Weeks, Williams, Henegan, Bauer, Forrest, Jefferson, Wheeler, Anderson and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOLAR, AGRICULTURAL, FARMLAND, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACT"; TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS; TO ESTABLISH CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC ENERGY FACILITIES; TO ESTABLISH THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION PROCESS; TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEARINGS REGARDING THE CERTIFICATE APPLICATION; TO ESTABLISH THE PARTIES TO A CERTIFICATION PROCEEDING; TO REQUIRE A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO CONSOLIDATE THE REPRESENTATION OF PARTIES WITH SIMILAR INTERESTS; TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S DECISION REGARDING AN APPLICATION; TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO ISSUE AN ORDER WITHIN ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DAYS FROM THE DATE THE APPLICATION IS FILED; TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A FILED APPLICATION; AND TO CREATE THE AGRICULTURAL AND FARMLAND VIABILITY PROTECTION FUND.

Co-Sponsor added 135, 182, 1100; Recom. 2420; D. A. 185, 1101, 1361, 1618

H. 3992 -- Reps. Blackwell, McGinnis, Sandifer, Ligon, Cromer, Magnuson, White, Pace and Burns: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-31-60, RELATING TO DELINQUENT UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION TAX RATES, SO AS TO PERMIT EMPLOYERS WITH INSTALLMENT PAYMENT AGREEMENTS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE TO PAY THE TAX AT A SPECIFIED ANNUAL STATUTORY RATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTOMATIC REVERSION OF THIS RATE UPON FAILURE TO TIMELY COMPLY WITH THE PAYMENT AGREEMENT.

Rep. Com. 1256; Co-Sponsor added 1270, 1332; 2nd R. 1363; 3rd R. 1412; Rec. V. 1364, 3110; Amd. 1363; D. A. 3079; Point of Order 1334; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 3109; Conc. & Enr. 3109; Rat. 4409

H. 3993 -- Reps. Brewer, West, Lawson, Mitchell, Yow, Sessions, Leber, Ott, Guffey, Atkinson, B. L. Cox, Forrest, B. Newton, Gatch, Hager, Hixon, Murphy and Robbins: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-1920, RELATING TO THE SALE OF EXOTIC FARM-RAISED VENISON, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION.

Rat. 2000

H. 4002 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Hiott, Davis, B. Newton, Erickson, Bannister, Haddon, Sandifer, Thayer, Hixon, Carter, Robbins, Blackwell, Forrest and Pope: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CAPTAIN ROBERT JOHNSON ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 24-3-980 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR INMATES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO POSSESS TELECOMMUNICATION

DEVICES UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE DIRECTOR, TO DEFINE THE TERM "TELECOMMUNICATION DEVICE", AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.
Rec. V. 1940; Amd. 1939; S/A Amd. 1939; D. A. 1660; M. from S. 2557; Rat. 4409

H. 4029 -- Reps. Dillard, Hyde, Bailey, Brittain, Weeks and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 33-1-103, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF REPRESENTATION IN MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCLUDE HOUSING AUTHORITIES.
Rep. Com. 1111; Co-Sponsor added 1128, 1179; 2nd R. 1188; 3rd R. 1234; Rec. V. 1189; Amd. 1188

H. 4031 -- Reps. Guffey, Ligon, O'Neal, Mitchell, Connell, Pope, Pace, Sessions, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, Oremus, Ott, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CITY OF ROCK HILL FOR PRODUCING NUMEROUS NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND TO CONGRATULATE THE COMMUNITY FOR BEING NAMED FOOTBALL CITY USA.
Co-Sponsor added 1128

H. 4047 -- Rep. Ott: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-15-100 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE RELEASE OF RECORDS REGARDING THE OCCURRENCE OF RARE, THREATENED, ENDANGERED, OR IMPERILED PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.
Rat. 2000

H. 4082 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN MEDICINE USED FOR OPHTHALMIC DISEASE.
Rep. Com. 2559; 2nd R. 2668; 3rd R. 2694; Rec. V. 2669; Amd. 2668

H. 4087 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West, Kirby, Ballentine, Robbins, Hewitt, M. M. Smith, Davis, Hiott, Long, Hager, Ott, Weeks, Dillard, W. Jones, Brewer, Hartnett and Murphy: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3410, RELATING TO CORPORATE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CHANGES TO STAFFING

REQUIREMENTS AND CERTAIN TIMING; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3460, RELATING TO THE RECYCLING FACILITY TAX CREDIT DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO LOWER THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF INVESTMENT FOR A QUALIFIED RECYCLING FACILITY AND TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PRODUCTS TO THE DEFINITION OF "POSTCONSUMER WASTE MATERIAL"; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 12-10-20, 12-10-30, 12-10-40, 12-10-45, 12-10-50, 12-10-60, AND 12-10-80, ALL RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT OF 1995, SO AS TO ALLOW REMOTE EMPLOYEES WORKING IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO BE INCLUDED IN CERTAIN JOB CREATION REQUIREMENTS AND TO CREATE A NEW PROVISION TO INCENTIVIZE CERTAIN COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-10-95, RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT CREDIT AGAINST WITHHOLDING FOR RETRAINING, SO AS TO ADD WAREHOUSING AND DISTRIBUTION AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN DEDUCTIONS TO TAXABLE INCOME.

Rec. V. 4472, 4869; Amd. 4451; S/A Amd. 4450; Con. Com. 4575; Rep. Con. Com. 4847; Adopted 4847; M. To S. 4576, 4870; M. from S. 4575, 4579, 4871; Rat. 4922

H. 4113 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Sandifer, Jefferson, M. M. Smith, Kirby and Gilliard: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 6, TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE AN AMBULANCE ASSESSMENT FEE FOR PRIVATE AMBULANCE SERVICES; TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AND CHARGE AMBULANCE SERVICES A UNIFORM FEE; TO ESTABLISH AN AMBULANCE FEE TRUST FUND AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE AUTHORIZED USES OF THE FUND; TO ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT TO IMPOSE PENALTIES AGAINST AMBULANCE SERVICES THAT FAIL TO PAY ASSESSED FEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Rep. Com. 1635; Co-Sponsor added 1030, 1223, 1531, 1838; 2nd R. 1851; 3rd R. 1906; Rec. V. 1851; Point of Order 1779; Rat. 4410

H. 4116 -- Reps. Sandifer, M. M. Smith and King: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-19-295 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DIVIDING OF FEES OR OTHER COMPENSATION CHARGED OR RECEIVED BY LICENSEES OF THE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITH ANOTHER PERSON, PARTNERSHIP, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, OR LEGAL ENTITY FOR THE DELIVERY OR PERFORMANCE OF FUNERAL SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-100, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS REGULATING PRENEED FUNERAL CONTRACTS, SO AS TO INCREASE FINE RANGES AND PERMANENTLY BAR PERSONS CONVICTED OF A FELONY FROM CONDUCTING PRENEED CONTRACT SALES; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-7-110, RELATING TO THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST UNLICENSED PRENEED CONTRACT SALES PROVIDERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE COMPLAINTS TO WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RESPOND MAY BE WRITTEN OR ORAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-305, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SAFE CREMATION ACT, SO AS TO REVISE A DEFINITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-360, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE SAFE CREMATION ACT, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES AND

REQUIRE IMMEDIATE REPORTING OF VIOLATIONS TO THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTION 32-8-385, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS THAT CREMATORIES EMPLOY CERTAIN TRAINED STAFF TO PERFORM CREMATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL CREMATIONS BE PERFORMED BY THESE TRAINED STAFF MEMBERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-30, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LICENSURE TO PRACTICE FUNERAL SERVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONDUCT CONSTITUTING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES INCLUDES PARTIES WHO EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OR AUTHORITY OVER A FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT OR ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, OR REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO PROHIBIT CORPORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS, OR INDIVIDUALS IN WHOSE NAME APPEARS THE NAME OF A PERSON WITH A REVOKED OR LAPSED LICENSE FROM HAVING A LICENSE TO OPERATE A FUNERAL HOME; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-70, RELATING TO POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO PROVIDE BOARD MEMBERS, COMMITTEES, OR EMPLOYEES MAY NOT BE LIABLE FOR ACTS PERFORMED IN THE COURSE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES IN THE ABSENCE OF MALICE SHOWN AND PROVEN IN A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-80, RELATING TO INSPECTORS EMPLOYED BY THE BOARD, SO AS TO INSTEAD REQUIRE THE BOARD TO EMPLOY AT LEAST TWO INVESTIGATORS WHO MAY BE LICENSED EMBALMERS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS WITH CERTAIN EXPERIENCE BUT WHO HAVE NOT BEEN DISCIPLINED; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-110, RELATING TO CONDUCT CONSTITUTING UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT BY A LICENSEE OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO MAKE GRAMMATICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-115, RELATING TO JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLICENSED PERSONS WITHIN THIS JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-200, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF PROVISIONS PROHIBITING THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICES WITHOUT A LICENSE OR USING FALSE INFORMATION TO OBTAIN SUCH LICENSURE, SO AS TO INCREASE MONETARY FINES, AND TO SUBJECT PERSONS WHO AID AND ABET UNLICENSED PERSONS OR ENTITIES IN ENGAGING IN THE PRACTICE OF FUNERAL SERVICE WITHOUT LICENSURE TO THESE PENALTIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-230, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AS AN EMBALMER OR A FUNERAL DIRECTOR, SO AS TO REVISE DISQUALIFICATIONS FOR CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-250, RELATING TO CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN COURSEWORK IN ETHICS, TO REQUIRE FOUR HOURS OF TOTAL ANNUAL COURSEWORK, TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK TO BE IN ETHICS, AND TO REQUIRE A CERTAIN PORTION OF THIS COURSEWORK BE COMPLETED IN PERSON; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-265, RELATING TO FUNERAL HOME, BRANCH FUNERAL HOME, AND CREMATORY PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE MANAGER RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-290, RELATING TO THE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES OF FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITH RESPECT TO PAYMENTS RECEIVED FOR

FUNERAL MERCHANDISE BEING PURCHASED, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE PAYMENTS MUST BE KEPT IN A TRUST ACCOUNT UNTIL THE MERCHANDISE IS DELIVERED FOR ITS INTENDED USE OR IS DELIVERED INTO THE PHYSICAL POSSESSION OF THE PURCHASER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-19-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF EMBALMERS, FUNERAL DIRECTORS, AND RELATED FACILITIES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS.

Rec. V. 2507, 4093; Amd. 2505; S/A Amd. 2503; Point of Order 1942; Con. Com. 2904; Rep. Con. Com. 4084; Adopted 4084; M. To S. 2907, 4095; M. from S. 2904, 3020, 4899; Rat. 4923

H. 4120 -- Reps. Pope and Long: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-80 SO AS TO CREATE THE "ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT UNIT" WITHIN THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION AND DUTIES, AND TO REQUIRE IT TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT AGENCY; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 23-6-60 AND CHAPTER 30 OF TITLE 8 RELATING TO THE CREATION OF THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT UNIT WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE RECORDING AND REPORTING OF IMMIGRATION LAW VIOLATIONS.

Rat. 1254

H. 4121 -- Reps. Forrest, Cobb-Hunter, Yow, Mitchell, B. Newton, Magnuson and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL ELIGIBILITY IN INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUES, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CHARTER SCHOOLS ONLY MAY PARTICIPATE IN POSTSEASON ATHLETICS COMPETITIONS COMPRISED EXCLUSIVELY OF CHARTER SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR ATHLETICS REGULATORY ENTITIES.

Co-Sponsor added 136

H. 4125 -- Reps. Guffey, Leber, Bradley, Guest, Crawford, Schuessler, O'Neal, Sessions, Pace, Ligon, McCravy, Brittain, Hyde, J. L. Johnson, B. J. Cox, T. Moore, Lawson, Pope, Connell, Pedalino, Erickson, Neese, May, Kilmartin, Harris, Oremus, Cromer, B. Newton and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-100, RELATING TO NONPUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN THE INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE LIMITED SITUATIONS IN WHICH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A PRIVATE OR CHARTER SCHOOL MAY PARTICIPATE IN HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE SPORTS OFFERED AT PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Co-Sponsor added 136

H. 4158 -- Reps. Pendarvis, M. M. Smith, Bauer, King, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Rivers, Jefferson, Henegan and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT RESIDENTIAL TENANTS WHO ARE VICTIMS OF CERTAIN

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MAY TERMINATE A RENTAL AGREEMENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS.

Rep. Com. 1641; Co-Sponsor added 1531, 1654, 1771, 1838, 1902, 2456, 2921; 2nd R. 2988; 3rd R. 3013; Rec. V. 2991; Amd. 2988, 2990; Proposed Amd. 1920; D. A. 2512, 2608, 2716, 2843; Req. Deb. 1927; Op. 2992; Point of Order 1790

H. 4159 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Davis, M. M. Smith, Erickson, W. Newton, Bradley, Ballentine, Hewitt and Blackwell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TELEHEALTH AND TELEMEDICINE MODERNIZATION ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS AND PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN REGULATED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WHO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE BY MEANS OF TELEHEALTH; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT, SO AS TO DEFINE "TELEHEALTH"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-37, RELATING TO THE PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRACTICE OF TELEMEDICINE AND TO INCLUDE PROVISIONS CONCERNING TELEHEALTH; TO AMEND SECTION 40-33-34, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES TO PRACTICE TELEMEDICINE, SO AS TO ALSO AUTHORIZE THE PRACTICE OF TELEHEALTH BY ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND TO CLARIFY THAT LICENSURE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THIS STATE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES TO PRACTICE TELEMEDICINE OR TELEHEALTH EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED; AND TO AMEND SECTION 40-47-935, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO PRACTICE TELEMEDICINE, SO AS TO ALSO AUTHORIZE THE PRACTICE OF TELEHEALTH BY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND TO CLARIFY THAT LICENSURE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THIS STATE IS NOT REQUIRED FOR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS TO PRACTICE TELEMEDICINE OR TELEHEALTH EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE REQUIRED.

Rec. V. 1286; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 1286; Conc. & Enr. 1286; Rat. 2000

H. 4187 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, W. Newton, Robbins, Haddon, Mitchell, Yow, Chapman, Gagnon, Ligon, O'Neal, B. Newton, Sessions, Felder, Blackwell, Oremus and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-13-135, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO REVISE THE PREVIOUS OFFENSE OF RETAIL THEFT TO CREATE THE OFFENSES OF FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME AND FELONY ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME OF AN AGGRAVATED NATURE, AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR THE OFFENSES.

Rep. Com. 2441; Co-Sponsor added 136, 1975, 2456, 2626, 2690, 3040; 2nd R. 3083; 3rd R. 3113; Rec. V. 3086, 4552; Amd. 3083, 4551; S/A Amd. 4551; Proposed Amd. 2651; D. A. 2719; Req. Deb. 2651; Point of Order 2600; Con. Com. 4582; M. To S. 4582; M. from S. 4582, 4583, 4664

H. 4189 -- Rep. Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES;

BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-20, RELATING TO LICENSING AND FEES, SO AS TO AMEND MEETING REQUIREMENTS, REMOVE A CERTIFICATION FEE AND OUTLINE HOW TO MAKE PROPER PAYMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-40, RELATING TO CAPITALIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO GIVE DISCRETION TO THE DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-60, RELATING TO INCORPORATION OPTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-70, RELATING TO REPORTS, SO AS TO CHANGE A DEADLINE AND INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-75, RELATING TO DISCOUNTING OF LOSS AND LOSS ADJUSTMENT EXPENSE RESERVES, SO AS TO ALLOW A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY TO FILE ONE ACTUARIAL OPINION; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-80, RELATING TO INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE THE EXAMINATION OF SOME CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES OPTIONAL AND TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO FOREIGN CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-140, RELATING TO TAX PAYMENTS, SO AS TO AMEND REQUIRED TAX PAYMENTS FOR A SPONSORED CAPTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-165, RELATING TO DECLARATION OF INACTIVITY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A WRITTEN APPROVAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-90-175, RELATING TO THE CAPTIVE INSURANCE REGULATORY AND SUPERVISION FUND, SO AS TO CHANGE THE ALLOWED TRANSFER OF COLLECTED TAXES FROM TWENTY PERCENT TO FORTY PERCENT; AND BY AMENDING 38-90-215, RELATING TO PROTECTED CELLS, SO AS TO REMOVE LICENSING REQUIREMENTS.

Rep. Com. 2680; 2nd R. 2929; 3rd R. 3009; Rec. V. 2931; Amd. 2930; Op. 2932

H. 4210 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter and Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1172 SO AS TO EXEMPT THE RETIREMENT INCOME OF QUALIFYING RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Co-Sponsor added 1223

H. 4218 -- Reps. Pope, Sandifer, Carter, Kirby, Jefferson and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 38-63-110, 38-65-130, 38-71-300, AND 38-72-110 ALL SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN INSURERS FROM CANCELING, LIMITING, OR DENYING COVERAGE, OR ESTABLISHING DIFFERENTIALS IN PREMIUM RATES BASED UPON GENETIC INFORMATION.

Rep. Com. 1636; Co-Sponsor added 1358, 1531; 2nd R. 1907; 3rd R. 1977; Rec. V. 1910; Amd. 1907; Point of Order 1779

H. 4221 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Taylor, Hixon, Williams and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-120, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION AND DISQUALIFICATIONS FROM REGISTERING OR VOTING, SO AS TO, AMONG

OTHER THINGS, ALLOW PERSONS ON PROBATION, PAROLE, OR OTHER OFFENDER SUPERVISION PROGRAMS TO REGISTER AND VOTE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-320, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO ADD PERSONS INCARCERATED WHO REGISTER TO VOTE AFTER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF A COURSE REQUIREMENT.

Co-Sponsor added 1464

H. 4222 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Williams and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ANTI-GERRYMANDERING ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 80 TO TITLE 2 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A MULTIPARTISAN REDISTRICTING COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING REAPPORTIONMENT PLANS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Co-Sponsor added 1464

H. 4231 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Davis, Bernstein, Guest, Brittain, Henegan, B. Newton, Carter, B. L. Cox, Bannister, Herbkersman, Robbins, Schuessler, Hart and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-1155, RELATING TO MICRO-DISTILLERIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MICRO-DISTILLERY MAY SELL CERTAIN LIQUORS DISTILLED ON THE PREMISES ON SUNDAYS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4160, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON CERTAIN DAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES MAY AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS ON SUNDAYS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Rep. Com. 1111; Co-Sponsor added 1179, 1223, 1408; 2nd R. 1540; 3rd R. 1575; Rec. V. 1546; Amd. 1540, 1546; Proposed Amd. 1450; D. A. 1236, 1424, 1450, 1535; Point of Order 1192

H. 4234 -- Reps. W. Newton, Bernstein and Mitchell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "SUPPORTS AND ASSISTANCE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-103, RELATING TO FACILITY OF PAYMENT OR DELIVERY, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE NATURE OF THE FIFTEEN-THOUSAND-DOLLAR THRESHOLD; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-106, RELATING TO DUTIES OF GUARDIANS AD LITEM, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LENGTH OF TIME THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM HAS TO SUBMIT HIS REPORT PRIOR TO THE HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-108, RELATING TO EMERGENCY AND TEMPORARY ORDERS AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 62-5-303, 62-5-303A, 62-5-303B, 62-5-303C, AND 62-5-303D, ALL RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR COURT APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN, SO AS TO CLARIFY CERTAIN ASPECTS OF THE PROCESS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-307, RELATING TO INFORMAL REQUESTS FOR RELIEF, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE WARD'S ABILITY TO SUBMIT CERTAIN REQUESTS TO THE COURT; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-401, RELATING TO VENUES, SO AS TO CLARIFY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT, IN THE CASE OF MINOR CONSERVATORSHIPS, PROPER VENUE IS THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE MINOR RESIDES OR OWNS PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403A, RELATING TO SERVICE OF

SUMMONS AND PETITIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN OTHER AFFIDAVITS AND REPORTS AMONG THOSE THAT MUST BE FILED WITH THE PETITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403B, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL AND GUARDIANS, SO AS TO APPOINT NURSE PRACTITIONERS, PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS, NURSES, AND PSYCHOLOGISTS TO SERVE AS EXAMINERS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-403C, RELATING TO HEARINGS AND WAIVERS, SO AS TO REVISE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CERTAIN PROCEDURES IF NO PARTY REQUESTS A HEARING OR IF THE ALLEGED INCAPACITATED INDIVIDUAL WAIVES HIS RIGHT TO A HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-405, RELATING TO PROTECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN ACTS THAT MAY BE PERFORMED BY CONSERVATORS AND SPECIAL CONSERVATORS; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-422, RELATING TO POWERS OF CONSERVATORS IN ADMINISTRATION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN FEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-426, RELATING TO CLAIMS AGAINST PROTECTED PERSONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT THE CLAIMANT ALSO MUST FILE A WRITTEN STATEMENT OF THE CLAIM WITH THE PROBATE COURT IN WHICH THE CONSERVATORSHIP IS UNDER ADMINISTRATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-428, RELATING TO ACTIONS FOR REQUESTS SUBSEQUENT TO THE APPOINTMENT, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, REVISE CERTAIN ACTIONS THAT THE COURT MAY TAKE AFTER THE TIME FOR RESPONSE TO THE PETITION HAS ELAPSED TO ALL PARTIES SERVED; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-433, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS IN FAVOR OF OR AGAINST MINORS OR INCAPACITATED PERSONS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINE "GUARDIAN AD LITEM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-715, RELATING TO CONFIRMATIONS OF GUARDIANSHIPS OR CONSERVATORSHIPS TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER STATES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE COURT MORE DISCRETION AS TO THE TYPE OF DOCUMENTS IT MAY REQUIRE IN THE TRANSFER OF A GUARDIANSHIP OR CONSERVATORSHIP FROM ANOTHER JURISDICTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-5-716, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION OF ORDERS FROM ANOTHER STATE, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT IN CERTAIN OTHER JURISDICTIONS, A GUARDIAN MAY ALSO HOLD THE SAME POWERS AS A CONSERVATOR; BY ADDING SECTION 62-6-401 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A TRANSFER ON DEATH; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 50-23-60, 50-23-70, 50-23-90, 50-23-130, 56-19-290, AND 56-19-420, ALL RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO TRANSFER ON DEATH; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-6-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE "OWNER", "TRANSFER ON DEATH", AND "TITLED PERSONAL PROPERTY".

Rep. Com. 1884; Co-Sponsor added 1902; 2nd R. 2476; 3rd R. 2584; Rec. V. 2479, 4546; Amd. 2478; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4544; Conc. & Enr. 4544; Rat. 4684

H. 4246 -- Reps. Magnuson, A. M. Morgan, Harris, B. J. Cox, S. Jones, Pace, Kilmartin, White, Trantham, T. A. Morgan, McCabe, Cromer, Burns, Chumley, Beach, Oremus, O'Neal, Willis, Guffey, Long, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 27 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE

1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE STATE OR ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FROM IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF FEDERAL TREATIES BEFORE THE TREATY IS RATIFIED BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE.
Co-Sponsor added 2405

H. 4248 -- Reps. Rose and Robbins: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-4-50, RELATING TO THE SALE OF BEER, ALE, PORTER, OR WINE TO UNDERAGED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 61-6-4080, RELATING TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS TO AN UNDERAGED PERSON, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONDITIONAL DISCHARGE.
Rep. Com. 2440; Co-Sponsor added 2457; 2nd R. 3091; 3rd R. 3114; Rec. V. 3093, 4521, 4736; Amd. 3091, 4520; S/A Amd. 4520; D. A. 2650; Req. Deb. 3055; Op. 4662; Point of Order 2600; M. To S. 4737; M. from S. 4581; Rat. 4686; Veto Overridden 4735

H. 4274 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Erickson, Bradley and Hager: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EXPRESSION PROTECTION ACT", REGARDING A CAUSE OF ACTION ASSERTED IN A CIVIL ACTION BASED UPON A PERSON'S COMMUNICATION IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS.
Rep. Com. 2440; Co-Sponsor added 2626; 2nd R. 2646; 3rd R. 2693; Rec. V. 2646; Amd. 2646; Point of Order 2599

H. 4278 -- Rep. Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME WOODVILLE ROAD IN FLORENCE COUNTY "BISHOP DONALD HYMAN ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS ROAD CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Ret. By S. With Conc. 1342

H. 4288 -- Reps. Erickson, McGinnis, Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 19, 2024, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHER EDUCATION DAY."

Ret. By S. With Conc. 3094

H. 4289 -- Reps. McGinnis, Erickson, Ballentine, Murphy, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Mitchell, Yow, Cromer, Beach, Pace, Taylor, Guffey, Magnuson, Burns, Kilmartin, Chapman, Gagnon, Forrest, Oremus and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-680 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING MAY NOT CONDITION OR PROMISE ADMISSIONS OR BENEFITS TO CERTAIN APPLICANTS FOR CERTAIN SUPPORT OR DISAGREEMENTS WITH CERTAIN STATEMENTS REGARDING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION, OR ASSOCIATED ISSUES.

Rep. Com. 2439; Co-Sponsor added 1531, 1616, 1975, 2457, 2626, 2690; 2nd R. 2847; 3rd R. 2979; Rec. V. 2845, 2849, 2851, 2853, 2855, 2857, 2859, 2860, 2863, 2864, 2866, 2868, 2870, 2871, 2874, 2877, 2878, 2880, 2883, 2885, 2886, 2888, 2890, 2891, 2893, 2895, 2896, 2898, 2900, 2901, 2980; Amd. 2847, 2901, 2979; Proposed Amd. 2850, 2853, 2855, 2857, 2858, 2860, 2862, 2864, 2871, 2878, 2878, 2880, 2883, 2884, 2886, 2888, 2889, 2891, 2893, 2894, 2896, 2898, 2899; D. A. 2610, 2718; Req. Deb. 2597; Op. 2845; Point of Order 2854, 2856, 2858, 2862, 2875, 2883, 2888

H. 4292 -- Reps. Rivers, Williams, Clyburn, Hosey and Garvin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-560 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF ANNUAL SUBSISTENCE SALTWATER FISHING LICENSES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FEES; BY ADDING SECTION 50-9-930 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE COLLECTED FROM THE SALE OF STAMPS, SUBSISTENCE SALTWATER LICENSES, PRINTS, AND RELATED ARTICLES; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-15, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "SUBSISTENCE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-955, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC SHELLFISH GROUNDS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO IDENTIFY FISH STOCKS THAT SUPPORT SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES AND ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUBSISTENCE USES; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-40, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES, PERMITS, AND TAGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE APPLICABILITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-540, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF VARIOUS FISHING LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF LIFETIME SUBSISTENCE SALTWATER FISHING LICENSES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-715, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPTED FROM OBTAINING A RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON LESS THAN EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE ACCOMPANIED BY A LICENSED SUBSISTENCE FISHERMAN IS EXEMPT FROM PURCHASING A SUBSISTENCE SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE.

Co-Sponsor added 1358

H. 4294 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, Hager, Wheeler and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-320, RELATING TO THE LIMITATION ON MILLAGE INCREASES, SO AS TO ALLOW THE GOVERNING BODY OF A RURAL COUNTY TO SUSPEND THE LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING A FIRE PROTECTION

DISTRICT.
Rep. Com. 2559; 2nd R. 2697; 3rd R. 2924; Rec. V. 2698; Amd. 2694; D. A. 2672

H. 4300 -- Rep. House Ways and Means: AN ACT TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
D. A. 188, 1104; Cont. 1397

H. 4303 -- Reps. Caskey, Hager, Connell, Rose, Wooten, Carter and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 47-5-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS SO AS TO DEFINE "COMPENDIUM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-5-60, RELATING TO INOCULATION OF PETS, SO AS TO PERMIT A CERTIFIED VACCINE TECHNICIAN TO ADMINISTER RABIES INOCULATIONS WHEN SUPERVISED BY A VETERINARIAN LICENSED TO PRACTICE IN THIS STATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 47-5-90, RELATING TO REPORTS OF ANIMAL BITES TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DATE OF BIRTH OF THE PERSON BITTEN BY A PET OR OTHER ANIMAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-69-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS SO AS TO DEFINE "CERTIFIED VACCINE TECHNICIAN"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-69-310 SO AS TO PROVIDE WHO MAY ADMINISTER VACCINES TO ANIMALS.
Co-Sponsor added 1771, 1975

H. 4304 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, Yow, Murphy, Elliott, Robbins, Collins, Pope and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-75-30 SO AS TO PERMIT PARENTAL AND FILIAL CONSORTIUM CLAIMS.
Rep. Com. 2684; 2nd R. 2947; 3rd R. 3011; Rec. V. 2947; Op. 2949

H. 4311 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Tedder, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR AMANDA BUMGARDNER "MANDY" BURGESS, A THIRD-GRADE TEACHER AT SANDHILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUR, AND TO

CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE SCHOOL'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR.
Rep. Com. 1637

H. 4319 -- Rep. Erickson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE NEW HARBOR ISLAND BRIDGE IN BEAUFORT COUNTY THE "GEORGE J. 'GEORDIE' MADLINGER III BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THE BRIDGE CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Ret. By S. With Conc. 1629

H. 4333 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, King, Davis, Pace, B. L. Cox, McDaniel, Henderson-Myers and Weeks: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY, SO AS TO PROVIDE A NECESSARY DEFINITION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-37-320, RELATING TO SITE AND SERVICE LIMITATIONS ON MOBILE OPTOMETRY UNITS AND CERTAIN ASSOCIATED DISCIPLINARY ACTION LIMITATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN SITES OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT SERVE CHILDREN FROM LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES DURING THE SUMMER.
Rep. Com. 1643; Co-Sponsor added 1771, 1902; 2nd R. 1933; 3rd R. 1979; Rec. V. 1933; Amd. 1933; Rat. 4410

H. 4349 -- Rep. Bannister: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-53-1500, RELATING TO THE GREENVILLE TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSION, SO AS TO REMOVE OBSOLETE REFERENCES, TO REVISE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN COMMISSION SEATS, AND TO REVISE THE ABSENCE POLICY FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
2nd R. 2710; 3rd R. 2925; Rec. V. 2711; Com. 2605; Recalled 2605; Rat. 4411

H. 4352 -- Reps. Calhoon and Felder: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-270 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF MARCH OF EACH YEAR AS "MIDDLE LEVEL EDUCATION MONTH".
Rat. 1254

H. 4364 -- Reps. W. Newton, Davis, Rutherford, Bernstein, M. M. Smith, Ott, Brittain, Guest, Hewitt, Elliott, Stavrinakis, Bradley, Wooten, Murphy, Herbkersman, Leber, Sessions, Caskey, Rose, Mitchell, Brewer, Guffey, Hardee, Collins, Gatch, B. Newton, Pace, Bauer, Bailey, Erickson, Schuessler and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 61-2-170, RELATING TO DRIVE-THROUGH OR CURBSIDE SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; BY ADDING SECTION 61-4-280 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN BEER AND WINE AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1570 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT

MAY ISSUE CERTAIN LICENSES OR PERMITS ALLOWING A RETAILER TO OFFER CERTAIN CURBSIDE DELIVERY OR PICK UP; AND BY ADDING SECTION 61-6-1580 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RETAIL DEALER MAY HIRE A DELIVERY SERVICE TO DELIVER CERTAIN ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS AND TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS.

Rep. Com. 1112; Co-Sponsor added 203, 1128, 1179, 1234; 2nd R. 1454; 3rd R. 1475; Rec. V. 1456; Amd. 1454, 1455; D. A. 1237, 1424; Point of Order 1193

H. 4365 -- Reps. Gilliam, Wetmore, Cobb-Hunter, Henegan, Guffey, Henderson-Myers, Gilliard, Williams and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOCIAL WORK INTERSTATE COMPACT ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PURPOSE, FUNCTIONS, OPERATIONS, AND DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE COMPACT; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 63, TITLE 40 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

Co-Sponsor added 1771, 1838, 1902; 2nd R. 1985; 3rd R. 2003; Rec. V. 1987; Amd. 1986; D. A. 1935; Op. 1985

H. 4376 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, M. M. Smith, Caskey, T. Moore, Wooten, J. L. Johnson, Davis, Sessions, Guffey, Ligon, O'Neal, Pope, Hart and J. Moore: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 25-12-10, 25-12-30, AND 25-12-50, ALL RELATING TO THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED HUMAN REMAINS OF A DECEASED VETERAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25 ALSO APPLY TO THE DISPOSAL OF UNCLAIMED HUMAN REMAINS OF A DECEASED VETERAN AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25 ARE MANDATORY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-5-590, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF REMAINS OF UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODIES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CORONERS TO RELEASE CERTAIN HUMAN REMAINS THAT HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE THOSE OF AN UNCLAIMED DECEASED VETERAN TO A FUNERAL HOME, FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENT, OR MORTUARY FOR DISPOSITION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 12, TITLE 25.

Rep. Com. 1258; Co-Sponsor added 1179, 1332; 2nd R. 1390; 3rd R. 1414; Rec. V. 1390; Point of Order 1337; Rat. 4411

H. 4385 -- Reps. O'Neal, Guffey, Harris, Magnuson, Lawson, Beach, Cromer, Felder, Sessions, Ligon and Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-170, RELATING TO THE USE AND DISPLAY OF CERTAIN LIGHTS AND INSIGNIA ON AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE BLUE LIGHTS MAY BE PLACED ON THE REAR OF FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES.

Co-Sponsor added 1902

H. 4386 -- Rep. Forrest: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-400 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE LIMITED COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE AND THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING THE LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-350, RELATING TO THE TRANSFERABILITY OF LICENSES, SO AS TO EXEMPT THE LIMITED

COMMERCIAL BLUE CRAB LICENSE FROM THE GENERAL TRANSFER PROHIBITION; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-325, RELATING TO COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT LICENSES AND FEES, SO AS TO REVISE THE FEE STRUCTURE FOR THE COMMERCIAL TRAP LICENSE; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-360, RELATING TO LICENSES TO ENGAGE IN SHEDDING PEELER CRABS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT AN APPLICANT'S OR LICENSEE'S BUSINESS PREMISES BE CAPABLE OF PEELER SHEDDING OPERATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-545, RELATING TO TRAPS FOR TAKING BLUE CRAB, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE MATERIAL, DIMENSIONS, AND ESCAPE-VENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE TRAPS; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1345 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROMULGATE CERTAIN REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE TAKING OF BLUE CRABS BY TRAP; BY ADDING SECTION 50-5-1302 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A RECREATIONAL LIMIT OF ONE BUSHEL OF BLUE CRABS PER PERSON PER DAY NOT TO EXCEED TWO BUSHELS PER BOAT; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-330, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT LIMITS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CRAB TRAPS THAT MAY BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES FROM TWO TO FIVE WITH A RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-540, RELATING TO RECREATIONAL SALTWATER FISHING LICENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COST OF THE RECREATIONAL CRAB TRAP ENDORSEMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-5-555, RELATING TO TRAP PLACEMENT AND ATTENTION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS RELATING TO TRAP PLACEMENT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-13-647 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE TAKING, HARMING, OR KILLING OF ROBUST REDHORSE.

Rep. Com. 1518; 2nd R. 1624; 3rd R. 1656; Rec. V. 1624, 4497, 4884; Point of Order 1575; Non-Conc. 4497; Enr. 4885; Con. Com. 4572; Rep. Con. Com. 4878; Adopted 4878; M. To S. 4499, 4572, 4885; M. from S. 4572, 4877; Rat. 4925

H. 4387 -- Rep. Forrest: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-230, RELATING TO STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO INCLUDE REFERENCES TO HYBRID BASS.

Rep. Com. 1518; 2nd R. 1622; 3rd R. 1656; Rec. V. 1622; Point of Order 1574; Rat. 4411

H. 4388 -- Reps. Erickson, Elliott, Bradley, Oremus, Hager, Caskey, Haddon, Hewitt, Bannister and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-5-170 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE DIVISION OF INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SERVE AS THE SOLE GOVERNING BODY OF ATHLETICS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE MANAGEMENT, POWERS, DUTIES, AND AUTHORITY OF THE DIVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-39-160, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES THROUGH TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-70, RELATING TO

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZED SPORTS TEAMS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-63-75, RELATING TO CONCUSSION PROTOCOL FOR STUDENT ATHLETES, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Co-Sponsor removed 1904

H. 4436 -- Reps. Wooten, Ballentine, Long, Erickson, Caskey, Calhoon, Wetmore, Taylor, Forrest, Hiott, Davis, Pope, Herbkersman, M. M. Smith, Robbins, Lawson, Burns, Chumley, Mitchell and Yow: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1538, RELATING TO EMERGENCY SCENE MANAGEMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE DRIVERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING VEHICLE CONTROL IN CERTAIN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES TO AVOID INTERFERING WITH THE OPERATION OF AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Rep. Com. 1640; Co-Sponsor added 182, 1030, 1100, 1358, 1838; 2nd R. 1926; 3rd R. 1981; Rec. V. 1926, 1981; Point of Order 1788; Rat. 4686

H. 4492 -- Rep. S. Jones: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME TRAY RIDGE DRIVE IN LAURENS COUNTY "TRAYNHAM WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Rep. Com. 1169; Co-Sponsor removed 1226; Recom. 1251

H. 4533 -- Reps. Beach, Magnuson, Pope and S. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "DEFEND THE GUARD ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-1930 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD MAY NOT BE RELEASED FROM THE STATE INTO ACTIVE-DUTY COMBAT UNLESS THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS HAS TAKEN CERTAIN ACTIONS.

Int. & Com. 74; Co-Sponsor added 182

H. 4534 -- Reps. Beach, Trantham, Pope and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1172 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A FIRST RESPONDER RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES OF FIRST RESPONDERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A QUALIFIED SURVIVING SPOUSE ALSO MEANS CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2510, RELATING TO CERTAIN SALES TAX CERTIFICATES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO ISSUE AN HONOR CARD TO A QUALIFIED SURVIVING SPOUSE.

Int. & Com. 74; Co-Sponsor added 1081

H. 4535 -- Reps. Beach, Trantham, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Nutt and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE

"SAFETY IN PRIVATE SPACES ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COVERED ENTITY THAT MAINTAINS A WATER CLOSET OR CHANGING FACILITY MUST HAVE FACILITIES FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF MALES AND FACILITIES FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF FEMALES OR A UNISEX FACILITY, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 74; Co-Sponsor added 136, 1081

H. 4536 -- Rep. Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-300 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE MONTH OF JULY EACH YEAR AS "JUVENILE ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH".
Int. & Com. 75

H. 4537 -- Rep. B. L. Cox: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 61-2-270 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR BY THE DRINK AND BEER AND WINE BY THE DRINK AT CERTAIN GOLF COURSES.
Int. & Com. 75

H. 4538 -- Reps. Cromer, Trantham, Oremus, Magnuson, Pope, Guffey, Vaughan, Kilmartin, Beach, O'Neal, Nutt, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, McCravy, J. E. Johnson, Brittain, Guest, Gagnon, McGinnis, Hardee, Schuessler, Atkinson, Hayes, Crawford, Pace, T. Moore, Chapman, Mitchell, Yow, McCabe and Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT PHYSICAL PRIVACY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 59 SO AS TO STATE PURPOSES, PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, PROVIDE THAT EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL RESTROOM AND CHANGING FACILITY THAT IS ACCESSIBLE BY MULTIPLE PERSONS MUST BE DESIGNATED FOR USE ONLY BY MEMBERS OF ONE SEX, AND TO PROVIDE CIVIL PENALTIES.
Int. & Com. 75; Co-Sponsor added 136, 1081, 1358

H. 4539 -- Reps. Gilliard, Clyburn, Henegan and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 31-3-60 SO AS TO REQUIRE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITIES AND AGENCIES TO PROVIDE CERTAIN HOUSING TO DISPLACED RESIDENTS.
Int. & Com. 75

H. 4540 -- Reps. Guffey, Trantham, Pope, Henegan, Taylor, Oremus and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CHILDREN'S DEFAULT TO SAFETY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE PROTECTIONS FOR CHILDREN AGAINST UNFILTERED DEVICES; TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO REQUIRE MANUFACTURERS OF SMART PHONES AND TABLETS TO AUTOMATICALLY ENABLE AND PASSCODE-PROTECT THE FILTERS BLOCKING MATERIAL HARMFUL TO MINORS ON DEVICES ACTIVATED IN THIS STATE; TO SUBJECT MANUFACTURERS TO CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; AND TO SUBJECT INDIVIDUALS TO CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LIABILITY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-490, RELATING TO

CONTRIBUTING TO DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR, SO AS TO PROHIBIT PROVIDING A PASSCODE TO REMOVE THE PORNOGRAPHY FILTER FOR AN INTERNET-ACCESSIBLE DEVICE BY SOMEONE OTHER THAN A MINOR'S PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN.
Int. & Com. 75; Co-Sponsor added 182

H. 4541 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope, Henegan, Chapman, Taylor and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CHILD DATA PRIVACY AND PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENTS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ENTITIES MAY NOT COLLECT, RETAIN, PROCESS, OR SELL CERTAIN PERSONAL DATA, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN ENTITIES SHALL UTILIZE PRIVACY BY DEFAULT, TO PROVIDE THAT USERS MUST HAVE ACCESS TO THEIR ACCOUNTS, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN CIVIL AND CRIMINAL SUBPOENAS AND WARRANTS MUST BE EXPEDITED, TO PROVIDE THAT PRIVACY POLICIES MUST BE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED, TO PROVIDE FOR METHODS FOR NOTIFICATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN, TO REQUIRE A REPORT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR A CAUSE OF ACTION.
Int. & Com. 76; Co-Sponsor added 182

H. 4542 -- Reps. Guffey, Trantham, Magnuson, Pope and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A COVERED PLATFORM OPERATOR MAY NOT UPLOAD OR ALLOW A USER TO UPLOAD CERTAIN PORNOGRAPHIC IMAGES WITHOUT CERTAIN VERIFICATION, TO PROVIDE THAT A COVERED PLATFORM OPERATOR MUST ESTABLISH CERTAIN PROCEDURES, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN IMAGES MAY NOT BE UPLOADED WITHOUT CONSENT, TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL PENALTIES, TO PROVIDE FOR CRIMINAL PENALTIES, TO ESTABLISH A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SHALL CREATE CERTAIN CONSENT FORMS.
Int. & Com. 76; Co-Sponsor added 183

H. 4543 -- Reps. Haddon, McCravy, Trantham, Magnuson, Guffey, Taylor, Oremus, Burns, Chumley, Beach, Kilmartin, Cromer, O'Neal and S. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN COMPANIES OWNED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA OR THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY MAY NOT OWN, LEASE, POSSESS, OR EXERCISE ANY CONTROL OVER ANY REAL ESTATE IN THIS STATE.
Int. & Com. 77; Co-Sponsor added 136, 183

H. 4544 -- Reps. W. Jones, Clyburn, Taylor, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Pendarvis, Dillard, Willis, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, Wetmore and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 31-1-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION MAY BUILD CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND MAINTAIN ITS PROPERTY TAX-

EXEMPT STATUS.
Int. & Com. 77; Co-Sponsor added 137, 183, 203

H. 4545 -- Reps. King, McDaniel and J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-5-110 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A FULL-TIME STATE EMPLOYEE IS ENTITLED TO ONE PAID HOLIDAY DURING THE MONTH OF THE EMPLOYEE'S BIRTH.
Int. & Com. 77

H. 4546 -- Reps. Magnuson, A. M. Morgan, May, Beach, Burns, Chumley, Cromer, S. Jones, Kilmartin, Harris, McCabe, T. A. Morgan, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Trantham and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "NO OPEN-ENDED POWERS OF EMERGENCY (NOPE) ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-440, RELATING TO THE ADDITIONAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE GOVERNOR DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL JUSTIFY THE CONDITIONS WHICH LEAD TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY EXTEND A STATE OF EMERGENCY THROUGH A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION IN CERTAIN INSTANCES.
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H. 4547 -- Reps. B. Newton, Dillard, Hyde, Henegan, Oremus, Taylor and Pendarvis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION ACT, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 67, TITLE 12 OF THE S.C. CODE, UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2035; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-67-140, RELATING TO THE ELIGIBILITY OF THE ABANDONED BUILDINGS REVITALIZATION TAX CREDIT SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MAXIMUM CREDIT AMOUNT MUST BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY.
Int. & Com. 78; Co-Sponsor added 137, 183

H. 4548 -- Reps. Oremus, Hayes, McCravy, Trantham, Atkinson, Clyburn, Henegan, Taylor, West, Erickson, Wooten, Forrest, S. Jones, Long, Herbkersman, Cobb-Hunter, Haddon, Bailey, Whitmire, Hart and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-1-1790, RELATING TO THE EARNINGS LIMITATION FOR A RETIRED MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM UPON THE RETURN TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THIS LIMITATION DOES NOT APPLY TO MEMBERS WHO RETURN TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT AS A SCHOOL BUS DRIVER.
Int. & Com. 78; Co-Sponsor added 137, 2248, 2691; Rep. Com. 2604; 2nd R. 2707; 3rd R. 2925; Rec. V. 2709; Amd. 2707; Recalled 2604

H. 4549 -- Reps. Pedalino, Guffey, Taylor, Leber, Felder, Hardee, Burns, Lawson, Forrest, Hixon, Carter, S. Jones, M. M. Smith, Caskey, Brewer, Magnuson and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 4-1-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY MAY NOT ENACT OR ENFORCE CERTAIN ORDINANCES THAT DO NOT CONFORM TO THE AMATEUR RADIO PREEMPTION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE

THAT A HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MAY NOT PROHIBIT AN OWNER OF A PROPERTY WITHIN THE ASSOCIATION FROM INSTALLING OR USING AN AMATEUR RADIO ANTENNA ON THE PROPERTY.
Int. & Com. 78; Co-Sponsor added 183, 1223, 1270, 1358, 1464, 1531, 1654, 1771, 1839

H. 4550 -- Reps. Pedalino, Trantham and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO INCOME TAX DEDUCTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR CERTAIN EMERGENCY PERSONNEL.
Int. & Com. 79

H. 4551 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Cobb-Hunter and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TAXPAYER IS ALLOWED AN INCOME TAX CREDIT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT THE TAXPAYER CLAIMED ON HIS FEDERAL INCOME TAX RETURN FOR THE CHILD TAX CREDIT.
Int. & Com. 79

H. 4552 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Clyburn, Henegan, M. M. Smith, B. L. Cox, Robbins, Brewer, King, Wheeler, Henderson-Myers, Erickson, Stavrinakis, Weeks, Davis, Rivers and Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 31-12-30, RELATING TO REDEVELOPMENT OF FEDERAL MILITARY INSTALLATIONS DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT INCLUDES CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS.
Int. & Com. 79; Rep. Com. 1643; Co-Sponsor added 1270, 1531, 1772, 1830; 2nd R. 1841; 3rd R. 1906; Rec. V. 1796, 1843, 3247; Amd. 1841, 3244, 3246; S/A Amd. 3244; Proposed Amd. 1794; D. A. 3138; Op. 1794; Point of Order 1794, 1841, 3111

H. 4553 -- Reps. Rutherford and J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-40-350 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A LANDLORD FROM TAKING CERTAIN PHOTOGRAPHS OF A TENANT'S PERSONAL BELONGINGS.
Int. & Com. 79

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Int. & Com. 80

H. 4555 -- Reps. Rutherford, King, Rivers, J. L. Johnson, Clyburn, Henegan and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 53-5-10, RELATING TO STATE LEGAL HOLIDAYS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE NINETEENTH DAY OF JUNE - JUNETEENTH IS A STATE LEGAL HOLIDAY.
Int. & Com. 80; Co-Sponsor added 1003

H. 4556 -- Reps. Trantham, Pope, Henegan, Oremus, Vaughan, Haddon, Burns, Chumley and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA BY ENACTING THE "VULNERABLE ADULT MALTREATMENT REGISTRY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 6 TO CHAPTER 35, TITLE 43 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, OR ITS SUCCESSOR AGENCY, TO DETERMINE WHETHER CERTAIN REPORTS OF VULNERABLE ADULT ABUSE, NEGLECT, OR EXPLOITATION ARE INDICATED AND WHETHER THERE IS A KNOWN PERPETRATOR OF THE MALTREATMENT AND TO ESTABLISH A RIGHT OF ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL AND JUDICIAL REVIEW; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN PERSONS DETERMINED TO HAVE ABUSED, NEGLECTED, OR EXPLOITED A VULNERABLE ADULT ON THE MALTREATMENT REGISTRY; TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITED ACCESS TO THE VULNERABLE ADULT MALTREATMENT REGISTRY; AND TO PROHIBIT THE RELEASE OF REPORTS OF VULNERABLE ADULT MALTREATMENT, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO CREATE A CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR THE UNAUTHORIZED RELEASE OF INFORMATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-35-10, RELATING TO TERMS DEFINED IN THE "OMNIBUS ADULT PROTECTION ACT", SO AS TO ADD DEFINITIONAL TERMS AND CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "INVESTIGATIVE ENTITY"; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 43-35-15 AND 43-35-40, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF CERTAIN INVESTIGATIVE ENTITIES TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF VULNERABLE ADULT MALTREATMENT, SECTION 43-35-45, RELATING TO VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION HEARINGS, AND SECTION 43-35-85, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR COMMITTING VULNERABLE ADULT MALTREATMENT, ALL SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.

Int. & Com. 80; Co-Sponsor added 137, 1081

H. 4557 -- Reps. Trantham, Oremus, Cromer and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT SMALL ARMS AND SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION.

Int. & Com. 81; Co-Sponsor added 1358

H. 4558 -- Reps. Wooten and J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 20-3-132 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE USE OF CERTAIN SPOUSAL BENEFIT PAYMENTS TO OFFSET ALIMONY OWED BY THE PAYOR SPOUSE; AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 20-3-120, 20-3-130, 20-3-150, 20-3-160, AND 20-3-170, ALL RELATING TO ALIMONY, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR ALIMONY IN ACTIONS FOR SEPARATE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT, TO CREATE TRANSITIONAL ALIMONY AND FIXED-TERM ALIMONY, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MODIFYING AND SUSPENDING OF CERTAIN KINDS OF ALIMONY, TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF "CONTINUED COHABITATION", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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H. 4559 -- Reps. Bernstein, Rose, Clyburn, Mitchell, Yow and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 62-3-108, RELATING TO PROBATE, TESTACY, AND APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS AND THE ULTIMATE TIME LIMIT, SO AS TO ALLOW APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENT PROCEEDINGS REGARDING AN INDIVIDUAL'S ESTATE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING A CLAIM TO BE MADE PURSUANT TO THE "HONORING OUR PACT ACT OF 2022" REGARDLESS OF THE DATE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S DEATH.
Int. & Com. 81; Rep. Com. 2441; Co-Sponsor added 2457, 2626; 2nd R. 2654; 3rd R. 2693; Rec. V. 2654; Point of Order 2601

H. 4560 -- Reps. Hixon, Atkinson, Chapman and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-9-495 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A COURT MAY ORDER PAYMENT FOR DAMAGES INVOLVING AN UNDERINSURED MOTOR VEHICLE TO BE GARNISHED FROM THE DEBTOR'S WAGES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES GARNISH THE WAGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE JUDGMENT UTILIZING THE PROCESS ESTABLISHED IN CHAPTER 56, TITLE 12 OF THE S.C. CODE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-56-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO THE DEFINITION OF "CLAIMANT AGENCY" FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 56-9-495.
Int. & Com. 82

H. 4561 -- Reps. Wetmore, Dillard, Collins, Erickson, B. Newton, Schuessler, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Pendarvis, Caskey, Bauer, Rivers, Gilliard, Henderson-Myers, Williams, Jefferson and Spann-Wilder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-1348, RELATING TO USE OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR PERSONAL EXPENSES, SO AS TO ALLOW A CANDIDATE OR PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO USE CAMPAIGN FUNDS FOR DEPENDENT CARE OF AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO DEFINE "DEPENDENT CARE".
Int. & Com. 82; Rep. Com. 1883; Co-Sponsor added 183, 1772, 2419, 2457, 3041; 2nd R. 3087; 3rd R. 3114; Rec. V. 3089; Amd. 3048, 3050; Proposed Amd. 3049, 3051, 3052, 3087; D. A. 2474, 2497, 2596, 2629; Req. Deb. 3054; Op. 3048, 3050, 3052; Point of Order 3051

H. 4562 -- Reps. Beach, Clyburn and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-1-630, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES FOR SPOUSES OF ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES STATIONED IN THIS STATE SO AS TO MAKE THE LICENSES PERMANENT, AND TO REMOVE THE TEMPORARY DESIGNATION AND DURATION OF SUCH LICENSES, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 82

H. 4563 -- Reps. Bernstein, J. L. Johnson and Clyburn: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-11-345 SO AS TO CLARIFY THE POWER OF SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS TO OWN, ACQUIRE,

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Int. & Com. 82; Rep. Com. 1884; Co-Sponsor added 1271; 2nd R. 2475; 3rd R. 2584; Rec. V. 2475, 4523; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4522; Conc. & Enr. 4522; Rat. 4687

H. 4564 -- Rep. Chumley: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PLACE A MORATORIUM ON THE ENFORCEMENT OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW ORDINANCES FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES UNTIL JULY 1, 2026.

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H. 4565 -- Reps. Chumley, McCravy and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-158 SO AS TO PROVIDE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE CARRIERS THAT OFFER OPTIONAL NEW CAR REPLACEMENT COVERAGE SHALL MAKE AN OFFER OF SUCH COVERAGE ON THE OPTIONAL COVERAGES FORM.

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Int. & Com. 83; Co-Sponsor added 137

H. 4567 -- Rep. Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-7-20, RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION OF INSURANCE PREMIUM TAXES, SO AS TO DIRECT TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA OFFICE OF RESILIENCE FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES.

Int. & Com. 84

H. 4568 -- Reps. Cromer, Trantham, Magnuson, Guffey and Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-9-35, RELATING TO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARDS OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE TRUSTEES MAY BE REMOVED BY A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT AND VOTING, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE.
Int. & Com. 84; Co-Sponsor added 1128

H. 4569 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 34-3-105 SO AS TO LIMIT FEES THAT CERTAIN BANKS OR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THIS STATE MAY CHARGE FOR CASH TRANSFERS, DEPOSITS, OR WITHDRAWALS CONDUCTED AT AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINES.
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H. 4570 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-75 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES MAY NOT DELEGATE THEIR AUTHORITY OR APPOINT PROXIES TO VOTE OR OTHERWISE ACT ON THEIR BEHALF, TO PROVIDE ANY ACTIONS TAKEN BY SUCH DELEGATIONS OR PROXIES ARE NULL AND VOID AB INITIO, AND TO PROVIDE TRUSTEES WHO DELEGATE THEIR AUTHORITY OR APPOINT PROXIES TO VOTE OR OTHERWISE ACT FOR THEM ARE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL BY THE GOVERNOR.
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H. 4571 -- Reps. Gilliard, Cobb-Hunter, J. L. Johnson and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 19 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE REPORTING OF MEDICAL DEBT INFORMATION AND CERTAIN OTHER INFORMATION THAT IS NOT RELEVANT TO THE CREDIT OR PAYMENT HISTORY OF A CONSUMER, TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR INVESTIGATING VIOLATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.
Int. & Com. 85

H. 4572 -- Reps. Guffey, Trantham, Pope and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-485 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REVIEW AND APPROVE ALL INTERNET WEBSITES, COMPUTER APPLICATIONS, AND OTHER COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROPOSED FOR USE ON SCHOOL-ISSUED DIGITAL DEVICES TO ENSURE THEIR ALIGNMENT TO CURRICULUM APPROVED FOR USE IN SCHOOLS, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS AND RESTRICTIONS ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND STUDENTS, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A PROCEDURE FOR DISTRICT PERSONNEL TO OBTAIN SUCH APPROVAL.
Int. & Com. 85; Co-Sponsor added 183

H. 4573 -- Reps. Hewitt and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION ACT OF 2024"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-195 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A

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H. 4574 -- Reps. Hyde, Carter and Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-77-15, RELATING TO ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHER EDUCATION EXCELLENCE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FUNDING, SO AS TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING SINGLE-GENDER WOMEN'S INSTITUTIONS.
Int. & Com. 86; Co-Sponsor added 1270

H. 4575 -- Reps. Jefferson, J. L. Johnson and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-20-51 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING IN SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025, A NEW TEACHER MUST RECEIVE A STARTING ANNUAL SALARY OF NO LESS THAN FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND A CURRENT TEACHER WHO EARNED LESS THAN FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR MUST RECEIVE A SALARY OF NO LESS THAN FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.
Int. & Com. 86

H. 4576 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PROSECUTORS PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 2, TITLE 30, SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE CURRENT AND FORMER PROSECUTORS HAVE THE OPTION OF MAKING PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION HELD BY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CONFIDENTIAL AND NOT SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE, TO PROVIDE LIMITED EXCEPTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED PROCEDURES FOR EXERCISING THIS OPTION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON PROSECUTION COORDINATION SHALL CREATE A FORM FOR USE BY PROSECUTORS WHEN REQUESTING NONDISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION, AND TO SPECIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE FORM.
Int. & Com. 86

H. 4577 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Carter, Clyburn and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-20-50, RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER SALARY SCHEDULES, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL PAY EACH CERTIFIED SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER WHO IS TEACHING SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSES FULL-TIME IN THE DISTRICT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF AT LEAST FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS BEGINNING WITH THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR.
Int. & Com. 87

H. 4578 -- Reps. McDaniel and Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA

CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "HAIR BRAIDING" FROM BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY, AND TO REMOVE CERTAIN EXCLUDED ACTIVITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-390, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE STATE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING HAIR BRAIDING AND PERSONS PROVIDING MAKE-UP ARTISTRY; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-360, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING HAIR BRAIDING AND PERSONS PROVIDING MAKE-UP ARTISTRY; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 40-7-255 RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF HAIR-BRAIDING PRACTITIONERS.
Int. & Com. 87; Co-Sponsor added 1179

H. 4579 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 11-7-20, RELATING TO ANNUAL AUDITS OF STATE AGENCIES AND OTHER PUBLICLY FUNDED ENTITIES BY THE STATE AUDITOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE AUDITOR ALSO SHALL ANNUALLY AUDIT EACH COUNTY, COUNTY AGENCY AND OFFICE, MUNICIPALITY, MUNICIPAL AGENCY AND OFFICE, JUDICIAL OFFICE, AND SCHOOL DISTRICT; BY REPEALING SECTION 4-9-150 RELATING TO COUNTY AUDITS; BY REPEALING SECTION 5-7-240 RELATING TO MUNICIPAL AUDITS; BY REPEALING SECTION 59-17-100 RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDITING REPORTS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-25 RELATING TO PERIODIC AUDITS OF CERTAIN COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL OFFICES BY THE STATE AUDITOR.
Int. & Com. 87

H. 4580 -- Reps. McDaniel, Clyburn and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-13-265 SO AS TO PROVIDE LICENSED COSMETOLOGISTS, ESTHETICIANS, AND NAIL TECHNICIANS MAY PROVIDE SERVICES PERMITTED FOR WHICH THEY ARE LICENSED ON LOCATION IN THE HOME OF A CLIENT OR AT CERTAIN EVENT VENUES; AND TO PROVIDE SUCH LICENSEES SHALL ENSURE ALL EQUIPMENT IS APPROPRIATELY SANITIZED WHEN PROVIDING SUCH SERVICES OUTSIDE OF A SALON; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-110, RELATING TO GROUNDS FOR REVOCATION, SUSPENSION, OR RESTRICTION OF LICENSE, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.
Int. & Com. 88

H. 4581 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF BARBERING, SO AS TO DEFINE "BLOW-DRY STYLING"; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-390, RELATING TO PERSONS EXEMPT FROM REGULATION BY THE BOARD OF BARBER EXAMINERS, SO AS TO EXEMPT PERSONS PROVIDING BLOW-DRY STYLING SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO DEFINE "BLOW-DRY STYLING"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-13-360, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM REGULATION BY THE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO

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H. 4582 -- Reps. Oremus and Trantham: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-67-460, RELATING TO CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS OR CONTRACTORS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE APPLICABILITY TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO DELETE OBSOLETE LANGUAGE, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH CONTRACTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-67-540, RELATING TO SUPPLIES AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE-OWNED BUSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS MAY INCLUDE SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE IN SUCH PRIVATE CONTRACTS BY ENTERING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION THAT RELEASES THE DISTRICT TO INCLUDE SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE.
Int. & Com. 89

H. 4583 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Cobb-Hunter, J. L. Johnson and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-158-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNING ACTIONS, SANCTIONS, BYLAWS, AND RULES OF ATHLETIC CONFERENCES OR COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS MAY NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ABILITY OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES TO EARN COMPENSATION FOR THEIR NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS OR PARTICIPATE IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC EVENTS UNLESS THE ATHLETE HAS COMMITTED CERTAIN RULES VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-158-40, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING PREVENTING OR UNDULY RESTRICTING INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETES FROM EARNING COMPENSATION FOR USE OF THEIR NAME, IMAGE, OR LIKENESS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.
Int. & Com. 89

H. 4584 -- Rep. Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-5-20, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SUPREME COURT TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SUPREME COURT MAY PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS DEFINING AND REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF LAW SUBJECT TO STATUTORY LAW AND DETERMINING THE QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW AND THE LICENSURE OF ATTORNEYS IN THIS STATE, TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PROVISION OF LAW OR RULE THAT REQUIRES AN ATTORNEY TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR IS SUPERSEDED AND OF NO FORCE AND EFFECT, AND TO DELETE INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE BAR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-5-310, RELATING TO PRACTICING LAW OR SOLICITING THE LEGAL CAUSE OF ANOTHER WITHOUT BEING ENROLLED AS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON MAY PRACTICE LAW UNLESS HE IS LICENSED BY THE SUPREME COURT, AND TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT A PERSON BE

A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR.
Int. & Com. 89

H. 4585 -- Reps. Trantham and McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-17-15, RELATING TO PROHIBITIONS ON PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS FROM SERVING AS LOBBYISTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE WAITING PERIOD FOR ELIGIBILITY FROM ONE YEAR TO TWO YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE SUCH ELECTED OFFICIALS MUST HAVE SERVED THE FULL TERM TO WHICH THEY WERE LAST ELECTED BEFORE THEY OR THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS MAY SERVE AS LOBBYISTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-70, RELATING TO PROHIBITIONS ON MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM ELECTION TO JUDICIAL OFFICE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE WAITING PERIOD FOR ELIGIBILITY FROM ONE YEAR TO TWO YEARS, AND TO PROVIDE THEY MUST HAVE SERVED THE FULL TERM TO WHICH THEY WERE LAST ELECTED BEFORE THEY MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION TO JUDICIAL OFFICE.
Int. & Com. 90

H. 4586 -- Reps. Wooten, Carter, J. L. Johnson and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS BY ENACTING THE "PRIVATE LANDOWNER PROTECTION ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 5-3-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE COUNTIES MAY DEANNEX AREAS OF EXISTING MUNICIPALITY CORPORATE LIMITS PURSUANT TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-90, RELATING TO MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION NOTICE FILING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNEXING CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS, AND TO PROVIDE COUNTY COUNCILS HAVE LEGAL STANDING TO CHALLENGE MUNICIPAL ANNEXATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 5-31-1520, RELATING TO EXTENSIONS OF MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS BEYOND CITY LIMITS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE CONDITIONING OF SUCH EXTENSIONS ON PROPERTY ANNEXATION, TO PROHIBIT MUNICIPALITIES FROM CONDITIONING THE CONTINUATION OF SUCH SERVICES ON ANNEXATION, AND TO PROVIDE EXISTING CONTRACTS OR AGREEMENTS THAT CONDITION THE PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICES OR OTHER MUNICIPAL SERVICES ON ANNEXATION ARE VOID AND UNENFORCEABLE.
Int. & Com. 90

H. 4587 -- Reps. Wooten, Sandifer and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-59-235 SO AS TO PROVIDE HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURERS SHALL CONFIRM RECEIPT OF CERTAIN CLAIMS-RELATED INFORMATION BY UNITED STATES MAIL, EMAIL, OR FAX UPON REQUEST AND IN A CERTAIN MANNER; TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT PREVAIL OVER CONFLICTING PROVISIONS IN INSURANCE POLICIES OR OTHER INSURANCE CONTRACTS; AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE.
Int. & Com. 91; Co-Sponsor added 1003

H. 4588 -- Reps. Beach, Cromer, Thayer, Gagnon, West, Trantham, Guffey and

Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-5-320, RELATING TO CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORMS SUBMITTED FOR PURPOSES OF A DRIVER'S LICENSE ALSO SERVING AS NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS FOR VOTER REGISTRATION PURPOSES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THIS SECTION APPLIES TO ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES REGARDLESS OF FORM, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE, OR AN ELECTRONIC COPY OF A QUALIFIED ELECTOR'S SIGNATURE, AS APPROPRIATE, ALONG WITH CHANGE OF ADDRESS INFORMATION TO THE APPROPRIATE ELECTIONS OFFICE.
Int. & Com. 91

H. 4589 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Robbins, Murphy, Gatch, Brewer and Wheeler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-120, RELATING TO VOTE COUNTING IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE PROVIDING THAT INCUMBENTS HOLD OVER PENDING FINAL DETERMINATION OF ANY CONTESTS FILED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 5-15-140, RELATING TO APPEALS FROM DECISIONS REGARDING MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONTESTS, SO AS TO DELETE LANGUAGE PROVIDING THAT A NOTICE OF APPEAL ACTS AS A STAY OF FURTHER PROCEEDINGS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT APPEALS ARE TO BE GIVEN FIRST PRIORITY OF CONSIDERATION BY THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.
Int. & Com. 92; Rep. Com. 1641; Co-Sponsor added 1179, 1772; 2nd R. 1791; 3rd R. 1809; Rec. V. 1791; Op. 1793

H. 4590 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, B. Newton, Carter, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Clyburn, Henegan, Taylor, Leber, Robbins, Murphy, Gatch, Brewer, Mitchell, King and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-25, RELATING TO EARLY VOTING, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HOURS OF OPERATION OF EARLY VOTING CENTERS.
Int. & Com. 92; Rep. Com. 1641; Co-Sponsor added 1179, 1654, 1772; 2nd R. 1789; 3rd R. 1841; Rec. V. 1789

H. 4591 -- Reps. Taylor, Leber, Robbins, Elliott, White, McCabe, S. Jones, Vaughan, Kilmartin, Hager, Burns, Haddon, Long, Chumley, Oremus, Beach, Pace, Harris, Sessions, Guffey, O'Neal, Pope, T. Moore, T. A. Morgan, A. M. Morgan, Willis, May and Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-870 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF RANKED CHOICE VOTING OR INSTANT RUNOFF BALLOTS IN THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS IN THIS STATE.
Int. & Com. 92; Co-Sponsor added 1180, 1464

H. 4592 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-190, RELATING TO SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN OFFICE, SO AS TO ELIMINATE RUNOFFS FOR SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS.
Int. & Com. 92

H. 4593 -- Reps. Taylor, West, B. J. Cox, T. A. Morgan and A. M. Morgan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1885, RELATING TO OVERTAKING AND PASSING ANOTHER VEHICLE IN THE FARTHEST LEFT-HAND LANE OF A CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION, AS WELL AS THE ASSESSMENT OF POINTS AGAINST A PERSON'S MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVING RECORD.
Int. & Com. 93; Co-Sponsor added 137

H. 4594 -- Reps. Ballentine, Pope, Clyburn, West, Elliott and T. Moore: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2023 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 93; Rep. Com. 2559; Co-Sponsor added 137, 1465; 2nd R. 2670; 3rd R. 2694; Rec. V. 2671; Rat. 4687

H. 4595 -- Reps. Blackwell and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-40, RELATING TO APPLICATION OF FEDERAL INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO STATE TAX LAWS, SO AS TO UPDATE THE REFERENCE TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE TO THE YEAR 2023 AND TO PROVIDE THAT IF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS ADOPTED BY THIS STATE ARE EXTENDED, THEN THESE SECTIONS ALSO ARE EXTENDED FOR SOUTH CAROLINA INCOME TAX PURPOSES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-50, RELATING TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTIONS SPECIFICALLY NOT ADOPTED BY THE STATE, SO AS TO ADOPT INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 168(K) RELATING TO BONUS DEPRECIATION.
Int. & Com. 93

H. 4596 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-499 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO PROHIBIT THE ELECTRONIC DEVICES IT MANAGES FROM ACCESS AND USE OF WEBSITES AND APPLICATIONS THAT THREATEN CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE FROM FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC THREATS, SUCH AS TIKTOK.
Int. & Com. 94; Co-Sponsor added 183

H. 4597 -- Rep. McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-6-37 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE A COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, OR NONPROFIT ENTITY THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDS, AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH INVESTIGATIONS MAY BE INITIATED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-6-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "AGENCY", SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
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H. 4598 -- Reps. Burns, Carter, Clyburn and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT SALES MADE TO A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION WITH FEDERAL TAX-EXEMPT STATUS.
Int. & Com. 94

H. 4599 -- Reps. B. Newton, Pope and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-21-4200, RELATING TO THE DISBURSEMENT OF BINGO TAX REVENUES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PERCENTAGE THAT IS CREDITED TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEVELOPMENT FUND AND DECREASE THE PERCENTAGE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 51-23-20, RELATING TO ALLOCATION OF PROCEEDS OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION FUND, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT THAT MUST BE CREDITED TO EACH COUNTY.
Int. & Com. 94

H. 4600 -- Reps. Thayer, Cobb-Hunter and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3710, RELATING TO THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR TAXPAYERS THAT HIRE FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CREDIT IS NOT EARNED IF THE HIRED INDIVIDUAL IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER AS A SEX OFFENDER ON THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY.
Int. & Com. 95

H. 4601 -- Rep. Forrest: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-4100, RELATING TO PREVENTING ESCAPE OF MATERIALS LOADED ON VEHICLES AND CLEANING THE HIGHWAYS OF ESCAPED SUBSTANCES OR CARGO, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 56-5-4110 TO CLARIFY THE EXCEPTIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF CERTAIN FARM PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 56-5-4110 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS THAT LOADS AND COVERS MUST BE FIRMLY ATTACHED.
Int. & Com. 95; Rep. Com. 2439; 2nd R. 2635; 3rd R. 2692; Rec. V. 2635, 4538; Point of Order 2598; Non-Conc. 4538; Enr. 4584; M. To S. 4540; Rat. 4687

H. 4602 -- Reps. Hardee, Carter and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-22-915 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR EXPUNGEMENT OF FIRST OFFENSE NONVIOLENT OFFENSES AND DRUG TREATMENT COURT OFFENSES AFTER CERTAIN TIME PERIODS WITHOUT PENDING CHARGES OR ADDITIONAL CONVICTIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 17-22-910, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR EXPUNGEMENT, SO AS TO REFERENCE EXPUNGEMENT PROVISIONS IN SECTION 17-22-915; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 17-22-940, RELATING TO THE EXPUNGEMENT PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR VERIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY BY THE COURT FOR PARTICIPANTS IN DRUG TREATMENT COURTS BEFORE EXPUNGEMENT.
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H. 4603 -- Reps. Hartnett and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-65 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE OFFENSE.
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Int. & Com. 96

H. 4605 -- Reps. Wooten and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-65 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF RECKLESS ENDANGERMENT, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE OFFENSE.
Int. & Com. 96

H. 4606 -- Rep. Gilliard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 68 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL BUS PRIVATIZATION ACT OF 2024", INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA SHALL NOT OWN, PURCHASE, OR ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL SCHOOL BUSES ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2028, AND ITS PRESENT FLEET OF SCHOOL BUSES BE SOLD OR DISPOSED OF ON A PHASED-IN BASIS BEGINNING IN 2025, TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON A PHASED-IN BASIS INDIVIDUALLY OR TOGETHER WITH OTHER DISTRICTS SHALL PROVIDE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES OR BY CONTRACT MAY ENGAGE A PRIVATE ENTITY TO PROVIDE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH THE PRIVATE ENTITY PROVIDING ALL SCHOOL BUSES, PERSONNEL TO OPERATE, AND AUXILIARY SERVICES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR TERMS, CONDITIONS, PROCEDURES, AND REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE PROVISION OF THESE SERVICES, TO PROVIDE THAT STATE SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE FACILITIES, ON A PHASED-IN BASIS BEGINNING IN 2025, SHALL BE LEASED OR SOLD TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS OR PRIVATE SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS OR IN THE ABSENCE OF A SALE OR LEASE CLOSED, TO ESTABLISH A "SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT FUND" CONSISTING OF SPECIFIED FUNDS WHICH MUST BE USED TO REIMBURSE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE COST OF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ON A FORMULA BASIS AND TO INCREASE TEACHER SALARIES FROM SAVINGS RESULTING FROM PRIVATIZATION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO PRIVATE ENTITIES PROVIDING SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND FOR SCHOOL BUS, DRIVER, PASSENGER, AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS IN REGARD TO THESE SERVICES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-67-460, RELATING TO CONTRACTS BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WITH PRIVATE CONTRACTORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL

DISTRICT OR A GROUP OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS IS AUTHORIZED BY CONTRACT TO HAVE THEIR SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY A PRIVATE ENTITY WHICH FURNISHES ITS OWN BUSES, PERSONNEL, AND AUXILIARY SERVICES PRIOR TO THE REQUIRED IMPLEMENTATION DATE OF THE DISTRICT'S ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 68, TITLE 59; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-67-460 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028, RELATING TO SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES WHEN THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES IS TRANSFERRED FULLY TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THIS STATE.
Int. & Com. 96

H. 4607 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-450 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL DEVELOP AND MANAGE A STATEWIDE SEXUAL EXTORTION INVESTIGATION AND OUTCOME DATABASE.
Int. & Com. 97

H. 4608 -- Reps. Hayes and Atkinson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE LUMBER RIVER ALONG UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 76 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 AT THE BORDER OF MARION AND HORRY COUNTIES "PLAN LANNEAU ELVINGTON, SR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 71; Rep. Com. 1167; Adopted 1249; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1807

H. 4609 -- Reps. Hixon, B. L. Cox and O'Neal: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-2-105, RELATING TO GOLF CART PERMITS AND THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ENACT ORDINANCES TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS TO OPERATE IN DESIGNATED AREAS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS AT NIGHT.
Int. & Com. 97; Rep. Com. 2463; Co-Sponsor added 1903, 2577; 2nd R. 2659; 3rd R. 2693; Rec. V. 2660; Amd. 2659; Point of Order 2602

H. 4610 -- Reps. Hixon, Carter, Clyburn and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-70, RELATING TO HIGHWAY TRANSFERS TO THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MUST PROPERLY MAINTAIN ROADS TRANSFERRED INTO THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM.
Int. & Com. 98

H. 4611 -- Reps. Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hardee, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch and Forrest: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-785 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE UNLAWFUL REMOVAL OR DESTRUCTION OF ELECTRONIC COLLARS OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES PLACED ON DOGS BY THEIR OWNERS AND TO PROVIDE

PENALTIES.
Int. & Com. 98; Co-Sponsor added 1223, 1271, 1839; 2nd R. 1914; 3rd R. 1978; Rec. V. 1915, 4533; Amd. 1914; Point of Order 1782; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4533; Conc. & Enr. 4533; Rat. 4688

H. 4612 -- Reps. Hixon, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hartnett, Hardee, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Murphy, Connell, Mitchell, Hager, Caskey, Forrest, Wooten, Elliott, B. J. Cox and Bannister: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 55-3-110, RELATING TO HUNTING ANIMALS FROM AIRCRAFT, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS POSSESSING A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY HUNT FROM AIRCRAFT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-1190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MAY ISSUE PERMITS FOR THE TAKING OF FERAL HOGS WHILE AIRBORNE IN A HELICOPTER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS PROVISION.
Int. & Com. 98; Rep. Com. 1637; Co-Sponsor added 1223, 1271, 1772, 1839; 2nd R. 1916; 3rd R. 1978; Rec. V. 1917; Amd. 1916; Point of Order 1783; Rat. 4411

H. 4613 -- Rep. Jefferson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-1520, RELATING TO GENERAL RULES AS TO MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN HONORABLY DISCHARGED UNITED STATES MILITARY VETERAN MUST BE ISSUED A WARNING TICKET FOR A FIRST-OFFENSE SPEEDING VIOLATION.
Int. & Com. 99

H. 4614 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Henegan and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 17-1-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE A CHARGE OF DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE WHERE GREAT BODILY INJURY OR DEATH OCCURS MAY NOT BE NOLLE PROSSED OR DISMISSED WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.
Int. & Com. 99; Co-Sponsor added 184

H. 4615 -- Reps. King and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-850 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EQUIPMENT MUST BE MAINTAINED ON FUNERAL ESCORT AND LEAD VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE RIGHT OF WAY CONDITIONS FOR FUNERAL PROCESSIONS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES IN FUNERAL PROCESSIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION OF LIABILITY FOR INJURIES THAT OCCUR IN FUNERAL PROCESSIONS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-950, RELATING TO OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC-CONTROL DEVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE DRIVERS OF FUNERAL LEAD VEHICLES, FUNERAL ESCORT VEHICLES, AND VEHICLES IN FUNERAL PROCESSIONS ARE EXEMPT FROM PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION.
Int. & Com. 99

H. 4616 -- Rep. McCravy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-21-950, RELATING TO GUIDELINES FOR

DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR PARDON, SO AS TO MAKE GRAMMATICAL AND TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT REQUIRES AN INMATE BE CONSIDERED FOR A PARDON BEFORE A PAROLE ELIGIBILITY DATE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
Int. & Com. 99

H. 4617 -- Reps. Hixon, Davis, M. M. Smith, Bannister, Pope, Wooten, Haddon, Brewer, Burns, Thayer, Kirby, Oremus, Hager, Hyde, Sessions, Carter, McDaniel, Magnuson, Hayes, W. Newton, Bauer, Trantham, J. L. Johnson, Henegan, Guffey, Chapman, Leber, Kilmartin, Robbins, Felder, Jefferson, Caskey, Ligon and Vaughan: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-230, RELATING TO SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ADD XYLAZINE AS A SCHEDULE III CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE; BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-372 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE PRODUCTION, MANUFACTURE, DISTRIBUTION, OR POSSESSION OF XYLAZINE, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH ASSOCIATED CRIMINAL PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-373 SO AS TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION FOR VETERINARY USE OF XYLAZINE.
Int. & Com. 100; Rep. Com. 141; Co-Sponsor added 137, 184, 204; 2nd R. 205; 3rd R. 998; Rec. V. 205, 4525; Op. 207; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4524; Conc. & Enr. 4524; Rat. 4683

H. 4618 -- Reps. King, Cobb-Hunter, J. L. Johnson, Leber, Guffey, Pope, Sessions and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-17-70, RELATING TO PATERNITY COURT ORDERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE ORDER TO FACILITATE THE CORRECTION OF PATERNITY REFERENCES ON THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE IF THE PUTATIVE FATHER IS DETERMINED NOT TO BE THE FATHER OF THE CHILD, TO REVOKE PREVIOUS ORDERS ESTABLISHING CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS FOLLOWING SUCH A DETERMINATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 100; Co-Sponsor added 1003, 1030

H. 4619 -- Reps. Oremus, Trantham, Magnuson, Pope, Guffey and S. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA'S CHILDREN DESERVE HELP NOT HARM ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 47, TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PHYSICIANS, OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, AND HEALTH CARE FACILITIES FROM PROVIDING OR FACILITATING THE PROVISION OF GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR SUCH GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES, TO PROVIDE FOR PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, TO CREATE A PRIVATE RIGHT OF ACTION FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE AND TO ESTABLISH DAMAGES THAT MAY BE AWARDED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE; BY ADDING SECTION 38-71-295 SO AS TO PROHIBIT HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS AND HEALTH CARRIERS FROM REIMBURSING FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES ON MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Int. & Com. 100; Co-Sponsor added 138

H. 4620 -- Reps. Robbins, Carter, Cobb-Hunter, Trantham, Pope, Guffey, Hartnett, Leber and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-820, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS TO SERVE AS A GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN PRIVATE FAMILY COURT CASES, SO AS TO REQUIRE A CRIMINAL HISTORY BACKGROUND CHECK TO SERVE AS A GUARDIAN AD LITEM.
Int. & Com. 101; Co-Sponsor added 184

H. 4621 -- Reps. Robbins, Carter, Cobb-Hunter, Trantham, J. L. Johnson and Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-17-20, RELATING IN PART TO AN UNMARRIED FATHER'S VISITATION RIGHTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE COURT TO AWARD VISITATION TO THE FATHER IF PATERNITY IS ACKNOWLEDGED OR ADJUDICATED, WITH EXCEPTIONS.
Int. & Com. 101

H. 4622 -- Reps. Sessions, Pope, Guffey, Mitchell, King and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-327 SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO ITEMIZED PATIENT BILLING FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES AND SUPPLIES.
Int. & Com. 101; Rep. Com. 2703; Co-Sponsor added 2921; 2nd R. 3074; 3rd R. 3108; Rec. V. 3075; Amd. 3074; Point of Order 2962

H. 4623 -- Reps. Haddon, Cobb-Hunter, Trantham, Magnuson, Pope, Clyburn, Oremus, Ligon, O'Neal and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-462 SO AS TO EXCUSE ABSENCES FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS WHEN PARTICIPATING IN CERTAIN WORK-BASED LEARNING EXPERIENCES INCLUDING ORGANIZED COMPETITIONS OR EXHIBITIONS OF FFA ORGANIZATIONS OR 4-H PROGRAMS, AND TO PROVIDE STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING AND COMPLETING ASSIGNMENTS MISSED DURING SUCH EXCUSED ABSENCES.
Int. & Com. 102; Co-Sponsor added 1128, 1180

H. 4624 -- Reps. Hiott, G. M. Smith, McCravy, Davis, Vaughan, Trantham, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Oremus, Hartnett, Leber, Long, Nutt, Haddon, Burns, Chumley, Murphy, Mitchell, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, West, Gilliam, Cromer, Kilmartin, O'Neal, Yow, S. Jones, Landing, Ballentine, Sandifer, Crawford, Guest, Willis, Ligon, Forrest, Pace, W. Newton, Bradley, Erickson, Gibson, Blackwell and M. M. Smith: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 42 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO DEFINE GENDER, SEX, AND OTHER TERMS, TO PROHIBIT THE PROVISION OF GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES TO A PERSON UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS FOR GENDER TRANSITION PROCEDURES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-32-36 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PUBLIC SCHOOL STAFF AND OFFICIALS FROM WITHHOLDING KNOWLEDGE OF A MINOR'S PERCEPTION OF THEIR GENDER FROM THE MINOR'S PARENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Int. & Com. 102; Rep. Com. 142; Co-Sponsor added 138, 184, 204, 1003, 1030; 2nd R. 1034; 3rd R. 1083; Rec. V. 1038, 1040, 1042, 1044, 1046, 1048, 1050, 1052, 1055, 1056, 1058, 1060, 1061, 4423; Amd. 1034; Proposed Amd. 1040, 1041, 1043, 1045, 1047, 1052, 1054, 1056, 1058, 1059; Req. Deb. 207, 1009; Point of Order 207, 1049; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4423; Conc. & Enr. 4423; Rat. 4688

H. 4625 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, West, Mitchell, Yow, Hewitt, Elliott, Blackwell, Oremus, Felder, O'Neal, Guffey, Lowe, Jordan, Ligon, Bustos, Leber, Landing, Neese, M. M. Smith and Brittain: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "FAITHFUL CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION COMMISSIONERS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-1520 SO AS TO ESTABLISH OFFENSES FOR CERTAIN ACTS RELATED TO THE DUTIES AND AUTHORITY OF COMMISSIONERS TO AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Int. & Com. 102; Co-Sponsor added 138, 1100, 1129, 1224, 1408, 1465, 1532

H. 4626 -- Reps. Taylor, Pope, West, Mitchell, Yow, Elliott, Blackwell, Oremus, Felder, Lowe, Jordan, Ligon, Bustos, Leber, Landing, Neese, M. M. Smith and Brittain: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE SELECTION AND OVERSIGHT OF COMMISSIONERS TO AN ARTICLE V CONVENTION FOR PROPOSING AMENDMENTS AS AUTHORIZED IN ACT 241 OF 2022.

Int. & Com. 103; Co-Sponsor added 138, 1100, 1224, 1409, 1465, 1532

H. 4627 -- Reps. Bernstein and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-7-85 SO AS TO PROVIDE MOTOR VEHICLE AND MOTORCYCLE OWNERS MAY BE CHARGED WITH VIOLATING LOCAL ORDINANCES THAT RESTRICT THE PRODUCTION OF EXCESSIVE NOISE BY A MOTOR VEHICLE OR MOTORCYCLE WHEN THEIR VEHICLES VIOLATE THE ORDINANCES AND TO DEFINE THE TERMS "MOTOR VEHICLE OWNER" AND "MOTORCYCLE OWNER".

Int. & Com. 103

H. 4628 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hyde, J. L. Johnson, Hosey and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 56 TO TITLE 46 SO AS TO REGULATE THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING HEMP-DERIVED CANNABINOID.

Int. & Com. 103; Co-Sponsor added 1332, 1409

H. 4629 -- Reps. Magnuson, A. M. Morgan, Pace, Cromer, Beach, Oremus, Kilmartin, S. Jones and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-410, RELATING TO APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 15, 2027, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL SERVE AS SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, TO PROVIDE IN SELECTING A CANDIDATE FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, A CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR SHALL EXAMINE WHETHER THE PERSON POSSESSES CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO THE

SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION'S COMPENSATION.
Int. & Com. 103

H. 4630 -- Reps. Gilliard, Cobb-Hunter, J. L. Johnson and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH SKILLED NURSING FACILITY, NURSING HOME, COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITY, OR AN ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY SHALL PROVIDE AN AUDIO/VIDEO CAMERA IN PATIENTS' ROOMS FOR THE FAMILY OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF A RESIDENT IN THE FACILITY TO USE FOR PURPOSES OF REMOTELY MONITORING THE CARE OF THE RESIDENT, AND TO PROVIDE ANY RECORDINGS MADE BY THE MONITOR MUST BE SECURED AND AVAILABLE ONLY TO THE PATIENT, HIS FAMILY MEMBER, OR HIS LEGAL GUARDIAN, IN ORDER TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 1996.
Int. & Com. 104

H. 4631 -- Reps. Gilliard and J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-20-51 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING IN SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025, A NEW TEACHER MUST RECEIVE A STARTING ANNUAL SALARY OF NO LESS THAN SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND A CURRENT TEACHER WHO EARNED LESS THAN SEVENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR MUST RECEIVE A SALARY OF NO LESS THAN SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.
Int. & Com. 104

H. 4632 -- Rep. J. E. Johnson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF CULTRA ROAD AND OAK STREET IN THE CITY OF CONWAY IN HORRY COUNTY "JAMES ODELL COCHRAN INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 71; Rep. Com. 1168; Adopted 1249; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4584

H. 4633 -- Reps. Murphy, Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Hewitt, Trantham, J. L. Johnson, Pope, Chapman, Hartnett, Leber, West, W. Newton, Mitchell, Yow and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLAWFULLY LURING ANOTHER PERSON, TO PROVIDE FOR A MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCE WHEN THE VICTIM IS A MINOR, TO PROVIDE FOR PUNISHMENT FOR ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING OFFENSES, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "MINOR".
Int. & Com. 104; Co-Sponsor added 138, 184

H. 4634 -- Reps. Taylor and West: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A STATE AGENCY THAT RECEIVES A GRANT SHALL PROVIDE AN ITEMIZED LIST OF ANY MATCHING FUNDS AND A SUMMARY OF ANY CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRANT.

Int. & Com. 105; Co-Sponsor added 138

H. 4635 -- Reps. White and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-285 SO AS TO PROVIDE AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE APPRAISERS AND INSURERS MAY NOT REQUIRE INSUREDS TO USE CERTAIN FACILITIES TO REPAIR OR REPLACE DAMAGED AUTOMOBILE SAFETY GLASS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 105; Co-Sponsor added 184, 1409

H. 4636 -- Reps. Pace, M. M. Smith, B. J. Cox, J. Moore, Mitchell, Brewer, Gilliam, Caskey, Wooten, May, B. L. Cox, Cobb-Hunter, Brittain, Beach, Gagnon, Oremus, Chapman, Magnuson, King, McDaniel, A. M. Morgan, J. E. Johnson, Leber, O'Neal, Harris, T. Moore, McCravy, Nutt, Williams, Hager, Long, Chumley, McCabe, White, Trantham, Bustos, Landing, Haddon, Cromer, Ott, Hyde, Burns, Pope, Sessions and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-7-90, RELATING TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVE MILITARY FORCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THIRTY DAYS OF PAID MILITARY LEAVE EACH YEAR.
Int. & Com. 105; Co-Sponsor added 1180, 1224, 1358

H. 4637 -- Rep. Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY FESTIVAL THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDING OR INCENTIVES MUST PROVIDE FREE ADMISSION TO ALL SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS WHO PRESENT A VALID PROOF OF RESIDENCY.
Int. & Com. 105

H. 4638 -- Rep. Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS MAY NOT PARTICIPATE AS BOARD MEMBERS OR TRUSTEES IF THEY ARE MEMBERS OF ANOTHER ORGANIZATION THAT RECEIVES STATE FUNDING OR INCENTIVES.
Int. & Com. 105

H. 4639 -- Reps. Dillard, Henegan and Pendarvis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 31-21-40, 31-21-50, AND 31-21-60, ALL RELATING TO HOUSING DISCRIMINATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL MAY NOT BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST DUE TO SOURCE OF INCOME.
Int. & Com. 106; Co-Sponsor added 184

H. 4640 -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope, Leber and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-40, RELATING TO COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS SHALL APPOINT ONE COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICER FOR EACH COUNTY IN THE STATE AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR TWO FULL-

TIME EMPLOYEES IN EACH COUNTY VETERANS' AFFAIRS OFFICE.
Int. & Com. 106; Co-Sponsor added 204

H. 4641 -- Reps. Mitchell, Guffey, Leber, West, Gilliam, Pope and Sessions: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE III OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO THE LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT, BY ADDING SECTION 38 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY LAW MAY ESTABLISH MILITARY COURTS TO PRESERVE AND MAINTAIN GOOD ORDER AND DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE STATE'S ORGANIZED MILITIA; AND BY PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11, ARTICLE I OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO PRESENTMENTS AND INDICTMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MILITARY COURTS, AS MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY LAW BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ARE EXEMPT FROM THE PRESENTMENT AND INDICTMENT REQUIREMENT IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE MAGISTRATE COURTS OF THIS STATE.
Int. & Com. 106; Co-Sponsor added 138, 1180, 1359

H. 4642 -- Reps. Mitchell, Gilliam, Pope, Sessions, Caskey and Hart: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-20, RELATING TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF ACT OF CONGRESS, SO AS TO DISALLOW CONFLICTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-40, RELATING TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO REMOVE PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2420, RELATING TO THE MILITARY CODE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF "MILITARY FORCES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2430, RELATING TO PERSONS SUBJECT TO CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR WHAT JURISDICTION DUTY STATUS INCLUDES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2520, RELATING TO NONJUDICIAL DISCIPLINARY PUNISHMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A CERTAIN DELEGATION MAY BE MADE; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2530, RELATING TO TYPES OF COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR WHOM A SPECIAL COURT-MARTIAL CONSISTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2550, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF GENERAL COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO REMOVE FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2560, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF SPECIAL COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO REMOVE FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2570, RELATING TO THE JURISDICTION OF SUMMARY COURTS-MARTIAL, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR PUNISHMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2620, RELATING TO DETAIL AND DESIGNATION OF MILITARY JUDGES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY CONVENING A SUMMARY COURT-MARTIAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2765, RELATING TO VOTING AND RULINGS, SO AS TO REMOVE CERTAIN REFERENCES TO THE PRESIDENT OF A COURT MARTIAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2780, RELATING TO RECORD OF TRIAL, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2795, RELATING TO FORFEITURE OF PAY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE SENTENCE OF FORFEITURE OF PAY; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2805, RELATING TO THE REDUCTION IN PAY GRADE AND THE RESTORATION OF BENEFITS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2865, RELATING TO THE REMISSION OR SUSPENSION OF A

SENTENCE, SO AS TO REPLACE FORFEITURES WITH FINES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-2985, RELATING TO THE IMPROPER USE OR DISCLOSURE OF PAROLE OR COUNTERSIGN, SO AS TO INCLUDE WHEN THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED BY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3140, RELATING TO WRIT WHEN FINE HAS NOT BEEN PAID, SO AS TO UPDATE DATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3145, RELATING TO WRIT OF SENTENCE OF CONFINEMENT, SO AS TO UPDATE DATES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 25-1-3160, RELATING TO CONSTRUCTION OF CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE IS NOT BINDING ON THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.

Int. & Com. 107; Rep. Com. 1886; Co-Sponsor added 1180, 1359, 2419, 2457; 2nd R. 2480; 3rd R. 2584; Rec. V. 2482, 2588; Amd. 2481; Rat. 4412

H. 4643 -- Reps. Oremus, Magnuson and Nutt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "TAXPAYER TRANSPARENCY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 15 TO CHAPTER 9, TITLE 4 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE THAT A COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE A SEARCHABLE BUDGET DATABASE WEBSITE, TO PROVIDE FOR UPDATES TO THE DATABASE WEBSITE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DATABASE MUST BE SEARCHABLE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN MEETINGS MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING IN REAL TIME BY LIVE VIDEO STREAM.

Int. & Com. 108

H. 4644 -- Reps. Oremus and Nutt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN CHURCH PROPERTY BEING USED FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF CHILDREN FROM PRESCHOOL TO TWELFTH GRADE.

Int. & Com. 108

H. 4645 -- Reps. Pace and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CERTAIN TAXPAYERS WHO HAVE A CHILD WHO ATTENDS A QUALIFYING PRIVATE SCHOOL, PAROCHIAL SCHOOL, OR HOME SCHOOL.

Int. & Com. 108

H. 4646 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Carter, Hartnett, Kilmartin, Bauer and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "FIRST RESPONDERS COMMUNICATION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 8-15-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE MAY NOT BE PROHIBITED FROM COMMUNICATING WITH AN ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICIAL FOR ANY JOB-RELATED PURPOSE.

Int. & Com. 109; Co-Sponsor added 204, 1003, 1224

H. 4647 -- Reps. Cromer and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-1123 SO AS TO REQUIRE A

PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL AND HIS FAMILY MEMBERS AND TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL TO FILE A STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION FOR THREE YEARS AFTER THE PUBLIC OFFICIAL CEASES SERVICE IN PUBLIC OFFICE.
Int. & Com. 109

H. 4648 -- Rep. Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-701 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A PUBLIC OFFICIAL AND FAMILY MEMBERS OF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL FROM RECEIVING ANY FINANCIAL GAIN RESULTING FROM ANY GOVERNMENTAL MATTER OR BUSINESS.
Int. & Com. 109

H. 4649 -- Reps. Bannister, Carter, Leber, Vaughan, West, Elliott, Williams, Henegan, Caskey, Erickson, Bradley and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-275 SO AS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS WITH MORE THAN FIFTEEN THOUSAND STUDENTS MAY USE CERTAIN SECURITY PERSONNEL TO PROMOTE SAFETY AND SECURITY ON SCHOOL PREMISES IF LICENSED AS A PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS, AND TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS REMAIN OBLIGATED TO USE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-60, RELATING TO PROPRIETARY SECURITY BUSINESS LICENSURE, SO AS TO ADD PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS APPLYING FOR LICENSURE; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-80, RELATING TO SECURITY OFFICER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN RELATED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-18-140, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS FROM PRIVATE SECURITY AND INVESTIGATION AGENCY LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE EXCLUDED FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 109; Rep. Com. 1762; Co-Sponsor added 139, 1181, 1903, 2419, 2627, 2921; 2nd R. 3004; 3rd R. 3014; Rec. V. 3006; Amd. 1990, 3004; D. A. 1937, 2513, 2609, 2717, 2844; Req. Deb. 1990; Op. 3007

H. 4650 -- Reps. Forrest, Oremus and Hartnett: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF NATURAL GAS, LIQUID NATURAL GAS, PROPANE, AND BUTANE AS ELECTRIC GENERATION RESOURCES AND TO DEEM THESE RESOURCES AS "GREEN ENERGY" RESOURCES, AND TO ENCOURAGE INTERESTED PARTIES TO IDENTIFY AND IMPLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE USE OF THESE RESOURCES FOR ELECTRIC GENERATION, AND TO REQUIRE STATE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES TO INCORPORATE THESE RESOURCES TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE.
Int. & Com. 110

H. 4651 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ANNEXATION FAIRNESS ACT"; BY ADDING

SECTION 5-3-95 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY HAS LEGAL STANDING TO CHALLENGE AN ANNEXATION/DEANNEXATION BY A MUNICIPALITY IN THE APPROPRIATE JURISDICTION AND TO SEEK APPROPRIATE RELIEF; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-10, RELATING TO POWER TO EXTEND CORPORATE LIMITS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE POWER TO REDUCE CORPORATE LIMITS, AND TO PROVIDE NO REDUCTION MAY RESULT IN THE FORMATION OF UNINCORPORATED ISLANDS OR NONCONTIGUOUS INCORPORATED AREAS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-100, RELATING TO THE ALTERNATE ANNEXATION METHOD WHEN THE ENTIRE AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED IS OWNED BY THE ANNEXING MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-120, RELATING TO THE ANNEXATION ALTERNATE METHOD WHEN THE ENTIRE AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED IS OWNED BY A CORPORATION, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-130, RELATING TO THE ALTERNATE METHOD FOR ANNEXATION WHEN THE ENTIRE AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED IS OWNED BY A SCHOOL DISTRICT, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-140, RELATING TO THE ALTERNATE METHOD WHEN THE ENTIRE AREA PROPOSED TO BE ANNEXED IS OWNED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-150, RELATING TO THE ALTERNATE METHOD FOR ANNEXATION WHERE PETITIONED BY SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OR MORE OF RELEVANT LANDOWNERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS AND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO DELETE ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-210, RELATING TO SUBSEQUENT ANNEXATION ELECTIONS AFTER DEFEAT OF AN ANNEXATION ELECTION, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-235, RELATING TO LIMITS ON THE ASSESSED VALUE OF A SINGLE FREEHOLDER'S REAL PROPERTY AT THE TIME OF PROPOSED ANNEXATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-300, RELATING TO AN ADDITIONAL ANNEXATION PROCEDURE FOR AREAS CONTIGUOUS TO A MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-315, RELATING TO PUBLIC HEARING AND NOTICE PROVISIONS RELATING TO PROPOSED ANNEXATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE DEANNEXATION PROVISIONS, TO MAKE PUBLIC HEARINGS MANDATORY, AND TO REMOVE PROVISIONS CONCERNING NONCOMPLIANCE WITH NOTICE PUBLICATION REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-31-1520, RELATING TO EXTENSIONS OF MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS BEYOND MUNICIPAL LIMITS, SO AS TO PROHIBIT CONDITIONING THE PROVISION OR CONTINUED PROVISION OF SUCH SERVICES ON ANNEXATION STATUS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 5-3-280 RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR THE REDUCTION OF MUNICIPAL CORPORATE LIMITS.

Int. & Com. 110

H. 4652 -- Reps. Burns and Nutt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN LOCAL PLANNING AND PERMITTING ENTITIES SHALL REVIEW AND RENDER DECISIONS ON APPLICATIONS FOR BUILDING PERMITS, CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY, ZONING VARIANCES AND APPEALS, OR OTHER LICENSES WITHIN FORTY-FIVE CALENDAR DAYS AFTER SUBMISSION OR THE APPLICATION MUST BE DEEMED APPROVED, AND TO PROVIDE REMEDIES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 112

H. 4653 -- Reps. Bustos and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-5-66 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL CONDUCT CERTAIN AUDITS AND ON-SITE INSPECTIONS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH STATEWIDE MODEL SAFE SCHOOL POLICIES AND RELATED REGULATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 112; Co-Sponsor added 204

H. 4654 -- Reps. Cromer and Nutt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-31-5 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-31-15 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY COLLECTION STANDARDS THAT PROHIBIT THE ACQUISITION OR RETENTION OF MATERIALS THAT ARE SEXUALLY EXPLICIT OR HARMFUL TO CHILDREN, TO MAKE THE ACQUISITION AND RETENTION OF SEXUALLY RELEVANT MATERIALS DISCRETIONARY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL BOOK VENDORS, THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-31-47 SO AS TO PROVIDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS SHALL NOT PROVIDE STUDENTS ACCESS TO SEXUALLY RELEVANT MATERIALS WITHOUT WRITTEN PARENTAL CONSENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-31-10, RELATING TO THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE LIBRARY COMMITTEE SHALL, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DEVELOP CERTAIN VOLUNTARY STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY SERVICES AND MANDATORY STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE PERIODIC REVIEW AND UPDATE OF SUCH STANDARDS; TO PROVIDE DATES BY WHICH CERTAIN INITIAL REVIEW AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT MUST OCCUR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-31-45 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF TEXTBOOKS.
Int. & Com. 112

H. 4655 -- Reps. Haddon, Pope, Oremus, Cobb-Hunter, J. L. Johnson, Collins, Henderson-Myers, Hart, King, Williams, Henegan, Ligon, McDaniel and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-10, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH

GRADE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN MANDATORY MINIMUM PERIODS FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECESS IN FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE EACH YEAR IN ADDITION TO OTHER CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE RECESS PERIODS MUST BE HELD INDOORS DURING TIMES OF INCLEMENT WEATHER; TO REDESIGNATE ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 10, TITLE 59 AS "PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND ACTIVITY"; TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL TAKE CERTAIN MEASURES TO CONFORM THEIR RESPECTIVE REGULATIONS AND RULES TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT; AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT PREVAIL TO THE EXTENT THEY CONFLICT WITH ANY SUCH REGULATIONS AND RULES.

Int. & Com. 113; Rep. Com. 1814; Co-Sponsor added 184, 1030, 1903, 1975, 2457; 2nd R. 2466; 3rd R. 2583; Rec. V. 2467; Amd. 2460; Op. 2460; Point of Order 1937

H. 4656 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Carter and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-11-720, RELATING TO ENTITIES WHOSE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.

Int. & Com. 114

H. 4657 -- Rep. S. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 41-8-125 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE ARE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE COPIES OF E-VERIFY DOCUMENTATION MAINTAINED BY EMPLOYERS, TO PROVIDE EMPLOYERS SHALL PROVIDE SUCH COPIES UPON REQUEST, AND TO PROVIDE SUCH REQUESTING PARTIES SHALL RELY ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO VERIFY THE EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY OF AN EMPLOYEE AND MAY NOT INDEPENDENTLY MAKE A FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING SUCH A VERIFICATION.

Int. & Com. 114

H. 4658 -- Reps. King and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-55-190 SO AS TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE INSURERS SHALL PROVIDE CERTAIN LIFE INSURANCE POLICY INFORMATION OF A DECEDENT TO FUNERAL DIRECTORS, FUNERAL ESTABLISHMENTS, OR CREMATORIES CONTACTED ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY OF THE DECEDENT, TO PROVIDE RELATED PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Int. & Com. 114

H. 4659 -- Reps. McGinnis, Bailey, Schuessler, Hardee and Brittain: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-930, RELATING TO DEVELOPMENTAL IMPACT FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A MUNICIPALITY, A COUNTY, OR BOTH, RESPECTIVELY MAY IMPOSE AN IMPACT FEE THAT APPLIES ONLY TO RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS,

ONLY TO COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS, OR BOTH; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-920, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE ACT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 114; Co-Sponsor added 1129

H. 4660 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-25-230 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DISTRIBUTION OF DECEPTIVE AND FRAUDULENT DEEPFAKE MEDIA OF A CANDIDATE WITHIN NINETY DAYS OF AN ELECTION UNLESS THE MEDIA INCLUDES REQUISITE DISCLOSURE LANGUAGE, AND TO AUTHORIZE A CANDIDATE WHOSE LIKENESS IS DEPICTED IN MEDIA DISTRIBUTED IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION TO SEEK INJUNCTIVE OR OTHER EQUITABLE RELIEF AS WELL AS AN ACTION FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE DISTRIBUTOR OF THE MEDIA.
Int. & Com. 115

H. 4661 -- Reps. Pace and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-1-200 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A REFERENDUM ON A PROPOSAL BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR SCHOOL DISTRICT TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, INCUR GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT OR LEVY TAXES OR FEES MUST BE HELD AT THE TIME OF A STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION IN NOVEMBER OF AN EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4-10-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "GENERAL ELECTION" FOR PURPOSES OF LOCAL SALES AND USE TAX REFERENDUMS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 115

H. 4662 -- Reps. Pope, Chapman, Nutt and Felder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-85, RELATING TO HOMICIDE BY CHILD ABUSE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AGE OF A CHILD UNDER THIS SECTION FROM UNDER THE AGE OF ELEVEN TO UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN.
Int. & Com. 115; Co-Sponsor added 185

H. 4663 -- Reps. Beach, Mitchell, Guffey, B. L. Cox, Lawson, Nutt and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 27 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1 SO AS TO PROHIBIT EVERY OFFICE, DIVISION, OR OTHER UNIT BY ANY NAME OF EVERY OFFICE OR DEPARTMENT OF THIS STATE, AND ALL OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, INCLUDING ALL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS, FROM PROMOTING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION, AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.
Int. & Com. 116

H. 4664 -- Rep. Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-1-130 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO ENSURE A BUSINESS WILL GIVE SOUTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS PRIORITY IN EMPLOYMENT BEFORE OFFERING ECONOMIC INCENTIVES TO RECRUIT THE BUSINESS TO THIS STATE, AND TO REQUIRE A BUSINESS TO CERTIFY

CERTAIN STAFFING REQUIREMENTS BEFORE RECEIVING AN ECONOMIC INCENTIVE.
Int. & Com. 116

H. 4665 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Bauer, Henegan, Williams, Gilliard, Rivers, Clyburn, Hosey, Anderson, Hart, Bamberg, Hayes, Alexander, Kirby, Jefferson and W. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-260 SO AS TO REQUIRE EVERY MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO SERVE AS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, OR OTHERWISE VOLUNTEER, AT A SOUTH CAROLINA K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL.
Int. & Com. 116; Co-Sponsor added 139, 1655

H. 4666 -- Reps. Magnuson, Trantham, S. Jones and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SAVE OUR PROPERTY ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 12-45-440 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE AN ASSESSOR TO DEFER PROPERTY TAXES UNTIL THE NEXT YEAR ON CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL OR AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY IF AN APPLICANT'S INCOME IS LESS THAN A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THE COUNTY MEDIAN INCOME.
Int. & Com. 116

H. 4667 -- Reps. Caskey and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-3-40, RELATING TO FAMILY COURT JUDGES ELECTED FROM EACH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SO AS TO INCREASE BY TWO THE NUMBER OF FAMILY COURT JUDGES IN THE ELEVENTH CIRCUIT.
Int. & Com. 117

H. 4668 -- Rep. S. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-15-30, RELATING TO BOND AND MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING CONDITIONS OF RELEASE, SO AS TO REQUIRE A CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE TO SET OR DENY BOND AND DETERMINE CONDITIONS OF RELEASE OF PERSONS CHARGED WITH CRIMES THAT CARRY MAXIMUM SENTENCES OF THREE YEARS OR MORE AND WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF BEING ILLEGAL ALIENS.
Int. & Com. 117

H. 4669 -- Reps. Pace, Magnuson and Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-655, RELATING TO CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A MINOR, PENALTIES, AND DEATH PENALTY AVAILABLE FOR CERTAIN REPEAT OFFENDERS, SO AS TO ALLOW THE DEATH PENALTY FOR PERSONS WHO COMMIT CRIMINAL SEXUAL CONDUCT WITH A VICTIM UNDER ELEVEN YEARS OF AGE AND DELETE THE REPEAT OFFENDER REQUIREMENT, AND TO CLARIFY THAT BOTH MITIGATING AND AGGRAVATING FACTORS PURSUANT TO SECTION 16-3-20, MURDER, ARE APPLICABLE.
Int. & Com. 117

H. 4670 -- Rep. Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-23-430, RELATING TO HEARINGS ON A

PERSON'S FITNESS TO STAND TRIAL, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CIRCUIT COURT TO ORDER INPATIENT TREATMENT OF PERSONS DETERMINED UNFIT TO STAND TRIAL IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
Int. & Com. 117

H. 4671 -- Rep. Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1230, RELATING TO THE PRODUCTION AND PERIODIC ISSUANCE OF NEW PLATES, AND THE ISSUANCE OF REVALIDATION STICKERS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION RELATING TO THE PORTION OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE FEES PLACED IN A SPECIAL RESTRICTED ACCOUNT TO BE USED FOR THE PRODUCTION AND ISSUANCE OF NEW LICENSE PLATES, TO PROVIDE LICENSE PLATES MUST BE ISSUED ANNUALLY FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE NO REVALIDATION STICKERS MAY BE ISSUED FOR PLATES ON INTERSTATE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE REVALIDATION STICKERS MAY BE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES.
Int. & Com. 118

H. 4672 -- Reps. Erickson and Elliott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE VARIOUS TERMS RELATING TO DRIVERS' LICENSES, PERMITS, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-555 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ESTABLISH A SYSTEM FOR ISSUING OPTIONAL ELECTRONIC OR DIGITALLY ISSUED CARDS.
Int. & Com. 118

H. 4673 -- Reps. Erickson, Gilliam, Williams and Henegan: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-50, RELATING TO BEGINNERS' PERMITS, HOURS, AND CONDITIONS OF VEHICLE OPERATION, RENEWAL AND FEES, DRIVERS' TRAINING COURSES, AND ELIGIBILITY FOR FULL LICENSURE, SO AS TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, EXEMPT ADDITIONAL PERSONS FROM OBTAINING BEGINNERS' PERMITS BEFORE OPERATING CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PERSONS AT LEAST FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE MUST HOLD A BEGINNER'S PERMIT BEFORE BEING ELIGIBLE FOR FULL LICENSURE, AND TO PROVIDE PERSONS AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OLD MAY TAKE THE DRIVING TEST AFTER MAINTAINING A BEGINNER'S PERMIT FOR AT LEAST THIRTY DAYS TO OPERATE CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES.
Int. & Com. 118; Rep. Com. 2683; 2nd R. 2941; 3rd R. 3010; Rec. V. 2942; Op. 2941; Rat. 4413

H. 4674 -- Rep. Erickson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1240, RELATING TO THE DISPLAY OF LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION APPLY, TO PROVIDE HOW LICENSE PLATES MUST BE FASTENED TO VEHICLES, TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPLAY OF TEMPORARY LICENSE PLATES ON

LARGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-15020 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "HEARING IMPAIRED" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 150 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "SOUTH CAROLINA EQUINE INDUSTRY" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-7340, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF "NATIVE AMERICAN" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THESE LICENSE PLATES MAY BE ISSUED TO OWNERS OF MOTORCYCLES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 151 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "CATAWBA NATION" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 152 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "CHEROKEE INDIAN NATION" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 153 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "SOUTH CAROLINA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-14210, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF "UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2017 AND 2022 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2017, 2022, AND 2024 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 60 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "AUTISTIC AND NEURODIVERGENT" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; BY ADDING ARTICLE 154 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 56 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF "SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-14910, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF VALOROUS AWARDS CONFERRED UPON ACTIVE OR PRIOR SERVICE MEMBERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ISSUANCE OF THESE LICENSE PLATES TO RECIPIENTS OF NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDALS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-14990, RELATING TO ALLOWING SURVIVING SPOUSES TO APPLY FOR OR TRANSFER CERTAIN MILITARY SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A SURVIVING SPOUSE OF A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL GUARD MAY APPLY FOR OR TRANSFER CERTAIN MILITARY LICENSE PLATES.

Int. & Com. 119; Rep. Com. 1113; 2nd R. 1237; 3rd R. 1278; Rec. V. 1238, 4432; Amd. 4428; S/A Amd. 4427; Point of Order 1193; M. from S. 4560; Rat. 4689

H. 4675 -- Rep. Erickson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-550, RELATING TO THE FEE FOR EXPEDITING REQUESTS FOR COPIES OF DOCUMENTS OR RECORDS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE FEE, TO PROVIDE THIS SECTION RELATES TO THE EXPEDITED DELIVERY OF BEGINNERS' PERMITS, DRIVERS' LICENSES, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DELIVERY OF THE CARDS, TO DELETE REFERENCES TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, AND TO PROVIDE THE FUNDS COLLECTED MUST BE RETAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-420, RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION OF FEES COLLECTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MAY COLLECT FEES FOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE PRINTED AND PROVIDED IN PERSON AT ITS BRANCH OFFICES, AND TO PROVIDE

FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THESE FEES.
Int. & Com. 119

H. 4676 -- Reps. S. Jones, Magnuson and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-440, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR DRIVING WITHOUT LICENSE AND SUMMARY COURT JURISDICTION FOR THIS OFFENSE, SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO VIOLATE THIS PROVISION AND ALSO ARE FOUND TO BE UNDOCUMENTED ILLEGAL ALIENS.
Int. & Com. 119; Co-Sponsor added 2457

H. 4677 -- Reps. S. Jones, Carter, Magnuson, Chapman and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING "MADDIE'S LAW"; BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2915 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF "RECKLESS DRIVING WITH GREAT BODILY INJURY" AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-2910, RELATING TO RECKLESS VEHICULAR HOMICIDE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTIES.
Int. & Com. 120; Co-Sponsor added 2457

H. 4678 -- Reps. S. Jones and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-520 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE WITH A DRIVER'S LICENSE NOT RECOGNIZED IN THIS STATE AND TO PROVIDE A PENALTY.
Int. & Com. 120; Co-Sponsor added 2458

H. 4679 -- Reps. Pope and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-13-40, RELATING TO THE COMPUTATION OF TIME SERVED BY PRISONERS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT ALLOWS PRISONERS TO USE TIME SPENT UNDER MONITORED HOUSE ARREST AGAINST THEIR SENTENCE WHEN COMPUTING TIME SERVED BY A PRISONER.
Int. & Com. 120

H. 4680 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Henegan, Hartnett, Lawson, Moss, Kilmartin, White, Bauer, Sessions, Pope, Felder, Ligon, Guffey, O'Neal, Hardee, Leber, Gilliard, Rivers, King, Caskey, Henderson-Myers and Hart: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197, RELATING TO THE FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "FIREFIGHTER" TO PROVIDE THE TERM INCLUDES CERTAIN NONRESIDENTS OF THIS STATE.
Int. & Com. 120; Rep. Com. 1643; Co-Sponsor added 185, 204, 1003, 1030, 1224, 1465, 1655, 1772, 1903; 2nd R. 1983; 3rd R. 2003; Rec. V. 1984; Amd. 1983; D. A. 1935; Op. 1985

H. 4681 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Henegan, Chapman and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-1-230, RELATING TO THE FIRST RESPONDERS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FROM NINE TO TEN BY ADDING A PERSON WHO REPRESENTS THE SOUTH CAROLINA CORONERS' ASSOCIATION AS A MEMBER.

Int. & Com. 121; Rep. Com. 2704; 2nd R. 2974; 3rd R. 3013; Rec. V. 2974; Op. 2975

H. 4682 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-765 SO AS TO PROVIDE IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PARK VEHICLES IN THE RIGHT OF WAY OF HIGHWAYS MAINTAINED BY GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF THESE VEHICLES, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-11-700, RELATING TO PROHIBITIONS ON DUMPING LITTER ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY, THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS REMOVAL, AND PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE MOTOR VEHICLES ARE CONSIDERED LITTER UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 121

H. 4683 -- Reps. White and Nutt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-310, RELATING TO OPEN SEASONS FOR HUNTING ANTLERED DEER, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE OPEN SEASON IN GAME ZONES 1 AND 2 FOR HUNTING ANTLERED DEER WITH ARCHERY EQUIPMENT AND FIREARMS IS OCTOBER 11 THROUGH JANUARY 15.
Int. & Com. 121

H. 4684 -- Reps. Burns and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PRESSLEY CAVIN STUTTS, JR., PATIENT AND HEALTH PROVIDER PROTECTION ACT"; AND BY ADDING SECTION 44-53-364 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESCRIBING OF OFF-LABEL MEDICATIONS AND, IF PRESCRIBED, TO REQUIRE THEIR DISPENSING, WITH EXCEPTIONS.
Int. & Com. 121

H. 4685 -- Reps. Bustos and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-1-320 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE CONSTRUCTION OR INSTALLATION OF SEPTIC TANKS WITHIN A CERTAIN PROXIMITY TO WATERWAYS OR THE COAST OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Com. 122

H. 4686 -- Reps. Bustos, Chapman and Hartnett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-6-90 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS PROHIBITING THE DISCHARGE OF CERTAIN CHEMICALS INTO THE STATE'S WATERWAYS AND DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES.
Int. & Com. 122

H. 4687 -- Reps. Dillard, Henegan and S. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-7-40, RELATING TO INFANT SAFE HAVENS, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE USE OF NEWBORN SAFETY DEVICES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 122; Co-Sponsor added 139

H. 4688 -- Reps. S. Jones, Guffey and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-7-55 SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN HOSPITALS TO COLLECT DATA ON THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF PATIENTS, TO REQUIRE HOSPITALS TO REPORT SUCH INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL AND THE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE DATA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 122; Co-Sponsor added 2458

H. 4689 -- Reps. T. Moore, Guffey, Carter, Pope, Chapman, Taylor, Hartnett, West, Felder, Ligon, Lawson, Moss, B. L. Cox and Hyde: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CHILDREN'S DEVICE PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 63 SO AS TO REQUIRE SMARTPHONES AND TABLETS TO CONTAIN CERTAIN FILTERS AND OTHER FEATURES TO PREVENT MINORS FROM ACCESSING OBSCENE MATERIALS THROUGH THE INTERNET; TO CREATE CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR MANUFACTURERS OF THESE DEVICES FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, WITH EXCEPTIONS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SOLICITORS TO BRING ACTIONS TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE; TO CREATE A PRIVATE CAUSE OF ACTION FOR PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIANS OF MINORS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND TO ESTABLISH DAMAGES THAT MAY BE RECOVERED; AND TO DESIGNATE SECTIONS 63-1-10 THROUGH 63-1-50 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "STATE POLICY AND GENERAL PROVISIONS"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-490, RELATING TO THE CRIME OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 123; Co-Sponsor added 139, 185, 1129, 1181

H. 4690 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, Magnuson and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-29-180, RELATING TO SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE VACCINATION AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DETERMINE ANY MANDATED VACCINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS.
Int. & Com. 123; Co-Sponsor added 139

H. 4691 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Pope, Guffey, Nutt, Taylor, Hartnett, Leber, Vaughan, Haddon, Chumley, Beach, Kilmartin, Oremus, O'Neal, West, Gilliam, Long, Cromer, Trantham, Burns, McCravy, S. Jones, White, Magnuson, Harris, Pace and T. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 23 TO TITLE 63 SO AS TO RECOGNIZE THAT PARENTS HAVE THE ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY TO DIRECT THE UPBRINGING, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THEIR CHILDREN; TO PROHIBIT THE STATE FROM SUBSTANTIALLY BURDENING THOSE PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO OBTAIN PARENTAL CONSENT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO CREATE A CAUSE OF ACTION FOR VIOLATION OF THE CHAPTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 123; Co-Sponsor added 139, 1031, 1082, 1655

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Int. & Com. 50

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Int. & Com. 51; Co-Sponsor added 185

H. 4695 -- Reps. Blackwell, Carter, Pope, Guffey and Chapman: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 9 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY ADDING RULE 9.7 SO AS TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE MAY FILE AS THE PRIMARY SPONSOR ON SECOND READING, AND TO REQUIRE PRIMARY SPONSORS TO BE IN ASSIGNED SEATS FOR THE ENTIRETY OF THE AMENDMENT'S DISCUSSION AND DEBATE.
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H. 4748 -- Reps. McCabe, Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE TIFFANY SPRADLEY UPON BEING NAMED THE 2023-2024 FRANCES MACK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR, TO THANK HER FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS.
Int. & Adopted 67

H. 4749 -- Reps. May, McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CAPTAIN JOHN MCMAHAN, SUPERVISOR OF THE FIREARMS AND DRIVING RANGE AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, FOR HIS SUPERLATIVE PERFORMANCE WHILE REPRESENTING THE PALMETTO STATE AT NUMEROUS SHOTGUN SHOOTING EVENTS.

Int. & Adopted 68

H. 4750 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Erickson, W. Newton, Stavrinakis, Bradley and Rivers: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE HONORABLE HENRY D. MCMASTER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, DECLARE AN ECONOMIC DISASTER OF THE DOMESTIC SHRIMPING INDUSTRY AND REQUEST A FISHERY RESOURCE DISASTER DETERMINATION BE MADE BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, PURSUANT TO THE FISHERY DISASTER IMPROVEMENT ACT.

Int. & Com.69

H. 4751 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION INVITING HIS EXCELLENCY, HENRY DARGAN MCMASTER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION AT 7:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024, IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Int. & Adopted 72; Ret. By S. With Conc. 189

H. 4752 -- Reps. Ballentine, Kilmartin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE

CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 72; Ret. By S. With Conc. 189

H. 4753 -- Reps. Ballentine, Kilmartin, Calhoon, Caskey, Forrest, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White, Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN UNDEFEATED SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2023 CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 73; Ret. By S. With Conc. 189

H. 4754 -- Reps. Sandifer and Ligon: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 57, TITLE 40 SO AS TO OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDERS OF PRELICENSING AND CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES FOR REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS; BY ADDING SECTION 40-57-725 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND PENALTIES AND APPEALS; BY AMENDING CHAPTER 57, TITLE 40, RELATING TO REAL ESTATE BROKERS, BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, ASSOCIATES, AND PROPERTY MANAGERS, SO AS TO, AMONG OTHER THINGS, DEFINE TERMS, MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, DEFINE THE USE OF APPLICATION FEES, OUTLINE THE PROCEDURE FOR A LICENSE CLASSIFICATION CHANGE, ALLOW FOR RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER JURISDICTIONS, PROHIBIT BAD FAITH AGREEMENTS, REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF REQUIRED CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION FOR BROKERS-IN-CHARGE, PROHIBIT ENGAGING IN, REPRESENTING OTHERS IN, OR ASSISTING OTHERS IN THE PRACTICE OF WHOLESALING, REGULATE TEAM MARKETING, AND ADDRESS LICENSING AFTER REVOCATION; AND BY ADDING SECTION 40-57-820 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THAT LICENSEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR WORK PRODUCT.
Int. & Com. 132; Rep. Com. 1635; 2nd R. 1844; 3rd R. 1906; Rec. V. 1850, 4544; Amd. 1845; Point of Order 1778; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4511; Conc. & Enr. 4511; Rat. 4690

H. 4755 -- Reps. Carter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest,

Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE D.W. DANIEL HIGH SCHOOL LIONS PRIDE MARCHING BAND AND BAND DIRECTOR ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO APPLAUD THEM ON WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 69

H. 4756 -- Reps. Carter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE D.W. DANIEL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES FOR A SPECTACULAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON TAKING HOME THE 2023 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 70

H. 4757 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Murphy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR R. KEITH SUMMEY, MAYOR OF

NORTH CHARLESTON, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS A COMMUNITY CONSENSUS BUILDER, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 70

H. 4758 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEBBY STIDHAM FOR HER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS OFFICE.
Int. & Adopted 142

H. 4759 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SAINT PAUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF WINNSBORO FOR A CENTURY AND A HALF OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO EXTEND WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE CHURCH'S HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.
Int. & Adopted 143

H. 4760 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF RANDY CRAIG SIMS OF WINNSBORO AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY

AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 144

H. 4761 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF BARBARA WILLINGHAM JONES OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 144

H. 4762 -- Reps. Felder, Guffey, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR PEGGY UPCHURCH OF YORK COUNTY FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN AND TO WISH HER WELL AS SHE CONTINUES TO SERVE FEDERATED REPUBLICAN WOMEN AT THE NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVEL.
Int. & Adopted 144

H. 4763 -- Reps. Ligon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHIEF ANDREW H. MARTIN OF THE WEST CHESTER FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR HIS EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON A HALF CENTURY OF HELPING THE CHESTER COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 145

H. 4764 -- Reps. Wooten, Ballentine, Calhoon, Caskey, Forrest, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler,

Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE GRAY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY CHEER SQUAD, COACHES, AND ADMINISTRATION FOR AN EXCELLENT SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 145

H. 4765 -- Reps. Wooten, Kilmartin, Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH PHIL SAVITZ OF RIVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CAREER AS BOTH COACH AND EDUCATOR, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS APPROACHING RETIREMENT AS A COACH, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 146

H. 4766 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE PINEVIEW RURITAN CLUB AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 147

H. 4767 -- Reps. Howard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos,

Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BISHOPVILLE NATIVE DRINK SMALL, AMERICAN SOUL BLUES AND ELECTRIC BLUES GUITARIST, PIANIST, SINGER, AND SONGWRITER, FOR HIS LONG AND SUCCESSFUL CAREER.
Int. & Adopted 148

H. 4768 -- Reps. Howard, Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A FABULOUS SEASON.
Int. & Adopted 148

H. 4769 -- Reps. Rivers, Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore,

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Int. & Adopted 149

H. 4770 -- Reps. Rivers, Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ESSIE MAE HOLMES ON THE OCCASION OF HER EIGHTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 150

H. 4771 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WHITE KNOLL HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT FOOTBALL COACH NEAL SMITH AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING NAMED THE AAAAA LOWER STATE ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR.
Int. & Adopted 150

H. 4772 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer,

Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SANDY GERONOMI OF LEXINGTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ONE UPON BEING NAMED 2023-2024 WHITE KNOLL HIGH SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR, TO THANK HER FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 151

H. 4773 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE WHITE KNOLL HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2023 CLASS AAAAA LOWER STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM ON BEING NAMED CLASS AAAAA STATE RUNNER-UP.
Int. & Adopted 152

H. 4774 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Calhoon, Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose,

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Int. & Adopted 152

H. 4775 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TOMEKA LOVE, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF RED BANK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FOR HER YEARS AS AN EXCELLENT EDUCATOR IN THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON BEING NAMED THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA ELEMENTARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR.
Int. & Adopted 153

H. 4776 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WHITE KNOLL HIGH SCHOOL HEAD FOOTBALL COACH NICK PELHAM AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING NAMED THE AAAAA LOWER STATE HEAD COACH OF THE YEAR.
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H. 4777 -- Reps. Thayer, West, Gagnon, Beach, Chapman, Cromer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE PALMETTO HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2023 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
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H. 4778 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BENJAMIN KEAGBOREKUZI IKENCHUKU GBENOBA, DEIN OF THE AGBOR KINGDOM IN NIGERIA, AND EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH AMERICA.
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H. 4779 -- Reps. Henegan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope,

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H. 4780 -- Reps. Henegan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF NELLIE "JEAN" STREATER OF CHERAW, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
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H. 4781 -- Reps. Henegan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR ELDER JOHNNY GREEN OF VICTORY WALK MINISTRIES FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS IN SERVICE AND TO WISH HIM GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.
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H. 4782 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg,

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H. 4783 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE FACULTY, STAFF, STUDENTS, AND PARENTS OF KILLIAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT TWO, UPON THE OCCASION OF THE SCHOOL'S TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

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H. 4789 -- Rep. Sandifer: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JAMEY GOLDIN AND JULIE GOLDIN ON THE BIRTH OF THEIR DAUGHTER, GEORGIA GRACE GOLDIN, ON NOVEMBER 3, 2023.
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H. 4790 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MS. BERNIE BELL OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
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H. 4791 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter,

Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE LAURA CADY OF JAMES ISLAND FOR HER QUICK THINKING AND CALM DEMEANOR UPON DISCOVERING A SEVERELY INJURED PERSON IN HER NEIGHBORHOOD AND TO THANK HER FOR THE SWIFT ACTIONS THAT HELPED SAVE THE LIFE OF THAT PERSON, JENNIFER DRUMMOND.

Int. & Adopted 162

H. 4792 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Brewer, Bustos, Gatch, Gilliard, Hartnett, Hewitt, Landing, Leber, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE DAVID J. MACK III AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

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H. 4793 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith,

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Int. & Adopted 164

H. 4795 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOEY DUGGAN, CHIEF OF THE CITY OF SUMTER FIRE DIVISION, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
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H. 4796 -- Reps. S. Jones, Gilliam, Willis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey,

Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LAURENS ACADEMY VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

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H. 4797 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21-27, 2024, AS NATIONAL CORONER AND MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATOR WEEK IN HONOR OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CORONERS ASSOCIATION, CORONERS, DEPUTY CORONERS, AND MEDICOLEGAL DEATH INVESTIGATORS.

Int. & Adopted 166

H. 4798 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis,

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H. 4799 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR NATALIE SENN, SUPPORT STAFF AT NEWBERRY HIGH SCHOOL IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEWBERRY COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2023-2024 SUPPORT STAFF EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR.
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H. 4800 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARIE WISE, A TEACHER AT MID-CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE SCHOOL'S 2023-2024 TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND NEWBERRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2023-2024 TEACHER OF THE YEAR.
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H. 4801 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF LIEUTENANT MICHAEL CHARLES WOOD, JR., OF NEWBERRY COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
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H. 4802 -- Reps. Magnuson and A. M. Morgan: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 4.6 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO REQUESTS BY MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FOR COMMITTEES TO TAKE UP THEIR BILLS, SO AS TO ADD THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE SET BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS WITH THIRTY OR MORE SPONSORS FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE MEASURE BY THE FULL COMMITTEE OR SUBCOMMITTEE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF ITS REFERRAL TO THE COMMITTEE; AND TO AMEND RULE 5.1, RELATING TO INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS AND THEIR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES, SO AS TO REQUIRE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SPONSORED BY A MAJORITY OF THE HOUSE TO BE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR.
Int. & Com. 170; Co-Sponsor added 1975

H. 4803 -- Reps. McCabe, Forrest, Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ZAMAYA GARY, ELLA

LEAPHART, CAMERON NORMAN, ADDISON PEAGLER, KATIE REED, STARLYNN ROBERTSON, AND KAYLA PIZZUTI, THE GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL ALL-REGION COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADERS FOR 2023.
Int. & Adopted 170

H. 4804 -- Reps. Bernstein, Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE TRENHOLM LITTLE LEAGUE MAJORS 12U SOFTBALL TEAM AND COACHES FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA LITTLE LEAGUE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 171

H. 4805 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MONUMENTAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF FLORENCE ON THE OCCASION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR A HALF-CENTURY OF SERVICE AS A "MONUMENT TO GOD AND TO NORTH FLORENCE".
Int. & Adopted 172

H. 4806 -- Reps. Rivers and Gilliard: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF THE SEA ISLAND PARKWAY IN BEAUFORT COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH COWEN CREEK BLUFF TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH COWEN CREEK BRIDGE "MONTFORD POINT MARINES WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS

OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 172; Rep. Com. 1199; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4401; Adopted 1251

H. 4807 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SUMTER NATIVE JORDAN MONTGOMERY ON HIS DEBUT AS A STARTING PITCHER FOR THE 2023 WORLD SERIES AND TO APPLAUD HIS TEAM, THE TEXAS RANGERS, ON CAPTURING THEIR FIRST WORLD SERIES TITLE IN TEAM HISTORY.
Int. & Adopted 173; Ret. By S. With Conc. 996

H. 4808 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT SALES MADE TO INDIVIDUALS EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2646, RELATING TO RETAILERS POSTING NOTICE TO INDIVIDUALS EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE.
Int. & Com. 175

H. 4809 -- Rep. May: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-1-315 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PERSON MAY ENTER AND REMOVE A MINOR, VULNERABLE ADULT, OR AN ANIMAL FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE IF THE MINOR, VULNERABLE ADULT, OR ANIMAL IS EXPERIENCING A LIFE THREATENING OR EXTREME HEALTH THREATENING SITUATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO REMOVES A MINOR, VULNERABLE ADULT, OR AN ANIMAL PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION IS IMMUNE FROM CRIMINAL AND CIVIL LIABILITY; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 15-3-700 RELATING TO IMMUNITY FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE INCURRED IN RESCUE OF A MINOR OR VULNERABLE ADULT FROM A MOTOR VEHICLE.
Int. & Com. 175

H. 4810 -- Reps. Bannister and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN CLOTHING REQUIRED FOR USE IN PERISHABLE PREPARED FOOD MANUFACTURING FACILITIES.

Int. & Com. 175; Rep. Com. 1167; 2nd R. 1245; 3rd R. 1278; Rec. V. 1245

H. 4811 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1230 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT OVERTIME INCOME IS EXEMPT FROM CERTAIN TAXES.
Int. & Com. 175

H. 4812 -- Rep. Ballentine: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-40-250 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A QUALIFYING CHARTER SCHOOL SHALL RECEIVE A CERTAIN INCREASE IN FUNDING.
Int. & Com. 176

H. 4813 -- Reps. Wooten, W. Newton and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-23-60, RELATING TO CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE ISSUED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL, SO AS TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING CERTIFICATION MUST UNDERGO CRIMINAL RECORDS CHECKS, TO PROVIDE SLED AND THE FBI MAY RETAIN THE INDIVIDUALS' FINGERPRINTS FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES, AND TO PROVIDE THE INDIVIDUALS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COSTS OF THE RECORDS CHECKS.
Int. & Com. 176; Rep. Com. 1887; Co-Sponsor added 2419; 2nd R. 2483; 3rd R. 2586; Rec. V. 2484

H. 4814 -- Reps. Gilliard, Henegan, Pendarvis and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 31-3-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A VALID LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION IN ORDER TO PERFORM WORK FOR A PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.
Int. & Com. 176

H. 4815 -- Reps. Gilliard, Henegan, Pendarvis and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-39-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A LANDLORD MAY NOT REQUIRE A CREDIT SCORE FROM A POTENTIAL TENANT.
Int. & Com. 176

H. 4816 -- Reps. Gilliard, King, Pendarvis, Henegan, J. Moore and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 31-3-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO A TENANT REMOVED FROM A PUBLIC HOUSING UNIT MUST BE STORED FOR SIX MONTHS AND TO REQUIRE THE PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO MEET CERTAIN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 176

H. 4817 -- Reps. West and G. M. Smith: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-500, RELATING TO THE SALE OR PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS WITHOUT PROOF OF AGE AND THE LOCATION OF VENDING MACHINES, SO

AS TO INCLUDE ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND TO REQUIRE INDIVIDUALS SEEKING TO PURCHASE TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS TO PRESENT PROOF OF AGE UPON DEMAND, AND TO ALLOW THE PURCHASE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ALTERNATIVE NICOTINE PRODUCTS FROM VENDING MACHINES IN CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS.

Int. & Com. 177; Rep. Com. 1642; 2nd R. 1930; 3rd R. 2406; Rec. V. 1931; D. A. 1983; Point of Order 1794; Rat. 4690

H. 4818 -- Reps. Felder, Bernstein and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-105 SO AS TO ALLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES TO BRING WATER BOTTLES TO SCHOOL WITH EXCEPTIONS.

Int. & Com. 177

H. 4819 -- Reps. Felder, Bernstein and Calhoon: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1960, RELATING IN PART TO PARKING PLACARDS FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, SO AS TO ALLOW APPLICANTS FOR HANDICAPPED PARKING PLACARDS TO PROVIDE A PHOTOGRAPH FOR THE PLACARD SUBJECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE'S APPROVAL.

Int. & Com. 177; Rep. Com. 1639; 2nd R. 1920; 3rd R. 1979; Rec. V. 1920; Point of Order 1787; Rat. 4414

H. 4820 -- Reps. Forrest, Hixon, Hayes, Chumley, Burns, Haddon, Magnuson, Chapman, McDaniel and Gibson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING SEASON AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-500, RELATING TO PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO WILD TURKEY, SO AS TO PROHIBIT HUNTING, KILLING, OR POSSESSING A MALE WILD TURKEY WITH A BEARD LESS THAN SIX INCHES LONG AND A TAIL FAN THAT IS NOT FULLY DEVELOPED, AND STALKING A WILD TURKEY BEHIND A DECOY OR TAIL FAN; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-590, RELATING TO YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING WEEKEND, SO AS TO ADJUST THE DATES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOWED TOTAL BAG LIMIT; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-640, RELATING TO WILD TURKEY TAG FEES, SO AS TO INCREASE TAG FEES; TO PROVIDE A SUNSET CLAUSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 5 OF ACT 91 OF 2021, RELATING TO CATCH AND SIZE LIMITS FOR THE TAKING, POSSESSING, LANDING, SELLING, OR PURCHASING OF CERTAIN FISH FROM THE STATE'S WATERS.

Int. & Com. 177; Rep. Com. 1518, 1965; Co-Sponsor added 1031; Recom. 1623; 2nd R. 2632; 3rd R. 2692; Rec. V. 2633, 4540, 4831; Amd. 2632, 4540; S/A Amd. 4540; D. A. 2486, 2498, 2597; Point of Order 1574; Con. Com. 4581; Rep. Con. Com. 4828; Adopted 4828; M. To S. 4582, 4832; M. from S. 4581, 4583, 4832; Rat. 4926

H. 4821 -- Reps. May, Wooten, Caskey, White, McCabe and Calhoon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION

59-53-1710, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE COMMISSION, SO AS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS REPRESENTING LEXINGTON COUNTY BY ONE MEMBER AND TO CORRESPONDINGLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS REPRESENTING RICHLAND COUNTY BY ONE MEMBER; AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FIRST MEMBER OF THE MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE COMMISSION REPRESENTING RICHLAND COUNTY WHOSE TERM EXPIRES AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT MUST BE REPLACED BY A MEMBER REPRESENTING LEXINGTON COUNTY APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF A MAJORITY OF THE LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION REPRESENTING LEXINGTON COUNTY.
Int. & Com. 178

H. 4822 -- Reps. May and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-29-80, RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION AND ALTERNATE EQUIVALENT INSTRUCTION, SO AS TO PROVIDE PARTICIPATION FOR ONE FULL SEASON ON HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS, LOCAL RECREATIONAL DEPARTMENT TEAMS, OR TEAMS SPONSORED BY NONPROFIT YOUTH SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS MUST SATISFY THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION COURSEWORK REQUIREMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.
Int. & Com. 178

H. 4823 -- Reps. Blackwell, Sandifer and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-30-200 SO AS TO MANDATE EXPEDITED REVIEW OPTIONS FOR CERTAIN LICENSES AND PERMITS REQUIRED FOR BUSINESSES AND OCCUPATIONS, TO REQUIRE TIMELY APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSES, AND TO PROHIBIT STATE AGENCIES FROM IMPLEMENTING OR ENFORCING POLICIES, GUIDELINES, OR OTHER INTERPRETIVE STATEMENTS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PROMULGATED AS REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT.
Int. & Com. 178; Co-Sponsor added 1003

H. 4824 -- Reps. McDaniel, Henegan, Gilliard, Hosey, Henderson-Myers, Thigpen, Bauer, Garvin, J. Moore, White, Jefferson, King, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers, Williams, Clyburn and Howard: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF STATE EMPLOYEES WHOSE INCOME LEVEL QUALIFIES THE STATE EMPLOYEE TO RECEIVE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUNDS FROM THE STATE.
Int. & Com. 179; Co-Sponsor added 204

H. 4825 -- Reps. Hewitt, Murphy, W. Newton, Brewer, Gatch, Robbins, Kirby, Mitchell, Crawford, Yow, Bailey, Pope, Guest, Hartnett, West, Oremus, Leber, Williams, Jefferson, Gilliard, Schuessler, Landing, Bustos, Calhoon, Gilliam, Gibson, M. M. Smith, B. Newton and Anderson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO OFFENSES INVOLVING KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO INCLUDE UNLAWFULLY LURING ANOTHER PERSON, TO PROVIDE FOR A SENTENCING ENHANCEMENT

WHEN THE VICTIM IS A MINOR, TO SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE FOR PUNISHMENT FOR ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING OFFENSES, AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "MINOR".

Int. & Com. 179; Rep. Com. 1110; Co-Sponsor added 1031, 1181, 1225; 2nd R. 1234; 3rd R. 1277; Rec. V. 1235, 4526; Point of Order 1187; Non-Conc. 4526; M. To S. 4527

H. 4826 -- Reps. Chumley, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DANIEL HUGHES "DAN" TATE AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 197

H. 4827 -- Reps. Brewer, Anderson, Bustos, Cobb-Hunter, B. L. Cox, Davis, Gatch, Gilliard, Hartnett, Hewitt, Jefferson, Kirby, Landing, Leber, J. Moore, Murphy, Pace, Pendarvis, Robbins, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARY THORNLEY, THE TRANSFORMATIVE PRESIDENT OF TRIDENT TECHNICAL COLLEGE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER FIFTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 197

H. 4828 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CLARENCE ANDERSON, JR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO

WISH HIM A JOYOUS CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 198

H. 4829 -- Rep. McCravy: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THOMAS CLYDE BURROUGHS, CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER FOUR, RETIRED, FOR AN OUTSTANDING CAREER AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS VALOR IN SERVICE FOR WHICH HE WAS AWARDED THE PURPLE HEART.
Int. & Adopted 198

H. 4830 -- Reps. Taylor, Blackwell, Oremus, Hixon and Clyburn: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AIKEN EVENTING TEAM MEMBERS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE UNIVERSITY'S FIRST NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN ANY SPORT.
Int. & Adopted 199; Ret. By S. With Conc. 996

H. 4831 -- Reps. Elliott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2024, AS "CLEMSON DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 199

H. 4832 -- Reps. Hardee, Sandifer, Anderson, Ligon and Schuessler: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH FAMILY LEAVE BENEFITS, OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS OF FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE POLICIES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 200; Rep. Com. 1255; Co-Sponsor added 1100, 1271; 2nd R. 1418; 3rd R. 1466; Rec. V. 1419, 4447; Amd. 1418; Proposed Amd. 1362; D. A. 1362; Point of Order 1334; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4447; Conc. & Enr. 4447; Rat. 4691

H. 4833 -- Rep. Burns: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLACE APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THE STATE-MAINTAINED ROAD ENTRANCES TO THE TOWN OF SLATER-MARRIETTA IN GREENVILLE COUNTY CONTAINING THE WORDS

"HOME OF THE SLATER-MARIETTA HIGH SCHOOL GREEN WAVE FIVE-TIME SOUTH CAROLINA BOYS STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS: 1953, 1962, 1964, 1966, AND 1971".
Int. & Com. 200; Rep. Com. 1168; Adopted 1250; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1629

H. 4834 -- Reps. McCabe, Haddon, May, Burns, Forrest and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-14-40, RELATING TO CERTAIN LAND-DISTURBING ACTIVITIES EXEMPT FROM PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 14, TITLE 48, SO AS TO INCLUDE AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES USED TO HOUSE LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, CROPS, OR OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, MATERIAL OR EQUIPMENT, AS WELL AS OTHER TYPES OF AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES OF ONE OR MORE ACRES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
Int. & Com. 200; Co-Sponsor added 2627

H. 4835 -- Reps. McCabe, Haddon, May, Burns, Forrest and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-11-360, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM CONTRACTOR LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR OWNERS CONSTRUCTING FARM BUILDINGS OR PORTABLE STORAGE BUILDINGS WITH LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR SPACE USED ONLY FOR LIVESTOCK OR STORAGE, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SQUARE FOOTAGE LIMITATION TO FIFTY THOUSAND SQUARE FEET AND TO INCLUDE POULTRY AMONG THE QUALIFYING USE PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 201; Co-Sponsor added 2627

H. 4836 -- Reps. Hartnett, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SARAH CLEVELAND PINCKNEY AMBLER OF CHARLESTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 1004

H. 4837 -- Reps. Howard, Ballentine, Bauer, Bernstein, Garvin, Hart, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, Rose, Rutherford, Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell,

B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT KENNETH FITZSIMMONS OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.
Int. & Adopted 1004; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1063

H. 4838 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT JACK CORBETT, JR., AND CORPORAL ANDREW ARLEDGE OF THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2023 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.
Int. & Adopted 1005; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1063

H. 4839 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White,

Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MASTER DEPUTY ALFRED J. DOCTOR OF THE LEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2023 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.
Int. & Adopted 1006; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1064

H. 4840 -- Reps. Bamberg, Cobb-Hunter, Hosey, Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR SERGEANT DWAYNE DUCKSON OF THE BAMBERG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND LANCE CORPORAL BENTRICE FRAZIER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2023 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.
Int. & Adopted 1007; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1065

H. 4841 -- Rep. Hayes: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF FRIENDSHIP ROAD IN DILLON COUNTY FROM STATE ROAD 308 (LESTER ROAD) TO STATE ROAD 71 (JUDGE ROAD) "JACKSON RYAN WINKELER MEMORIAL ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS DESIGNATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 1007; Rep. Com. 1168; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1399; Adopted 1250

H. 4842 -- Rep. Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA AGE-APPROPRIATE DESIGN CODE ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR INFORMATION FIDUCIARY, TO PROVIDE SCOPE AND EXCLUSIONS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR COVERED ENTITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR PROHIBITIONS FOR COVERED ENTITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR DATA PRACTICES, TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR LIMITATIONS.
Int. & Com. 1008

H. 4843 -- Reps. Bailey, Brittain, Guest, J. E. Johnson, Sandifer and Anderson: AN ACT

TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-39-148 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN BUSINESSES WITH A DECK OR OTHER STRUCTURE LOCATED IN A CRITICAL AREA TO USE THE STRUCTURE FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FOOD OR BEVERAGE SERVICES TO PATRONS.

Int. & Com. 1008; Rep. Com. 2681; Co-Sponsor added 1359, 2458; 2nd R. 3058; 3rd R. 3107; Rec. V. 3059, 4449, 4755; Amd. 3058; Proposed Amd. 3058, 3059; Point of Order 2932; Non-Conc. 4449; Enr. 4757; Con. Com. 4570; Rep. Con. Com. 4754; Adopted 4754; M. To S. 4449, 4570, 4756; M. from S. 4570, 4754; Rat. 4927

H. 4844 -- Reps. Hartnett, W. Newton, Erickson, M. M. Smith, Bradley, B. L. Cox, Hager, Wetmore, Hewitt, West, B. Newton, Taylor, Neese, Robbins, Landing, Brewer, Vaughan, Bustos, Herbkersman, Hixon, Moss, Murphy, Rutherford, Sandifer, Stavrinakis, Wooten and Hardee: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-23-37 SO AS TO REQUIRE OWNERS OF CERTAIN BOATS ANCHORED IN THE WATERS OF THIS STATE TO MAINTAIN MARINE RECOVERY INSURANCE ON THEIR BOATS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

Int. & Com. 1009; Co-Sponsor added 1572

H. 4845 -- Reps. Murphy, G. M. Smith, Brewer, T. Moore, Guest, Hager, Yow, Mitchell, W. Newton, Lawson and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CRITERIA FOR MILITARY CHAPLAINS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT MILITARY CHAPLAINS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE TO REFUSE TO DISCLOSE CERTAIN CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Int. & Com. 1009

H. 4846 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (SCISA) TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS STUDENT GOVERNMENT FALL CONFERENCE ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024, AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024, PROVIDED THE HOUSE IS NOT IN SESSION, AND THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE USED IF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS IN SESSION OR THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.

Int. & Adopted 1011

H. 4847 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope,

Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CINDERELLA SHAW OF LADY'S ISLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN BEAUFORT AND TO CONGRATULATE HER UPON BEING CHOSEN AS AN EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATOR BY CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES.
Int. & Adopted 1012

H. 4848 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE THE NORTHSIDE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL FOR WINNING THE CLASS 3A SOUTH CAROLINA CROSS COUNTRY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 1012

H. 4849 -- Reps. Calhoon, Erickson and Bradley: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE JULY 2024 AS JUVENILE ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH AND URGE CITIZENS TO BE MINDFUL OF THE CONDITION AND ITS EFFECT ON SOUTH CAROLINA'S YOUTH.
Int. & Adopted 1019; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1157

H. 4850 -- Rep. Rose: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF KATHY TERESA MITCHELL HOPE OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1013

H. 4851 -- Rep. Forrest: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE BARBARA JEAN "BJ" MORRIS WILLIAMS UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RECENT RETIREMENT AS CLERK OF COURT FOR THE BATESBURG-LEESVILLE MUNICIPAL COURT, TO COMMEND HER FOR MORE THAN FORTY-FOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 1013

H. 4852 -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine,

Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE BARBARA RIPPY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Int. & Adopted 1014

H. 4853 -- Reps. Pope, Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND TAIWAN FOR ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Int. & Adopted 1014

H. 4854 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND

HONOR THE CLARENDON HALL VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1015

H. 4855 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR OBADARE PETER ADEWALE, FOUNDER AND CHIEF VISIONARY OFFICER OF DIGITAL ENCODE LIMITED.
Int. & Adopted 1016

H. 4856 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Bradley, Erickson, Hager, W. Newton, Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE BREAKING GROUND OF THE ARTHUR E. BROWN REGIONAL WORKFORCE TRAINING CENTER AT THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE OF THE LOWCOUNTRY AND TO HONOR U.S. ARMY GENERAL (RET.) ARTHUR E. BROWN.
Int. & Adopted 1016

H. 4857 -- Reps. Erickson, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Bradley and Hager: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BARRIER ISLAND OF DATAW.
Int. & Adopted 1017

H. 4858 -- Reps. Atkinson, Alexander, Anderson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2024 AS "CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL CITIZENS, COMMUNITIES, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PRIVATE BUSINESSES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE MEDIA TO INCREASE AWARENESS OF WHAT CAN BE DONE TO SUPPORT THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILDHOOD CANCER.
Int. & Adopted 1017

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Int. & Adopted 1019; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1084

H. 4860 -- Reps. Bustos, Brewer, Gatch, Gilliard, Hartnett, Hewitt, Landing, Leber, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DEPUTY EVAN CUBBAGE AND DEPUTY ALEXANDER HODGE OF THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON BEING AWARDED THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION MEDAL OF VALOR.
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H. 4861 -- Rep. Hiott: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE VITAL ROLE OF FIRST RESPONDERS THROUGHOUT OUR STATE AND TO PROCLAIM SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST RESPONDER PRAYER AND APPRECIATION DAY" AND THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST 2024 AS "SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST RESPONDER PRAYER AND APPRECIATION WEEK" IN SOUTH CAROLINA, BRINGING AWARENESS, PRAYER, AND APPRECIATION FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO STAND IN THE GAP EVERY DAY PROVIDING CIVILITY AND SAFETY TO OUR COMMUNITIES.
Int. & Adopted 1020

H. 4862 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAMES DENNIS GARDNER, FORMER CHIEF OF THE MACEDONIA FIRE DEPARTMENT, UPON THE RECENT OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AS CHIEF AFTER DECADES OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE.
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Int. & Com. 1021; Rep. Com. 1169; Adopted 1250

H. 4864 -- Rep. Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "TEACHER BILL OF RIGHTS" BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-60 SO AS TO ENUMERATE THE BASIC RIGHTS TO WHICH ALL CERTIFIED PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THIS STATE ARE ENTITLED.
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Int. & Com. 1023; Co-Sponsor added 1082

H. 4866 -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, G. M. Smith, Moss, Hiott, Blackwell, B. L. Cox, Sessions, Caskey, M. M. Smith, Mitchell, Hart, Leber, Taylor, Robbins and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SMART HEART ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-165 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A CARDIAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN IN EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ATHLETICS EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN IN EACH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOL; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-17-155, RELATING TO THE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM IN HIGH SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE EACH PUBLIC SCHOOL SHALL ENSURE THE PRESENCE OF AN AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR ONSITE AND WITHIN CERTAIN PROXIMITY OF SCHOOL ATHLETIC VENUES, TO PROVIDE RELATED TESTING, MAINTENANCE, AND PERSONNEL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 1024; Co-Sponsor added 1082, 1129, 1225, 1271, 1359, 1572, 1616, 1772

H. 4867 -- Reps. Lawson, Hayes, G. M. Smith, Moss, Hiott, Blackwell, B. L. Cox, Caskey, M. M. Smith, Hart, Sandifer, J. E. Johnson, Brittain and Bauer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-45 SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL 911 TELECOMMUNICATORS THAT PROVIDE DISPATCH FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CONDITIONS TO BE TRAINED IN HIGH-QUALITY TELECOMMUNICATOR CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION (T-CPR), AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PERSONS WHO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION ARE NOT LIABLE FOR CERTAIN INJURIES THAT OCCUR FROM ACTS PERFORMED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-23-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS OF TERMS REGARDING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY, SO AS TO PROVIDE A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM "T-CPR".
Int. & Com. 1024; Rep. Com. 2704; Co-Sponsor added 1082, 1129, 1225, 1271, 1532; 2nd R. 2966; 3rd R. 3012; Rec. V. 2968, 4528; Amd. 2966; Op. 2969; Point of Order 2966; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4528; Conc. & Enr. 4528; Rat. 4691

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H. 4869 -- Reps. Sandifer, Hardee, Ligon and Jefferson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-3-150, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE OR HIS DESIGNEES TO CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND HEARINGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF SUCH INVESTIGATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-9-200, RELATING TO CONDITIONS FOR ALLOWING REINSURANCE CREDITS, SO AS TO REVISE CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-13-10, RELATING TO INSURER EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE SUCH EXAMINATIONS ARE FINANCIAL EXAMINATIONS, TO APPLY THE PROVISIONS TO HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER LICENSEES OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO PROVIDE MARKET CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-13-70, RELATING TO INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR OR HIS DESIGNEES MAY CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INVESTIGATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FINAL ORDERS DISCIPLINING LICENSEES ARE PUBLIC INFORMATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 38-57-130, RELATING TO INSURANCE TRADE PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE REVISED EXEMPTIONS FROM PROVISIONS PROHIBITING MISREPRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS, AND REBATES IN INSURANCE CONTRACTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 38-77-170, RELATING TO THE REQUIRED CONDITIONS TO SUE OR RECOVER UNDER UNINSURED MOTORIST PROVISION WHEN THE OPERATOR OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE CAUSING INJURY OR DAMAGE IS UNKNOWN, SO AS TO ALLOW FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A RECORDING OF THE ACCIDENT, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 1025; Rep. Com. 1256; Co-Sponsor added 1271, 1332; 2nd R. 1365; 3rd R. 1412; Rec. V. 1367, 4542; Amd. 1365; Point of Order 1335; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4542; Conc. & Enr. 4542; Rat. 4691

H. 4870 -- Rep. May: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-190, RELATING TO SCHEDULE 1 CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, SO AS TO ADD TIANEPTINE TO SCHEDULE 1.
Int. & Com. 1025

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CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-116-10, SECTION 59-116-20, SECTION 59-116-30, SECTION 59-116-80, AND SECTION 59-116-120, ALL RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND CONDUCT OF CAMPUS SECURITY DEPARTMENTS BY PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS, THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE, AND THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR ARTS AND HUMANITIES AMONG THE INSTITUTIONS THAT MAY ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN SUCH CAMPUS SECURITY DEPARTMENTS.
Int. & Com. 1026

H. 4873 -- Reps. Ligon, Felder, Carter and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 141 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF GENE THERAPY BY REQUIRING CERTAIN LABELING OF GENE THERAPY PRODUCTS, DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION, AND INFORMED CONSENT.
Int. & Com. 1026; Co-Sponsor added 1082, 1359

H. 4874 -- Reps. Hixon, Chapman and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 17 TO TITLE 50 SO AS TO REGULATE CAPTIVE WILDLIFE BY DEFINING TERMS, OUTLINING THE PERMITTING PROCESS, LISTING EXCEPTIONS, AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-16-40, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO THE PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR WILDLIFE IMPORTED FOR EXHIBITION PURPOSES, SO AS TO LIMIT THE EXCEPTIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 50-11-1180 RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ISSUE PERMITS TO COLLECT PROTECTED WILDLIFE FOR SCIENTIFIC OR PROPAGATING PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 1026; Co-Sponsor added 1903; 2nd R. 2695; 3rd R. 2924; Rec. V. 2695; Amd. 2630; D. A. 2485, 2498, 2596, 2630, 2643, 2659

H. 4875 -- Reps. Ott, Brewer, Atkinson and Caskey: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-1910, RELATING TO THE SALE OF DEER OR DEER PARTS, SO AS TO ALLOW A PROCESSOR TO PROCESS A LEGALLY TAKEN DOE DONATED BY A HUNTER AND RECOVER THE FEES OF PROCESSING FROM SOMEONE OTHER THAN THE HUNTER WHO DONATED THE DOE, AND TO INCREASE PENALTIES.
Int. & Com. 1027; Rep. Com. 1517; Co-Sponsor added 1225, 1465, 1616; 2nd R. 1620; 3rd R. 1656; Rec. V. 1621; Amd. 1620; Point of Order 1574; Rat. 4414

H. 4876 -- Reps. Jefferson, Cobb-Hunter, Robbins, Gatch, Murphy and Brewer: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 536 OF 1986, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4, SO AS TO CHANGE THE CANDIDATE FILING METHOD FROM THE PETITION METHOD TO THE FILING OF A STATEMENT OF INTENTION OF CANDIDACY WITH THE DORCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS.
Int. & Com. 1027; 2nd R. 1410; 3rd R. 1466; Rec. V. 1410; Rat. 2001

H. 4877 -- Reps. Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF AVERY MATTHEW DAVIS OF ORANGEBURG, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 1018

H. 4878 -- Rep. Ott: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 6 IN LEXINGTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH TICKLE WEED ROAD "STANLEY MYERS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Int. & Com. 1022; Rep. Com. 1169; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1399; Adopted 1251

H. 4879 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE HISTORIC ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SAINT BEULAH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND THE REVEREND TERRENCE L. WASHINGTON AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THEIR GOD AND TO THE FLORENCE COMMUNITY.

Int. & Adopted 1067

H. 4880 -- Reps. Thayer, West, Gagnon, Chapman, Cromer, Beach, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JOHNNIE RAMEY OF ANDERSON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

Int. & Adopted 1068

H. 4881 -- Reps. Cromer, Beach, Thayer, Chapman, West, Gagnon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ERIC AUTENRIETH, CEO OF THE STANLEY-AUTENRIETH AUCTION GROUP, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING NAMED THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL AUTO AUCTION ASSOCIATION.

Int. & Adopted 1068

H. 4882 -- Reps. Cromer, Beach, Thayer, Chapman, West, Gagnon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing,

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Int. & Adopted 1069

H. 4883 -- Reps. Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF ALBERTHA "MOTT" GARDNER LADSON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1070

H. 4884 -- Reps. Chapman, Beach, West, Cromer, Gagnon, Thayer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WESTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
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Int. & Adopted 1071

H. 4886 -- Reps. Wheeler, Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM CALEB "CALE" YARBOROUGH AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
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H. 4887 -- Reps. Lowe, Alexander, Jordan, Kirby, Williams, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J.

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Int. & Adopted 1072; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1104

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Int. & Com. 1077

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Int. & Com. 1077; Co-Sponsor added 1130

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Int. & Com. 1078

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Int. & Adopted 1074; S/A Amd. 1756; Op. 1954, 3151; Conc. 1756; M. To S. 1759

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Int. & Adopted 1088

H. 4897 -- Reps. Gatch, Murphy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter,

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Int. & Adopted 1089

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Int. & Adopted 1089

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Int. & Adopted 1090

H. 4900 -- Reps. Murphy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman,

Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE PINEWOOD PREPARATORY SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1090

H. 4901 -- Reps. Murphy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE THE PINEWOOD PREPARATORY SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER TEAM ON ITS EXCELLENT SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM'S FINE ATHLETES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2023 CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1091

H. 4902 -- Rep. Hager: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 IN HAMPTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 363 TO THE HAMPTON-ALLENDALE COUNTY LINE THE "HONORABLE JAMES RISHER, SR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 1092; Rep. Com. 1815; Adopted 1946

H. 4903 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman,

Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CLARENDON HALL VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Int. & Adopted 1093; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1158

H. 4904 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE BROAD RIVER ALONG SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAYS 49 AND 9 IN UNION COUNTY "1ST LT. ROY D. BRATTON MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS DESIGNATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Int. & Com. 1094; Rep. Com. 1815; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4401; Adopted 1947

H. 4905 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9 AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 49 IN UNION COUNTY "PFC FRANK LEROY BARBEE BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Int. & Com. 1094; Rep. Com. 1816; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4401; Adopted 1947

H. 4906 -- Rep. Gilliam: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE BRIDGE THAT CROSSES THE LOCKHART CANAL ON SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAYS 49 AND 9 "SP5 WALTER 'BUBBA' BRANNON MEMORIAL BRIDGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Int. & Com. 1094; Rep. Com. 1816; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4401; Adopted 1947

H. 4907 -- Reps. Magnuson, Burns, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Long, Nutt, S. Jones, Harris, White, Pace, Beach, Chumley, May, Oremus, Trantham, Gagnon, Kilmartin and Lawson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "CONSUMER PROTECTION FROM INDEMNIFIED PRODUCTS ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO PROHIBIT MANDATING INDEMNIFIED PRODUCTS TO CONSUMERS WHICH WOULD RESULT IN CERTAIN LOSSES.

Int. & Com. 1095

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H. 4908 -- Reps. Bamberg, Collins, W. Newton, Robbins, J. L. Johnson, Gatch, Murphy, Rutherford, Stavrinakis and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-7-1230, 63-7-1410, AND 63-7-1430, RELATING IN PART TO THE AUTOMATIC ENTRY OF THE NAMES OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS IN THE CENTRAL REGISTRY OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT BASED ON AN ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE IN REVIEWING THESE ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT'S ROLE IN THE REVIEW OF SUCH ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS AND TO PROHIBIT AUTOMATIC ENTRY IN THE CENTRAL REGISTRY PRIOR TO JUDICIAL REVIEW; AND BY ADDING SECTION 63-7-1605 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FAMILY COURT PROCEEDING AND PROCESS FOR REVIEW OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENT DETERMINATIONS OF FINDINGS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT.
Int. & Com. 1095; Co-Sponsor added 1332

H. 4909 -- Reps. B. Newton, Neese, Mitchell and Yow: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-350, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN LANCASTER COUNTY, SO AS TO REMOVE ONE PRECINCT AND REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.
Int. 1096; 2nd R. 1133; 3rd R. 1184; Rec. V. 1133; Rat. 4414

H. 4910 -- Rep. Bustos: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT ALL SCHEDULED COUNTYWIDE PROPERTY TAX EQUALIZATION AND REASSESSMENT PLANS FOR ALL COUNTIES ARE DELAYED UNTIL PROPERTY TAX YEAR 2026.
Int. & Com. 1096

H. 4911 -- Rep. Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 46, ENTITLED "AGING PETROLEUM TANK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM" SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS AND OUTLINE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 46 AS ARTICLE 1 ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".
Int. & Com. 1096

H. 4912 -- Rep. Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-43-220, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT RATIOS FOR AD VALOREM TAXATION, SO AS TO ALLOW CERTAIN CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO CONTINUE TO CLAIM THE SPECIAL FOUR PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATIO WHEN THE CIVILIAN RECEIVES CERTAIN ORDERS FOR A CHANGE OF STATION.
Int. & Com. 1096; Rep. Com. 2560; 2nd R. 2699; 3rd R. 2925; Rec. V. 2701; Amd. 2699, 2701; D. A. 2673

H. 4913 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter,

Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF FRANKIE L. JOHNSON, JR., AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1092

H. 4914 -- Reps. Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DAWN LYNN HENDRICK OF MAULDIN ON BEING SELECTED TO COMPETE AT THE INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS' SOCIETY NATIONAL CONVENTION AND ON PLACING IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION'S MILITARY VEHICLES COMPETITION.
Int. & Adopted 1114

H. 4915 -- Reps. Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White,

Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE KAYLA BRIANA HENDRICK OF MAULDIN ON BEING SELECTED TO COMPETE AT THE INTERNATIONAL PLASTIC MODELERS' SOCIETY NATIONAL CONVENTION AND ON PLACING IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION'S MISCELLANEOUS ENTRY COMPETITION.
Int. & Adopted 1115

H. 4916 -- Reps. Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KATE HOPKINS, A GOOD SAMARITAN IN ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND, WHOSE IMPACT WAS FELT BY HER "NEIGHBOR" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1115

H. 4917 -- Rep. Bannister: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE STAFF SERVING THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS NOT REQUIRED TO WORK ON GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024, AND EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024.
Int. & Adopted 1116

H. 4918 -- Reps. Ott, McDaniel, J. Moore, Wetmore, King, Pendarvis, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers, Gilliard, Garvin, Kirby, W. Jones, Atkinson, Williams, Henegan, Rutherford, Jefferson, Anderson, Hosey, Hayes, Bauer, J. L. Johnson, Stavrinakis and Weeks: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO URGE CONGRESS TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE NOTICE OF INTENT FOR THE 2024 SUMMER EBT PROGRAM.
Int. & Com. 1116

H. 4919 -- Reps. Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Rivers, Robbins, Rose,

Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND FRANK'S JEWELERS, ONE OF CLOVER'S MOST RESPECTED SMALL BUSINESSES, FOR NEARLY SEVENTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF ITS COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 1117

H. 4920 -- Reps. Bernstein, Hartnett, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KAHAL KADOSH BETH ELOHIM AND TO CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CHARLESTON COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 1117

H. 4921 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HAMMOND SCHOOL CHEER SQUAD, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1118

H. 4922 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine,

Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR CANCER PATIENTS, SURVIVORS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, REMEMBERING THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN LOST TO CANCER, AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024, AS "SUITS AND SNEAKERS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Int. & Adopted 1119

H. 4923 -- Reps. Bernstein, McCravy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SHOW ITS UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL'S DEFENSE OF ITS TERRITORY AND CITIZENS AND TO CONDEMN THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY HAMAS AGAINST ISRAEL.

Int. & Adopted 1119

H. 4924 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis,

Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HAMMOND SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1120

H. 4925 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CROSS SCHOOLS COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2023 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 1A JV STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM AND ITS COACHES ON THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WIN.
Int. & Adopted 1121

H. 4926 -- Rep. J. Moore: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO FAMED STAND-UP COMEDIAN AND ACTOR KATT WILLIAMS AS HE VISITS THE PALMETTO STATE AND PERFORMS ON MARCH 29, 2024, AT THE NORTH CHARLESTON COLISEUM.
Int. & Adopted 1122

H. 4927 -- Reps. Herbkersman, W. Newton, G. M. Smith, Schuessler, B. Newton, Williams, Jefferson and Hewitt: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO CREATE THE "EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND POLICY", TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF THE OFFICE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE RESTRUCTURING OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO BECOME COMPONENT DEPARTMENTS OF THE OFFICE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 8-17-370, RELATING TO THE MEDIATION OF GRIEVANCES BY THE STATE HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR, SO AS TO ADD THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND POLICY, THE OFFICE'S COMPONENT DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS, AND OTHERS TO THE LIST OF EXEMPTED PUBLIC EMPLOYEES; BY AMENDING SECTION 43-21-70, RELATING TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING, SO AS

TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; AND BY REPEALING CHAPTER 9 OF TITLE 44 RELATING TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH.

Int. & Com. 1122; Rep. Com. 1517; Co-Sponsor added 1532, 1616, 1655; 2nd R. 1661; 3rd R. 1799; Rec. V. 1747, 1799; Amd. 1661, 1734, 1744; Proposed Amd. 1735, 1737, 1738, 1740, 1742, 1744, 1745; Req. Deb. 1619; Point of Order 1573, 1737, 1738, 1741

H. 4928 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Hart, Jefferson, J. Moore, Caskey and Williams: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-21-10, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR FUNDRAISING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 25-21-30, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE VETERANS' TRUST FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABILITY TO FUNDRAISE.

Int. & Com. 1122; Rep. Com. 1258; Co-Sponsor added 1181, 1332, 1359; 2nd R. 1392; 3rd R. 1414; Rec. V. 1392, 3112; Point of Order 1338; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 3112; Conc. & Enr. 3112; Rat. 4414

H. 4929 -- Reps. Bustos, Ballentine, Gatch, Hartnett, Hewitt, Landing, Leber, McCabe, Pedalino, Wetmore and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-1-92 SO AS TO REQUIRE PERSONS WHO DISCHARGE CERTAIN POLLUTANTS INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE TO BE LIABLE FOR ALL RESPONSE, CONTAINMENT, AND CLEANUP COSTS.

Int. & Com. 1123; Co-Sponsor removed 1226, 1272

H. 4930 -- Reps. W. Jones, Pendarvis, Dillard, J. L. Johnson, Henegan, Anderson, Ott, Kirby, Gilliard, Howard, Weeks and Wheeler: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO REQUIRE THE GOVERNOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE SUMMER ELECTRONIC BENEFIT TRANSFER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITHIN FIVE DAYS AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS JOINT RESOLUTION.

Int. & Com. 1123

H. 4931 -- Reps. Felder, Bernstein, Calhoon and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-23-540 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF CRIMINALLY NEGLIGENT STORAGE OF A FIREARM, DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

Int. & Com. 1123

H. 4932 -- Rep. Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-722, RELATING TO THE OFFENSE OF FILING FALSE POLICE REPORTS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE OFFENDERS MUST PAY RESTITUTION FOR VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-47-80, RELATING TO MAKING UNLAWFUL 911 EMERGENCY CALLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE OFFENDERS MUST PAY RESTITUTION FOR CERTAIN VIOLATIONS.

Int. & Com. 1123

H. 4933 -- Reps. Wooten, G. M. Smith and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-5015, RELATING TO SUNSCREEN DEVICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES.
Int. & Com. 1124; Rep. Com. 1640; Co-Sponsor added 1773; 2nd R. 1924; 3rd R. 1979; Rec. V. 1924, 1980; Point of Order 1788

H. 4934 -- Reps. Mitchell, Gilliam, Pace, Yow, Murphy, Guffey, Pope, Sandifer, Hart and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-7-90, RELATING TO LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN NATIONAL GUARD OR RESERVE MILITARY FORCES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES RECEIVE FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF PAID MILITARY LEAVE EACH YEAR.
Int. & Com. 1124; Rep. Com. 2704; Co-Sponsor added 2921; 2nd R. 2971; 3rd R. 3013; Rec. V. 2972; Amd. 2971; Op. 2973

H. 4935 -- Reps. Bustos, Leber, Hartnett, Landing, Pace, Burns, Haddon, White, Chumley, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, May, Kilmartin, S. Jones, Wooten, Harris and Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SECURE, ACCURATE, AND VERIFIABLE ELECTIONS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-200 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE USE OF PAPER POLL BOOKS ONLY AT VOTING LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE STATE; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-870 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT ALL VOTES CAST IN A STATEWIDE PRIMARY, GENERAL, OR SPECIAL ELECTION BE ON HAND-MARKED, PAPER BALLOTS AND PRINTED ON SECURE PAPER, AND TO REQUIRE THAT ALL BALLOTS BE COUNTED IN VIEW OF THE PUBLIC; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-880 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE USE OF CHAIN OF CUSTODY DOCUMENTATION FOR ALL ELECTION-RELATED MATERIALS AND THE MAINTENANCE OF CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORDS FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME AFTER AN ELECTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-320, RELATING TO PERSONS QUALIFIED TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT, SO AS TO DELETE REFERENCES TO EARLY VOTING, AND TO DELETE THE PROVISION ALLOWING PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 53-5-10, RELATING TO THE ENUMERATION OF LEGAL HOLIDAYS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH GENERAL ELECTION DAY AS A STATE HOLIDAY.
Int. & Com. 1124; Co-Sponsor added 1182, 1839, 2577

H. 4936 -- Reps. Sessions, Pope, Guffey and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY OF A NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION ONLY APPLIES TO THE PERCENTAGE OF PROPERTY THAT EQUALS THE CORPORATION'S OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY, TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN CERTIFICATION AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 1137

H. 4937 -- Reps. Collins, Hiott and Carter: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-450, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN PICKENS COUNTY, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS, WITH APPROVAL FROM A MAJORITY OF THE PICKENS COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION, TO LOCATE A POLLING PLACE WITHIN FIVE MILES OF A PRECINCT'S BOUNDARIES IF NO SUITABLE LOCATION EXISTS WITHIN THE PRECINCT.

Int. & Com. 1137; 2nd R. 1247; 3rd R. 1278; Rec. V. 1248; Recalled 1210; Rat. 4415

H. 4938 -- Rep. Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 56-3-253, 56-3-376, 56-3-377, AND 56-3-385, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BIENNIAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION PERIODS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ANNUAL VEHICLE REGISTRATION PERIODS; BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-600 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL PAYMENT OF VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND LICENSE FEES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 56-3-610, 56-3-620, 56-3-640, 56-3-645, 56-3-660, 56-3-700, 56-3-710, 56-3-720, 56-3-740, 56-3-750, 56-3-760, 56-3-770, 56-3-840, 56-3-900, 56-3-1230, 56-3-1450, 56-3-1510, 56-3-1530, 56-3-1610, 56-3-1630, 56-3-2010, 56-3-2020, 56-3-2150, 56-3-2160, 56-3-2540, 56-3-2810, 56-3-2820, 56-3-3410, 56-3-3420, 56-3-3500, 56-3-3600, 56-3-3910, 56-3-3950, 56-3-4100, 56-3-4200, 56-3-4410, 56-3-4510, 56-3-4600, 56-3-4800, 56-3-5010, 56-3-5200, 56-3-5300, 56-3-5400, 56-3-6500, 56-3-7000, 56-3-7010, 56-3-7050, 56-3-7200, 56-3-7300, 56-3-7310, 56-3-7320, 56-3-7330, 56-3-7340, 56-3-7350, 56-3-7370, 56-3-7610, 56-3-7700, 56-3-7750, 56-3-7800, 56-3-7890, 56-3-7910, 56-3-7940, 56-3-7950, 56-3-8000, 56-3-8100, 56-3-8200, 56-3-8300, 56-3-8400, 56-3-8600, 56-3-8710, 56-3-8910, 56-3-9000, 56-3-9100, 56-3-9200, 56-3-9300, 56-3-9400, 56-3-9500, 56-3-9600, 56-3-9710, 56-3-9800, 56-3-10010, 56-3-10510, 56-3-10810, 56-3-10910, 56-3-11310, 56-3-11420, 56-3-11810, 56-3-12010, 56-3-12110, 56-3-12210, 56-3-12310, 56-3-12410, 56-3-12510, 56-3-12610, 56-3-12710, 56-3-12810, 56-3-13010, 56-3-13310, 56-3-13410, 56-3-13520, 56-3-13610, 56-3-13710, 56-3-13810, 56-3-13910, 56-3-14010, 56-3-14110, 56-3-14210, 56-3-14510, 56-3-14610, 56-3-14710, 56-3-14810, 56-3-14910, 56-3-14920, 56-3-14930, 56-3-14940, 56-3-14950, 56-3-14960, 56-3-14970, 56-3-14980, AND 11-43-167, RELATING TO THE BIENNIAL PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION, LICENSE AND ROAD USE FEES FOR VARIOUS VEHICLES AND VARIOUS LICENSE PLATES, DELINQUENT REGISTRATION AND LICENSE PENALTIES, THE ISSUANCE OF REFUNDS OF REGISTRATION AND LICENSE FEES, LICENSE PLATE SPECIFICATIONS AND THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSE PLATES AND REVALIDATION STICKERS, THE ISSUANCE OF "YEAR OF MANUFACTURE" LICENSE PLATES, "AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS" LICENSE PLATES, "EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS" LICENSE PLATES, "SPECIAL PERSONALIZED" LICENSE PLATES, LICENSE PLATES FOR VARIOUS ACTIVE AND RETIRED ELECTED OFFICIALS AND RETIRED JUDICIAL OFFICERS, "CONSERVE SOUTH CAROLINA" LICENSE PLATES, "VOLUNTEER FIREMEN" LICENSE PLATES, "NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION" LICENSE PLATES, "PENN CENTER" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA NURSES" LICENSE PLATES, "SHAG COMMEMORATIVE" LICENSE PLATES, "KEEP SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUTIFUL" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA ELKS ASSOCIATION" LICENSE PLATES, "CAROLINA PANTHERS" LICENSE

PLATES, "SHARE THE ROAD" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE" LICENSE PLATES, "HOMEOWNERSHIP: THE AMERICAN DREAM" LICENSE PLATES, "SONS OF CONFEDERATE VETERANS" LICENSE PLATES, "PUBLIC EDUCATION: A GREAT INVESTMENT" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA: FIRST IN GOLF" LICENSE PLATES, "CHARTER LIMOUSINE" LICENSE PLATES, "FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE" LICENSE PLATES, "UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY" LICENSE PLATES, "COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICERS" LICENSE PLATES, "UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY" LICENSE PLATES, "ARTS AWARENESS" LICENSE PLATES, "SALTWATER FISHING" LICENSE PLATES, "EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE" LICENSE PLATES, "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA" AND "EAGLE SCOUT" LICENSE PLATES, "NATIVE AMERICAN" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA PEACH COUNCIL" LICENSE PLATES, "CANCER RESEARCH CENTERS OF THE CAROLINAS" LICENSE PLATES, "SQUARE DANCE" LICENSE PLATES, "SPECIAL OLYMPICS" LICENSE PLATES, "FRATERNITY AND SORORITY" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA AQUARIUM" LICENSE PLATES, "OUR FARMS - OUR FUTURE" LICENSE PLATES, "H.L. HUNLEY SUBMARINE" LICENSE PLATES, "REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE" LICENSE PLATES, "HUNTING ISLAND STATE PARK" LICENSE PLATES, "NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION" LICENSE PLATES, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION GUIDELINES, "ROTARY INTERNATIONAL" LICENSE PLATES, "LIONS CLUB" LICENSE PLATES, "DUCKS UNLIMITED" LICENSE PLATES, "NASCAR" LICENSE PLATES, "CHOOSE LIFE" LICENSE PLATES, "SERTOMA INTERNATIONAL" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNOLOGY ALLIANCE" LICENSE PLATES, "IN GOD WE TRUST" LICENSE PLATES, "UNITED WE STAND" LICENSE PLATES, "MORRIS ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE" LICENSE PLATES, "GOD BLESS AMERICA" LICENSE PLATES, "NO MORE HOMELESS PETS" LICENSE PLATES, "HERITAGE CLASSIC FOUNDATION" LICENSE PLATES, "BREAST CANCER AWARENESS" LICENSE PLATES, "PARROT HEAD" LICENSE PLATES, "I BELIEVE" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA TENNIS PATRONS FOUNDATION" LICENSE PLATES, "TREE MY DOG" LICENSE PLATES, "SECOND AMENDMENT" LICENSE PLATES, "STATE FLAG" LICENSE PLATES, "I SUPPORT LIBRARIES" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATOR" LICENSE PLATES, "BEACH MUSIC" LICENSE PLATES, CITADEL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION "BIG RED" LICENSE PLATES, "LARGEMOUTH BASS" LICENSE PLATES, "HIGH SCHOOL" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE FEDERATION" LICENSE PLATES, "DR. MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE" LICENSE PLATES, "GADSDEN FLAG" LICENSE PLATES, "2010-11 BASEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS" LICENSE PLATES, "MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA RIVERKEEPERS" LICENSE PLATES, "AUTISM AWARENESS" LICENSE PLATES, "SOUTH CAROLINA STANDS WITH ISRAEL" LICENSE PLATES, "AMERICAN RED CROSS" LICENSE PLATES, "CHASE AWAY CHILDHOOD CANCER" LICENSE PLATES, "SPECIAL PERSONALIZED MOTOR VEHICLE" LICENSE PLATES, "CLEMSON UNIVERSITY 2016 AND 2018 FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS" LICENSE PLATES, "2016 BASEBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS" LICENSE PLATES, "UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA 2017 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS" LICENSE PLATES, "VIRGINIA TECH" LICENSE PLATES, "POWERING THE PALMETTO STATE"

LICENSE PLATES, "DRIVERS FOR A CURE" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, AND "TWO HUNDRED FIFTY YEAR ANNIVERSARY REVOLUTIONARY WAR COMMEMORATIVE" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF CERTAIN SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF VARIOUS AWARDS, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARDS, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF A SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF CAMPAIGN MEDALS, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF MERITORIOUS SERVICE, SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES REFLECTIVE OF MILITARY SERVICE, AND SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES SHOWING SUPPORT FOR MILITARY-RELATED PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE ANNUAL REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES, TO PROVIDE COUNTIES SHALL COLLECT CERTAIN FEES ASSESSED AGAINST VEHICLES POWERED BY ANY FUEL OTHER THAN MOTOR FUEL, AND TO PROVIDE A COUNTY MAY COLLECT CERTAIN DELINQUENCY FEES ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-43-167, RELATING TO FEES AND FINES CREDITED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL REDUCE THE ALLOCATION TO THE STATE-FUNDED RESURFACING PROGRAM BY A CERTAIN PROPORTION, SHALL TRANSFER NONTAX REVENUE TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK IN AN AMOUNT DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE BANK SHALL TRANSFER CERTAIN AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-117 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MUST REFUSE TO RENEW THE MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION OF A PERSON WHO HAS NOT PAID THE VEHICLE'S PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES, AND PROVIDE A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MUST NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONS VIOLATING THIS CHAPTER; BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-205 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MAY ISSUE REVALIDATION DECALS AND ENTER INTO AND SUPERVISE CONTRACTS WITH CERTAIN ENTITIES TO ISSUE LICENSE PLATES AND REVALIDATION DECALS, TO PROVIDE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT ISSUE REVALIDATION DECALS MAY CHARGE A FEE TO DEFRAY THE COST OF ISSUING PLATES AND DECALS, AND PROVIDE A PLAN MUST BE DEVELOPED TO ALLOW EACH COUNTY TO ISSUE LICENSE PLATES AND REVALIDATION DECALS; AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 56-3-378, 56-3-905, AND 56-2-2740 RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM OF REGISTERING MOTOR VEHICLES, REFUNDING A PORTION OF THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE WHEN A LICENSE PLATE AND REGISTRATION IS SURRENDERED TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND THE ISSUANCE OF BIENNIAL LICENSE PLATES AND REVALIDATION DECALS.

Int. & Com. 1137

H. 4939 -- Reps. Williams, Henegan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MATTIE KNIGHT OF HARTSVILLE ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED FIFTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Int. & Adopted 1136

H. 4940 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR JANE O. SHULER, FORMER CHIEF COUNSEL TO THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE, ON THE OCCASION OF HER RECENT RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER THIRTY-ONE YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Int. & Adopted 1170

H. 4941 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore,

Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HERBERT LAVANDER "HERB" JONES, ASSISTANT TO THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT SPANNING TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 1172

H. 4942 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF COACH RICHARD PERRY "DICK" MCCUTCHEN OF LEE COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1174

H. 4943 -- Rep. Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-18-410 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN FUNDS HELD IN A TRUST ARE CONSIDERED TO BE UNCLAIMED PROPERTY.
Int. & Com. 1175

H. 4944 -- Reps. Felder and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-40-112 SO AS TO PROVIDE MEANS FOR THE VOLUNTARY TERMINATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS; TO AMEND SECTIONS 59-40-40, 59-40-50, 59-40-55, 59-40-60, 59-40-65, 59-40-70, 59-40-75, AS AMENDED, 59-40-80, 59-40-90, 59-40-100, 59-40-110, 59-40-115, 59-40-120, 59-40-140, 59-40-145, 59-40-150, 59-40-155, 59-40-170, 59-40-180, 59-40-190, AND 59-40-220, ALL RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHARTER SCHOOLS ACT OF 1996, SO AS TO GENERALLY REVISE PROVISIONS CONCERNING THE SPONSORSHIP, OVERSIGHT, GOVERNANCE, AND OPERATION OF CHARTER SCHOOLS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-40-160 RELATING TO CERTAIN EVALUATIONS AND IMPACT STUDIES OF CHARTER SCHOOLS AND SECTION 59-40-200 RELATING TO THE EFFECT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL DISTRICT ON PENDING AND FUTURE APPLICATIONS FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS AT THE TIME OF THE FORMATION OF THE DISTRICT.

Int. & Com. 1175

H. 4945 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE 1955 CANNON STREET Y.M.C.A. LITTLE LEAGUE OF CHARLESTON FOR THEIR FORMATION OF AN AFRICAN AMERICAN BASEBALL LEAGUE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE ALL-STAR TEAM MEMBERS AND COACHES FOR BEING NAMED THE 1955 SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CHAMPIONS
Int. & Adopted 1200

H. 4946 -- Rep. Pendarvis: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO URGE CONGRESS TO EITHER EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR THE NOTICE OF INTENT FOR THE 2024 SUMMER EBT PROGRAM OR WAIVE THE DEADLINE TO PERMIT STATES TO SUBMIT A NOTICE OF INTENT AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024.
Int. & Com. 1201

H. 4947 -- Reps. Pace, A. M. Morgan, May, Trantham, Oremus, Magnuson, Kilmartin, Cromer, S. Jones, O'Neal, White, T. A. Morgan, Harris, McCabe and Beach: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE CONCERNS RAISED BY GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT REGARDING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO ENFORCE IMMIGRATION LAWS AND PROTECT THE STATES AND CONDEMN PRESIDENT BIDEN'S ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO FAITHFULLY EXECUTE IMMIGRATION LAWS ENACTED BY CONGRESS.
Int. & Com. 1201; Rep. Com. 3823; Rec. V. 4080; Amd. 4073, 4077, 4079; D. A. 4038; Adopted 4073

H. 4948 -- Reps. Guffey, Mitchell, Felder, T. Moore, Brewer, Sessions and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO DEFINE THE TERM "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, ALL SO AS TO INCORPORATE IDENTIFIABLE

MINORS INTO THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTE TO ADDRESS MORPHED CHILD IMAGES.
Int. & Com. 1202

H. 4949 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, Wheeler, B. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DR. CHRISTINE BEACHUM SELLERS OF CAMDEN, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1201

H. 4950 -- Reps. Landing, M. M. Smith and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-23-45 SO AS TO PROVIDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE CONTINUING LAW ENFORCEMENT EDUCATION CREDITS IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-61-80, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN TRAINING PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE COURSES IN AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER.
Int. & Com. 1202; Co-Sponsor added 1225

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Int. & Com. 1203; Co-Sponsor added 1225

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Int. & Com. 1203

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CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 25-11-80, RELATING TO STATE VETERANS' CEMETERIES, SO AS TO REMOVE A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT.
Int. & Com. 1203; Rep. Com. 2704; Co-Sponsor added 2921; 2nd R. 2969; 3rd R. 3013; Rec. V. 2970; Op. 2971; Rat. 4415

H. 4954 -- Reps. Landing, M. M. Smith, Gilliam, Hartnett, Bustos, Hager, Haddon, Mitchell, Brewer, Robbins, McGinnis, Gagnon, McCravy, Moss, Brittain, Crawford, Guest, Nutt, O'Neal, Guffey, Pope, Felder, Kilmartin, Burns, Pendarvis, Leber, Chumley, Magnuson, S. Jones, A. M. Morgan, Bannister, J. E. Johnson, Harris, White, Willis, Hardee, Williams, Garvin, J. Moore, Cobb-Hunter, Pace, Stavrinakis, Blackwell, McCabe, Gibson, Wetmore, Dillard, Rivers, Jefferson, Pedalino, Long, Oremus, Trantham, Hayes, W. Jones, T. A. Morgan, B. J. Cox, Weeks, Wheeler, Sessions, Cromer, Vaughan, J. L. Johnson, Beach, Kirby, Anderson, Thayer and Chapman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 27 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 1, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR DEFINITIONS AND TO REQUIRE EACH ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO INSTALL EQUIPMENT TO HARDEN ITS SYSTEM AND ASSETS AGAINST AN ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ACT; TO REQUIRE ELECTRICAL UTILITIES IN THIS STATE TO OFFER A PROGRAM TO ITS RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS WHO CHOOSE TO RECEIVE ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE PROTECTION FROM THE UTILITY AND PROVIDE FOR A PAYMENT PLAN THROUGH THE CUSTOMER'S MONTHLY BILL; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITHIN REQUIRED DEADLINES; AND TO ESTABLISH THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MUST PROVIDE FOR FUNDING IN THE 2024-2025 APPROPRIATIONS ACT TO ASSIST GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES WITH CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE TO OBTAIN ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE PROTECTION.
Int. & Com. 1203; Co-Sponsor added 1225, 1360, 1532, 1572, 1655, 1903, 1976, 2406, 2458; Co-Sponsor removed 1572

H. 4955 -- Reps. Landing, M. M. Smith, Lawson and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-1910, RELATING TO LICENSE PLATES FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE HANDICAPPED LICENSE PLATES TO AUTISTIC PERSONS.
Int. & Com. 1204; Co-Sponsor added 1226

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Int. & Com. 1204; Co-Sponsor added 1226

H. 4957 -- Reps. Hiott, Erickson, G. M. Smith, Hayes, McGinnis, Rose, Elliott, Alexander, Schuessler, Calhoon, M. M. Smith, Davis, T. Moore, B. Newton, Neese, Oremus, Hixon, Taylor, Guest, Sessions, Guffey, Ballentine, Pope, Willis, Bannister, Kirby, Henegan, Hartnett, Williams, Gilliard and Rivers: AN ACT TO AMEND THE

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Int. & Com. 1204; Rep. Com. 1401; Co-Sponsor added 1333, 1409, 1465, 1494, 1532; 2nd R. 1535; 3rd R. 1576; Rec. V. 1469, 1537, 4433; Req. Deb.

1467; Point of Order 1467; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4433; Conc. & Enr. 4433; Rat. 4692

H. 4958 -- Reps. Hewitt, Herbkersman, Bauer, Guest, Ott, Rose, Caskey, Felder, Bernstein and Ligon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-1-91, SO AS TO REQUIRE ANY PERSON POSSESSING A NPDES PERMIT WHICH ALLOWS THE DISCHARGE OF EFFLUENT INTO STATE WATERS TO POST A SIGN, TO PROVIDE FOR THE REQUIREMENTS OF THAT SIGN, AND TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES TO WAIVE THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.
Int. & Com. 1206; Co-Sponsor added 1360, 1410, 1655

H. 4959 -- Reps. Weeks, G. M. Smith, Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CHERISH THE MEMORY OF SARAH DEAS GIBSON AND THE HONORABLE GEORGE ROOSEVELT GIBSON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THEIR FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1213

H. 4960 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE THOMAS SUMTER ACADEMY VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER NON-TUMBLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2023

SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 3A/4A VARSITY COMPETITIVE CHEER NON-TUMBLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1214

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Int. & Adopted 1214

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Int. & Adopted 1215

H. 4963 -- Reps. O'Neal, Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SWIM TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1215

H. 4964 -- Reps. Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CATAWBA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM FOR A SUPERB SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM MEMBERS AND THEIR COACHES ON WINNING THE 2023 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 1215

H. 4965 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Connell and B. Newton: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE JUNCTION AT LOCKHART ROAD AND KEYS LANE IN KERSHAW COUNTY "COMMISSIONER DAVID E. BRANHAM, SR. INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 1217; Rep. Com. 1816; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3819; Adopted 1948

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H. 4967 -- Reps. Erickson, McGinnis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE FIFTY SOUTH CAROLINA TECHNICAL COLLEGE STUDENTS NAMED TO SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2024 ALL-STATE ACADEMIC TEAM BY THE PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR SCHOLARLY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SERVICE TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

Int. & Adopted 1218; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1315

H. 4968 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JACKIE KENT BROCKINGTON, JR., AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 1216

H. 4969 -- Reps. Caskey, Brewer, Bustos, B. L. Cox, Gatch, Guest, Guffey, Hartnett, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Mitchell, T. Moore, Murphy, Nutt, Sessions, Wooten and Neese: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-410, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL MAKE THE APPOINTMENT.

Int. & Com. 1218

H. 4970 -- Reps. Cromer, Beach, Chapman, Thayer, West, Gagnon, Alexander,

Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WREN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Int. & Adopted 1216

H. 4971 -- Reps. Williams, Robbins, B. J. Cox, Rivers, M. M. Smith, Bailey, Clyburn, J. E. Johnson, Taylor, Thigpen, Whitmire, Jefferson, Pope, Ligon, O'Neal, Guffey, Sessions, McGinnis, B. L. Cox, Pace, Hosey, Gilliam, Carter, Oremus, West, Cromer, Neese, Guest, Lawson, T. Moore, Nutt, Schuessler, Forrest, Gatch, Gibson, Harris, Hayes, Henegan, Magnuson, J. Moore, Moss and Brewer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 9-1-1790 AND 9-11-90, RELATING TO RETIREMENT BENEFITS AFTER RETURNING TO COVERED EMPLOYMENT UNDER THE SOUTH CAROLINA RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM, RESPECTIVELY, SO AS TO REMOVE THE TEN THOUSAND DOLLAR EARNINGS LIMITATION ON EMPLOYEES RETURNING TO EMPLOYMENT WHO RETIRED BEFORE JANUARY 2, 2025.

Int. & Com. 1219; Co-Sponsor added 1360

H. 4972 -- Reps. Felder, Bernstein, Calhoon, Guffey and Taylor: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-390 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PRODUCE OR DISTRIBUTE OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, OR TO POSSESS SUCH OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATION, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, AND TO ESTABLISH PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY AND OFFENSES FOR WHICH A CONVICTION REQUIRES REGISTRATION, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSE OF OBSCENE VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE.

Int. & Com. 1219; Co-Sponsor added 1360

H. 4973 -- Reps. Felder, Bernstein, Calhoon, Guffey, Taylor, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-375, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS APPLICABLE TO CERTAIN OFFENSES AGAINST MINORS, SO AS TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF "MATERIAL" AND TO DEFINE THE TERMS "IDENTIFIABLE MINOR" AND

"MORPHED IMAGE"; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-395, RELATING TO FIRST DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-405, RELATING TO SECOND DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-15-410, RELATING TO THIRD DEGREE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR, ALL SO AS TO INCORPORATE IDENTIFIABLE MINORS AND MORPHED IMAGES OF IDENTIFIABLE CHILDREN WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THESE STATUTES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-3-430, RELATING TO THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY AND OFFENSES FOR WHICH A CONVICTION REQUIRES REGISTRATION, SO AS TO ADD THE OFFENSES OF EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR IN THE FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD DEGREES.
Int. & Com. 1219; Co-Sponsor added 1360, 2691, 2921

H. 4974 -- Reps. Murphy, Wooten, Brewer, Robbins, Gatch, Ballentine and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-722, RELATING TO THE FILING OF FALSE POLICE REPORTS AND ASSOCIATED PENALTIES, SO AS TO REVISE THE STATUTE, PROVIDE FOR THE OFFENSE OF SWATTING, AND PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-47-80, RELATING TO PENALTIES REGARDING VIOLATIONS OF 911 SERVICES, SO AS TO REFERENCE PENALTIES CONTAINED IN SECTION 16-17-722.
Int. & Com. 1220

H. 4975 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JAMETTA "LYNN" BRISBANE-HAMILTON OF CHARLESTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1259

H. 4976 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman,

Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO APPLAUD COACH ROGER SMITH OF RIVER BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL ON BEING NAMED THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION'S 2023-2024 GOLF COACH OF THE YEAR AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME.

Int. & Adopted 1260

H. 4977 -- Rep. McGinnis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROMPTLY ENACT A COMPREHENSIVE LAW REGULATING NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS (NIL) USE IN COLLEGE ATHLETICS NATIONWIDE, THEREBY PROVIDING UNIFORMITY AND CLARITY THROUGHOUT THE NATION.

Int. & Com. 1260

H. 4978 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE MEMBERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S FFA, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA, AND ALL WHO SUPPORT, PROMOTE, AND ENCOURAGE THESE OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND TO JOIN THEM IN OBSERVANCE OF NATIONAL FFA WEEK FROM FEBRUARY 17 THROUGH 24, 2024.

Int. & Adopted 1261; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1548

H. 4979 -- Rep. Bailey: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO WITHDRAW FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION.

Int. & Com. 1261

H. 4980 -- Reps. J. Moore, McDaniel, Williams and Hosey: A BILL TO AMEND THE

SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-6-120 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025, AN ADULT SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER WHOSE INCOME IS AT OR BELOW ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-THREE PERCENT OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL, WITH A FIVE PERCENT INCOME DISREGARD, IS ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID AS PROVIDED FOR IN THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, AND AMENDMENTS TO THAT ACT.
Int. & Com. 1262

H. 4981 -- Rep. Pendarvis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-920, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES, SO AS TO MODIFY DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-930, RELATING TO DEVELOPMENTAL IMPACT FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE REPAIR, OPERATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING OR NEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING COSTS OF THE RELATED GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-960, RELATING TO THE RECOMMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN, SO AS TO MODIFY THE CIRCULATION AND PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE PLAN; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-1020, RELATING TO REFUNDS OF IMPACT FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IMPACT FEES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN EXPENDED WITHIN SEVEN YEARS OF THE DATE THEY WERE SCHEDULED TO BE EXPENDED MUST BE REFUNDED TO THE OWNER OF RECORD OF PROPERTY ON WHICH A DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE HAS BEEN PAID.
Int. & Com. 1262

H. 4982 -- Reps. J. Moore, McDaniel, Henegan, Williams, Kirby, Hosey and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-810 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WITHOUT CHARGE TO ALL STUDENTS AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-350, RELATING TO THE LENGTH OF LUNCH PERIODS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE THIRTY MINUTE LUNCH PERIODS TO ALL STUDENTS.
Int. & Com. 1262

H. 4983 -- Reps. J. Moore, McDaniel, Williams, Henegan and Hosey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 25 BY ENACTING THE "VETERANS' BILL OF RIGHTS ACT" TO PROVIDE CERTAIN VETERANS' RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS.
Int. & Com. 1263

H. 4984 -- Reps. J. Moore and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD" BY ADDING CHAPTER 131 TO TITLE 44 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE BOARD'S MEMBERSHIP, POWERS, AND DUTIES; TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO CREATE A STAKEHOLDER COUNCIL AND TO

PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES; TO REQUIRE THE BOARD TO UNDERTAKE DRUG COST AFFORDABILITY REVIEWS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO AUTHORIZE THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHAPTER; TO REQUIRE ANNUAL REPORTING BY THE BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 1263

H. 4985 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Davis, B. L. Cox, Chapman, T. Moore, Hyde, Gatch, T. A. Morgan, A. M. Morgan, Elliott, Nutt, Leber, J. Moore, McCravy, Guest, Willis, W. Jones, Wooten, Caskey, Dillard, Hayes, Jordan and Lowe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-112-50, RELATING TO TUITION RATES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD OR THE RESERVES OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES UNITS IN THIS STATE.
Int. & Com. 1263

H. 4986 -- Reps. J. Moore and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SERVICE CORPS ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 46 TO TITLE 41 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURPOSE, ADMINISTRATION, POWERS, AND DUTIES OF THE SERVICE CORPS, TO PROVIDE PERSONS WHO COMPLETE A TERM IN THE SERVICE CORPS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CERTAIN HIGHER EDUCATION TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANTS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE WRITTEN SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS FOR SERVICE PROJECTS TO BE PERFORMED THROUGH THE SERVICE CORPS.
Int. & Com. 1264

H. 4987 -- Reps. J. Moore and Pendarvis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 11 TO CHAPTER 40, TITLE 27 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN PROTECTED TENANT'S RIGHTS, TO PROVIDE FOR SITUATIONS IN WHICH A PROTECTED TENANT MAY TERMINATE A LEASE, TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN REPORTS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, TO CREATE THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER FUND, AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT IS DIRECTED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ASSIST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS.
Int. & Com. 1264

H. 4988 -- Reps. J. Moore and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA MEDICAID BUY-IN ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 10 TO CHAPTER 6, TITLE 44 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A MEDICAID BUY-IN PROGRAM TO PROVIDE QUALITY, AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.
Int. & Com. 1264

H. 4989 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, May, J. L. Johnson, Sessions, T. A. Morgan, B. J. Cox, S. Jones, Oremus, Long, Trantham, O'Neal, White, McCabe, Burns, Landing,

Herbkersman, Pace, Willis, Haddon, Harris, Leber, Pedalino and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-105 SO AS TO PROVIDE AFTER JULY 1, 2024, A PERSON MAY NOT BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED TO A JUDICIAL OFFICE THAT IS FILLED BY ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IF THAT PERSON IS AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OF A SITTING MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, OR A FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHOSE MOST RECENT TERM OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICE ENDED LESS THAN ONE YEAR PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT OF THE OFFICE IN QUESTION.
Int. & Com. 1265; Co-Sponsor added 1333

H. 4990 -- Reps. J. Moore and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "PAID FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE ACT" BY ADDING CHAPTER 103 TO TITLE 38 SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, ESTABLISH FAMILY LEAVE BENEFITS, OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS OF FAMILY LEAVE INSURANCE POLICIES, AND TO PROVIDE EXCLUSIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 1265

H. 4991 -- Reps. J. Moore, McDaniel, Williams and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 31 TO TITLE 37 SO AS TO CREATE THE "FORECLOSURE RESOLUTION PROGRAM" UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT CERTAIN RULES, TO REQUIRE NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE IN FORECLOSURE RESOLUTION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR APPLICABILITY.
Int. & Com. 1265

H. 4992 -- Reps. J. Moore, McDaniel, Williams, Henegan and Hosey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 42-9-50 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A FIRST RESPONDER TO FILE A WORKERS' COMPENSATION CLAIM FOR A STRESS OR MENTAL INJURY UNACCOMPANIED BY A PHYSICAL INJURY.
Int. & Com. 1265

H. 4993 -- Reps. J. Moore, McDaniel, Williams, Henegan and Hosey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1230 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A CHILDCARE ADVANCE WHICH ENABLES TAXPAYERS TO DEFER PAYMENT OF A PORTION OF THEIR INCOME TAX.
Int. & Com. 1266

H. 4994 -- Reps. J. Moore, Henegan, McDaniel and Hosey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-415 SO AS TO PROVIDE EVERY CHILDCARE LEARNING CENTER AND EVERY SCHOOL SHALL TEST DRINKING WATER OUTLETS FOR LEAD CONTAMINATION AND REMEDIATE AS NEEDED, TO PROVIDE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS, AND TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SHALL DEVELOP CERTAIN RELATED RULES FOR IMPLEMENTING THESE REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 1266

H. 4995 -- Rep. Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-7-10, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKETS, SO AS TO PROVIDE UNIFORM TRAFFIC TICKETS MAY BE ISSUED FOR CERTAIN MISDEMEANOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES.
Int. & Com. 1266

H. 4996 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Guest, Chapman, Hartnett, Stavrinakis, B. L. Cox, Kirby, Davis and Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-725 SO AS TO PERMIT THE TRANSFER OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS.
Int. & Com. 1266; Co-Sponsor added 1494

H. 4997 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-71-40, RELATING TO A SCHOOL BOND ELECTION, SO AS TO REQUIRE SUCH ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY OF NOVEMBER OF ANY YEAR.
Int. & Com. 1266

H. 4998 -- Rep. B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-15-65, RELATING TO ANNUAL SALARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICERS, SO AS TO INCLUDE DIRECTORS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS AMONG THOSE RECEIVING THE SUPPLEMENT.
Int. & Com. 1267

H. 4999 -- Reps. W. Jones, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATE THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE F-16 FIGHTING FALCON AND RECOGNIZE JANUARY 30, 2024, AS "F-16 FIGHTING FALCON DAY" ACROSS THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND FURTHER CELEBRATE SOUTH CAROLINA AS THE GLOBAL HOME OF THE

F-16 WHICH IS PRODUCED, SUSTAINED, AND FLOWN IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1317

H. 5000 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CROSS SCHOOLS COMPETITIVE CHEERLEADING TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 1A/2A JUNIOR VARSITY GAME DAY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM AND ITS COACHES ON THEIR WIN.
Int. & Adopted 1318

H. 5001 -- Reps. S. Jones, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MADISON ANN "MADDIE" HINES OF LAURENS COUNTY, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1318

H. 5002 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott,

Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THOMAS WAYNE OWENS AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 1319

H. 5003 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE VIRGINIA "GINGER" LEE UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RECENT RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE HOUSE EDUCATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER TEN YEARS OF EXEMPLARY AND DEVOTED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Int. & Adopted 1320

H. 5004 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis,

Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATOR MARY MILLER MCCLELLAN, A NATIVE OF COLUMBIA.
Int. & Adopted 1322

H. 5005 -- Rep. Gagnon: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 72 IN THE CITY OF ABBEVILLE IN ABBEVILLE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH GREYROCK ESTATES ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH MAIN STREET "REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 1323

H. 5006 -- Rep. J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ELECTION OFFICIAL PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 25, TITLE 7 SO AS TO ESTABLISH OFFENSES FOR CERTAIN ACTS OR CONDUCT AGAINST AN ELECTION OFFICIAL, TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PROTECTIONS FOR THE PERSONAL INFORMATION OF ELECTION OFFICIALS FROM PUBLIC DISSEMINATION, TO PROHIBIT UNAUTHORIZED ACCESS TO, OR TAMPERING WITH, COMPONENTS OF ELECTION-RELATED SYSTEMS, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OR AN ELECTION OFFICIAL TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION TO PREVENT OR RESTRAIN VIOLATIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 7-13-1920 RELATING TO TAMPERING WITH VOTING MACHINES.
Int. & Com. 1324

H. 5007 -- Reps. Caskey and Hixon: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-230, RELATING TO STRIPED BASS LIMITS, SO AS TO RESTRICT PERMITTED HOOK SIZE IN THE LOWER SALUDA RIVER.
Int. & Com. 1324; Rep. Com. 1638; 2nd R. 1783; 3rd R. 1841; Rec. V. 1783; Rat. 4415

H. 5008 -- Rep. W. Newton: AN ACT TO ADOPT REVISED CODE VOLUME 17A OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS, TO THE EXTENT OF ITS CONTENTS, AS THE ONLY GENERAL PERMANENT STATUTORY LAW OF THE STATE AS OF JANUARY 1, 2024.
Int. 1324; 2nd R. 1393; 3rd R. 1414; Rec. V. 1394; Rat. 4694

H. 5009 -- Reps. Kilmartin and May: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1172 SO AS TO EXEMPT THE RETIREMENT INCOME OF FIRST RESPONDERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND TEACHERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES.
Int. & Com. 1324

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H. 5010 -- Reps. Kilmartin and McCabe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 28-2-520 SO AS TO REQUIRE A CONDEMNOR TO UTILIZE PROPERTY OBTAINED BY EMINENT DOMAIN TO BE USED FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE IDENTIFIED AS THE REASON FOR THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN; TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL INDEPENDENT AUDIT TO DETERMINE IF EACH PROPERTY OBTAINED BY EMINENT DOMAIN IS UTILIZED FOR THE SPECIFIED PUBLIC PURPOSE; TO REQUIRE A CONDEMNOR THAT NO LONGER UTILIZES PROPERTY FOR THE PUBLIC PURPOSE IDENTIFIED AS THE REASON FOR THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN WITHIN TEN YEARS AFTER OBTAINING THE PROPERTY TO GIVE THE PREVIOUS LANDOWNER THE OPTION TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY; AND TO ESTABLISH RELATED REQUIREMENTS.
Int. & Com. 1325

H. 5011 -- Reps. Hardee, West, Caskey, McGinnis, Brittain, Guest, J. E. Johnson, B. L. Cox, Beach, Lawson, Sessions, Bailey, Pace, White, Schuessler, Davis, Magnuson, Hixon and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-3-317 SO AS TO LIMIT THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY REGARDING TATTOOS ON ENFORCEMENT OFFICER CANDIDATES.
Int. & Com. 1325

H. 5012 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Clyburn, Hosey, Dillard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, Bannister, Hayes, W. Jones, Lowe, Weeks, Willis, Hyde, Hager, Sandifer and Robbins: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 25 TO CHAPTER 19, TITLE 63 SO AS TO ESTABLISH JUVENILE PRETRIAL DIVERSION COURTS FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN WHO COMMIT FIRST-TIME, NONVIOLENT STATUS OFFENSES OR DELINQUENT ACTS, TO ESTABLISH PARAMETERS FOR ELIGIBILITY, AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE TO ESTABLISH PREDETENTION DIVERSION PROGRAMS FOR PARTICIPANTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS.
Int. & Com. 1325; Co-Sponsor added 1360, 1410

H. 5013 -- Reps. Elliott, Caskey, Gatch, B. J. Cox, Long, Wooten, Hiott, Leber and Willis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-600, RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF IDENTIFICATION CARDS TO QUALIFIED RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH QUALIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MAY CARRY CONCEALED WEAPONS, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAINING TO QUALIFY TO CARRY FIREARMS THAT MUST BE OFFERED TO QUALIFIED RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT RESTRICTS THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED WEAPONS ONTO CERTAIN PREMISES.
Int. & Com. 1326; Co-Sponsor added 1360, 2419

H. 5014 -- Reps. Caskey, Ballentine, Calhoon, Forrest, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White and Wooten: A BILL TO EXTEND THE ONE PERCENT SALES TAX IMPOSED BY ACT 378 OF 2004, AS AMENDED, THE LEXINGTON COUNTY

SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX RELIEF ACT, FOR AN ADDITIONAL SEVEN YEARS.
Int. & Com. 1326; Rep. Com. 2839; 2nd R. 2922; 3rd R. 3008; Rec. V. 2923; Op. 2924

H. 5015 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-7-68, RELATING TO FORMAT OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL, SO AS TO PROVIDE NEW PROVISOS TO BE UNDERLINED INSTEAD OF ITALICIZED.
Int. 1326; 2nd R. 1395; 3rd R. 1415; Rec. V. 1395

H. 5016 -- Reps. B. Newton, Murphy, Caskey, Mitchell and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 11-7-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE STATE AUDITOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-240, RELATING TO REMOVAL OF OFFICERS BY THE GOVERNOR, SO AS TO ADD THE STATE AUDITOR; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 11-7-10 RELATING TO THE SELECTION OF THE STATE AUDITOR.
Int. & Com. 1326; Rep. Com. 2684; Co-Sponsor added 2691; 2nd R. 2944; 3rd R. 3011; Rec. V. 2944; Op. 2954

H. 5017 -- Reps. Wooten, J. L. Johnson, Collins, Chumley, Hiott, Sandifer and Kilmartin: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 6-29-550 SO AS TO REQUIRE A COUNTY TO REPORT A RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO A CITY UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 5-3-90, RELATING TO FILING NOTICE WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO THE COUNTY WHERE PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED IS LOCATED; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-920, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO MODIFY DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-930, RELATING TO DEVELOPMENTAL IMPACT FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT COSTS DO NOT INCLUDE REPAIR, OPERATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING OR NEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OR ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATING COSTS OF THE RELATED GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-960, RELATING TO THE RECOMMENDED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN, SO AS TO MODIFY THE CIRCULATION AND PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE PLAN; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-1020, RELATING TO REFUNDS OF IMPACT FEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IMPACT FEES THAT HAVE NOT BEEN EXPENDED WITHIN SEVEN YEARS OF THE DATE THEY WERE SCHEDULED TO BE EXPENDED MUST BE REFUNDED TO THE OWNER OF RECORD OF PROPERTY ON WHICH A DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE HAS BEEN PAID.
Int. & Com. 1327; Co-Sponsor added 1410

H. 5018 -- Reps. Thayer, Chapman, West, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest,

Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PAMELA L. CHRISTOPHER, THE PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE ANDERSON AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, FOR HER DECADE OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN HER NEW ROLE AS CHAIR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.
Int. & Adopted 1322

H. 5019 -- Rep. W. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 19 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 9 SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA SMALL BUSINESS RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN AND TRUST FUND ACT" TO ESTABLISH RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLANS AND TRUST FUNDS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Com. 1327

H. 5020 -- Reps. W. Jones, Thigpen, Williams, King, J. L. Johnson, Clyburn and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP INCREASE AND INFLATION ADJUSTMENT ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-150-420 SO AS TO INCREASE CERTAIN LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIPS BY TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT AND TO PROVIDE FOR FUTURE INCREASES.
Int. & Com. 1328

H. 5021 -- Reps. W. Jones, McDaniel, White, Thigpen, Williams, King, J. L. Johnson, Dillard and Clyburn: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY JOBS ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810 SO AS TO PROVIDE AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR AN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYER THAT HIRES CERTAIN EMPLOYEES.
Int. & Com. 1328

H. 5022 -- Reps. Erickson, Bernstein, West, Haddon, Elliott, Hager, M. M. Smith, McGinnis, Caskey, Trantham, Crawford, Calhoon, Guest, Collins, B. J. Cox, Davis, Hartnett, Brittain, Gagnon, Hayes, Herbkersman, Felder, B. Newton, Bauer, Ott, G. M. Smith, Carter and Rose: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-63-810 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ELIGIBLE SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATE IN THE SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WITHOUT CHARGE TO ALL STUDENTS AND TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-10-350, RELATING TO THE LENGTH OF LUNCH PERIODS, SO AS TO REQUIRE SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE THIRTY MINUTE LUNCH PERIODS TO ALL STUDENTS.
Int. & Com. 1328; Co-Sponsor added 1361, 1410, 2627, 2691

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H. 5023 -- Reps. Brewer, Gilliam, Lawson, Sessions, Schuessler, Hager, Hartnett, Gatch, Mitchell, Hewitt, Robbins, J. Moore, Wooten, Guffey, O'Neal, J. L. Johnson, Pedalino and B. Newton: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-219 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE WORK ZONE PROGRAM WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-15, RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-130, RELATING TO LICENSE EXAMINATIONS AND BASIC AND CLASSIFIED LICENSES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICANTS COMPLETE THE WORK ZONE SAFETY PROGRAM COURSE, AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES.

Int. & Com. 1328; Rep. Com. 2558; Co-Sponsor added 1361, 1410; Co-Sponsor removed 1840; 2nd R. 2662; 3rd R. 2694; Rec. V. 2664, 4421; Amd. 2662; D. A. 3891, 4037, 4072, 4116; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4421; Conc. & Enr. 4421; Rat. 4694

H. 5024 -- Reps. Elliott, Erickson and Bradley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-3-14990, RELATING TO SURVIVING SPOUSES APPLYING FOR LICENSE PLATES OR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN LICENSE PLATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE SURVIVING SPOUSES OF MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL GUARD MAY APPLY TO OBTAIN NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE PLATES OR TRANSFER NATIONAL GUARD LICENSE PLATES ISSUED TO THEIR SPOUSES.

Int. & Com. 1329; Rep. Com. 2558; Co-Sponsor added 2627; 2nd R. 2665; 3rd R. 2694; Rec. V. 2667; Amd. 2665

H. 5033 -- Reps. Hosey, Clyburn, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE JEFFERSON DAVIS ACADEMY FOOTBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 8-MAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A FABULOUS SEASON.

Int. & Adopted 1345

H. 5034 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain,

Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND DEEPEST APPRECIATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OPTUS BANK FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE, LEADERSHIP, AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE WELL-BEING OF OUR COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 1346

H. 5035 -- Reps. McGinnis and Schuessler: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ALISE SVIHLA, ASSOCIATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AT COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, THANK HER FOR HER INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO STUDENT ATHLETES, AND WISH HER STRENGTH AND HEALTH AS SHE BATTLES CANCER.
Int. & Adopted 1347

H. 5036 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 28, 2024, AS "WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AS TRIBUTE TO THE WORKING MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES BECAUSE OF WORKPLACE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES.
Int. & Adopted 1348; Ret. By S. With Conc. 2428

H. 5037 -- Reps. Landing, Bustos, Hartnett, Leber, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan,

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Int. & Adopted 1347

H. 5038 -- Reps. Landing, Bustos, Hartnett, Leber, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE THE OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY GIRLS TENNIS TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2023 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1348

H. 5039 -- Reps. T. A. Morgan, A. M. Morgan, Kilmartin, White, S. Jones, Cromer, Beach, Harris, May, Trantham and J. L. Johnson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-19-90, RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION AND ITS MEMBERSHIP AND FUNCTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE ATTORNEY-LEGISLATORS TO RECUSE THEMSELVES FROM VOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN ANY MANNER IN THE ELECTION PROCESS OF JUDGES AND JUSTICES.
Int. & Com. 1350

H. 5040 -- Reps. T. A. Morgan, White, S. Jones, Cromer, Beach, Magnuson, May, Trantham, McCabe and Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-530, RELATING TO THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX, SO AS TO LOWER THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATE FROM FIVE PERCENT TO FOUR AND ONE HALF PERCENT.
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H. 5041 -- Reps. Haddon, Hiott, Forrest, Burns, Guffey, Sessions, Chapman, B. L. Cox, Ligon, Chumley and Trantham: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 50-11-370 SO AS TO PERMIT THE TAKING OF DEER COMMITTING DEPREDATION WITHOUT A DEPREDATION PERMIT IF CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET.

Int. & Com. 1350

H. 5042 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, J. L. Johnson, Murphy, Sessions, Cobb-Hunter, Kirby, Brewer, Garvin, Henegan, M. M. Smith, Jefferson, Rivers, McDaniel, Davis, Haddon, King, Gilliard, Stavrinakis, Bauer, West, Wetmore, T. Moore, Thigpen, Chapman, Schuessler, Pope, Guffey, Dillard, W. Jones, Pendarvis, G. M. Smith, Weeks, Wheeler, Williams, S. Jones, J. Moore, O'Neal, B. Newton, Neese, Lawson, Atkinson, Hayes, W. Newton, Bannister, Caskey, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, Hiott, Brittain, Hartnett, Mitchell, Yow, Gagnon, Carter, Guest, Gatch, Crawford, Ott, Rutherford, Leber, Hixon, Herbkersman, Anderson, Bailey, Elliott, Gilliam, Calhoon, Wooten, Forrest, Pedalino, Jordan, Bustos, Bamberg, Bernstein, Clyburn, Hosey, Henderson-Myers, Howard, Vaughan, Beach, Erickson and Bradley: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 10-1-185 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ON THE GROUNDS OF THE STATE HOUSE A ROBERT SMALLS MONUMENT, CREATE A COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE DESIGN AND LOCATION OF THE MONUMENT, PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, AND SUNSET THE COMMISSION AT A DATE CERTAIN.

Int. & Com. 1350; Rep. Com. 2463; Co-Sponsor added 2420, 2458, 2577; 2nd R. 2602; 3rd R. 2617; Rec. V. 2603, 4530; Op. 2604; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4529; Conc. & Enr. 4529; Rat. 4694

H. 5043 -- Reps. Ott, Kirby, Hewitt, Taylor, M. M. Smith, Felder, Neese, Bernstein, Cobb-Hunter, Bauer and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA KRATOM CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF THE SALE OF KRATOM PRODUCTS BY RETAILERS AND PROCESSORS AND TO CREATE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARTICLE.

Int. & Com. 1351

H. 5044 -- Reps. T. A. Morgan, White, S. Jones, Pace, Cromer, Beach, Magnuson, May, Trantham, McCabe and Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-511 SO AS TO REDUCE ALL THE INCOME TAX RATES ON INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS BY ONE PERCENT EACH YEAR UNTIL THE RATE ACROSS ALL BRACKETS EQUALS ZERO PERCENT; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-510 RELATING TO TAX RATES FOR INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, AND TRUSTS; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-515 RELATING TO INCOME TAX BRACKETS; BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-520 RELATING TO ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS TO INCOME TAX BRACKETS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-6-545 RELATING TO INCOME TAX RATES FOR PASS-THROUGH TRADE AND BUSINESS INCOME.

Int. & Com. 1351

H. 5045 -- Reps. T. A. Morgan, White, Cromer, Magnuson, Harris, May, Trantham and McCabe: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY

AMENDING SECTION 57-1-410, RELATING TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT THE SECRETARY INSTEAD OF THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TO DEVOLVE THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPON THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-10, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE GOVERNMENT AND THEIR GOVERNING BODIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION THAT PROVIDES THAT PART OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS A SEVEN-MEMBER COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-30-105, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 11-43-140, RELATING TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, SO AS TO REMOVE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AS A DIRECTOR, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 57-1-10, 57-1-40, 57-1-370, 57-1-430, 57-1-490, AND 57-3-20, ALL RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, TO ALLOW THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN ITEMIZED PROJECT LIST TO BE FUNDED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WOULD ENACT ITS ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-500, RELATING TO A DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ETHICS WORKSHOP, SO AS TO DELETE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS AS PARTICIPANTS IN THIS WORKSHOP; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-50, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGHWAY DISTRICTS, SO AS TO SUBSTITUTE THE TERM "DEPARTMENT" FOR THE TERM "COMMISSION"; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-1-90, RELATING TO MOTORCYCLES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-210, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTING WITH PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEMS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-3-700, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVING AS AN AGENT FOR COUNTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-10, RELATING TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-50, RELATING TO THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN ROADS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-90, RELATING TO BELT LINES AND SPURS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-310, RELATING TO THE OWNERSHIP OF REAL ESTATE, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-340, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE;

BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-1350, RELATING TO TURNPIKES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 57-13-10, 57-13-20, 57-13-40, AND 57-13-50, ALL RELATING TO BRIDGES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 57-25-120, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 57-25-140, 57-25-150, 57-25-170, 57-25-200, AND 57-25-210, ALL RELATING TO SIGNS ALONG THE HIGHWAYS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 57-1-310, 57-1-320, 57-1-325, 57-1-330, 57-1-340, 57-1-350, AND SECTIONS 6, 7, AND 8 OF ACT 114 OF 2007 ALL RELATING TO THE CREATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ITS COMMISSION.
Int. & Com. 1351

H. 5046 -- Reps. Carter, Ott, Ligon, Hiott and Hixon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-90, RELATING TO "GROSS PROCEEDS OF SALES", SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT "GROSS PROCEEDS OF SALES" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE SALES PRICE OF PROPERTY RETURNED WHEN THE FULL SALES PRICE MINUS A RESTOCKING OR HANDLING FEE IS REFUNDED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-130, RELATING TO "SALES PRICE", SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT "SALES PRICE" DOES NOT INCLUDE AN AMOUNT CHARGED FOR PROPERTY, WHICH IS RETURNED BY THE PURCHASER, AND THE FULL AMOUNT MINUS A RESTOCKING OR HANDLING FEE IS REFUNDED.
Int. & Com. 1353

H. 5047 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STAN SMITH, DEPUTY CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS OF THE RICHLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 1402

H. 5048 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF VASHTI ERNESTINE YOUNG "V.E." O'NEAL OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST

SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1403

H. 5049 -- Reps. Howard, Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A LUMINOUS SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUALS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1403

H. 5050 -- Rep. Erickson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 7, 2024, AS "ADVANCED PLACEMENT DAY" AT THE STATE HOUSE.
Int. & Adopted 1404

H. 5051 -- Reps. Bauer, Bernstein, Cobb-Hunter, Pendarvis, Ott, Williams, King, Gagnon, Rivers, Hosey, Rose and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-260 SO AS TO CREATE THE CONGRESSIONAL FUND APPROVAL COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE WHICH FEDERAL FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO THIS STATE AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS.
Int. & Com. 1404

H. 5052 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, Elliott, May, B. J. Cox, Kilmartin, Guest, McCabe, O'Neal, Burns, S. Jones, Beach, Long, Pace, Gilliam, Cromer, White, M. M. Smith, Chumley, Crawford, Vaughan, McCravy, Leber, Oremus and T. A. Morgan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-19-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THIS STATE MUST BE ELECTED IN PARTISAN ELECTIONS, TO PROVIDE FILING METHODS AND DEADLINES FOR CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION TO SUCH OFFICES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION CONTROL IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT WITH THE LOCAL LAW PROVISIONS OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT.
Int. & Com. 1405; Co-Sponsor added 1465

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H. 5053 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JOHNNIE STEPHENS OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1442

H. 5054 -- Reps. Ballentine, Calhoon, Caskey, Forrest, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White, Wooten, Bauer, Bernstein, Garvin, Hart, Howard, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, Rose, Rutherford, Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOR THE TRANSFORMATIVE IMPACT THE INSTITUTION HAS HAD ON LEGIONS OF STUDENTS AND ALUMNI, THE COMMUNITY, THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND BEYOND FOR A HALF-CENTURY AND TO CONGRATULATE MIDLANDS TECH AS THE SCHOOL CELEBRATES ITS SEMICENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.
Int. & Adopted 1443

H. 5055 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E.

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Int. & Adopted 1444

H. 5056 -- Reps. Rutherford, Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE ENTIRE USC SYSTEM FOR ITS MANY AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EDUCATION AND CULTURE OF OUR CITIZENS AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024, "CAROLINA DAY" AT THE STATE HOUSE.
Int. & Adopted 1445

H. 5057 -- Rep. Howard: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 3.10 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO HOUSE SEAT ALLOTMENT PROCEDURES, SO AS TO REVISE THE PROCESS BY WHICH SEATS ARE SELECTED, TO PROVIDE FOR SEATING BY SENIORITY, AND PROVIDE THAT MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO CHOOSE SEATS AS CLOSE TO THEIR OTHER DELEGATION MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE.
Int. & Com. 1445

H. 5058 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S.

Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GEE WHETSEL FOR NEARLY FORTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE FIELD OF NEWSPAPER JOURNALISM, MOST HAVING BEEN SPENT AT THE LEE COUNTY OBSERVER IN BISHOPVILLE, AND FOR HER COMMITMENT TO THE BISHOPVILLE COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 1446; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1478

H. 5059 -- Rep. Kilmartin: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REJECT AND ABHOR ALL FORMS OF RACIAL SUPREMACY, REJECT ANY POLITICAL VIOLENCE OF ANY RIGHT- OR LEFT-WING PARTISANS FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF ANY RACIAL SUPREMACY AGENDA, TO REJECT THE DANGEROUS POLARIZATION CAUSED BY THE TOXIC IDEA OF MODERN STRUCTURAL OR SYSTEMIC RACISM INHERENT IN THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION, AND TO SEEK TO RECONCILE OUR NATION'S, STATE'S, AND COMMUNITY'S PAST, AND TO PROGRESS TOWARDS HUMAN DIGNITY, FREEDOM, OPPORTUNITY, AND PROSPERITY FOR ALL HUMAN BEINGS INTO THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY.
Int. & Com. 1447

H. 5060 -- Reps. Burns, Magnuson, Cromer, May and Harris: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-43-15 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT DONATED BLOOD, OTHER HUMAN TISSUE, OR ORGANS BE TESTED FOR THE PRESENCE OF CERTAIN CONTAMINANTS AND LABELED ACCORDINGLY BEFORE DISTRIBUTION FOR USE IN TRANSFUSIONS OR TRANSPLANTATIONS, TO ALLOW PATIENTS TO DECLINE CONTAMINATED DONATED PRODUCTS WITHOUT PENALTY, TO CREATE A CIVIL PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE SECTION, TO PROVIDE LIMITED IMMUNITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 1447; Co-Sponsor added 1494

H. 5061 -- Rep. Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-750, RELATING TO FAILURE TO STOP MOTOR VEHICLES WHEN SIGNALED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR WILFULLY OR WANTONLY LEADING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ON HIGH-SPEED PURSUITS.
Int. & Com. 1447

H. 5062 -- Reps. Haddon, Cobb-Hunter, Kirby, West, Bauer, Robbins, Ligon, Pope, Brewer, Murphy and Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3515, RELATING TO THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CONSERVATION OR QUALIFIED CONSERVATION CONTRIBUTION OF REAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED.
Int. & Com. 1448

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H. 5063 -- Reps. Brittain, Herbkersman, Brewer, Bannister, Crawford, Bauer, Bernstein, McGinnis, W. Newton, Bradley, Wooten, Caskey, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Weeks, B. Newton, Hiott, Guest, J. E. Johnson, Lowe, Magnuson, Hewitt, Wheeler and Willis: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 6, 2024, AS INTERNATIONAL JAY JORDAN DAY IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1446

H. 5064 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, Wheeler, B. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE THE CAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2023 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO HONOR THE PLAYERS AND COACHES ON A FABULOUS SEASON.
Int. & Adopted 1459

H. 5065 -- Reps. Kirby, Lowe, Jordan, Alexander, Williams, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FLORENCE COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH OF FLORENCE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND TO CONGRATULATE THOSE IN THE CENTRAL DISPATCH FOR RECEIVING NICE'S PSAP CENTER OF THE YEAR AWARD.
Int. & Adopted 1459

H. 5066 -- Reps. Elliott, G. M. Smith, W. Newton, Bailey, Wheeler, T. Moore, Taylor, Hixon, Oremus, Blackwell, Schuessler, Stavrinakis, Wetmore, Bradley, Erickson, Hyde, Ballentine, Calhoon, Crawford, Guest and M. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE

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Int. & Com. 1460; Rep. Com. 1642; Co-Sponsor added 1494, 1616, 1655, 1773, 1839, 2922; 2nd R. 2992; 3rd R. 3014; Rec. V. 3003; Amd. 2993, 3001, 3002; Proposed Amd. 3002; D. A. 2512, 2608, 2717, 2843; Req. Deb. 1929; Op. 3004; Point of Order 1793, 3002

H. 5067 -- Reps. Jordan, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF DR. JOSEPH M. "JAY" PEARSON, JR., OF FLORENCE, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 1476; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1514

H. 5068 -- Rep. Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 35, RELATING TO ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM FINANCIAL CRIME, STANDARDIZE THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING, AND MODERNIZE SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE FUNDS ARE PROTECTED IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE AND COMPETITIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

Int. & Com. 1477

H. 5069 -- Reps. Jordan, Lowe, White and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH

CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 14-23-1040, RELATING TO QUALIFICATIONS OF PROBATE JUDGES, SO AS TO REVISE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROBATE JUDGES IN COUNTIES GREATER THAN NINETY THOUSAND IN POPULATION, AND TO GRANDFATHER THOSE PROBATE JUDGES CURRENTLY SERVING.
Int. & Com. 1477; Co-Sponsor added 1533, 1572, 1839

H. 5070 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM THURMOND BURNETT OF EDGEFIELD COUNTY, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 5070

H. 5071 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF GEORGE HEARN "SMOKEY" DAVIS OF LEXINGTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1482

H. 5072 -- Reps. May, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg,

Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ALFREDA "FREDA" F. CRUM UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT FROM THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CLERICAL SUPPORT SERVICES, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.
Int. & Adopted 1483

H. 5073 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA SECTION OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS FOR ITS NEARLY SEVENTY YEARS OF SERVING AS A TRUSTED RESOURCE FOR MEDICAL INFORMATION RELATING TO WOMEN'S HEALTH AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024, AS ACOG DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1485

H. 5074 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott,

Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LEROY BOWMAN, NATIVE SON OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS GREAT STATE.

Int. & Adopted 1486

H. 5075 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AMY G. SURGINER NORTHROP, NATIVE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR HER MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS GREAT STATE.

Int. & Adopted 1486

H. 5076 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MAC ARTHUR GOODWIN FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ARTS IN THE PALMETTO STATE AND IN THE NATION.

Int. & Adopted 1487

H. 5077 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR

CLIFTON RUBIN HENDRIX, A DEACON OF GETHSEMANE BAPTIST CHURCH, AND TO REJOICE WITH HIM AND THE CONGREGATION AS HE IS NAMED A DEACON EMERITUS.
Int. & Adopted 1488

H. 5078 -- Reps. Howard, Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CLARA SINGLETON WILLIAMS OF AIKEN COUNTY ON THE HAPPY OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 1488

H. 5079 -- Rep. W. Newton: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-110, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS ARE DELINEATED.
Int. 1489; 2nd R. 1533; 3rd R. 1573; Rec. V. 1533; Rat. 4415

H. 5080 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Elliott, Bannister, Lawson, Caskey, Wetmore, Jordan, Yow, Mitchell, Connell, Hager, Vaughan, Long, Ballentine, Davis, Pedalino, Collins, Ligon, Sessions, Pope, T. Moore, M. M. Smith, Robbins, Gatch, Wooten, Schuessler, Brewer, Murphy, Forrest and Blackwell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-300 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN MUST PROVIDE COVERAGE UNDER THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS TO THE SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT OF A FIRST RESPONDER COVERED BY SUCH A PLAN IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-3-470, RELATING TO LOWERING FLAGS UPON DEATH IN THE LINE OF DUTY, SO AS TO ADD AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN; BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1172 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A FIRST RESPONDER RETIREMENT INCOME DEDUCTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1170, RELATING TO THE RETIREMENT INCOME TAX DEDUCTION, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO GENERAL EXEMPTION FROM TAXES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A QUALIFIED SURVIVING SPOUSE ALSO MEANS CERTAIN SURVIVING SPOUSES OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-111-110, RELATING TO WAIVED TUITION, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE CHILDREN OF CERTAIN

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS ALSO QUALIFY FOR CERTAIN WAIVED TUITION.
Int. & Com. 1489; Co-Sponsor added 3041, 3134, 3149

H. 5081 -- Reps. Pope, Felder, Gilliam and Hiott: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO VOTER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT ONLY A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE OF THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND UPWARDS WHO IS PROPERLY REGISTERED IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AS PROVIDED BY LAW.
Int. & Com. 1490; Co-Sponsor added 1533, 1616

H. 5082 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE CHARLESTON AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY AND TO WISH THEM A SUCCESSFUL AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE FIELD DAY.
Int. & Adopted 1518

H. 5083 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LATE LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARITY ADAMS EARLEY FOR HER MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
Int. & Adopted 1519

H. 5084 -- Reps. Haddon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HUNTER MORTON, AN AGRICULTURE TEACHER AT THE SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR BEING NAMED THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATORS' 2023 REGION V OUTSTANDING EARLY CAREER TEACHER
Int. & Adopted 1520

H. 5085 -- Reps. Whitmire, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE WEST-OAK HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1520

H. 5086 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber,

Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE FORMER HOUSE MEMBER EDITH MARTIN "EDIE" RODGERS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR A JOYFUL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Int. & Adopted 1521

H. 5087 -- Reps. Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. GEORGE FRANCIS FLOWERS, FORMER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH DEPARTMENT OF GLOBAL WITNESS AND MINISTRY, FOR A LIFETIME OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE AME CHURCHES OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND BEYOND AND TO WISH HIM MUCH CONTINUED BLESSING AND FULFILLMENT IN THE DAYS AHEAD AS HE ENJOYS A WELL-EARNED RETIREMENT.

Int. & Adopted 1522

H. 5088 -- Reps. Alexander, Jordan, Kirby, Lowe and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF STATE ROAD 868 (MARION STREET) FROM THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 52 (COIT STREET) TO THE INTERSECTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 174 (HARRELL STREET) IN FLORENCE COUNTY "DR. VASHTI SMITH AND MARY T. WILSON WAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Int. & Com. 1523; Rep. Com. 1817; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3338; Adopted 1948

H. 5089 -- Rep. Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SUMTER STREET IN THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FLORENCE COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH ALEXANDER STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH MCQUEEN STREET "SENATOR MAGGIE GLOVER WAY" AND ERECT

APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 1523; Rep. Com. 1817; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3338; Adopted 1949

H. 5090 -- Reps. King and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 58-1-70 SO AS TO REQUIRE A UTILITY THAT OFFERS A DRIVE-THROUGH WINDOW FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE TO PERMIT A CUSTOMER TO MAKE A PAYMENT AT ITS DRIVE-THROUGH WINDOW, AND TO PROVIDE WHAT CONSTITUTES A "UTILITY".
Int. & Com. 1524

H. 5091 -- Rep. Leber: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1120, RELATING TO GROSS INCOME, SO AS TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN FIRST RESPONDER INCOME.
Int. & Com. 1524

H. 5092 -- Reps. Herbkersman, G. M. Smith, Bannister and Vaughan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-6-65 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE AND ADVISE ON CERTAIN MATTERS; BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1-3-240, 1-5-40, 1-11-20, 1-23-600, 1-25-60, 2-13-240, 3-5-40, 3-5-50, 3-5-60, 3-5-70, 3-5-80, 3-5-90, 3-5-100, 3-5-110, 3-5-120, 3-5-130, 3-5-140, 3-5-150, 3-5-160, 3-5-170, 3-5-180, 3-5-190, 3-5-320, 3-5-330, 3-5-340, 3-5-350, 3-5-360, 4-12-30, 4-29-67, 4-33-10, 4-33-20, 4-33-30, 5-31-2010, 6-1-150, 6-11-285, 6-11-290, 6-11-1210, 6-11-1230, 6-11-1430, 6-15-30, 6-19-30, 6-19-35, 6-19-40, 6-21-400, 7-5-186, 7-5-310, 10-5-270, 10-9-10, 10-9-20, 10-9-30, 10-9-35, 10-9-40, 10-9-110, 10-9-200, 10-9-260, 10-9-320, 11-11-170, 11-11-230, 11-37-200, 11-58-70, 11-58-80, 12-6-3370, 12-6-3420, 12-6-3550, 12-6-3775, 12-23-810, 12-23-815, 12-28-2355, 12-37-220, 12-44-30, 13-1-380, 13-2-10, 13-7-10, 13-7-20, 13-7-30, 13-7-40, 13-7-45, 13-7-60, 13-7-70, 13-7-90, 13-7-120, 13-7-160, 14-1-201, 14-7-1610, 14-7-1630, 14-23-1150, 15-74-40, 16-3-740, 16-3-2050, 16-17-500, 16-17-650, 16-25-320, 20-1-240, 20-1-320, 20-1-330, 20-1-340, 20-1-350, 20-1-720, 20-3-230, 20-3-235, 23-1-230, 23-3-535, 23-3-810, 25-11-70, 25-11-75, 27-16-90, 27-31-100, 30-2-30, 30-2-320, 31-13-30, 32-8-305, 33-36-1315, 37-11-20, 37-11-50, 38-7-20, 38-55-530, 38-70-60, 38-71-46, 38-71-145, 38-71-1520, 38-78-10, 39-23-20, 39-23-30, 39-23-40, 39-23-50, 39-23-60, 39-23-70, 39-23-100, 39-23-110, 39-23-120, 39-23-130, 40-7-60, 40-7-230, 40-10-230, 40-13-60, 40-13-110, 40-15-85, 40-15-102, 40-15-110, 40-23-10, 40-23-20, 40-23-110, 40-23-280, 40-23-300, 40-23-305, 40-23-310, 40-25-20, 40-25-170, 40-33-20, 40-33-30, 40-35-10, 40-35-20, 40-43-72, 40-43-83, 40-43-86, 40-43-87, 40-43-190, 40-43-195, 40-43-200, 40-45-300, 40-47-31, 40-47-32, 40-47-34, 40-61-20, 40-69-255, 40-71-10, 40-71-20, 40-81-20, 40-84-120, 41-27-280, 43-5-24, 43-5-910, 43-5-1185, 43-21-120, 43-21-130, 43-25-30, 43-33-350, 43-35-10, 43-35-15, 43-35-25, 43-35-35, 43-35-220, 43-35-310, 43-35-520, 43-35-560, 44-1-60, 44-1-65, 44-1-70, 44-1-80, 44-1-90, 44-1-100, 44-1-110, 44-1-130, 44-1-140, 44-1-151, 44-1-152, 44-1-165, 44-1-170, 44-1-180, 44-1-190, 44-1-200, 44-1-210, 44-1-215, 44-1-220, 44-1-230, 44 1 280, 44-1-300, 44-1-310, 44-1-315, 44-2-20, 44-2-40, 44-2-60, 44-2-130, 44-2-150, 44-3-10, 44 3-150, 44-4-130, 44-4-300, 44-4-310, 44-4-320, 44-4-330, 44-4-340, 44-4-500, 44-4-510, 44-4-520, 44-4-530, 44-4-540, 44-4-550, 44-4-560, 44-4-570, 44-5-20, 44-6-5, 44-6-150, 44-6-170, 44-6-400, 44-7-77, 44-7-80, 44-7-90, 44-7-130, 44-7-150, 44-7-180, 44-7-190, 44-7-200, 44-7-210, 44-7-220, 44-7-225, 44-7-230, 44-7-240, 44-7-250,

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6-1610, 61-6-2410, 62-1-302, 63-1-50, 63-7-1210, 63-9-730, 63-9-910, 63-11-1720, 63-11-1930, 63-11-2240, 63-11-2290, 63-13-80, 63-13-180, AND 63-17-70, ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES TO THE RESTRUCTURING PROVIDED BY ACT 60 OF 2023; AND BY REPEALING SECTIONS 44-1-30, 44-1-40, 44-1-50, 44-3-110, 44-3-120, 44-3-130, 44-3-140, 44-7-310, 44-11-30, 44-11-40, 44-55-1310, 44-55-1320, 44-55-1330, 44-55-1350, 44-55-1360, 49-3-60, 59-111-510, 59-111-520, 59-111-530, 59-111-540, 59-111-550, 59-111-560, 59-111-570, 59-111-580 ALL RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL.
Int. & Com. 1524

H. 5093 -- Reps. Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO PROFESSIONALS WHO ADVOCATE ON BEHALF OF THOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS, AS WELL AS TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO ASSIST THEM, AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024, AS "MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCACY DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1539; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1578

H. 5094 -- Rep. Bamberg: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF GOVAN ROAD IN BAMBERG COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH VOORHEES ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 "WILLIAM H. NIMMONS, SR. ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 1539; Rep. Com. 1817; Adopted 1949

H. 5095 -- Reps. O'Neal, Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE FORT MILL HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1538

H. 5096 -- Reps. Caskey, Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain,

Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE 2023 PINEVIEW DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL COACH PITCH ALL-STAR TEAM FOR A GREAT SEASON AND FOR THEIR VICTORY IN THE DISTRICT 4 COACH'S PITCH TOURNAMENT.

Int. & Adopted 1554

H. 5097 -- Reps. Ott, Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE 2023 PINEVIEW DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL ROOKIE BALL ALL-STAR TEAM FOR SECURING THEIR SPOTS AS THE DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL DISTRICT 4 ROOKIE BALL CHAMPIONS AND AS THE STATE DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL ROOKIE BALL RUNNER-UP CHAMPIONS.

Int. & Adopted 1555

H. 5098 -- Reps. Bannister, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose,

Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE MEYER CENTER FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF GREENVILLE COUNTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THE CENTER ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.
Int. & Adopted 1555

H. 5099 -- Reps. Schuessler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE MIKE CHESTNUT FOR HIS TWENTY-FOUR YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE AS A MEMBER OF MYRTLE BEACH CITY COUNCIL AND TO RECOGNIZE HIM AS THE LONGEST-SERVING MEMBER IN THE HISTORY OF CITY COUNCIL.
Int. & Adopted 1556

H. 5100 -- Rep. House Ways and Means: AN ACT TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS AND TO PROVIDE REVENUES TO MEET THE ORDINARY EXPENSES OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024, TO REGULATE THE EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF STATE GOVERNMENT DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. 1828; 2nd R. 2277; 3rd R. 2406; Rec. V. 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2042, 2043, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2223,

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H. 5101 -- Rep. House Ways and Means: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO BE CARRIED FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEARS AND EXPENDED FOR THE SAME PURPOSES.

Int. 1828; 2nd R. 2392; 3rd R. 2406; Rec. V. 2392, 4111, 4752; Amd. 4111; S/A Amd. 4111; D. A. 3890, 4037, 4071; Point of Order 1939; Con. Com. 4554; Rep. Con. Com. 4747; Adopted 4747; M. To S. 4555, 4753; M. from S. 4554, 4753; Rat. 4927

H. 5103 -- Reps. Long and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-720, RELATING TO ZONING DISTRICTS' REGULATIONS SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN STRUCTURES.

Int. & Com. 1561

H. 5104 -- Reps. Erickson and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-1-640, RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE COMPLETED BY APPLICANTS WITH MILITARY SERVICE, SO AS TO INCLUDE JOINT SERVICES TRANSCRIPTS AMONG THE ACCEPTABLE EVIDENCE FOR DOCUMENTING THE EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE.

Int. & Com. 1561

H. 5105 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Caskey, Chapman, B. L. Cox, Gagnon, Williams and Henegan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-53-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION SHALL ADOPT A POLICY APPLICABLE TO ALL TECHNICAL COLLEGE AREA COMMISSIONS THAT RECOGNIZES AND AWARDS CREDENTIALS AND COLLEGE CREDIT FOR COURSES AND EXPERIENCES COMPLETED IN THE MILITARY AS

RECOMMENDED BY THE AMERICAN COUNCIL ON EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE POLICY AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION, AND TO PROVIDE THE TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM SHALL WORK WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES TO ENSURE THE CONSISTENT REVIEW AND AWARDING OF ELIGIBLE CREDIT.

Int. & Com. 1561; Rep. Com. 1638; Co-Sponsor added 1773, 1903; 2nd R. 1918; 3rd R. 1978; Rec. V. 1919; Amd. 1918; Point of Order 1785

H. 5106 -- Reps. Williams, Gilliard, Henegan and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 2-3-21 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL IN-DISTRICT COMPENSATION OF ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH MONTH.

Int. & Com. 1561

H. 5107 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BOB HAYES, AMERICAN OLYMPIC SPRINTER AND FOOTBALL PLAYER, FOR HIS REMARKABLE SPEED AND ATHLETIC ENDURANCE AND FOR HIS MANY ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND FOR HIS NUMEROUS ATHLETIC AWARDS.

Int. & Adopted 1557

H. 5108 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CLEO B. JACOBS ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Int. & Adopted 1557

H. 5109 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long,

Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO WELCOME FAMED GOSPEL MUSICIAN HEZEKIAH WALKER TO SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM WELL DURING HIS VISIT TO THE PALMETTO STATE AS HE PERFORMS IN THE LEGENDS CONCERT ON FEBRUARY 23, 2024, AT COLUMBIA'S KOGER CENTER.
Int. & Adopted 1558

H. 5110 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO WELCOME PASTOR, SINGER, AND SONGWRITER MARVIN SAPP TO SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM WELL DURING HIS VISIT TO THE PALMETTO STATE AS HE PERFORMS IN THE LEGENDS CONCERT ON FEBRUARY 23, 2024, AT COLUMBIA'S KOGER CENTER.
Int. & Adopted 1558

H. 5111 -- Reps. Calhoon, Ballentine, Caskey, Kilmartin, Forrest, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White, Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LAURA SLADE HUDSON FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE IN ADVOCATING FOR CRIME VICTIMS AND FOR HER PUBLIC POLICY ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON BEHALF OF CRIME VICTIMS AND ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS.

Int. & Adopted 1559; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1629

H. 5112 -- Reps. Guffey and Sessions: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8-13-746 SO AS TO PROHIBIT A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OR AN INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS WITH WHOM HE IS ASSOCIATED FROM PROVIDING ANY ASSISTANCE TO ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR COMPENSATION OR ANYTHING OF VALUE; AND TO REQUIRE A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO REPORT ON HIS STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS THE NAME OF EACH CANDIDATE FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AND AMOUNT RECEIVED, FOR WHICH THE MEMBER OR AN INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS WITH WHICH HE IS ASSOCIATED PROVIDES CAMPAIGN ASSISTANCE FOR COMPENSATION OR ANYTHING OF VALUE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION.
Int. & Com. 1562

H. 5113 -- Reps. Elliott, T. Moore, Guest, Brittain and Crawford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTIONS 63-3-30 AND 63-15-230, BOTH RELATING TO JOINT CUSTODY ORDERS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES TO AWARD JOINT CUSTODY IN A CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING.
Int. & Com. 1562; Rep. Com. 2441; Co-Sponsor added 1656; Proposed Amd. 2656; Recom. 3055; D. A. 2656; Point of Order 2601

H. 5114 -- Reps. Herbkersman and Sandifer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-420, RELATING TO ASSISTANCE IN COLLECTION OF BUSINESS LICENSE TAX DUE, SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE THIRD PARTY FROM CONTACTING THE BUSINESS OR ANOTHER ENTITY THAT THE BUSINESS CONTRACTS WITH WHEN THE BUSINESS NOTIFIES THE TAXING JURISDICTION.
Int. & Com. 1562

H. 5115 -- Reps. Ott and Forrest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-96-170, RELATING TO WASTE TIRES, SO AS TO REMOVE THE CAP ON TIPPING FEES THAT A COUNTY MAY CHARGE FOR RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN WASTE TIRES; AND TO ENCOURAGE STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION ON MARKET DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES REGARDING END-OF-LIFE TIRE RECYCLING IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Com. 1563; Co-Sponsor added 1656

H. 5116 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICAL DEVICES, PRODUCTS, AND DRUGS PURCHASED BY AN INDIVIDUAL SIXTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.
Int. & Com. 1563

H. 5117 -- Reps. Sessions, Guffey, Brewer, Mitchell and Pedalino: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-435 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DIVISION I VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAMS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND CLEMSON UNIVERSITY SHALL ANNUALLY PLAY ON A HOME AND HOME BASIS UNDER SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE RESPECTIVE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES MAY DECIDE.
Int. & Com. 1563

H. 5118 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West, Davis, Hager, Hewitt, Kirby, Long, M. M. Smith, B. Newton, Pendarvis, Sandifer, Hiott, Landing, Crawford, Brittain, Lawson, Williams, Whitmire, Jefferson, Bustos, Hartnett, Carter, Blackwell, Neese, W. Newton, Bradley, Erickson, Murphy, Brewer, Yow, Mitchell, Connell, Jordan, Thayer, Elliott, Wooten, Pedalino, Bailey, T. Moore, McGinnis, Gatch, Ligon, Gagnon, Hardee, B. L. Cox, Chapman, Leber, Anderson, Bannister, Calhoon, Felder, Hixon, Lowe, Taylor, Thigpen, Willis and Pope: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA TEN-YEAR ENERGY TRANSFORMATION ACT"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-20, RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTION, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS FROM SEVEN TO THREE TO BE ELECTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THE STATE AT LARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-250, RELATING TO SERVICE OF ORDERS AND DECISIONS ON PARTIES, SO AS TO MAKE A TECHNICAL CHANGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-4-10, RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF AND ITS REPRESENTATION OF PUBLIC INTEREST BEFORE THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO ESTABLISH ITS CONSIDERATIONS FOR PUBLIC INTEREST; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING CHAPTER 38 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY POLICY INSTITUTE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-195 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE DOMINION ENERGY, THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, AND DUKE ENERGY PROGRESS TO EVALUATE CERTAIN ELECTRICAL GENERATION FACILITIES AND PROVIDE FOR CONSIDERATIONS RELATED TO THESE FACILITIES; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES WITH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC UTILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR JOINT OWNERSHIP; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-27-650, RELATING TO REASSIGNMENT OF ELECTRIC SUPPLIERS' SERVICE AREAS, SO AS TO PERMIT THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR ANY ELECTRIC SUPPLIER TO SERVE ANY

TRANSFORMATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT CUSTOMER UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 7, TITLE 13, RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S NUCLEAR ADVISORY COUNCIL, SO AS TO AS ESTABLISH THE COUNCIL IN THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF, TO PROVIDE FOR ITS DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE COUNCIL'S DIRECTOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 37-6-604, RELATING TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S INTERVENTION ON MATTERS FILED AT THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO TRANSFER THESE DUTIES TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-196 SO AS TO ENCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR FACILITIES AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR", SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER-GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES' AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD-PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY"; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-260, RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE COMMISSION AND PARTIES, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALLOWABLE EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS AND BRIEFINGS, AND TO PERMIT COMMISSION TOURS OF UTILITY PLANTS OR OTHER FACILITIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-270, RELATING TO EX PARTE COMMUNICATION COMPLAINT PROCEEDINGS AT THE

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT, SO AS TO PERMIT AN ORDER TOLLING ANY DEADLINES ON A PROCEEDING SUBJECT TO A COMPLAINT TO THE EXTENT THE PROCEEDING WAS PREJUDICED SO THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NOT CONSIDER THE MATTER IMPARTIALLY; BY ADDING CHAPTER 43 TO TITLE 58 SO AS TO ESTABLISH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RATES FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST-EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST-EFFECTIVE, DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-215 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, TO SERVE AS AN ANCHOR SUBSCRIBER OF NATURAL GAS AND PIPELINE CAPACITY FOR THIS STATE, TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND", AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-70, RELATING TO COMPENSATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS, SO AS TO ESTABLISH SALARIES IN AMOUNTS EQUAL TO NINETY-SEVEN AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICES.

Int. & Com. 1563; Rep. Com. 2560; Co-Sponsor added 1839; Co-Sponsor removed 1656, 2627, 2691; 2nd R. 2719; 3rd R. 2981; Rec. V. 2805, 2809, 2811, 2814, 2816, 2819, 2821, 2824, 2826, 2828, 2832, 2835, 2836, 2986, 4437; Amd. 2723, 2806, 2807, 2812, 2827; Proposed Amd. 2808, 2810, 2811,

2813, 2816, 2818, 2820, 2822, 2825, 2827, 2829, 2834; Req. Deb. 2674; Non-Conc. 4437; Con. Com. 4563; M. To S. 4442, 4567; M. from S. 4563

H. 5119 -- Reps. Schuessler, Hewitt, Robbins, McDaniel, Calhoon, Carter, Brewer, Anderson, Kirby, Crawford, Oremus, B. L. Cox, Chapman, Brittain, Lawson, Jordan, White, West, Neese, Guest, McGinnis, Connell, Vaughan, J. E. Johnson, Wooten, Pace, Pedalino, Bailey, Wetmore, Bradley, Guffey, Mitchell, Sessions, Kilmartin, Hartnett, O'Neal, B. Newton, W. Jones, Hiott, Felder, King, Landing, Pope, Henegan, Beach, Burns, W. Newton, Hager, Ballentine, Elliott, Forrest, Gagnon, Gilliam, Hayes, Herbkersman, Lowe, Moss, Murphy, Ott, Sandifer, M. M. Smith, Wheeler and Whitmire: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-1897 SO AS TO PROVIDE SPEED LIMITATIONS ON VEHICLES MEETING OR OVERTAKING WASTE SERVICE VEHICLES, AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-5-170, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLES", SO AS TO INCLUDE "WASTE SERVICE VEHICLES" WITHIN THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM, AND TO PROVIDE THEY MAY BE EQUIPPED WITH STROBE LIGHTS.
Int. & Com. 1568

H. 5120 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, West, Sandifer and Davis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO URGE FEDERAL LEGISLATORS TO WORK IN GOOD FAITH TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT REFORMS FEDERAL PERMITTING AND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESSES, TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP BY EXPEDITING THE DEPLOYMENT OF MODERN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TO INCLUDE STEPS TO CONSIDER FOR THESE REFORMS, AS WELL AS DETRIMENTS TO THE NATION AND ITS RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES FOR FAILURE TO ACT.
Int. & Com. 1560; Rep. Com. 2564; Co-Sponsor added 2691; Adopted 2716

H. 5121 -- Rep. Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-1-50, RELATING TO GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES FOR LAKE MARION, SO AS TO INCLUDE AN ADDITIONAL GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-675, RELATING TO NONGAME FISHING DEVICES OR GEAR PERMITTED IN CERTAIN BODIES OF FRESHWATER, SO AS TO PERMIT HOOP NETS IN THE CONGAREE RIVER.
Int. & Com. 1577; Rep. Com. 2620; 2nd R. 2712; 3rd R. 2925; Rec. V. 2713; Amd. 2712

H. 5122 -- Reps. Jefferson, Hosey, Clyburn, Kirby, Williams, King and McDaniel: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-23-10, RELATING TO EXPENSES OF GENERAL ELECTION OFFICERS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT PAID TO MANAGERS AND CLERKS OF GENERAL ELECTIONS BY REQUIRING A PER DIEM FROM THE RESPECTIVE COUNTY IN WHICH THEY WERE APPOINTED TO SERVE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THAT PROVIDED IN THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT.
Int. & Com. 1578

H. 5123 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard,

Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN SCHOLAR DR. SAUNDRA H. GLOVER, A NATIVE OF ORANGEBURG COUNTY.

Int. & Adopted 1589

H. 5124 -- Reps. Burns, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAN MCDONALD, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS AT NORTH GREENVILLE UNIVERSITY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN FOUR DECADES OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 1590

H. 5125 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope,

Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR PORT ROYAL ON CELEBRATING ITS ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TOWN FOR ITS RICH HISTORY AND GROWTH.
Int. & Adopted 1590

H. 5126 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN MEDIA PERSONALITY AND FORMER SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE MEMBER DAVID J. MACK III, A NATIVE OF CHARLESTON.
Int. & Adopted 1591

H. 5127 -- Reps. Blackwell, Clyburn, Taylor, Oremus and Hixon: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR J. DAVID JAMESON, PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE GREATER AIKEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER ALMOST A QUARTER OF A CENTURY OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE GREATER AIKEN AREA, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 1593

H. 5128 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, B. Newton, Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore,

White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF JOHN THOMAS CAUGHMAN OF KERSHAW COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1593

H. 5129 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR COACH WILLIE THOMAS OF THE WHITE KNOLL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM FOR BEING NAMED REGION COACH OF THE YEAR.
Int. & Adopted 1594

H. 5130 -- Reps. Bernstein, Rose, Stavrinakis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KAREN W. WILSON, A LEGISLATIVE AIDE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS SHE LEAVES HER SERVICE HERE AFTER SEVEN YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 1594

H. 5131 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager,

Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE NATIONAL COALITION OF 100 BLACK WOMEN, INC., COLUMBIA (SC) CHAPTER.
Int. & Adopted 1595

H. 5132 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF PROMINENT AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER LOTTIE GIBSON OF GREENVILLE.
Int. & Adopted 1596

H. 5133 -- Reps. Thigpen, McDaniel, Henegan, Henderson-Myers, Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WILHELMINA P. JOHNSON WHO DEVOTED HERSELF TO ENHANCING HER COMMUNITY, AND TO COMMEND HER LIFE AS AN EDUCATOR AND HER COMMITMENT TO AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY.

Int. & Adopted 1596

H. 5134 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE ELEASE AMOS-GOODWIN OF CHARLESTON COUNTY FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF CHARLESTON AND FOR HER LIFETIME OF COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.

Int. & Adopted 1597

H. 5135 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JERRY GOVAN, A NATIVE SON OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS GREAT STATE.

Int. & Adopted 1598

H. 5136 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel,

McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH PROGRAM AND ITS STUDENTS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS IN BECOMING PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS AND TO DECLARE THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024, AS "ETIQUETTE DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA."
Int. & Adopted 1600

H. 5137 -- Reps. McCravy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. FAY SPROUSE, SUPERINTENDENT OF WARE SHOALS SCHOOL DISTRICT 51, ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER AN HONORED CAREER OF FORTY YEARS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH FULFILLMENT AND JOY IN THE DAYS TO COME.
Int. & Adopted 1601

H. 5138 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SYM SINGH, A LEADER IN SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNMENT, AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS SUBSTANTIAL AND EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

AS HE LEAVES HIS SERVICE THERE.
Int. & Adopted 1602

H. 5139 -- Reps. Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BEVERLY BREUER, DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT AND DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICORPS SENIORS PROGRAM OF SENIOR RESOURCES, UPON HER RETIREMENT AND TO WISH HER WELL AND GODSPEED AS SHE BEGINS A NEW CHAPTER IN HER LIFE.
Int. & Adopted 1602

H. 5140 -- Rep. Sandifer: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CASSONDRA OWENS "CASSIE" MOORE, LIBRARIAN AT SENECA MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOR THE REMARKABLE PROGRAMS THAT HAVE WON THE LIBRARY THE PRESTIGIOUS SOUTH CAROLINA LIBRARY OF THE YEAR AWARD.
Int. & Adopted 1603

H. 5141 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AMIKIDS FOR FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF GUIDING AT-RISK YOUTH TO POSITIVE, PRODUCTIVE ALTERNATIVES TO PAST BEHAVIOR WHILE ENABLING THEM TO BECOME SUCCESSFUL CITIZENS OF THIS GREAT STATE AND TO DECLARE THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024, AS AMIKIDS DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE.
Int. & Adopted 1604; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1759

H. 5142 -- Reps. Calhoon, Wooten, Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LEXINGTON VARSITY DANCE TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA DANCE ASSOCIATION'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN TWO CATEGORIES.

Int. & Adopted 1603

H. 5143 -- Rep. King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 30-4-40, RELATING TO MATTERS THAT PUBLIC BODIES MAY BE EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT, SO AS TO REMOVE COMPENSATION PAID BY PUBLIC BODIES FROM THE EXEMPTABLE MATTERS.

Int. & Com. 1607

H. 5144 -- Reps. B. J. Cox, Elliott, Wooten and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-5-105 SO AS TO CREATE THE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM WITHIN THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FACILITATING EFFICIENT EMERGENCY RESPONSES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BY PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Int. & Com. 1607; Rep. Com. 2683; Co-Sponsor added 2459, 2922; 2nd R. 3061; 3rd R. 3107; Rec. V. 3062; Amd. 3061, 3062; Point of Order 2943

H. 5145 -- Reps. Willis and J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-2925 SO AS TO PROVIDE DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHO COMMIT ACTS FORBIDDEN BY LAW OR NEGLECT DUTIES IMPOSED BY LAW RELATED TO DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES, IF THE ACTS OR NEGLECT RESULT IN GREAT BODILY HARM TO OTHER PERSONS, ARE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR, TO PROVIDE THAT DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES WHO COMMIT ACTS FORBIDDEN BY LAW OR NEGLECT DUTIES IMPOSED BY LAW RELATED TO DRIVING MOTOR VEHICLES, IF THE ACTS OR NEGLECT RESULT IN THE DEATH OF OTHER

PERSONS, ARE GUILTY OF A FELONY, AND TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE PENALTIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-5-2946, RELATING TO SUBMISSIONS TO TESTING FOR ALCOHOL OR DRUGS, SO AS TO PROVIDE PERSONS MUST SUBMIT TO TESTING FOR ALCOHOL OR DRUGS IF THE PERSONS COMMIT ACTS FORBIDDEN BY LAW OR NEGLECT ANY DUTY IMPOSED BY LAW IN THE DRIVING OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND THE ACT OR NEGLECT PROXIMATELY CAUSES GREAT BODILY INJURY OR DEATH TO OTHER PERSONS.
Int. & Com. 1607

H. 5146 -- Reps. Lowe, Jordan, Kirby, Alexander and Williams: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO EXPEDITIOUSLY AND FULLY COOPERATE WITH FLORENCE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF FLORENCE IN FACILITATING THE INSTALLATION AND USE OF AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READERS FUNDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OR LOCAL FUNDS AT INTERSECTIONS OF ROADWAYS MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT ANYWHERE IN FLORENCE COUNTY.
Int. & Com. 1608; Rep. Com. 1636; Co-Sponsor added 1656; 2nd R. 1911; 3rd R. 1977; Rec. V. 1913; Amd. 1912; Proposed Amd. 1911; Point of Order 1780

H. 5147 -- Reps. Gilliam, Pope, McCravy, Gibson and S. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-500, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS BY PERSONS CONVICTED OF VIOLENT OFFENSES, AND THE CONFISCATION AND RETURN OF FIREARMS TO INNOCENT OWNERS, SO AS TO REVISE OFFENSES AND PENALTIES COVERED BY THIS SECTION.
Int. & Com. 1608

H. 5148 -- Rep. White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-410 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INSURANCE POLICY THAT COVERS A PERSON OPERATING A RENTED OR LEASED VEHICLE SHALL BE PRIMARY TO A MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE POLICY; BY ADDING SECTION 38-77-420 SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS TO PAY SALES TAX FOR AUTOMOBILE PAINT WHEN REQUIRED TO PROVIDE CAR PAINTING SERVICES; AND BY ADDING SECTIONS 38-77-430, 38-77-440, 38-77-450, 38-77-460 AND 38-77-470 ALL SO AS TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO RESOLVE A DISPUTE BETWEEN AN INSURER AND AN INSURED AS TO THE AMOUNT OF LOSS OF A VEHICLE.
Int. & Com. 1608

H. 5149 -- Reps. Haddon, Hiott, Chapman, Chumley, Ligon, Brewer, Robbins, Forrest, Hixon and Yow: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 46-3-290 SO AS TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH A "CERTIFIED S.C. RAISED BEEF" DESIGNATION AND TO PROVIDE LABELS FOR ANY APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE CRITERIA; AND BY ADDING SECTION 47-17-160 SO AS TO ALLOW BEEF PRODUCERS IN THIS STATE TO CARRY A "CERTIFIED S.C. RAISED BEEF" DESIGNATION.
Int. & Com. 1609

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H. 5150 -- Rep. Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING SECTION 4-10-470 RELATING TO COUNTIES IN WHICH THE EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX MAY BE IMPOSED.
Int. & Com. 1609

H. 5151 -- Rep. Long: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 40-7-40 SO AS TO PROHIBIT THE DISPLAY OF A BARBER POLE IF NOT LICENSED IN THE PRACTICE OF BARBERING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-7-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE BARBER POLE.
Int. & Com. 1609

H. 5152 -- Reps. Robbins, T. Moore, Bailey, Brewer, Gatch and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 17-25-65, RELATING TO THE REDUCTION OF A SENTENCE FOR SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE STATE, SO AS TO REQUIRE NOTICE TO THE ARRESTING LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY AND ANY VICTIMS, TO REQUIRE A HEARING WITH FINDINGS OF FACT IN A WRITTEN ORDER, TO REQUIRE VERIFICATION OF SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR THE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY, AND TO ALLOW REDUCTION OF MANDATORY MINIMUM SENTENCES IN THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGE.
Int. & Com. 1609

H. 5153 -- Reps. West, Thayer, Chapman, Beach, Gagnon and Cromer: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 509 OF 1982, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF TRUSTEES OF ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2, SO AS TO REPLACE THE TWO MULTI-MEMBER DISTRICTS WITH FOUR SINGLE-MEMBER RESIDENCY AREAS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE RESIDENCY AREAS ARE DELINEATED.
Int. & Com. 1610; Rep. Com. 1636; 2nd R. 1773; 3rd R. Rec. V. 1774; Rat. 4415

H. 5154 -- Reps. West and Sandifer: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-5-1030, RELATING TO CIVIL PENALTIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE A GAS UTILITY WHICH VIOLATES SECTION 58-5-1020 OR A REGULATION UNDER ARTICLE 9 OF CHAPTER 5, TITLE 58 IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT MORE THAN THE CIVIL PENALTY PROVIDED BY 49 U.S.C. SECTION 60122 AND 49 C.F.R. 190.233.
Int. & Com. 1610; Rep. Com. 2680; 2nd R. 2926; 3rd R. 3008; Rec. V. 2926; Op. 2927; Rat. 4695

H. 5155 -- Reps. Pope, Ligon, O'Neal, Sessions, Felder, Burns, Chumley, Guffey, Lawson and Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-9-65, RELATING TO REGULATION OF CONSTRUCTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF A FARM STRUCTURE, SO AS TO EXEMPT CONVERTED FARM STRUCTURES USED FOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EVENTS.

Int. & Com. 1627

H. 5156 -- Reps. Garvin, King, Cobb-Hunter, Rivers and Dillard: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 31-21-65, 45-9-11, AND 59-63-41 SO AS TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL AND AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY OF THIS STATE IN HOUSING, PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS, AND EDUCATION TO DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, INCLUDING DISCRIMINATING AGAINST CERTAIN FACIAL FEATURES, HAIR TEXTURES, HAIR TYPES, AND HAIR STYLES ASSOCIATED WITH RACE; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-13-30, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD CLARIFYING DEFINITIONS TO MAKE IT UNLAWFUL AND AGAINST PUBLIC POLICY OF THIS STATE IN EMPLOYMENT TO DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-13-80, RELATING TO EXCEPTIONS TO UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXCEPTION TO COVERED EMPLOYERS ALLOWING THEM TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN FACIAL FEATURES, HAIR TEXTURES, HAIR TYPES, AND HAIRSTYLES ASSOCIATED WITH RACE WHEN NECESSARY TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE EMPLOYEE.

Int. & Com. 1628

H. 5157 -- Reps. Garvin, Bernstein, Gilliard, Gatch, J. L. Johnson, Brewer, Rivers, Dillard, Carter, King, Bauer, Cobb-Hunter, Henegan, W. Jones, Rose, Stavrinakis, Thigpen, Wetmore and Henderson-Myers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-3-100 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT FERTILIZED HUMAN EGGS OR HUMAN EMBRYOS THAT EXIST IN ANY FORM OUTSIDE OF THE UTERUS OF A HUMAN BODY ARE NOT CONSIDERED AN UNBORN CHILD OR OTHER TERM CONNOTING A HUMAN BEING FOR ANY PURPOSE UNDER STATE LAW.

Int. & Com. 1628; Co-Sponsor added 1773, 1840, 1904

H. 5158 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CELEBRATE THE ENDURING LEGACY OF THE EPSILON BETA OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., FOR ITS OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO SERVICE, UPLIFTING THE COMMUNITY, AND ADVOCATING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Int. & Adopted 1625

H. 5159 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CELEBRATE THE SPARTANBURG AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE AND CONGRATULATE IT ON THE COMPLETION OF THE SOUTHSIDE CULTURAL MONUMENT.
Int. & Adopted 1626

H. 5160 -- Reps. J. Moore, B. L. Cox, Pace, M. M. Smith, Jefferson, Davis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR WILLIS SANDERS FOR HIS DEDICATED PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CELEBRATE HIS DISTINGUISHED CAREER.
Int. & Adopted 1627

H. 5161 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Howard, Alexander, Cobb-Hunter, Gilliard, Rivers, Clyburn, Jefferson, J. Moore, Bauer, Anderson, McDaniel, Henegan, Hosey, Pendarvis, Dillard, Garvin, Bamberg, Henderson-Myers, Rutherford and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 1-1-696, RELATING TO OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE STATE, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE GULLAH LANGUAGE.
Int. & Com. 1628; Co-Sponsor added 2420

H. 5162 -- Reps. Hartnett, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell,

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Int. & Adopted 1645

H. 5163 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Thigpen, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SHIRLEY CALDWELL PRIDE FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER STORIED CAREER IN STATE GOVERNMENT.

Int. & Adopted 1645

H. 5164 -- Reps. Erickson, G. M. Smith, Herbkersman, Hartnett, McGinnis, Pope, Schuessler, Bradley, Hager, Long, Vaughan, Bannister, Elliott, Willis, Yow, Hiott, Gilliam, Mitchell, Hardee, Whitmire, W. Newton, B. Newton, Davis, Gagnon, Hixon, Lowe, Thayer, West, Taylor, Crawford and Guest: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUND PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE SEVERAL DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-115, RELATING TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL APPLICATION PROCESSES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-120, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRUST FUND, SO AS TO PROVIDE CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIREMENTS FOR

CERTAIN RELATED INFORMATION, TO REVISE THE FUNDING FORMULA, AND TO REVISE RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-125, RELATING TO FUNDING AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, AND TO REMOVE PROVISIONS ALLOWING THE USE OF QUALIFIED THIRD PARTIES TO MANAGE ACCOUNTS AND ADMINISTER RELATED FUNCTIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-130, RELATING TO REVERSION OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS UPON TERMINATION OF A SCHOLARSHIP, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE RETURN OF REVERTED FUNDS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-135, RELATING TO LIMITATIONS ON SCHOLARSHIPS, SO AS TO REVISE THE LIMITATIONS, REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL BUDGET REQUEST BASED ON CERTAIN SCHOLARSHIP DEMAND AND USE INFORMATION, AND TO REMOVE OBSOLETE REVIEW REQUIREMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-140, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER APPLICATION REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESSES, SO AS TO REVISE CERTIFICATION RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-145, RELATING TO THE STUDENT ELIGIBILITY NOTIFICATION PROCESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT MAY DECLARE A STUDENT INSTEAD OF A PARENT INELIGIBLE, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-8-150, RELATING TO EDUCATION SERVICE PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE PROVIDERS GIVE PARENTS SPECIFIC DOCUMENTATION FOR QUALIFIED GOODS AND SERVICES ACQUIRED, TO PROVIDE SURETY BOND REQUIREMENTS, AND TO REVISE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURE REQUIREMENTS.

Int. & Com. 1648; Rep. Com. 1965; Co-Sponsor added 1904, 2248; Co-Sponsor removed 1840; 2nd R. 2513; 3rd R. 2605; Rec. V. 2553; Amd. 2514, 2550, 2607; Proposed Amd. 2517, 2520, 2523, 2525, 2527, 2531, 2532, 2534, 2537, 2539; Req. Deb. 2486

H. 5165 -- Reps. Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Thigpen, Weeks, Williams, Pope, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR STANLEY MYERS FOR HIS MANY ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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H. 5166 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND EUGENE RUSH, JR., PASTOR OF PLEASANT HILL MISSIONARY CHURCH, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER NINETEEN YEARS OF SIGNIFICANT SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 1647

H. 5167 -- Reps. Erickson, Bradley, Hager, J. L. Johnson, Calhoon, Cromer, Hartnett, A. M. Morgan, Garvin, Landing, Alexander, S. Jones, Rivers, Gilliam, McGinnis, Kilmartin, Vaughan, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR EVANS DAVIS MCNAIR OF RICHLAND COUNTY FOR HIS NOTEWORTHY ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON ACHIEVING THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT, THE HIGHEST AWARD IN SCOUTING.

Int. & Adopted 1648

H. 5168 -- Reps. Connell, Mitchell, B. Newton and Wheeler: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 930 OF 1970, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR KERSHAW COUNTY, SO AS TO REVISE THE SPECIFIC ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE ELECTED, TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION FOR THESE DISTRICTS.

Int. 1650; 2nd R. 1775; 3rd R. 1840; Rec. V. 1775; Rat. 4416

H. 5169 -- Reps. Haddon, G. M. Smith, Hiott, Taylor, Hixon, Forrest, Wooten, Crawford, Gibson, Hartnett, Robbins, Sessions, Mitchell, T. Moore, Gilliam, Brewer, Ligon, Bradley, Brittain, Guest, B. L. Cox, Long, Chapman, J. E. Johnson, Burns, O'Neal, Vaughan, McCravy, Davis, Nutt, Trantham, Hyde, McGinnis, Hardee, Bailey, S. Jones, Guffey, West, Schuessler, Gatch, Gagnon, Herbkersman, Lawson, Moss, Murphy, Chumley, Carter, Magnuson, M. M. Smith, Pope, Cromer, Oremus and Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 1, TITLE 46 BY ENACTING THE "FARMERS PROTECTION ACT" TO PREVENT DISCRIMINATION IN FINANCING AGAINST FARMERS.

Int. & Com. 1650; Rep. Com. 2839; Co-Sponsor added 1773, 2922; 2nd R. 2976; 3rd R. 3013; Rec. V. 2978; Amd. 2976; Op. 2979

H. 5170 -- Reps. Pope, W. Newton, Caskey, Jordan, Bailey, Guffey, Wooten, Alexander, Bamberg, Wetmore, Wheeler, Bauer, Elliott, Connell, Pedalino, Hager, Crawford, Bradley, Schuessler, McDaniel, Cobb-Hunter, M. M. Smith, Taylor, B. L. Cox, Leber, Brittain, Sessions, T. Moore, Mitchell, Guest, Yow, Gatch, Thayer, West, Thigpen, King, J. E. Johnson, Magnuson, B. Newton, Ligon, Felder, McGinnis, Hardee, Hyde, Bannister, Bernstein, Blackwell, B. J. Cox, Dillard, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Haddon, Herbkersman, Hixon, Pendarvis, Sandifer, G. M. Smith, Ott, Carter and White: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF TITLE 2, BY RENAMING THE CHAPTER THE "SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, SCREENING AND ELECTION OF JUSTICES AND JUDGES", SO AS TO CREATE THE NEW SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION AND RESTRUCTURE THE PROCESS BY WHICH JUSTICES AND JUDGES ARE SCREENED AND ELECTED, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION AND ITS LIMITED TERMS, TO REQUIRE THE COMMISSION TO HAVE AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND OTHER NECESSARY STAFF, TO REQUIRE THE RELEASE OF ALL QUALIFIED JUDICIAL CANDIDATES, TO CREATE A COMBINED BAR AND CITIZENS' JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE, TO CREATE A MIDTERM JUDICIAL BALLOT BOX REVIEW, TO GIVE DELEGATIONS THE AUTHORITY TO REJECT A MASTER-IN-EQUITY CANDIDATE IN ADDITION TO THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORITY TO DO SO, TO CREATE A SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION TO SCREEN MAGISTRATE CANDIDATES BEFORE THE GOVERNOR APPOINTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS AND TO MAKE OTHER CONFORMING CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-1-10, RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MAGISTRATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A MAGISTRATE MAY SERVE IN HOLDOVER STATUS FOR NO MORE THAN FOURTEEN DAYS AT THE END OF HIS TERM, TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR MAY APPOINT A TEMPORARY MAGISTRATE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANY MAGISTRATE OR MAGISTRATE CANDIDATE WHO HAS BEEN REPRIMANDED BY THE SUPREME COURT OR ANY OTHER DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY MAY NOT BE APPOINTED OR REAPPOINTED UNLESS APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF THE SENATE AFTER THE SENATE IS INFORMED OF THE REPRIMAND OR DISCIPLINARY ACTION; BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-10, RELATING TO THE CIVIL JURISDICTION OF THE MAGISTRATES COURT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE CIVIL JURISDICTION FROM SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO TWENTY-FIVE

THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 22-3-550, RELATING TO MAGISTRATES COURT CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OVER MINOR OFFENSES, SO AS TO INCREASE THE PENALTY TO ONE YEAR AND INCREASE THE FINE OR FORFEITURE JURISDICTION FROM FIVE HUNDRED TO TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS; AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS OF OFFICE SPACE AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION AND REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THE COSTS OF THE TRANSFER OF THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION TO INDEPENDENT OFFICE SPACE WHEN IT CONVERTS TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE STANDALONE, INDEPENDENT AGENCY MUST BE CREATED AND FUNCTIONAL BY JULY 1, 2025.

Int. & Com. 1650; Co-Sponsor added 1773, 3915

H. 5171 -- Reps. Anderson, Hewitt, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE FRED ALLEN SMALLS, A NATIVE OF PLANTERSVILLE, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECENT ONE HUNDRED SIXTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Int. & Adopted 1749

H. 5172 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Thigpen, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FELICIA YVONNE YOUNG TROWER, A NATIVE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE, TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, AND TO OUR NATION.

Int. & Adopted 1749

H. 5173 -- Reps. Bernstein, Howard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL MEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Int. & Adopted 1750

H. 5174 -- Reps. May, Ballentine, Calhoon, Caskey, Forrest, Kilmartin, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White, Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPON THE PASSING OF BETTY LEE BODIE KNOTTS OF WEST COLUMBIA, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 1753; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1806

H. 5175 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S.

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Int. & Adopted 1751

H. 5176 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JENNY AND PATRICK BOWERS OF LITTLE MOUNTAIN FOR THEIR COMPASSIONATE VISION IN FOUNDING SCREAMING EAGLES SPECIAL NEEDS ATHLETICS.
Int. & Adopted 1751

H. 5177 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR PEARL MOORE OF FLORENCE COUNTY FOR HER ACHIEVEMENTS ON AND OFF THE BASKETBALL COURT.
Int. & Adopted 1752

H. 5178 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THUANE B. FIELDING, CO-CHAIR OF THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., FOR HER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY.
Int. & Adopted 1753

H. 5179 -- Reps. T. Moore and Hyde: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO NAME THE CONVERSE SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE SHOP IN SPARTANBURG COUNTY THE "DAVID T. BREWINGTON SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE CENTER", AND TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO INSTALL APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE CONTAINING THE WORDS "DAVID T. BREWINGTON SCHOOL BUS MAINTENANCE CENTER" AS THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS ADVISABLE.
Int. & Com. 1754; Rep. Com. 2909; 2nd R. 3077; 3rd R. 3108; Rec. V. 3077; Rat. 4695

H. 5180 -- Reps. Guffey, King, Kilmartin, Beach, Mitchell, Yow, Brewer, Pedalino, J. E. Johnson, Ligon, Magnuson, Guest, Neese, O'Neal, Kirby, B. Newton, Harris, Bamberg, Cromer, Felder, Hiott, Pope, Robbins and Rutherford: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-720, RELATING TO ZONING DISTRICTS' REGULATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNING BODY OF A MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY MAY NOT ENACT ORDINANCES THAT REGULATE CERTAIN POLITICAL SIGNS.
Int. & Com. 1754

H. 5181 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, May, Magnuson, O'Neal, Beach, Trantham, T. A. Morgan, McCabe, Harris, Pace, White, Kilmartin, Long, S. Jones, Cromer, Burns and Chumley: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 8-13-320, RELATING TO THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION, SO AS TO PERMIT THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION TO TAKE ACTION ON A COMPLAINT AFTER FOUR YEARS OF AN ALLEGED VIOLATION IF A PUBLIC OFFICIAL OR PUBLIC MEMBER WHO ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED A VIOLATION IS IN THE SAME GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY IN WHICH THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OCCURRED; AND BY

AMENDING SECTION 8-13-540, RELATING TO THE MANNER IN WHICH INVESTIGATIONS AND HEARINGS ARE CONDUCTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ETHICS COMMITTEES , SO AS TO PERMIT AN ETHICS COMMITTEE TO TAKE ACTION ON A COMPLAINT AFTER FOUR YEARS OF AN ALLEGED VIOLATION IF THE MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS IN THE SAME LEGISLATIVE BODY IN WHICH THE ALLEGED VIOLATION OCCURRED.
Int. & Com. 1755

H. 5182 -- Reps. Bustos, Leber and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 11, TITLE 9 SO AS TO CREATE THE "POLICE OFFICER RETENTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 8-11-620, RELATING TO LEAVE AND LUMP-SUM PAYMENTS PERMITTED UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, DEATH, OR RETIREMENT OF EMPLOYEES, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE POLICE OFFICER RETENTION INCENTIVE PROGRAM.
Int. & Com. 1755

H. 5183 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, West, Hewitt, Chapman, B. Newton, Hiott, Sessions, Pope, Davis, Gagnon, Thayer and Carter: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-20, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF A CERTIFIED MEDICAL ASSISTANT, SO AS TO REVISE THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-47-196, RELATING TO THE DELEGATION OF NURSING TASKS TO UNLICENSED ASSISTIVE PERSONNEL BY CERTAIN MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, SO AS TO DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL NURSING TASKS THAT MAY BE DELEGATED.
Int. & Com. 1756; Rep. Com. 2703; Co-Sponsor added 1773; 2nd R. 2963; 3rd R. 3012; Rec. V. 2965; Amd. 2963; Op. 2966; Rat. 4695

H. 5184 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Bamberg, Bauer, Clyburn, Dillard, Garvin, Gilliard, Guffey, Hart, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, King, McDaniel, J. Moore, Pendarvis, Rivers, Rutherford, Sessions, Weeks, Williams, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LATE SENATOR JOHN L. SCOTT, JR., FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT AND BROAD CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1762

H. 5185 -- Reps. W. Newton, Herbkersman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer,

Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CROSS SCHOOLS GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

Int. & Adopted 1763

H. 5186 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TITLE TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 5, 2024 AS "4-H DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA, HONOR MRS. SHERRY DAVIS-LIVINGSTON, MRS. SHANNON HERNDON, MRS. TERRI SUMPTER, AND MRS. GAYLE WILLIFORD FOR THEIR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE YOUTH OF OUR STATE, AND COMMEND STATE 4-H TEEN COUNCIL AND THE 4-H PROGRAM TEAM ON THEIR NUMEROUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE 2023-2024 YEAR AND FOR THE LEADERSHIP AND IMPACT THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED.

Int. & Adopted 1764

H. 5187 -- Rep. Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 41-10-35 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE MINIMUM WAGE IN THIS STATE IS THE GREATER VALUE OF EITHER TEN DOLLARS OR THE MINIMUM WAGE SET BY THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT; BY AMENDING SECTION 6-1-130, RELATING TO THE SCOPE OF AUTHORITY TO SET MINIMUM WAGE RATES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THIS STATE MAY NOT REQUIRE A MINIMUM WAGE THAT EXCEEDS THE MINIMUM WAGE ESTABLISHED IN THIS ACT;

BY AMENDING SECTION 44-22-160, RELATING TO THERAPEUTIC PATIENT EMPLOYMENT, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PATIENT EMPLOYEE MUST BE PAID THE MINIMUM WAGE ESTABLISHED IN THIS ACT; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 53-1-100 AND 53-1-110, BOTH RELATING TO SUNDAY WORK IN MACHINE SHOPS AND SUNDAY WORK IN MANUFACTURING OR FINISHING OF TEXTILE PRODUCTS, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SUNDAY WORK MUST BE COMPENSATED AT A RATE OF NO LESS THAN THE MINIMUM WAGE ESTABLISHED IN THIS ACT.
Int. & Com. 1765

H. 5188 -- Reps. Thayer, West, Beach, Chapman, Cromer and Gagnon: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 4-37-30, RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES OR TOLLS AS REVENUE FOR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FOR UNPREPARED FOOD ITEMS.
Int. & Com. 1765

H. 5189 -- Rep. Burns: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING PART 4 TO ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 62 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF TITLED PERSONAL PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-60, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR WATERCRAFT OR OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-70, RELATING TO FEES FOR WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-90, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-130, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS BY OPERATION OF LAW, SO AS TO INCLUDE TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-290, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-420, RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE FEES TO ISSUE OR TRANSFER A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-6-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE AND INCLUDE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO TRANSFERS ON DEATH FOR TITLED PERSONAL PROPERTY.
Int. & Com. 1765

H. 5190 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman,

Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE WEEK OF MARCH 12, 2024, AS "GIRL SCOUT WEEK" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO COMMEND THE GIRL SCOUT MOVEMENT, GIRL SCOUTS OF EASTERN SOUTH CAROLINA, AND GIRL SCOUTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA-MOUNTAINS TO MIDLANDS FOR PROVIDING GIRLS WITH A SAFE, INCLUSIVE, ALL-GIRL SPACE WHERE THEY CAN HONE THEIR SKILLS AND DEVELOP LEADERSHIP ABILITIES.
Int. & Adopted 1818

H. 5191 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MICHAELA JAMES UPON BEING NAMED 2024 PEE DEE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 1819

H. 5192 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO

CONGRATULATE THE LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1819

H. 5193 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE PAGELAND RESCUE SQUAD FOR SERVING A VITAL ROLE IN KEEPING THE RESIDENTS OF WESTERN CHESTERFIELD COUNTY SAFE AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY.
Int. & Adopted 1820

H. 5194 -- Reps. Yow, Henegan and Mitchell: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MAE ESTHER FIELDS OF CHESTERFIELD COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED SERVICE, HEALTH, AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 1821

H. 5195 -- Rep. Collins: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE GREENVILLE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND ANY AVAILABLE COMMITTEE HEARING ROOMS IN THE BLATT BUILDING FOR ITS YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT PROGRAM ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AND MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024. HOWEVER, THE CHAMBER MAY NOT BE USED IF THE HOUSE IS IN SESSION OR THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.
Int. & Adopted 1821

H. 5196 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E.

Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO BE INFORMED ABOUT THE SYMPTOMS OF ALZHEIMER'S AND THE GREAT NEED FOR RESEARCH TO FIND A CURE FOR THE DISEASE, FOR ADVOCACY FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM ITS EFFECTS, AND FOR SUCCOR FOR THEIR CAREGIVERS, AND TO RECOGNIZE MARCH 6, 2024, AS "ALZHEIMER'S ADVOCACY DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1822

H. 5197 -- Reps. Hiott, Hixon, Forrest, Burns, Chumley, Atkinson, Bauer, Brewer, Chapman, Gibson, Haddon, May, Magnuson, McCabe, McDaniel, T. A. Morgan, Neese and Trantham: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MARTHA ANN CURTO OF BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1823

H. 5198 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SALUTE LOWCOUNTRY FOOD BANK FOR MORE THAN FOUR DECADES OF FEEDING THE HUNGRY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MANY MORE YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL AND COMPASSIONATE SERVICE.
Int. & Adopted 1824

H. 5199 -- Reps. Anderson, Hewitt, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hiott,

Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR REVEREND DR. NORVEL GOFF, SR., PRESIDING ELDER OF THE EDISTO DISTRICT FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 1824

H. 5200 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TONY LEWIS OF CHARLESTON FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO HIS COMMUNITY AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Int. & Adopted 1825

H. 5201 -- Reps. Blackwell, Clyburn, Hixon, Oremus and Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SOUTH AIKEN HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Int. & Adopted 1826; Ret. By S. With Conc. 1876

H. 5202 -- Rep. Hyde: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 48-52-870, RELATING TO THE ENERGY EFFICIENT MANUFACTURED HOMES INCENTIVE PROGRAM, SO AS TO EXTEND THE PROGRAM FOR FIVE MORE YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2110, RELATING TO THE MAXIMUM TAX ON SALE OR LEASE OF CERTAIN ENERGY EFFICIENT MANUFACTURED HOMES, SO AS TO EXTEND THE PROVISION FOR FIVE MORE YEARS.

Int. & Com. 1829

H. 5203 -- Rep. Bannister: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BUDGET PROVISO CODIFICATION ACT OF 2024", SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION IN THE S.C. CODE OF CERTAIN PROVISOS CONTAINED IN THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, AND TO CODIFY OTHER RELATED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, INCLUDING PROVISIONS BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-17-170, 59-1-471, 59-17-180, 59-17-190, 59-67-310, 59-67-800, 59-67-330, 59-67-340, 59-17-200, 59-17-210, 59-1-472, AND 59-1-407 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-150 AND 59-6-130 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-EIA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-51-60, 59-51-70, AND 59-51-80 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE WIL LOU GRAY OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-47-130, 59-47-140, AND 59-47-150 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND BLIND; BY ADDING SECTION 59-49-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR AGRICULTURE AT JOHN DE LA HOWE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-7-70, 59-7-80, 59-7-90, AND 59-101-220 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-50-80, 59-50-90, AND 59-50-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-48-80, 59-48-90, 59-48-100, AND 59-1-497 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-123-330 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 59-53-110 AND 59-53-170 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL AND COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION; BY ADDING SECTION 60-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE LIBRARY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-15-100, 60-15-110, AND 60-15-120 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ARTS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 60-13-60, 60-13-70, 60-13-80, AND 60-13-90 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE MUSEUM COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-31-180 AND 43-31-190 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-6-116, 44-6-117, 44-6-118, 44-6-119, 44-6-120, 44-6-121, 44-6-122, AND 44-6-123 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-1-320, 44-1-330, 44-1-340, 44-1-350, 44-1-360, 44-1-370, 48-6-90, 44-1-380, 48-6-100, 48-6-110, 44-1-400, 44-1-410, AND 44-1-420 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-9-170 AND 44-9-180 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-20-40, 44-20-50, 44-20-60, 44-20-70, AND 44-20-80 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL NEEDS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 44-49-90 AND 44-

49-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 43-1-270, 43-1-280, 43-1-290, 43-1-300, 43-1-310, 43-1-320, 43-1-330, 43-1-340, 43-1-350, 43-1-360, AND 43-1-370 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 43-21-210 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON AGING; BY ADDING SECTION 63-11-2300 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT ON CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY; BY ADDING SECTION 31-13-100 AND BY AMENDING SECTION 31-13-430, RELATING TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO CODIFY PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 48-23-310, 48-23-320, AND 48-23-330 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 46-1-170 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PSA; BY ADDING SECTIONS 50-3-200, 50-3-210, 50-3-220, 50-3-230, AND 50-3-240 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; BY ADDING SECTION 48-45-90 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE SEA GRANT CONSORTIUM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 51-1-100, 51-1-110, AND 51-1-120 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM; BY ADDING SECTIONS 13-1-70, 13-1-80, 13-1-90, 13-1-100, 13-1-110, 13-1-120, 13-1-130, AND 13-1-140 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 11-50-190 AND 11-40-280 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 14-9-270, 14-1-250, 14-3-460, 14-1-260, 14-1-270, 14-1-280, 14-1-290, AND 14-1-300 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-23-690 AND 14-1-290 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE LAW COURT; BY ADDING SECTION 8-1-200 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE PROSECUTION COORDINATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-3-87, 23-3-90, 23-3-92, 23-3-95, 23-3-97, AND 23-3-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION; BY ADDING SECTION 23-6-197 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY; BY ADDING SECTIONS 23-23-170 AND 23-23-180 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING COUNCIL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 24-1-330, 24-1-340, 24-1-350, 24-1-360, 24-1-370, 24-1-380, 24-1-390, 24-1-400, 24-1-410, 24-1-420, 24-1-430, 24-1-440, 24-1-450, AND 24-1-460 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 24-21-120 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON; BY ADDING SECTIONS 63-19-500, 63-19-510, 63-19-520, 63-19-530, 63-19-540, 63-19-550, 63-19-560, AND 63-19-570 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-13-120, 1-13-130, AND 1-13-140 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 1-31-70, 1-31-80, 1-31-90, 1-31-100, AND 1-31-110 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE

COMMISSION FOR MINORITY AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 58-4-140, 58-4-150, AND 58-4-160 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF; BY ADDING SECTION 48-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 42-7-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE STATE ACCIDENT FUND; BY ADDING SECTION 38-3-250 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE; BY ADDING SECTION 34-1-230 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 37-1-304 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 41-3-150, 41-3-160, 23-9-199, AND 41-3-170 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING, AND REGULATION; BY ADDING SECTION 56-1-560 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES; BY ADDING SECTIONS 57-3-240, 57-3-250, AND 57-3-260 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; BY ADDING SECTIONS 55-1-110, 55-1-120 AND 55-1-130 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS; BY ADDING SECTION 10-3-70 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATED TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR; BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-498 SO AS TO CODIFY A PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; BY ADDING SECTION 11-5-300 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF STATE TREASURER; BY ADDING SECTION 25-1-180 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL; BY ADDING SECTIONS 7-3-80, 7-3-90, AND 7-3-100 SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO THE ELECTION COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 12-2-150 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1720, 59-101-440, 59-53-110, 59-101-450, 1-11-492, 1-1-1730, 11-11-85, 1-1-1740, 11-49-180, BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-1310, RELATING TO THE USE TAX, BY ADDING SECTIONS 4-10-610, 11-55-60, 59-1-498, 1-1-1750, 1-11-499, 1-1-1760; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS; BY ADDING SECTIONS 1-1-1770 AND 1-3-70 ALL SO AS TO CODIFY CERTAIN PROVISOS RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 11-11-220 SO AS TO CODIFY A CERTAIN PROVISO RELATING TO STATEWIDE REVENUE.

Int. & Com. 1829; Rep. Com. 1879; 2nd R. 2589; 3rd R. 2613; Rec. V. 2594; Amd. 2593, 2594; D. A. 2469, 2493; Op. 2595

H. 5204 -- Rep. J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-505 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ESTABLISH A PILOT PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING TUTORING INTERVENTION TO STUDENTS USING A HIGH-QUALITY TUTORING PROGRAM.

Int. & Com. 1833

H. 5205 -- Rep. J. Moore: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-139-100 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER THE

HIGH-QUALITY PREKINDERGARTEN EXPANSION GRANT PROGRAM.
Int. & Com. 1833

H. 5206 -- Rep. W. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-170 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT IS AUTHORIZED TO USE SURPLUS LAND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
Int. & Com. 1833

H. 5207 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 36-8-503, RELATING TO THE PROPERTY INTEREST OF ENTITLEMENT HOLDERS IN FINANCIAL ASSETS HELD BY SECURITIES INTERMEDIARIES, SO AS TO DELETE THE REFERENCE TO SECTION 36-8-511; BY AMENDING SECTION 36-8-511, RELATING TO PRIORITY AMONG SECURITY INTERESTS AND ENTITLEMENT HOLDERS, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE PRIORITY OF CLAIMS FOR A CREDITOR BY A SECURITIES INTERMEDIARY AND FOR THE PRIORITY OF CLAIMS FOR A CLEARING CORPORATION BY CREDITORS AND ENTITLEMENT HOLDERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 36-9-305, RELATING TO THE LAW GOVERNING PERFECTION AND PRIORITY OF SECURITY INTERESTS IN INVESTMENT PROPERTY, SO AS TO DELETE THE PROVISION REGARDING THE LOCAL LAW OF THE SECURITIES INTERMEDIARY'S JURISDICTION TO GOVERN PERFECTION AND PRIORITY OF AN INTEREST IN A SECURITY ENTITLEMENT OR ACCOUNT.
Int. & Com. 1834; Com. 2499; Recalled 2499

H. 5208 -- Reps. Brewer and Murphy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-615, RELATING TO SPOUSAL SEXUAL BATTERY, SO AS TO DELETE PROVISIONS REQUIRING REPORTING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AND PROVIDING THAT THE SECTION IS NOT APPLICABLE TO PERSONS UNDER A CERTAIN AGE.
Int. & Com. 1834

H. 5209 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SERVICE OF TRANSIT EMPLOYEES AND THE

BENEFIT THEY PROVIDE FOR ALL CITIZENS IN THE PALMETTO STATE AND TO DECLARE MARCH 18, 2024, NATIONAL TRANSIT EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1888

H. 5210 -- Reps. Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF PHI BETA SIGMA FRATERNITY, INC., ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE AND TO WELCOME TO SOUTH CAROLINA THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE AS THEY CELEBRATE THEIR PLATINUM JUBILEE FROM MARCH 22 TO MARCH 24, 2024, IN COLUMBIA.
Int. & Adopted 1889

H. 5211 -- Reps. Gagnon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES, AND BUSINESSES TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CONSUMER-FACING PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE AND TO DECLARE THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024, AS "STO PROGRAMS DAY" IN THE PALMETTO STATE.
Int. & Adopted 1889

H. 5212 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest,

Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA UPON THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION, TO RECOGNIZE RACHELLE JAMERSON-HOLMES UPON HER ELECTION AS THE 2023-2024 ABWA NATIONAL PRESIDENT, AND TO WELCOME ALL ABWA MEMBERS AND GUESTS FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL "AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S DAY" AT THE STATE HOUSE ON MARCH 7, 2024.

Int. & Adopted 1890

H. 5213 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE WITH THE TOWN OF IRMO THE ANNUAL IRMO CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BEAUTY OF THE FESTIVAL, AND TO PROCLAIM MARCH 23, 2024, AS CHERRY BLOSSOM DAY IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Int. & Adopted 1891

H. 5214 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton,

Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GRAY COLLEGIATE ACADEMY BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A SUCCESSFUL SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1892

H. 5215 -- Reps. J. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. SEBASTIAN CAMACHO REYES, DISTINGUISHED CRIMINAL JUDGE AND COLOMBIAN ATTORNEY, FOR HIS CONTINUED EFFORTS TO UPHOLD HUMAN RIGHTS AND SEEK JUSTICE FOR THOSE IN NEED, AND TO WELCOME HIM TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSE.
Int. & Adopted 1892

H. 5216 -- Rep. G. M. Smith: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT LEGISLATURE TO USE THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FOR ITS ANNUAL STATE HOUSE SESSION APRIL 3-5, 2024, UNLESS THE CHAMBER IS OTHERWISE UNAVAILABLE.
Int. & Adopted 1893

H. 5217 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR BISHOP CEDRIC M. BOYD FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF GOSPEL MINISTRY AND TO EXTEND TO HIM BEST WISHES FOR GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.
Int. & Adopted 1894

H. 5218 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, May, Magnuson, T. A. Morgan, Kilmartin, Cromer, Pace, S. Jones, O'Neal, Oremus, Burns, Harris, Chumley, Beach, McCabe and White: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 4.6 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO COMMITTEES AND THEIR PROCEDURES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES TO SET BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS WITH FIFTEEN OR MORE SPONSORS FOR

CONSIDERATION BY THE FULL COMMITTEE OR SUBCOMMITTEE WITHIN SEVEN DAYS OF A WRITTEN REQUEST OF A SPONSOR OR COSPONSOR.
Int. & Com. 1894

H. 5219 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, May, Magnuson, T. A. Morgan, Kilmartin, Cromer, Pace, Harris, S. Jones, Oremus, Chumley, Burns, Long, Beach, McCabe, O'Neal and White: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 4.4 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO COMMITTEES AND THEIR PROCEDURES, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE LIVESTREAMING OF ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS, INCLUDING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS.
Int. & Com. 1894

H. 5220 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, May, Magnuson, T. A. Morgan, Kilmartin, Cromer, Pace, Harris, S. Jones, Oremus, Burns, Chumley, Beach, McCabe, O'Neal and White: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 10 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY ADDING RULE 10.17 SO AS TO RESTRICT A LEGISLATIVE CAUCUS FROM INSTITUTING RULES THAT RESTRICT A MEMBER'S ABILITY TO SPEAK IN THE PUBLIC FORUM OR THAT ATTEMPTS TO RESTRICT POLITICAL SPEECH.
Int. & Com. 1895

H. 5221 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, May, Magnuson, T. A. Morgan, Kilmartin, Cromer, Pace, S. Jones, Oremus, Long, Burns, Harris, Chumley, Beach, McCabe and White: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 7.2 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO ROLL CALL VOTING REQUIREMENTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IN JUDICIAL ELECTIONS, THE AYES AND NAYS MUST BE ENTERED IN THE HOUSE JOURNAL AND THE ELECTRONIC ROLL SYSTEM MUST BE USED REGARDLESS OF IF THE ELECTION IS CONTESTED.
Int. & Com. 1895

H. 5222 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, May, Magnuson, T. A. Morgan, Kilmartin, Cromer, Pace, Harris, O'Neal, Burns, Chumley, Beach, Oremus, McCabe and White: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND RULE 8.9 OF THE RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, RELATING TO MOTION PROCEDURES, SO AS TO ALLOW A MOTION TO VACATE THE SPEAKERSHIP.
Int. & Com. 1895

H. 5223 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis,

Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE HEATHWOOD HALL GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM ON ITS IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 1896

H. 5224 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR MS. JEANETTE CHANDA MAKGOLO, COMMISSIONER GENERAL OF BOTSWANA UNIFIED REVENUE SERVICE, FOR HER SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO BOTSWANA'S PUBLIC SECTOR AND TO RECOGNIZE HER CONTRIBUTIONS IN IMPLEMENTING MEASURES TO ENHANCE HER COUNTRY'S FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY AND EFFICIENCY IN PROVIDING RELATED SERVICES.
Int. & Adopted 1896

H. 5225 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-1180 SO AS TO ALLOW AN INCOME TAX DEDUCTION FOR EACH CLINICAL ROTATION SERVED BY A PHYSICIAN, ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE, OR PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT AS A PRECEPTOR FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS.
Int. & Com. 1897; Rep. Com. 2685; Co-Sponsor added 2922; 2nd R. 2951; 3rd R. 3012; Rec. V. 2954; Amd. 2951; Op. 2955

H. 5226 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Crawford, Elliott, B. J. Cox, Wetmore, Hewitt, Neese, West, Sessions, B. Newton, Bannister, Herbkersman, Rutherford and Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-130, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE FACILITY LICENSURE DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A DEFINITION FOR "ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 44-7-170, RELATING TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL OR A SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR LICENSING ACUTE HOSPITAL CARE AT HOME PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.
Int. & Com. 1897

H. 5227 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF

LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-3-70 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GOVERNOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE HIRING AND REMOVAL OF ALL STATE AGENCY HEADS.
Int. & Com. 1898

H. 5228 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 8-11-164 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY SUSPEND A STATE AGENCY HEAD BY THE PASSAGE OF A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.
Int. & Com. 1898

H. 5229 -- Reps. Mitchell, Henegan, Murphy, Yow, Robbins, Guffey, Wheeler and B. Newton: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 38-53-70, RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF BENCH WARRANTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE CLERK OF COURT TO ISSUE A BENCH WARRANT IF A DEFENDANT VIOLATES THE CONDITIONS OF RELEASE ON BOND.
Int. & Com. 1898

H. 5230 -- Rep. Wooten: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR JUDGES AND SOLICITORS, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THIS STATE IN THE DEFINITION OF "SOLICITOR" AND TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PROVISIONS FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE SYSTEM; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 9-8-40, RELATING TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE SYSTEM, SO AS TO ALLOW THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SERVING ON JULY 1, 2024, TO ELECT TO BECOME A MEMBER.
Int. & Com. 1898; Rep. Com. 2689; 2nd R. 3070; 3rd R. 3108; Rec. V. 3072; Amd. 3067; Proposed Amd. 3068, 3070, 3071; Point of Order 2961, 3069

H. 5231 -- Rep. Bamberg: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 104 OF 2021, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONSOLIDATED BAMBERG COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ITS NINE-MEMBER BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE TO BE ELECTED FROM SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS WHICH CORRESPOND WITH THE BAMBERG COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICTS, AND TWO ADDITIONAL MEMBERS ARE TO BE ELECTED FROM THE COUNTY AT-LARGE.
Int. & Com. 1899; Rep. Com. 2558; 2nd R. 2628; 3rd R. 2692; Rec. V. 2628; Rat. 4416

H. 5232 -- Reps. Brewer, Hewitt, Guffey, Mitchell, Murphy and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY REGULATION REGARDING THE USE, DISPOSITION, SALE, OR ANY IMPOSITION OF ANY PROHIBITION, RESTRICTION, FEE IMPOSITION, OR TAXATION OF A CO-OWNED HOME MUST BE DONE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
Int. & Com. 1899

H. 5233 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF

LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-29-205 SO AS TO PROHIBIT NURSING SCHOOLS FROM REQUIRING THAT STUDENTS BE VACCINATED WITH A NOVEL VACCINE.
Int. & Com. 1899

H. 5234 -- Rep. Elliott: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT REGULATORY OVERREACH ON THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, TO ENCOURAGE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO REEVALUATE PROPOSED RESTRICTIONS ON THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, AND TO URGE SUPPORT OF FRAMEWORKS THAT CELEBRATE INNOVATION AND ACCELERATE PROGRESS IN THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY.
Int. & Com. 1922

H. 5235 -- Reps. Bannister and Herbkersman: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 43-7-465, RELATING TO INSURERS PROVIDING COVERAGE TO PERSONS RECEIVING MEDICAID, SO AS TO COMPORT WITH THE FEDERAL CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 2022.
Int. & Com. 1922; Rep. Com. 2686; 2nd R. 3066; 3rd R. 3108; Rec. V. 2960, 3066; Proposed Amd. 2959; Point of Order 2959; Rat. 4696

H. 5236 -- Reps. Bannister and Herbkersman: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-6-50, RELATING TO RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OR A SUCCESSOR AGENCY, SO AS TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES CONCERNING MEDICAID CLAIMS PROCESSING CONTRACTS.
Int. & Com. 1922; Rep. Com. 2686; 2nd R. 3064; 3rd R. 3107; Rec. V. 3065; Proposed Amd. 2959, 3064; Point of Order 2958, 3064; Rat. 4696

H. 5237 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CHEF MAXCEL HARDY OF DETROIT, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 1966

H. 5238 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey,

Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE WILSON HALL SHOTGUN TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION/SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES FOR TRAP AND SKEET.
Int. & Adopted 1967

H. 5239 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR HIEN YACOUBA SIE FOR HIS WORK IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF INTRA-AFRICAN TRADE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
Int. & Adopted 1968

H. 5240 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis,

Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DAERE AFONYA-A AKOBO FOR HIS RELENTLESS USE AND PURSUIT OF STRONG BUSINESS PRINCIPLES IN THE ENERGY SECTOR IN NIGERIA AND THROUGHOUT AFRICA TO BENEFIT THE CONTINENT'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FOR HIS SUCCESSFUL PHILANTHROPIC EFFORTS.
Int. & Adopted 1968

H. 5241 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR HIS EXCELLENCY DR. JAKAYA M. KIKWETE, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE IN PROMOTING PEACE AND SECURITY ACROSS AFRICA.
Int. & Adopted 1969

H. 5242 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. ZAFIVANONA ERNEST LAINKANA, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CUSTOMS IN MADAGASCAR, FOR HIS MEANINGFUL ROLE IN HIS NATION'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.
Int. & Adopted 1970

H. 5243 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Kirby, Davis, Herbkersman, King and McDaniel: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE HEALTH CARE MARKET REFORM MEASURES STUDY COMMITTEE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE STUDY

COMMITTEE'S MEMBERSHIP AND NONVOTING ADVISORY BOARD; TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE; TO REQUIRE THE STUDY COMMITTEE TO ISSUE A REPORT WITH FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Int. & Com. 1971

H. 5244 -- Reps. Ligon, B. Newton, Sessions, Neese, Pope, Guffey, O'Neal, Felder and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-16000 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES MAY ISSUE "CATAWBA NATION" SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES.
Int. & Com. 1971; Rep. Com. 2439; Co-Sponsor added 2627; 2nd R. 2644; 3rd R. 2692; Rec. V. 2644; Point of Order 2598

H. 5245 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Erickson, Bradley and Weeks: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-40-50, RELATING TO CHARTER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE CHARTER SCHOOLS MAY GIVE ENROLLMENT PREFERENCE TO CHILDREN OF ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY SERVICEMEMBERS IN THIS STATE IF THEIR ENROLLMENT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT OF THE OVERALL ENROLLMENT, AND TO REVISE EXISTING ENROLLMENT PREFERENCE PROVISIONS.
Int. & Com. 1971; Rep. Com. 2682; Co-Sponsor added 2577, 2922; 2nd R. 2933; 3rd R. 3010; Rec. V. 2935; Amd. 2933; Op. 2936

H. 5246 -- Reps. Wetmore, Brittain, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Hartnett, Leber, Gilliard, Bustos, Pendarvis, Jefferson, Landing and Garvin: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-612 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE BROWN PELICAN IS THE OFFICIAL SEABIRD OF THE STATE.
Int. & Com. 1971; 2nd R. 3269; 3rd R. 3285; Rec. V. 3270, 4534; Recalled 3150; Point of Order 3243; Ret. By S. With Amdt. 4534; Conc. & Enr. 4534; Rat. 4696

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Int. & Com. 1972

H. 5248 -- Reps. Howard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe,

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Int. & Adopted 2005

H. 5249 -- Reps. Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CATAWBA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted

H. 5250 -- Reps. Jefferson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR APOSTLE JOHN W. JOHNSON, JR., FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITY AND TO HIS MINISTRY.
Int. & Adopted 2006

H. 5251 -- Reps. Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White,

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Int. & Adopted 2007

H. 5252 -- Reps. Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MRS. MAPLESE SCOTT-KING ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.
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H. 5253 -- Reps. Trantham, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THOMAS LYNN "TOM" BAILEY, SR., OF ANDERSON COUNTY, TO HONOR HIS REMARKABLE COMMITMENT TO CONSERVATION AND TO THE EFFORTS OF PALMETTOPRIDE, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
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H. 5254 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF COLUMBIA UPON THE OCCASION OF ITS ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND ITS MEMBERS FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COLUMBIA COMMUNITY AND THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Int. & Adopted 2397

H. 5255 -- Reps. Carter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE PEYTON O'BRIEN ON AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO HONOR HER FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

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Int. & Adopted 2398

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Int. & Adopted 2401

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Int. & Adopted 2400

H. 5261 -- Rep. Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 53-3-300 SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF MARCH OF EACH YEAR AS THE BIRTHDATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Com. 2402

H. 5262 -- Reps. Bailey, Hardee, Brittain, McGinnis, Guest and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3670, RELATING TO THE CREDIT FOR EXCESS PREMIUM PAID FOR PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE, SO AS TO RAISE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT ALLOWED FOR A TAX YEAR FROM ONE

THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS TO ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS.
Int. & Com. 22402

H. 5263 -- Reps. Rose and Mitchell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 8 TO TITLE 47 ENTITLED "PUBLIC CONTACT WITH DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS" SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS, TO PROHIBIT DIRECT CONTACT WITH DANGEROUS WILD ANIMALS, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS, TO ALLOW FOR ENFORCEMENT BY ANIMAL CONTROL AUTHORITIES, LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS, STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS, AND COUNTY SHERIFFS, AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.
Int. & Com. 2402

H. 5264 -- Reps. Burns and W. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-250, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION ALLOWED FOR PERSONS WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SIXTY-FIVE YEARS, DISABLED, OR LEGALLY BLIND, SO AS TO SET THE EXEMPTION AMOUNT AS THE GREATER OF THE FIRST FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS OR THE FIRST THIRTY-THREE PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE HOMESTEAD; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 12-37-245 RELATING TO AN OBSOLETE REFERENCE TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.
Int. & Com. 2403

H. 5265 -- Reps. Hiott and Carter: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 63-9-780, RELATING IN PART TO MUTUAL CONSENT REGISTRIES, SO AS TO CREATE AN EXCEPTION FOR THE RELEASE OF THE IDENTITY OF THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT TO AN ADULT ADOPTEE IF THE BIOLOGICAL PARENT IS DECEASED.
Int. & Com. 2403; Co-Sponsor added 2459

H. 5266 -- Rep. Wetmore: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 340 OF 1967, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE GOVERNING BODY THEREOF, AND THE MANNER IN WHICH ITS MEMBERS ARE ELECTED, SO AS TO REVISE THE DATES WHICH A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION MUST FILE A STATEMENT OF CANDIDACY.
Int. & Com. 2403

H. 5267 -- Rep. Forrest: AN ACT TO AMEND ACT 307 OF 2012, RELATING TO THE ELECTION DISTRICTS FROM WHICH CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE SALUDA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST BE ELECTED, SO AS TO REAPPORTION THESE DISTRICTS, TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION IN REGARD TO THESE DISTRICTS, AND TO UPDATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE DISTRICTS ARE DELINEATED.
Int. & Com. 2403; Rep. Com. 2438; 2nd R. 2578; 3rd R. 2613; Rec. V. 2578; Op. 2579; Rat. 4416

H. 5268 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain,

Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF BARBARA ANN HOLMES HOWARD, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 2409

H. 5269 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2410

H. 5270 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West,

Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF TEAM ON WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2411

H. 5271 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2411

H. 5272 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY COED BOWLING TEAM AND COACHES ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO APPLAUD THE TEAM ON ITS OUTSTANDING SEASON.
Int. & Adopted 2412

H. 5273 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, B. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott,

Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE ANDREW JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2413

H. 5274 -- Reps. Nutt, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE GREAT STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO HONOR OUR ENGINEERS FOR THEIR MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PALMETTO STATE'S QUALITY OF LIFE, AND TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024, AS "PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 2413

H. 5275 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson and W. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 38-63-110 SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS THAT ISSUE INDIVIDUAL LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES TO OFFER LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EMBRYOS; AND BY ADDING SECTION 38-65-130 SO AS TO REQUIRE INSURERS THAT ISSUE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES TO OFFER LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR EMBRYOS.
Int. & Com. 2416

H. 5276 -- Reps. Anderson and Hewitt: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARY JOYCE HOLMES, BOARD MEMBER ON THE GEORGETOWN COUNTY BOARD OF VOTER REGISTRATION AND

ELECTIONS, AND TO COMMEND HER FOR HER SIGNIFICANT COMMUNITY SERVICE AND FOR HER DEDICATION TO REGISTERING MINORITY VOTERS AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO VOTE.
Int. & Adopted 2414

H. 5277 -- Reps. Connell, B. Newton, Mitchell, Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR CAPTURING THE 2024 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TEAM'S EXCEPTIONAL PLAYERS, COACH, AND STAFF ON A SUPERB SEASON.
Int. & Adopted 2414

H. 5278 -- Reps. Thayer, Cromer, West, Chapman, Gagnon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE T.L. HANNA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND AND BAND DIRECTORS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO APPLAUD THEM ON CAPTURING THE 2023 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 2415

H. 5279 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott,

Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE I. DEQUINCEY NEWMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND REVEREND FRANK V. JAMES AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE MEADOWLAKE COMMUNITY
Int. & Adopted 2442

H. 5280 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JADA M. SAMUEL, MISS SOUTH CAROLINA 2023, AND TO COMMEND THE EXCEPTIONAL DISCIPLINE, ASPIRATIONS, AND TALENT THAT HAVE ENABLED HER TO REPRESENT THE PALMETTO STATE WITH DIGNITY AND POISE.
Int. & Adopted 2442

H. 5281 -- Reps. Cromer, Chapman, Beach, Gagnon, Thayer, West, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH CHUCK PARKER OF

ANDERSON COUNTY FOR BEING NAMED TO THE CLASS OF 2024 FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME.
Int. & Adopted 2443

H. 5282 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE RESTORATION BIBLE INSTITUTE OF BISHOPVILLE ON THE OCCASION OF THE CELEBRATION OF ITS OPENING, TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH FUTURE SUCCESS AS THE SCHOOL PREPARES CHRISTIAN LEADERS TO SERVE THE LORD.
Int. & Adopted 2444

H. 5283 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, B. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DELMAR BRYANT PATTERSON OF LANCASTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 2444

H. 5284 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest,

Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. TONEY C. PARKS, SENIOR PASTOR OF MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH, TO CELEBRATE HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-TWO YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS NEW APPOINTMENT AS PASTOR EMERITUS OF MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH.
Int. & Adopted 2445

H. 5285 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE APRIL 2024 AS "SECOND CHANCE MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO COMMEND THE SOTERIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ON ITS OUTSTANDING WORK IN ASSISTING FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS WITH REENTERING SOCIETY FOR THE PAST TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.
Int. & Adopted 2446

H. 5286 -- Rep. Hartnett: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KEN BIBLE, CHIEF INFORMATION SECURITY OFFICER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 2447

H. 5287 -- Rep. T. Moore: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE STUDENTS AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND, AT A DATE AND TIME TO BE

DETERMINED BY THE SPEAKER, TO RECOGNIZE THEM FOR A DEMONSTRATION OF THEIR UNIQUE ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
Int. & Adopted 2447

H. 5288 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF ROBERT EARL BROWN, SR., OF SPARTANBURG AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 2447

H. 5289 -- Rep. Oremus: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-440, RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE, AND SUMMARY COURT JURISDICTION OVER THESE OFFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUSPENSION OF DRIVERS' LICENSES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION, AND TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL POST ALL CONVICTIONS ON THE OFFENDERS' DRIVING RECORDS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 56-1-330, RELATING TO COURTS REPORTING CERTAIN CONVICTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO PROVIDE COURTS FAILING TO REPORT CERTAIN CONVICTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES SHALL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF STATE FUNDS TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH JURISDICTION OVER THE OFFENSES.
Int. & Com. 2449

H. 5290 -- Reps. Oremus, McCravy, Cromer, Trantham and Pace: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "BABY OLIVIA ACT"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-32-30, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIRED IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTION COMPONENT OF THE PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE CERTAIN ULTRASOUND VIDEO SHOWING THE DEVELOPMENT OF VITAL ORGANS IN EARLY FETAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMPUTER-GENERATED ANIMATION SHOWING THE PROCESS OF FERTILIZATION AND EVERY STAGE OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND TO PROVIDE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MAY BRING A CIVIL ACTION TO COMPEL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT.
Int. & Com. 2450

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H. 5291 -- Reps. Burns, Haddon, Beach, Trantham and Oremus: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO PARTICIPATE IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT'S SECTION 287(G) PROGRAMS AND TO REQUIRE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, UPON LEARNING OF ILLEGAL OPERATIONS, TO BRING UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS TO THIS STATE TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO COMMENCE RICO-BASED SEIZURES TO SEIZE ALL ASSETS USED IN THE EFFORTS TO IMPORT UNDOCUMENTED INDIVIDUALS TO THIS STATE.

Int. & Com. 2450; Co-Sponsor added 2627

H. 5292 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MARGARET "MARGO" TURNER, MISS SOUTH CAROLINA TEEN 2023, AND TO COMMEND THE EXCEPTIONAL DISCIPLINE, ASPIRATIONS, AND TALENT THAT HAVE ENABLED HER TO REPRESENT THE PALMETTO STATE WITH DIGNITY AND POISE.

Int. & Adopted 2448

H. 5293 -- Reps. Kirby, Atkinson, Alexander, Anderson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF COUNCILMAN W.B. WILSON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Int. & Adopted 2464

H. 5294 -- Reps. Thigpen, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE RIDGE VIEW HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2024 CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A SUPERB SEASON.

Int. & Adopted 2464

H. 5295 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE ORGANIZATION ON MORE THAN A HALF-CENTURY OF FIGHTING THE WAR ON POVERTY.

Int. & Adopted 2465

H. 5296 -- Reps. Cobb-Hunter, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton,

Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MRS. JANE WANJIRU MWANGI, PRESIDENT OF THE BAPTIST WOMEN'S UNION OF AFRICA AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT, FOR HER EXTRAORDINARY WORK AND TO WELCOME HER TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

Int. & Adopted 2466

H. 5297 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. ROBERT R. "BOB" OLIVERIO, VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER FOR AMBULATORY CARE AND POPULATION HEALTH AT ROPER ST. FRANCIS HEALTHCARE, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON RECEIVING THE 2023 ROPER ST. FRANCIS FOUNDATION PHYSICIAN CHAMPION AWARD.

Int. & Adopted 2563

H. 5298 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE OUTSTANDING CAREER AND SERVICE OF CHRISTY A. HALL, SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES TO HER ON HER WELL-EARNED RETIREMENT.

Int. & Adopted 2565

H. 5299 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ERNESTINE REED ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HER MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Int. & Adopted 2566

H. 5300 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE CHESNEE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS GOLF TEAM ON WINNING THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE CLASS AA-A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Int. & Adopted 2567

H. 5301 -- Reps. Ballentine, Bauer, Bernstein, Garvin, Hart, Howard, J. L. Johnson, McDaniel, Rose, Rutherford, Thigpen, Calhoon, Caskey, Forrest, Kilmartin, May, McCabe, Ott, Taylor, White, Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson,

Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. RONALD L. RHAMES, PRESIDENT OF MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE, UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 2568

H. 5302 -- Reps. Bustos, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM FRANCIS "BUDDY" BENDT, NATIVE OF CHARLESTON, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 2568

H. 5303 -- Reps. T. Moore, Long, Magnuson, Kilmartin, May, White, A. M. Morgan and T. A. Morgan: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 7-5-35 SO AS TO IMPROVE VOTER ACCESS TO CERTAIN RECORDS IN ELECTRONIC FORMAT; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ALL ELECTIONS SHALL BE FOLLOWED BY A HAND-COUNT AUDIT IN AT LEAST TEN PERCENT OF PRECINCTS FOR A STATEWIDE PRIMARY OR GENERAL ELECTION; BY ADDING SECTION 7-13-1455 SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS WHEN A HAND-COUNT AUDIT REVEALS A DISCREPANCY WITH THE TABULATED VOTE COUNTS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN A CERTAIN AMOUNT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-13-1330, RELATING TO VOTE RECORDERS AND OPTICAL-SCAN VOTING SYSTEMS, SO AS TO CLARIFY THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A VOTE RECORDER MAY NOT BE APPROVED FOR USE IN THIS STATE.
Int. & Com. 2569; Co-Sponsor added 2691

H. 5304 -- Reps. Pope and Guffey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-30-180 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY PROVISION OF A GOVERNING DOCUMENT WHICH RESTRICTS A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT OF A LOT OWNER OR A PERSON RESIDING IN A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED COMMUNITY IS VOID.

Int. & Com. 2570

H. 5305 -- Reps. Mitchell, Yow, Wooten and Caskey: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-1-212, RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT OF STATE CRIMINAL LAWS BY FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, SO AS TO ADD SPECIAL AGENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO THE DEFINITION OF "FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER".
Int. & Com. 2570

H. 5306 -- Reps. McDaniel and Henderson-Myers: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES SHALL EXEMPT INDIVIDUALS FROM THE ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS OF 21 U.S.C. 862A TO ENSURE ELIGIBILITY FOR TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES BENEFITS AND FEDERAL FOOD ASSISTANCE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES MAY SEEK, APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, OR RENEW A WAIVER OF THE MANDATORY WORK REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION.
Int. & Com. 2570

H. 5307 -- Reps. W. Jones, Williams, Rivers, Gilliard, Henderson-Myers, Dillard and Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3810 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR A GROCER THAT OPENS A NEW LOCATION IN A FOOD DESERT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A SALES TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN PURCHASES MADE BY A GROCER THAT OPERATES A NEW STORE LOCATED IN A FOOD DESERT.
Int. & Com. 2571

H. 5308 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Lawson, B. L. Cox and Davis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 83 TO TITLE 15 SO AS TO PROVIDE LIABILITY PROTECTIONS FOR CERTAIN VOLUNTEERS WHO TRANSPORT VULNERABLE ADULTS.
Int. & Com. 2571

H. 5309 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 12 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF ESTHETICIANS BY A BOARD OF ESTHETICS SERVICES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS, TO PROHIBIT THE PROVISION OF ESTHETICS SERVICES OR EDUCATION WITHOUT LICENSURE BY THE BOARD, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, AND TO PROVIDE MISCELLANEOUS POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 40-13-5, 40-13-10, 40-13-20, 40-13-110, 40-13-230, 40-13-240, AND 40-13-270, ALL RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONS BY THE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY, SO AS TO

MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES BY REMOVING PROVISIONS CONCERNING ESTHETICIANS.
Int. & Com. 2571

H. 5310 -- Reps. Murphy, G. M. Smith, Bannister, Brewer, Caskey, Gatch, Guest, J. E. Johnson, Mitchell, W. Newton, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Stavrinakis, West and Whitmire: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS SO AS TO EXEMPT A PORTION OF THE VALUE OF AIRCRAFT OF AN AIRLINE COMPANY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-2440, RELATING TO THE VALUATION OF AIRCRAFT, SO AS TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH TIME ON THE GROUND IS CALCULATED.
Int. & Com. 2571; Rep. Com. 2687; Recom. 3073; Point of Order 2962

H. 5311 -- Reps. Kirby, Dillard, Garvin, Thigpen, Ott, J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Bauer, Weeks, Rose and Stavrinakis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 159 TO TITLE 59 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE ADAPTIVE KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM IN THE STATE; TO CREATE RELEVANT DEFINITIONS FOR THE ADAPTIVE KINDERGARTEN READINESS PROGRAM; TO ESTABLISH GOALS FOR THE PROGRAM AND ESTABLISH SELECTION STANDARDS FOR SELECTION OF A PROVIDER; TO ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE PROGRAM; TO ESTABLISH ENROLLMENT REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES FOR RECRUITMENT PLANS FOR THE PROGRAM; AND TO REQUIRE AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROGRAM AND REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION BE INCLUDED.
Int. & Com. 2572

H. 5312 -- Reps. Brewer, Murphy, Mitchell, Yow, Sessions, Guffey, Leber, Bustos, Brittain, Guest, Bradley, Haddon, Herbkersman and G. M. Smith: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 57-5-1710 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A PILOT PROJECT TO AWARD CONTRACTS USING THE "PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD" PROJECT DELIVERY METHOD.
Int. & Com. 2572

H. 5313 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CHESNEE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE EAGLES ON WINNING THE 2024 CLASS AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2610

H. 5314 -- Reps. Haddon and Burns: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERSECTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 25 (WHITE HORSE ROAD) AND SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 183 (SALUDA DAM ROAD) IN THE GREENVILLE COUNTY TOWN OF BEREA "HAROLD M. BATSON, JR. MEMORIAL INTERSECTION" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 2611; Rep. Com. 2910; S/A Amd. 4073; D. A. 4038; Conc. 4073; Adopted 3082; M. To S. 4073

H. 5315 -- Rep. West: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 57-5-880, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE AN ENTITY UNDERTAKING A FEDERAL HIGHWAY PROJECT SHALL BEAR THE COSTS RELATED TO RELOCATING BROADBAND SERVICE LINES AND TO PROVIDE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BROADBAND SERVICE PROVIDERS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RELOCATION PAYMENTS; AND REPEAL SECTION 2 OF ACT 36 OF 2019, RELATED TO A SUNSET PROVISION.
Int. & Com. 2611

H. 5316 -- Reps. W. Newton and Bernstein: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-20, RELATING TO NONVESTED PROPERTY INTEREST OR POWER OF APPOINTMENT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME AN INTEREST CAN VEST FROM NINETY YEARS TO THREE HUNDRED SIXTY YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-40, RELATING TO REFORMATION OF PROPERTY DISPOSITIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE TIME LIMIT FROM NINETY YEARS TO THREE HUNDRED SIXTY YEARS; BY AMENDING SECTION 27-6-60, RELATING TO THE EFFECT OF TIMING OF CREATION OF PROPERTY INTEREST, SO AS TO UPDATE CERTAIN DATES; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-7-504, RELATING TO DISCRETIONARY TRUSTS SO AS TO PROVIDE CERTAIN SITUATIONS IN WHICH A BENEFICIARY OF A TRUST MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED A SETTLOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 62-7-505, RELATING TO CREDITORS' CLAIMS AGAINST A SETTLOR, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN AMOUNTS PAID TO TAXING AUTHORITIES MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED AN AMOUNT THAT MAY BE DISTRIBUTED FOR THE SETTLOR'S BENEFIT; AND BY ADDING SECTION 62-7-508 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN GRANTOR TRUST REIMBURSEMENTS.
Int. & Com. 2611

H. 5317 -- Reps. T. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers,

Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DORMAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2620

H. 5318 -- Reps. Hartnett, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ROBERT HOLMES "BOBBY" HOOD, SR., OF CHARLESTON, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 2621

H. 5319 -- Rep. Hartnett: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHARLES F. "CHUCK" DAWLEY, PLS, OWNER OF DAWLEY SURVEYING COMPANY, LLC, AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON BEING NAMED 2023-2024 SURVEYOR OF THE YEAR.
Int. & Adopted 2621

H. 5320 -- Rep. Hartnett: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO PROCLAIM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2024, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS DAY" THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THIS GROUP OF PROFESSIONALS TO THE PALMETTO STATE.
Int. & Adopted 2622

H. 5321 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos,

Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ELEANOR T. SHEKITKA ON THE SPECIAL OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.

Int. & Adopted 2622

H. 5322 -- Reps. Atkinson, Alexander, Anderson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PEE DEE ACADEMY VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR GARNERING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Int. & Adopted 2623

H. 5323 -- Reps. Yow, Henegan, Mitchell and Williams: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 9/UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 601 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-13-40 (HIGH POINT CHURCH ROAD) TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-13-555 (ARANT STREET) IN CHESTERFIELD COUNTY "SSGT. JASON C. HICKS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Int. & Com. 2623; Rep. Com. 2910; Co-Sponsor added 3041; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3820; Adopted 3082

H. 5324 -- Reps. Oremus, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg,

Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MARY PAT YAUN OF GLOVERVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AT THE CELEBRATION OF HER THIRTY-SEVEN YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND EXCELLENCE AS AN EDUCATOR AND TO COMMEND HER FOR HER STRONG SUPPORT OF BOTH HER SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 2637

H. 5325 -- Reps. Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE EACH INDIVIDUAL IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO BECOME BETTER INFORMED ABOUT AND AWARE OF KIDNEY DISEASE AND APOL1-MEDIATED KIDNEY DISEASE, TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE FROM OR WITH ANCESTRY FROM WESTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA TO CONSIDER GENETIC TESTING FOR APOL1 GENE MUTATIONS, AND TO DECLARE TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024, AS "APOL1-MEDIATED KIDNEY DISEASE AWARENESS DAY" IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 2637

H. 5326 -- Reps. Henegan, Yow, Hayes, Mitchell, Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing,

Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR DOUGLAS JENNINGS, JR., OF BENNETTSVILLE, FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHED CAREER AS AN ATTORNEY AND AS A LEGISLATOR IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
Int. & Adopted 2638

H. 5327 -- Reps. Pace, Gatch, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GINNELL CURTIS OF NORTHWOOD ACADEMY ON BEING NAMED 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION 4A REGION III COACH OF THE YEAR FOR GIRLS BASKETBALL.
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Int. & Com. 2640

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Int. & Com. 2641

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SECTION 16-23-420, RELATING TO THE POSSESSION OF A FIREARM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EXPRESS AUTHORIZATION TO CARRY THE FIREARM ON SCHOOL PROPERTY MAY NOT BE PROVIDED TO A STUDENT ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-430, RELATING TO CARRYING A WEAPON ON SCHOOL PROPERTY, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT STUDENTS ENROLLED IN A PUBLIC SCHOOL MAY NOT POSSESS WEAPONS EVEN IF THEY ARE SECURED WITHIN A VEHICLE; BY AMENDING SECTION 23-31-245, RELATING TO REASONABLE SUSPICION OR PROBABLE CAUSE TO SEARCH, DETAIN, OR ARREST, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE PROVISIONS IN THE SECTION APPLY TO A PERSON CARRYING A WEAPON IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARTICLE WHETHER OR NOT THE WEAPON IS CONCEALED; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-23-20, RELATING TO THE UNLAWFUL CARRYING OF A HANDGUN, SO AS TO CLARIFY WHEN CARRYING A HANDGUN IS IMPERMISSIBLE IN A PUBLICLY OWNED BUILDING OTHER THAN A COURTHOUSE WHERE COURT IS HELD.
Int. & Com. 2641

H. 5331 -- Rep. Bauer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 16-23-540 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF NEGLIGENT CARRYING OF A FIREARM IN A MOTOR VEHICLE WHEN A MOTOR VEHICLE IS UNATTENDED AND UNLOCKED AND CONTAINS A FIREARM SUBSEQUENTLY STOLEN AND USED IN THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME, AND TO PROVIDE GRADUATED PENALTIES.
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Int. & Adopted 2841

H. 5338 -- Reps. Clyburn, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. BOBBY G. HANKERSON FOR HIS FORTY-TWO YEARS OF EXEMPLARY PASTORAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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Int. & Adopted 2912

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Int. & Com. 2914

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Int. & Com. 2914

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H. 5352 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. RESHMA KHAN, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE OF THE ISLAMIC CIRCLE OF NORTH AMERICA (ICNA) RELIEF USA AND FOUNDER OF THE SHIFA FREE CLINIC IN CHARLESTON, FOR HER OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 2956

H. 5353 -- Reps. Wooten, Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR MASTER DEPUTY JACOB SMITH OF THE LEXINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT UPON BEING RECOGNIZED AS THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR.
Int. & Adopted 2956

H. 5354 -- Reps. Connell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest,

Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE STOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THE TIGERS ON WINNING THE 2024 MIDDLE SCHOOL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 2957

H. 5355 -- Rep. Pendarvis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-505 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A STIPEND AND PER DIEM FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS AND TO CREATE A COMMISSION TO REDISTRICT THE BOUNDARIES FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 1-11-720, RELATING TO ENTITIES WHOSE EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR STATE HEALTH AND DENTAL INSURANCE PLANS, SO AS TO INCLUDE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS.
Int. & Com. 2958

H. 5356 -- Rep. Gilliam: A BILL TO AMEND ACT 171 OF 1976, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO FISCAL MATTERS AND THE IMPOSITION OF SCHOOL TAXES FOR LAURENS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS FIFTY-FIVE AND FIFTY-SIX, SO AS TO ELIMINATE AN EQUALIZATION FORMULA AND PROVIDE EACH DISTRICT WITH FISCAL AUTONOMY; AND TO SPECIFY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE EQUALIZATION FORMULA APPLIES TO PREVIOUS TAX YEARS.
Int. 2958; 2nd R. 3044; 3rd R. 3106; Rec. V. 3044

H. 5359 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JAMES GRAY, FOREMAN OF THE MOWING CREW WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS SWIFT RESPONSE

AND HEROIC ACTIONS TO CARE FOR AN INJURED COWORKER.
Int. & Adopted 3022

H. 5360 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SHAQUILLE OLIVER, EQUIPMENT OPERATOR OF DISTRICT 2 BRIDGE CREW WITH THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS SWIFT RESPONSE AND HEROIC ACTIONS TO CARE FOR AN INJURED COWORKER.
Int. & Adopted 3023

H. 5361 -- Rep. Trantham: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO PROTECT WORKPLACE SAFETY AND PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS FROM INFRINGEMENT BY PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE OSHA WORKER WALKAROUND REPRESENTATIVE DESIGNATION PROCESS.
Int. & Com. 3027

H. 5362 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR PASTOR ROSAVELT COPELAND FOR THE MANY YEARS OF SERVICE HE HAS GIVEN TO HIS CHURCH AND COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 3023

H. 5363 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LEOLA ALEXANDER OF YORK COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED THIRD BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 3024

H. 5364 -- Rep. Taylor: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF APRIL 2024 AS "DISTRACTED DRIVER AWARENESS MONTH" THROUGHOUT OUR STATE AND TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINA CITIZENS TO PRACTICE SAFE DRIVING BEHAVIORS AND PLEDGE TO DRIVE DISTRACTION FREE.
Int. & Adopted 3028

H. 5365 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE BLACKJACK BAPTIST CHURCH OF WINNSBORO ON THE OCCASION OF ITS

HISTORIC TWO HUNDRED SECOND ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR MORE THAN TWO CENTURIES OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 3024

H. 5366 -- Reps. Rutherford, Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM AND COACHES AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR THEIR AMAZING WIN IN THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S 2024 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 3024

H. 5367 -- Reps. Rutherford and Rose: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM OF RICHLAND COUNTY WITH THE TEAM COACHES, AT A DATE AND TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY THE SPEAKER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING RECOGNIZED AND COMMENDED FOR CAPTURING THE 2024 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 3025

H. 5368 -- Rep. Herbkersman: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-6-120 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE TWELVE CHIROPRACTIC VISITS PER STATE FISCAL YEAR FOR ELIGIBLE MEDICAID BENEFICIARIES.
Int. & Com. 3030

H. 5369 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore,

T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HARPER ROWE, A FIFTH GRADE STUDENT AT REUBEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NEWBERRY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR WINNING 2024 ENLIGHTENSC CHILDREN'S BOOK CHALLENGE, IN THE GROUP DIVISION.
Int. & Adopted 3025

H. 5370 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ALI CHAPMAN, FIFTH GRADE STUDENT AT REUBEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN NEWBERRY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR WINNING THE GROUP DIVISION OF THE 2024 ENLIGHTENSC CHILDREN'S BOOK CHALLENGE.
Int. & Adopted 3026

H. 5371 -- Reps. Lawson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BLACKSBURG HIGH SCHOOL WINTER GUARD, DIRECTOR OF GUARDS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR

WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION SCHOLASTIC AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 3027

H. 5372 -- Rep. W. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVE ACT" BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS.
Int. & Com. 3030

H. 5373 -- Rep. W. Jones: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP GUARANTEED ADMISSION ACT" BY ADDING SECTION 59-150-372 SO AS TO CREATE THE LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP GUARANTEED ADMISSIONS PROGRAM, TO PROVIDE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE THAT RECEIVE LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS MUST GUARANTEE ADMISSION TO STUDENTS WHO GRADUATE IN THE TOP TEN PERCENT OF THEIR HIGH SCHOOL CLASS, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND TO IMPOSE A RELATED REPORTING REQUIREMENT ON THE INSTITUTIONS.
Int. & Com. 3030

H. 5374 -- Reps. Henegan, Williams, Rivers and Kirby: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 39-5-190 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL HAS A PROPERTY RIGHT IN THE USE OF THAT INDIVIDUAL'S NAME, PHOTOGRAPH, VOICE, OR LIKENESS IN ANY MEDIUM IN ANY MANNER AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES.
Int. & Com. 3030

H. 5375 -- Reps. A. M. Morgan, Landing, Beach, Brittain, Mitchell, Taylor, Schuessler, Guffey, Crawford, O'Neal, May, Calhoon, Hayes, M. M. Smith, Elliott, T. Moore, Forrest, McCravy, B. J. Cox, Kilmartin, Long, Burns, McCabe, Ligon, T. A. Morgan, Willis, Yow, Oremus, S. Jones, Chumley, Leber, White, Gilliam, Magnuson, Guest, Nutt, Pace, B. L. Cox, McGinnis, Pope, Hager, Wooten, Vaughan, Bustos, Harris, B. Newton, Hyde, Hartnett, Lawson, Gibson, McDaniel, Blackwell, Haddon, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Lowe, Moss and Thayer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 27-1-80 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A PROPERTY OWNER MAY REQUEST FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF A PERSON UNLAWFULLY OCCUPYING A RESIDENTIAL DWELLING AND TO PROVIDE FOR A COMPLAINT FORM; AND BY ADDING SECTION 16-11-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN PENALTIES FOR A PERSON WHO UNLAWFULLY DETAINS OR OCCUPIES RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY.
Int. & Com. 3031

H. 5376 -- Reps. Williams, Henegan, Yow, Mitchell, Alexander, Jordan, Lowe, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin,

Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE BELIEF OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THAT NASCAR RACING IS AN INTEGRAL AND VITAL PART OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND ITS ECONOMY; TO CONGRATULATE THE DARLINGTON RACEWAY FOR THE CONTINUATION OF A SECOND RACE IN ITS SCHEDULE, THEREBY DOUBLING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA; TO HIGHLIGHT THE DARLINGTON RACEWAY AS ONE OF OUR STATE'S MOST TREASURED ATTRACTIONS; TO SPOTLIGHT SOUTH CAROLINA'S RICH NASCAR HISTORY; AND TO NAME THE WEEKS AROUND BOTH RACES, THE OFFICIAL THROWBACK WEEKEND OF NASCAR, MAY 6 THROUGH MAY 12, 2024, AND THE TRADITIONAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND, AUGUST 26 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, AS "DARLINGTON RACEWAY WEEK," TWO WEEKS TOO TOUGH TO TAME.

Int. & Adopted 3046

H. 5377 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF SCOTT WILLIAM DUCHESNEAU OF BEAUFORT COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 3047

H. 5378 -- Reps. Thigpen, Howard, Garvin, Bernstein, Bauer, McDaniel and Rutherford: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 21 (WILSON BOULEVARD) FROM STATE ROAD S-910 (PLUMBERS ROAD) TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH STATE ROAD S-130 (SHARPE ROAD) IN RICHLAND

COUNTY "JAMES AND BARBARA MCLAWHORN BOULEVARD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE SIGNS OR MARKERS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 3047; Rep. Com. 3310; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4402; Adopted 3892

H. 5379 -- Reps. Ligon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE FIFTY YEARS OF SHARED FRATERNAL BONDS AMONG THE MEMBERS OF CLEMSON UNIVERSITY'S ALPHA GAMMA RHO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.
Int. & Adopted 3097

H. 5380 -- Reps. J. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE LIFE CENTER CHURCH, CHARLESTON CAMPUS, FOR HOSTING ITS ANNUAL "STOMP OUT THE USE OF CHILD ABUSE!" STEP SHOW ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024.
Int. & Adopted 3097

H. 5381 -- Reps. Bamberg, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman,

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Int. & Adopted 3098

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Int. & Adopted 3099

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Int. & Adopted 3099

H. 5384 -- Reps. Anderson, Hewitt, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE PRINCE HALL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR AND RITE OF ADOPTION FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND JURISDICTION DURING THEIR ONE HUNDRED SIXTEENTH YEAR OF SERVICE AND CAMARADERIE.
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Int. & Adopted 3124

H. 5400 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LILLIE MAE GANTT BRYANT ON THE OCCASION OF HER RECENT NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY AFTERGLOW AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 3125

H. 5401 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR ROBERT WAYNE KNEECE, SR., VIETNAM VETERAN AND BUSINESSMAN, UPON HIS PASSING AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHIES TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 3126

H. 5402 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE LIFE OF CARL MARKS SIMPSON III OF SUMTER UPON HIS PASSING, TO CELEBRATE HIS MEMORY AND HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF SUMTER, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 3126

H. 5403 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF WILLIAM R. "BILLY" MCLEOD OF SUMTER, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 3127

H. 5404 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long,

Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA POULTRY FESTIVAL, TO BE HELD MAY 9-11, 2024, IN BATESBURG-LEESVILLE AND TO HONOR THOSE PLANNING AND PARTICIPATING IN THE FESTIVAL.

Int. & Adopted 3129; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3197

H. 5405 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR HOMER DEERIN "BILLY" SHAW FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY, STATE, AND NATION AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024 POULTRY FESTIVAL DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN.

Int. & Adopted 3130; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3198

H. 5406 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE BATESBURG-LEESVILLE COACHES PITCH ALL-STAR BASEBALL TEAM AND COACHES FOR AN

OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR CAPTURING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION II STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 3130; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3198

H. 5407 -- Reps. Sessions, Guffey, Ligon, Hiott, Pope, Crawford, O'Neal, Lawson, B. L. Cox, Pedalino and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ENACTING THE "SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT PHYSICAL PRIVACY ACT" BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 59 SO AS TO PROVIDE DEFINITIONS, PROVIDE THAT EVERY PUBLIC SCHOOL RESTROOM AND CHANGING FACILITY THAT IS ACCESSIBLE BY MULTIPLE PERSONS MUST BE DESIGNATED FOR USE ONLY BY MEMBERS OF ONE SEX, AND TO PROVIDE CIVIL PENALTIES.
Int. & Com. 3131

H. 5408 -- Reps. S. Jones, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR MARK LUDWIG FOR HIS SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF EQUAL SHARED PARENTING LEGISLATION ACROSS THE NATION.
Int. & Adopted 3128

H. 5409 -- Reps. Clyburn, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GEMS OF AIKEN, THE AIKEN (SC) CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INC., AND TO CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS FOR THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF SIGNIFICANT SERVICE TO THE

AIKEN COMMUNITY AND BEYOND.
Int. & Adopted 3128

H. 5410 -- Reps. Beach, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE POWDERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 3142

H. 5411 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE THE MEMBERS OF THE LEXINGTON COUNTY BLOWFISH BASEBALL CLUB ON WINNING THE 2023 COASTAL PLAIN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 3143

H. 5412 -- Reps. White, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S.

Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DAVID "DJ" SMITH, JR., A TALENTED STUDENT AT NEWBERRY MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC CAREER AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM FOR WINNING THE FIRST PLACE AWARD FOR TECHNOLOGY IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA BETA CLUB CONVENTION.

Int. & Adopted 3143

H. 5413 -- Reps. Pace, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF JONATHAN "MOONPIE" ROGERS OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 3144

H. 5414 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE

ANNE J. THAYER ON HER PRAISEWORTHY SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE PAST FOURTEEN YEARS AND TO WISH HER HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3201

H. 5415 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE R. RAYE FELDER OF YORK COUNTY FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HER CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3203

H. 5416 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE RUSSELL L. OTT ON HIS COMMITTED SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS AND TO WISH HIM FELICITY AND SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3205

H. 5417 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter,

Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE PATRICIA MOORE "PAT" HENEGAN OF MARLBORO COUNTY FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HER CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3206

H. 5418 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND BART T. BLACKWELL FOR EIGHT YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HOUSE DISTRICT 81 IN AIKEN COUNTY AND TO WISH HIM SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3209

H. 5419 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-

Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE JASON ELLIOTT FOR HIS EIGHT YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HOUSE DISTRICT 22 IN GREENVILLE COUNTY AND TO WISH HIM SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3211

H. 5420 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE IVORY TORREY THIGPEN OF RICHLAND COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3213

H. 5421 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE ASHLEY B. TRANTHAM ON HER COMMITTED SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE PAST SEVEN YEARS AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3215

H. 5422 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE MAX T. HYDE, JR., OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS AS HE LEAVES THIS CHAMBER.

Int. & Adopted 3216

H. 5423 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE ADAM M. MORGAN OF GREENVILLE COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 3218

H. 5424 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson,

Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE STEWART O. JONES OF LAURENS COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS AS HE LEAVES THIS CHAMBER.

Int. & Adopted 3220

H. 5425 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE ROGER A. NUTT OF SPARTANBURG COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 3223

H. 5426 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE J. BENJAMIN "BEN" CONNELL ON HIS MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN THE SOUTH

CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS AND TO WISH HIM CONTENTMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3225

H. 5427 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE MATTHEW W. "MATT" LEBER FOR HIS TWO YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF HOUSE DISTRICT 116 IN CHARLESTON AND COLLETON COUNTIES AND TO WISH HIM SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3227

H. 5428 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE HONORABLE DAVID L. O'NEAL FOR HIS COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 66 IN YORK COUNTY AND TO WISH HIM SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
Int. & Adopted 3229

H. 5429 -- Reps. Hager, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest,

Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LUKE SOBEY OF THE PATRICK HENRY ACADEMY WRESTLING TEAM ON A TREMENDOUS SEASON AND TO HONOR HIM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN HIS WEIGHT CLASS.
Int. & Adopted 3231

H. 5430 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ANTIOCH AME ZION CHURCH, TO CONGRATULATE THE PASTOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION UPON THE OCCASION OF THEIR TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY, AND TO WISH THEM MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED MINISTRY IN THEIR COMMUNITY.
Int. & Adopted 3231

H. 5431 -- Reps. Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder,

Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CYNTHIA DARLENE HAMPTON SNIDER OF CALHOUN COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 3232

H. 5432 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LIEUTENANT COLONEL RAYMOND HUNT "RAY" STOCKS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 3233

H. 5433 -- Reps. Robbins, Brewer, Cobb-Hunter, Gatch, Jefferson, Murphy, Spann-Wilder, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE MEMBERS OF THE DORCHESTER FREE SCHOOL BOARD AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM AS THEY CELEBRATE THE MILESTONE OF THEIR THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY.
Int. & Adopted 3233

H. 5434 -- Reps. Hager, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE PATRICK HENRY ACADEMY VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 3234

H. 5435 -- Reps. Chapman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF MELVIN MARION JUSTICE OF TOWNVILLE, TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 3235

H. 5436 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long,

Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE PELION MIDDLE SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM, COACHES, AND OFFICIALS FOR A FANTASTIC SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM (NASP) STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES IN IBO AND BULLSEYE (MIDDLE SCHOOL DIVISION).

Int. & Adopted 3230

H. 5437 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE PELION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ARCHERY TEAM, COACHES, AND OFFICIALS FOR A FANTASTIC SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM (NASP) STATE ARCHERY TOURNAMENT.

Int. & Adopted 3236

H. 5438 -- Reps. Hiott, McCravy and Magnuson: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, RELATING TO SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM LIBRARY MATERIALS, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5269, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Int. & Com. 3238; Rep. Com. 3275; Co-Sponsor added 3349, 3915; D. A. 3309, 4041, 4096, 4329; Req. Deb. 3814

H. 5439 -- Reps. McCravy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers,

Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024, AS A DAY OF PRAYER IN SOUTH CAROLINA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, AND TO URGE OUR STATE'S CITIZENS TO JOIN TOGETHER IN THEIR HOMES, PLACES OF WORK, AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP TO PRAY FOR THE UNITY OF THE HEARTS OF ALL MANKIND AND TO CONTINUE IN PRAYER FOR OUR STATE AND OUR NATION.

Int. & Adopted 3237

H. 5440 -- Reps. Guffey, Pope, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND DWIGHT "D.J." BURNS, JR., THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY WOLFPACK BASKETBALL PLAYER WHO IS THE SON OF TAKELA AND DWIGHT BURNS, SR.

Int. & Adopted 3248

H. 5441 -- Reps. Landing, Leber, Bustos, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow:

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SIGNING OF THE HISTORIC MAYFLOWER COMPACT ON NOVEMBER 21, 1620, A MONUMENTAL MOMENT IN HUMAN HISTORY, AND TO DECLARE NOVEMBER 21, 2024, AS "COMPACT DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 3249

H. 5442 -- Reps. Bannister, G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEROISM OF CLEMSON UNIVERSITY STUDENTS JOSEPH POPE AND CHARLES SEGARS, WHOSE QUICK THINKING AND STEADY ACTIONS SAVED THE LIVES OF TWO ACCIDENT VICTIMS FROM FIRE.
Int. & Adopted 3250

H. 5443 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND THANK THE OUTSTANDING STUDENT INTERNS WHO HAVE FAITHFULLY SERVED THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE'S UNDERGRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM.
Int. & Adopted 3251

H. 5444 -- Reps. Burns, Chumley, Bannister, Beach, Collins, B. J. Cox, Dillard, Elliott, Haddon, W. Jones, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Trantham, Vaughan, West and Willis: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE EL MATADOR AS SOUTH

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Int. & Adopted 3251

H. 5445 -- Reps. Landing, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE LUCY BECKHAM HIGH SCHOOL COMPETITIVE CHEER SQUAD, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 3258

H. 5446 -- Reps. Rutherford, Rose, Bauer, Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024, AS "RIVERBANKS ZOO AND GARDEN DAY" THROUGHOUT THE STATE, TO ENCOURAGE ALL SOUTH CAROLINIANS TO CONGRATULATE THE RIVERBANKS FAMILY FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING WORK OVER THE PAST FIFTY YEARS, AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 3259

H. 5447 -- Reps. Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE DR. JAMES "CHUCK" EPPS, JR., SUPERINTENDENT OF FORT MILL SCHOOL DISTRICT (YORK 4) ON BEING SELECTED TO RECEIVE THE SOUTH CAROLINA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL PUBLIC RELATIONS ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD FOR 2024 AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN HIS PROFESSION.
Int. & Adopted 3259

H. 5448 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE "JOHN'S PLACE," THE JOHN LANDON BLACK FOUNDATION RESOURCE CENTER, ON THE OCCASION OF ITS GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY, TO BE HELD ON THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024, IN MANNING.
Int. & Adopted 3260

H. 5449 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AL MCALLISTER, SR., ON THE OCCASION OF HIS EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM A JOYOUS CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 3260

H. 5450 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos,

Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CRITICAL WORK OF URGENT CARE CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND TO DECLARE MAY 2, 2024, AS "URGENT CARE APPRECIATION DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 3261

H. 5451 -- Reps. Mitchell, B. Newton, Yow, Neese, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Wooten: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MARGARET "MAGGIE" GAMBLE ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AFTER TWENTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES FOR MUCH SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS TO COME.
Int. & Adopted 3262

H. 5452 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M.

Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2024 DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR UPON BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT THEIR RESPECTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH THEM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 3267; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3322

H. 5453 -- Reps. Rose, Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO HONOR STAFF AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND MANY CONTRIBUTIONS MADE TO THE FLAGSHIP UNIVERSITY, TO CONGRATULATE THEM, AND TO DECLARE MAY 14, 2024, AS "USC STAFF DAY" IN THE PALMETTO STATE.
Int. & Adopted 3268; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4402

H. 5454 -- Rep. Gatch: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 15-37-230 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PLAINTIFF TO PAY ALL COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEYS FEES IN A CIVIL ACTION FOR DEFAMATION, SLANDER, OR LIBEL IF THE PLAINTIFF DOES NOT PREVAIL IN THE ACTION.
Int. & Com. 3269

H. 5455 -- Reps. Oremus, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO

EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE HECTOR FELIX RODRIGUEZ, MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF BURNETTOWN IN AIKEN COUNTY, AND TO EXTEND DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 3265

H. 5456 -- Reps. Hosey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF VIRGINIA ALLEN MILLS OF BAMBERG COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HER MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 3266

H. 5457 -- Reps. Hosey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF ELBERT TIMOTHY "TIM" MOORE, JR., TO CELEBRATE HIS LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 3267

H. 5458 -- Rep. House Regulations and Administrative Procedures: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO STANDARDS FOR LICENSING AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5264, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Int. 3271; 2nd R. 3351; 3rd R. 3833; Rec. V. 3352; D. A. 3306; Rat. 4696

H. 5459 -- Rep. House Regulations and Administrative Procedures: AN ACT TO APPROVE REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, RELATING TO MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LICENSING HOSPITALS AND INSTITUTIONAL GENERAL INFIRMARIES, DESIGNATED AS REGULATION DOCUMENT NUMBER 5265, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 1 OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS.

Int. 3271; 2nd R. 3353; 3rd R. 3833; Rec. V. 3353; D. A. 3306; Point of Order 3288; Rat. 4696

H. 5460 -- Reps. Dillard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND CONGRATULATE JUBILEE BAPTIST CHURCH OF TAYLORS ON THE OCCASION OF ITS HISTORIC ONE HUNDRED SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO COMMEND THE CHURCH FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY AND A HALF OF SERVICE TO GOD AND THE COMMUNITY.

Int. & Adopted 3276

H. 5461 -- Reps. Murphy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder,

Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY AS "NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH" AND TO HONOR THE SUMMERVILLE FAMILY YMCA, THE SUMMERVILLE MEDICAL CENTER, COLLETON AND DORCHESTER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS, DORCHESTER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4, AND COLLETON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP TO INCREASE SAFETY ON THE WATER IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Int. & Adopted 3276

H. 5462 -- Reps. Calhoon, Caskey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF WOODROW "WOODY" WINDHAM AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 3277

H. 5463 -- Reps. Oremus, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF KAREN SUE DAVIS OF AIKEN, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

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H. 5464 -- Reps. Hewitt, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND DECLARE MAY 7-8, 2024, AS "PALMETTO GIVING DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Int. & Adopted 3278

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Int. & Com. 3280; Rep. Com. 3459; Adopted 3893; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4584

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Int. & Com. 3280

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Int. & Adopted 3279

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H. 5469 -- Reps. Hardee, J. E. Johnson and Schuessler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 4 TO CHAPTER 67, TITLE 15 SO AS TO ABOLISH THE DOCTRINE OF ADVERSE POSSESSION; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 15-67-210 THROUGH 15-67-260 RELATING TO ADVERSE POSSESSION; AND TO REPEAL ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 3, TITLE 15 RELATING TO ACTIONS FOR RECOVERY OF REAL PROPERTY.
Int. & Com. 3281

H. 5470 -- Reps. Pope, Guffey, Lawson, M. M. Smith, T. Moore, B. L. Cox, Forrest, Sessions, Gilliam, Mitchell, B. Newton, B. J. Cox and Moss: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-53-370, RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PROHIBITIONS, SO AS TO CREATE CRIMINAL PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE INTENTIONAL OR UNINTENTIONAL EXPOSURE OF FIRST RESPONDERS TO FENTANYL OR FENTANYL-RELATED SUBSTANCES IN THE COURSE OF PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTIES, WITH EXCEPTIONS.
Int. & Com. 3282

H. 5471 -- Rep. Beach: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 18 TO CHAPTER 3, TITLE 23 SO AS TO PROVIDE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES MAY ENTER INTO MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES TO ENFORCE IMMIGRATION LAWS.
Int. & Com. 3282

H. 5472 -- Reps. Taylor and Forrest: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO APPLAUD THE BIG MO OF MONETTA UPON THE CELEBRATION OF ITS TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY IN THE DRIVE-IN THEATER INDUSTRY AND TO CONGRATULATE OWNERS RICHARD AND LISA BOAZ ON TWO AND A HALF DECADES OF SUCCESSFUL ENTREPRENEURIAL ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3316

H. 5473 -- Reps. Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell,

B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BERNIE LEE WRIGHT FOR HIS SIGNIFICANT CAREER WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION, AND WITH THE PENN CENTER.
Int. & Adopted 3317

H. 5474 -- Reps. Mitchell, B. Newton, Connell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE NORTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL WEIGHTLIFTING TEAM AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM ON WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA STRENGTH COACHES ASSOCIATION AA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 3317

H. 5475 -- Reps. Mitchell, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore,

Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ROBERT JEFFORDS "JEFF" BARHAM, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER MORE THAN THREE DECADES OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO THE UNITED STATES, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 3318

H. 5476 -- Reps. Clyburn, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024, AS "AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY DAY."
Int. & Adopted 3319

H. 5477 -- Reps. Harris, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GLENDA BIGBY, PRINCIPAL OF RIVER RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN MOORE, AND TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO HER FOR FIFTY YEARS AS AN EDUCATOR IN SOUTH CAROLINA
Int. & Adopted 3319

H. 5478 -- Reps. Hosey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest,

Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ROBERT MILLER, FORMER INTERIM CHIEF OF THE CITY OF BARNWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RECENT RETIREMENT AFTER GRACIOUSLY SERVING DURING A TIME OF TRANSITION AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 3320

H. 5479 -- Rep. Hosey: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 278 FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 300 IN BARNWELL COUNTY TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 301 IN ALLENDALE COUNTY "VETERANS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" IN HONOR OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE SERVED IN OUR ARMED FORCES AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS AND THE PURPLE HEART EMBLEM.

Int. & Com. 3321; Rep. Com. 3459; Adopted 3893

H. 5480 -- Reps. Ballentine, Kilmartin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE CHAPIN HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM FOR A FANTASTIC SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.

Int. & Adopted 3329

H. 5481 -- Reps. Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos,

Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF OF PAWMETTO LIFELINE AND TO WISH THEM SUCCESS AS THEY BEGIN THE ANIMAL ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND AS THEY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SOUTH CAROLINA POLICE ACADEMY WITH ACCREDITED TRAINING FOR ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ACROSS OUR GREAT STATE.

Int. & Adopted 3329

H. 5482 -- Reps. Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR BRITTANY S. PIGFORD, ARCHIVIST WITH WINTHROP UNIVERSITY'S LOUISE PETTUS ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, FOR HER OUTSTANDING SERVICE DURING HER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AT WINTHROP AND TO SALUTE HER FOR HER DEDICATION TO THE PRESERVATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORY.

Int. & Adopted 3330

H. 5483 -- Reps. Calhoon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF GEORGE NEAL DORN, JR., OF LEXINGTON COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 3330

H. 5484 -- Reps. J. L. Johnson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine,

Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE EAST COLUMBIA YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE AND COACHES FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC PROGRAMS' DIVISION 1 12U BOYS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 3331

H. 5485 -- Reps. Burns, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOEY HUDSON FOR HIS LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO HIS CHURCH, COMMUNITY, AND BEYOND.
Int. & Adopted 3332

H. 5486 -- Reps. Ligon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose,

Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE ROCK HILL HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WRESTLING TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR CAPTURING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA GIRLS WRESTLING STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND TO APPLAUD THEM FOR ANOTHER FABULOUS SEASON.
Int. & Adopted 3333

H. 5487 -- Rep. Henegan: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF 6TH STREET IN THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE IN DARLINGTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH 5TH STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH EAST HOME AVENUE "SAMUEL L. DAVIS MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 3334

H. 5488 -- Rep. Henegan: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF WASHINGTON STREET IN THE CITY OF HARTSVILLE IN DARLINGTON COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH 5TH STREET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH 14TH STREET "FRANKLIN HINES MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 3334

H. 5489 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JANNIE MAE BRUCE OF FLORENCE COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 3333

H. 5490 -- Reps. Yow, Mitchell, Wooten, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-

Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams and Willis: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE MAY 12 THROUGH MAY 18, 2024, AS "POLICE WEEK IN SOUTH CAROLINA" AND TO HONOR THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY WHILE PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES AND SAFEGUARDING DEMOCRACY.
Int. & Adopted 3340

H. 5491 -- Reps. B. L. Cox, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DANNY VITELLO UPON BEING NAMED THE 2023 CITY OF GOOSE CREEK ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AND THE CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR, TO THANK HIM FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 3341

H. 5492 -- Reps. Hager, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose,

Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF LEON BRYANT III OF RINCON, GEORGIA, AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 3341

H. 5493 -- Rep. Hixon: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE TAKING ALL PRACTICAL STEPS TO INCREASE THE USE OF SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUEL IN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA TO ENSURE THAT THE STATE IS COMPETITIVE IN THE INDUSTRY.
Int. & Adopted 3342

H. 5494 -- Reps. McCravy, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DORA ANN WHITE OF GREENWOOD COUNTY FOR HER COMMITMENT TO HER GOD AND TO HIS CALLING ON HER LIFE.
Int. & Adopted 3342

H. 5495 -- Reps. J. E. Johnson, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Brittain, Crawford, Guest, Hardee, Hayes, McGinnis, Schuessler, Alexander, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH GARY GILMORE OF COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY FOR HIS REMARKABLE CAREER OF

NEARLY THIRTY YEARS AS BOTH BASEBALL COACH AND MENTOR TO COUNTLESS STUDENT-ATHLETES, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS APPROACHING RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 3343; Ret. By S. With Conc. 3896

H. 5496 -- Reps. Jefferson, Davis, M. M. Smith, Pace, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF JIMMY LEE JONES, SR., OF MONCKS CORNER AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 3343

H. 5497 -- Reps. McDaniel, Rutherford, Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR COACH BOO MAJOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR HER OUTSTANDING CAREER AS BOTH EQUESTRIAN COACH AND EDUCATOR, TO CONGRATULATE HER ON THE OCCASION OF HER RECENT RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 3343

H. 5498 -- Rep. Magnuson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-1700, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE OFFENSES OF HARASSMENT OR STALKING, SO AS TO INCLUDE IN THE DEFINITION OF "STALKING" THE CLANDESTINE VIEWING

OF A PERSON VIA PHOTOGRAPHY OR VIDEO RECORDING; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 16-17-470, RELATING TO OFFENSES OF EAVESDROPPING, PEEPING, AND VOYEURISM, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EACH VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS A SEPARATE OFFENSE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT SENTENCES IMPOSED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION MUST RUN CONSECUTIVELY.
Int. & Com. 3343

H. 5499 -- Reps. Bailey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS DEEP APPRECIATION TO JEAN BOSEMAN FOR HER FAITHFUL SERVICE FOR A THIRD OF A CENTURY ON BEHALF OF FAIR ELECTIONS AND FOR HER DEVOTION TO THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN NORTH MYRTLE BEACH.
Int. & Adopted 3459

H. 5500 -- Reps. Ott, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE SANDY RUN RURITAN CLUB AND MR. HOWARD PEES FOR SPONSORING THE ANNUAL "LIBERTY DAY AT THE STATE HOUSE" FOR THE STUDENTS OF SANDY RUN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND TO RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF THE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY THEY PROVIDE TO THE STUDENTS.
Int. & Adopted 3816

H. 5501 -- Rep. McCravy: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THURSDAY,

MAY 2, 2024, AS A DAY OF PRAYER IN SOUTH CAROLINA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OBSERVANCE OF THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, AND TO URGE OUR STATE'S CITIZENS TO JOIN TOGETHER IN THEIR HOMES, PLACES OF WORK, AND HOUSES OF WORSHIP TO PRAY FOR THE UNITY OF THE HEARTS OF ALL MANKIND AND TO CONTINUE IN PRAYER FOR OUR STATE AND OUR NATION.
Int. & Adopted 3816

H. 5502 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE PAT HARVEY-PALMER OF BEAUFORT COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 3817

H. 5503 -- Reps. Hardee, J. E. Johnson, Bailey and McGinnis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-37-220, RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR TWO PRIVATE PASSENGER VEHICLES OWNED OR LEASED BY ANY PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, FORMER EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN, OR FORMER FIREFIGHTER.
Int. & Com. 3817

H. 5504 -- Reps. Hager, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore,

Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE ALFONIA "AL" GREEN OF ESTILL AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 3824

H. 5505 -- Rep. Wetmore: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SHELBY MEANS OF FOLLY BEACH, MEMBER OF THE MUSICAL GROUP MOLLY TUTTLE & GOLDEN HIGHWAY, ON WINNING A GRAMMY IN THE BEST BLUEGRASS ALBUM CATEGORY AT THE SIXTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GRAMMY AWARDS.
Int. & Adopted 3824

H. 5506 -- Reps. Hosey, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO UNDERSERVED AND HIGH-NEED COMMUNITIES AND TO DECLARE THE WEEK OF AUGUST 25 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2024, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER AWARENESS WEEK" AND WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2024, AS "SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER APPRECIATION DAY."
Int. & Adopted 3825

H. 5507 -- Reps. Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CATAWBA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BASEBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2023 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 3825

H. 5508 -- Reps. Pendarvis, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers,

Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE ROBERT NORMAN "BOB" KING OF NORTH CHARLESTON AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.

Int. & Adopted 3894

H. 5509 -- Reps. Hixon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR GEORGE "FRANK" SHEPPARD OF RICHLAND COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT, EXTEND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS AN INSURANCE PROFESSIONAL TO THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND BEYOND, AND TO OFFER BEST WISHES FOR A SATISFYING AND REWARDING RETIREMENT.

Int. & Adopted 3895

H. 5510 -- Reps. M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore,

Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHRIS VAN METRE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS COMMUNITY, STATE, AND NATION AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL (ATI).
Int. & Adopted 3895

H. 5511 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF ASHLEY MICHELLE BROWN AND HER SON, PRINCE TION, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 3902

H. 5512 -- Reps. Rivers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT OF THE ORIGINAL GULLAH FESTIVAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR ITS MEANINGFUL INFLUENCE IN PRESERVING THE HISTORIC GULLAH CULTURE AND FOR ITS ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTION TO THE STATE'S VITAL TOURISM INDUSTRY.
Int. & Adopted 3903

H. 5513 -- Reps. Landing, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell,

B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WANDO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 3904

H. 5514 -- Reps. Landing, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE WANDO HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND, BAND DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS ON A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CELEBRATE THEM FOR WINNING THE SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAAAA MARCHING BAND STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.
Int. & Adopted 3905

H. 5515 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White,

Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOHN B. "BRITT" PARKER OF CLARENDON COUNTY FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED FIFTY YEARS OF SELFLESS, DEDICATED SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 3905

H. 5516 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE BEULAH G. ROBERTS, CLERK OF COURT FOR CLARENDON COUNTY, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED COURTS OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR FOR HER MORE THAN THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE.
Int. & Adopted 3906

H. 5517 -- Reps. Pedalino, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND CONGRATULATE REVEREND GEORGE P. WINDLEY, SR., RETIRED SENIOR CHAPLAIN OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, ON RECEIVING THE CORRECTIONS OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR AWARD.
Int. & Adopted 3907

H. 5518 -- Reps. Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest,

Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CLINTON CHAPEL AME ZION CHURCH IN UNION COUNTY TO FOSTER UNITY AMONG COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND LEADERS IN THE GREATER UNION AREA.

Int. & Adopted 3907

H. 5519 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ANDREW CHAVARRIA UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 PELION MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

Int. & Adopted 3908

H. 5520 -- Rep. King: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF OGDEN ROAD IN YORK COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH HECKLE BOULEVARD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH HARRISON STREET "DAISY ROGERS MCDUFFIE ROAD" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS ROAD CONTAINING THESE WORDS.

Int. & Com. 3909; Rep. Com. 4064; Adopted 4223; Ret. By S. With Conc. 4584

H. 5521 -- Reps. Rutherford and Ott: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 58-3-140, RELATING TO THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S POWERS TO REGULATE PUBLIC UTILITIES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CONSIDERATIONS AND STATE POLICY FOR THE COMMISSION'S DECISION MAKING PROCESS, TO ESTABLISH A

SCHEDULE FOR CERTAIN TESTIMONY AND DISCOVERY IN CONTESTED PROCEEDINGS, TO PERMIT ELECTRICAL UTILITY CUSTOMERS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION AS PUBLIC WITNESSES, AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY CONSULTANT HIRED BY THE COMMISSION; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-150 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STATE ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ACTION PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS PLAN; BY ADDING SECTION 58-31-205 SO AS TO PERMIT THE PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY TO JOINTLY OWN ELECTRICAL FACILITIES WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-70 SO AS TO PERMIT A SMALL MODULAR NUCLEAR PILOT PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 58 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR STATE AGENCY REVIEW OF ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT APPLICATIONS AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-40-10, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "CUSTOMER GENERATOR", SO AS TO ESTABLISH CHARACTERISTICS FOR A "CUSTOMER GENERATOR"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-30, RELATING TO VOLUNTARY RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY STORAGE FACILITIES"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-41-20, RELATING TO PROCEEDINGS FOR ELECTRICAL UTILITIES" AVOIDED COST METHODOLOGIES AND RELATED PROCESSES, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY, CAPACITY, AND STORAGE, TO PERMIT COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF NEW RENEWABLE ENERGY CAPACITY AND ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR NON COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS, AND TO DELETE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE COMMISSION HIRING THIRD PARTY EXPERTS FOR THESE PROCEEDINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A PROCESS FOR COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-20, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD THE DEFINITION "LIKE FACILITY" AND "MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY" TO REQUIRE AN ELECTRIC GENERATING PLANT AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES MAY ALSO REQUIRE A FOOTPRINT OF MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE ACRES; BY AMENDING ARTICLE 3 OF CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58, RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF MAJOR UTILITY FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR A LIKE FACILITY, TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR PROPOSED FACILITIES, TO PROVIDE WHAT ACTIONS MAY BE TAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE COMMISSION, AND TECHNICAL CHANGES; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-40, RELATING TO INTEGRATED RESOURCES PLANS, SO AS TO ADD CONSIDERATION OF A UTILITY'S TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RESOURCE PLAN, TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND EVALUATION BY THE COMMISSION, AND REQUIRE PARTIES TO BEAR THEIR OWN COSTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-310, RELATING TO AN APPEAL FROM A FINAL ORDER OR DECISION OF THE COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE A FINAL ORDER ISSUED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 33, TITLE 58 BE IMMEDIATELY APPEALABLE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT AND TO

PROVIDE FOR AN EXPEDITED HEARING; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-33-320, RELATING TO JOINT HEARINGS AND JOINT INVESTIGATIONS, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-4-160 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE OF REGULATORY STAFF TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO EVALUATE ESTABLISHING A THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-10, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO ADD A REFERENCE TO "DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM" AND PROVIDE DEFINITIONS FOR "COST EFFECTIVE" AND "DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PILOT PROGRAM"; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-20, RELATING TO COMMISSION PROCEDURES ENCOURAGING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS, SO AS TO EXPAND COMMISSION CONSIDERATIONS FOR COST EFFECTIVE, DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, AND REQUIRE EACH INVESTOR OWNED ELECTRICAL UTILITY TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-30, RELATING TO REPORTS ON DEMAND SIDE ACTIVITIES, SO AS TO MAKE A CONFORMING CHANGE; BY ADDING SECTION 58-37-35 SO AS TO PERMIT PROGRAMS AND CUSTOMER INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE OR PROMOTE DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS FOR CUSTOMER-SITED DISTRIBUTION RESOURCES, AND TO PROVIDE CONSIDERATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS; BY AMENDING SECTION 58-37-50, RELATING TO AGREEMENTS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, SO AS TO ESTABLISH CERTAIN TERMS AND RATE RECOVERY FOR AGREEMENTS FOR FINANCING AND INSTALLING ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION MEASURES, AND FOR APPLICATION TO A RESIDENCE OCCUPIED BEFORE THE MEASURES ARE TAKEN; TO ESTABLISH THE "ENERGY INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND", AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED REQUIREMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 58-41-50, SO AS TO ENCOURAGE BULK POWER SOLUTIONS AND TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS; SO AS TO PROVIDE PROVISIONS RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REASONABLE AND PRUDENT COST DEFERRAL.

Int. & Com. 3910

H. 5522 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE

OF STATE LEGISLATURES FOR THEIR SUPERB LEADERSHIP AND FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE LEGISLATIVE INSTITUTION AND TO CONGRATULATE THE ORGANIZATION ON ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY IN 2025.
Int. & Adopted 4020

H. 5523 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF STEVEN NED BROWN AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 4021

H. 5524 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR LARRY MARK, THE OWNER AND FOUNDER OF FURNITURE WAREHOUSE DESIGN GALLERY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER FIFTY-TWO YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE BEAUFORT COMMUNITY, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 4022

H. 5525 -- Reps. Erickson, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter,

Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE SIXTY-EIGHTH BEAUFORT WATER FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON JULY 12 THROUGH 21, 2024, AND TO HONOR THOSE WHO ORGANIZE, SPONSOR, VOLUNTEER FOR, AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FESTIVAL.
Int. & Adopted 4022

H. 5526 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. BLAKELY N. SCOTT OF COLUMBIA FOR HIS FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE AS PASTOR OF FIRST NAZARETH BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO WISH HIM MUCH BLESSING AS HE CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LORD.
Int. & Adopted 4023

H. 5527 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore,

Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CELEBRATE THE JOYOUS OCCASION OF THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FIRST JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH AND TO CONGRATULATE AND COMMEND PASTOR JOHN K. BAXTER AND THE CONGREGATION FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE BLYTHEWOOD AND COLUMBIA COMMUNITIES.
Int. & Adopted 4024

H. 5528 -- Reps. Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal, Pope and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE CATAWBA RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL INDOOR PERCUSSION AND INDOOR WINDS ENSEMBLES, DIRECTORS, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 WGI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 4024

H. 5529 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DR. RONALD L. RHAMES, PRESIDENT OF MIDLANDS TECHNICAL COLLEGE, UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER THIRTY-FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 4025

H. 5530 -- Rep. McDaniel: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF UNION NATIVE JAMES HAROLD SIMS, SR., AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 4025

H. 5531 -- Reps. McCabe, May, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DR. DONNA-NEISHA STEELE UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 SAXE GOTHA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 4025

H. 5532 -- Reps. May, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR JOSHUA SHUMPERT, CHIEF OF THE SOUTH CONGAREE POLICE DEPARTMENT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 4026

H. 5533 -- Reps. Rose, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HEATHWOOD HALL GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 3A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 4027

H. 5534 -- Reps. Chapman, Thayer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J.

L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO THANK JOHN WILLIAM TUCKER, JR., AND RUTH SADLER HANEY FOR THEIR FAMILY'S GENEROUS DONATION OF A HISTORIC TRADITIONAL SOUTHERN LADDERBACK CHAIR TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE MUSEUM.
Int. & Adopted 4065

H. 5535 -- Reps. Bernstein, Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE HAMMOND SCHOOL BOYS LACROSSE TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A STELLAR SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 4065

H. 5536 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF FOSTEEN "TINA" WARD HARRIFORD OF RICHLAND COUNTY AND TO

EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 4066

H. 5537 -- Reps. Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE REVEREND JUDY M. RICHARDSON FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE AS PRESIDING ELDER IN THE AME CHURCH AND TO EXTEND BEST WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT.
Int. & Adopted 4067

H. 5538 -- Rep. McCravy: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR KIM RODGERS, A MULTILINGUAL LANGUAGE SPECIALIST AT PINECREST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE DISTRICT'S 2024-2025 TEACHER OF THE YEAR.
Int. & Adopted 4067

H. 5539 -- Rep. McCravy: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SARAH FUNKHOUSER, A FIRST GRADE TEACHER AT WOODFIELDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN GREENWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 50, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER FOR BEING NAMED THE DISTRICT'S 2024-2025 FIRST-YEAR TEACHER OF THE YEAR.
Int. & Adopted 4068

H. 5540 -- Reps. Bauer, Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore,

Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE WALLIS BOND, A MATH INTERVENTIONIST AT BROCKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, FOR BEING SELECTED AS A 2024 PRESIDENTIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE IN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TEACHING STATE FINALIST.
Int. & Adopted 4068

H. 5541 -- Reps. Bustos, Bauer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ROSALEE COAXUM OF CHARLESTON COUNTY ON THE OCCASION OF HER 91ST BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 4069

H. 5542 -- Rep. King: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR MRS. DAISY ROGERS MCDUFFIE FOR THE CONTRIBUTIONS SHE HAS MADE TO HER COMMUNITY AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON THE OCCASION OF HER ONE HUNDRED SECOND BIRTHDAY.
Int. & Adopted 4069

H. 5543 -- Reps. Gilliard, Henegan and Rivers: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 1-11-775 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE HEALTH PLAN MUST PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR LACTATION CARE AND SERVICES BEGINNING WITH THE 2025 PLAN YEAR, TO PROVIDE FOR THE SCOPE OF COVERAGE, TO PROHIBIT THE APPLICATION OF COST-SHARING PROVISIONS TO COVERED LACTATION CARE AND SERVICES, AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.
Int. & Com. 4070

H. 5544 -- Reps. J. Moore and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA-COLOMBIA TRADE COMMISSION", TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TRADE COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.
Int. & Com. 4070

H. 5545 -- Reps. J. Moore and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA

CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA-TAIWAN TRADE COMMISSION", TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TRADE COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.
Int. & Com. 4070

H. 5546 -- Reps. J. Moore and King: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA-CARIBBEAN ISLANDS TRADE COMMISSION", TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TRADE COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.
Int. & Com. 4071

H. 5547 -- Reps. Rutherford, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BECKY BUDDS, A POLITICAL AND GENERAL ASSIGNMENT REPORTER WITH WLTX, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS AS SHE LEAVES COLUMBIA TO START A NEW CAREER IN CHARLOTTE.
Int. & Adopted 4387

H. 5548 -- Reps. Erickson, Herbkersman, W. Newton, Hager, Bradley, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR DR. FRANK RODRIGUEZ OF BEAUFORT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT UPON BEING NAMED 2025 SOUTH CAROLINA SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA

ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS.
Int. & Adopted 4387

H. 5549 -- Reps. Brewer, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND THANK THE 150 SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS AND THEIR COMMANDER, LIEUTENANT COLONEL TRAVIS MOORE, WHO IN THE SUMMER OF 2023 SERVED IN TEXAS TO ASSIST AUTHORITIES WITH OPERATION LONE STAR.
Int. & Adopted 4388

H. 5550 -- Reps. Guest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS PROFOUND SORROW UPON THE PASSING OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL WALTER LESTER "TRIPP" HUNTER III AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 4389

H. 5551 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing,

Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CHARLES M. CANNON OF COLUMBIA, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE WITH THE CAUCUS AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS AS HE TAKES ON NEW CHALLENGES.
Int. & Adopted 4390

H. 5552 -- Reps. McDaniel, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MCCROREY-LISTON SCHOOL AND TO CELEBRATE THE SCHOOL'S SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY.
Int. & Adopted 4392

H. 5553 -- Reps. Chapman, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR BOBBY BOWEN, OPERATIONS LEADER FOR BOSCH IN ANDERSON, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS OF EXEMPLARY

SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 4392

H. 5554 -- Reps. Kilmartin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR COACH TIM WHIPPLE FOR HIS WELL-ACCOMPLISHED CAREER, TO CONGRATULATE HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT, AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS AND SATISFACTION IN THE MORE LEISURELY PACE OF THE DAYS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 4393

H. 5555 -- Rep. Forrest: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE EDWARD AND HELEN HALLMAN ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR SIXTY-SECOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND TO RECOGNIZE THE INCREDIBLE COMMITMENT THEY HAVE MADE TO EACH OTHER.
Int. & Adopted 4394

H. 5556 -- Rep. Taylor: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR CAPTAINS APRIL AND RANDULL TILLER OF THE SALVATION ARMY FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF AIKEN, ALLENDALE, BARNWELL, AND EDGEFIELD COUNTIES AND TO WISH THEM GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS AS THEY TAKE UP NEW DUTIES WITH THE SALVATION ARMY'S MINISTRY IN CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 4394

H. 5557 -- Reps. Bernstein, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose,

Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE MONTH OF MAY 2024 AS "JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO CALL UPON ALL CITIZENS TO COMMEMORATE THIS OCCASION BY APPROPRIATELY CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY'S HISTORY, HERITAGE, AND CULTURE HAVE MADE TO THIS NATION AND TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 4394

H. 5558 -- Reps. Garvin, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE DOROTHY LOUISE WILLIAMS "DOT" THORNE, A NATIVE OF SUMTER COUNTY, ON THE OCCASION OF HER 81ST BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 4395

H. 5559 -- Reps. Wheeler, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE EDWARD BYRD, BISHOPVILLE CITY COUNCILMAN, AND TO

EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 4396

H. 5560 -- Reps. J. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND ROSA MARCELA RABENS OF CHARLESTON FOR HER DEDICATED COMMUNITY SERVICE AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN THE YEARS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 4396

H. 5561 -- Reps. Thigpen, Cobb-Hunter, King, Gilliard, Spann-Wilder, Garvin, Jefferson, Pendarvis, Anderson, Wheeler, Rivers, J. Moore, J. L. Johnson, Henderson-Myers, Hosey, Weeks and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY REPEALING ACT 111 OF 2024 RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY/SECOND AMENDMENT PRESERVATION ACT OF 2024, AND TO PROVIDE THE STATUTES CONTAINED IN THAT ACT REVERT TO THE LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN THEM.
Int. & Com. 4398

H. 5562 -- Reps. Wetmore, Stavrinakis and Bustos: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-720, RELATING TO ZONING ORDINANCES, SO AS TO DEFINE "CONCURRENCY PROGRAMS"; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 6-29-1130, RELATING TO REGULATIONS, SO AS TO INCLUDE A REFERENCE TO AN ADOPTED CONCURRENCY PROGRAM.
Int. & Com. 4398

H. 5563 -- Reps. Williams, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel,

McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF CLAYTON M. RICHARDSON OF HARTSVILLE AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 4509

H. 5564 -- Rep. Spann-Wilder: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF STEPHANIE NICOLE GRANT-GLADDEN OF RAVENEL, TO CELEBRATE HER LIFE, AND TO EXTEND THE DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HER FAMILY AND MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 4510

H. 5565 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF BLAINE ALAN VARNER OF SUMTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 4664

H. 5566 -- Reps. Stavrinakis, Cobb-Hunter, Wetmore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith,

M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPUTY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE ASHELY TEASDEL ON BEING NAMED THE 2024 CHARLESTON WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE (CWIT) WOMAN OF THE YEAR.
Int. & Adopted 4665

H. 5567 -- Reps. Henderson-Myers, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR DONALD W. BEATTY, CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA SUPREME COURT, UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 4666

H. 5568 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TONA QUINTON, DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTING AND BENEFITS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER MANY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STATE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND JOY IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 4698

H. 5569 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE WILLIAM E. "BILL" SANDIFER III OF OCONEE COUNTY FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON BEHALF OF HIS CONSTITUENTS AND THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND TO WISH HIM MUCH SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 4701

H. 5570 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE JOHN "JAY" WEST IV FOR HIS COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE CITIZENS OF DISTRICT 7 IN ABBEVILLE, ANDERSON, AND GREENVILLE COUNTIES AND TO WISH HIM SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.

Int. & Adopted 4703

H. 5571 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber,

Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE HONORABLE JERRY T. CARTER ON HIS MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OVER THE PAST FOUR YEARS AND TO WISH HIM CONTENTMENT AND SUCCESS IN ALL HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 4705

H. 5572 -- Reps. G. M. Smith, Weeks, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES UPON THE PASSING OF DR. THOMAS PERRIN JONES OF SUMTER COUNTY AND TO EXTEND THEIR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY AND HIS MANY FRIENDS.
Int. & Adopted 4707

H. 5573 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE KELSEY COVELL UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 GILBERT HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO

WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 4707

H. 5574 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE HALEY DICKEY UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 SWANSEA HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 4708

H. 5575 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AMY ROLAND UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 SANDHILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 4709

H. 5576 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S.

Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ROBERT ARCOVIO UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 PELION HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HIS DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 4710

H. 5577 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE KAREN MARRERO UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024-2025 SWANSEA HIGH FRESHMAN ACADEMY TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 4710

H. 5578 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CHRISTINA RANDALL UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 SANDHILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN,

AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 4711

H. 5579 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ALLYSON STONE UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024-2025 WHITE KNOLL HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 4712

H. 5580 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE NATALIE LEWIS UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 GILBERT MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 4712

H. 5581 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S.

Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CANDICE ELLIOTT UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024-2025 CAROLINA SPRINGS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 4713

H. 5582 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE SARAH KELLY UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 CAROLINA SPRINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 4714

H. 5583 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE MIRANDA GRICE UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 LEXINGTON FOUR EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO

CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 4715

H. 5584 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AMBER CAPEHART UPON BEING NAMED THE 2024-2025 SANDHILLS PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 4715

H. 5585 -- Reps. McCabe, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE LYNN DENNIS UPON BEING NAMED 2024-2025 PELION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER OF THE YEAR, TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR HER DEDICATED SERVICE TO CHILDREN, AND TO WISH HER CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.
Int. & Adopted 4716

H. 5586 -- Reps. Ballentine, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S.

Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SURETTA BROADWATER OF LEXINGTON COUNTY, UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF FAITHFUL SERVICE, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS IN ALL HER FUTURE ENDEAVORS.
Int. & Adopted 4717

H. 5587 -- Reps. Felder, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE ARTHUR MCGANN UPON THE MONUMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT OF HIS ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HIM MUCH HAPPINESS IN THE DAYS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 4717

H. 5588 -- Reps. Beach, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE POWDERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM, COACHES, AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS FOR A

REMARKABLE SEASON AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM FOR WINNING THE 2024 SOUTH CAROLINA CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE.
Int. & Adopted 4718

H. 5589 -- Reps. W. Newton, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE GLORIA TAGGART, THE FORMER CEO OF HARGRAY, ON THE OCCASION OF HER NINETY-SECOND BIRTHDAY AND TO WISH HER A JOYOUS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AND MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED HEALTH AND HAPPINESS.
Int. & Adopted 4719

H. 5590 -- Reps. Ligon, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE CHAIRMAN JOSEPH BRANHAM ON HIS UPCOMING DEPARTURE FROM THE CHESTER COUNTY COUNCIL AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS INVALUABLE PUBLIC SERVICE.
Int. & Adopted 4719

H. 5591 -- Reps. Erickson, Bradley, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S.

Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR GEORGIA MJARTAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA FIRST STEPS, TO THANK HER FOR HER TIRELESS WORK ON BEHALF OF SOUTH CAROLINA'S CHILDREN, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER AND WISH HER MUCH SUCCESS ON HER NEXT ENDEAVOR.
Int. & Adopted 4720

H. 5592 -- Reps. Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JULIUS HARRISON MCALLISTER, SR., THE 129TH BISHOP OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH AND HIS WIFE, JOAN MARLA MCALLISTER, EPISCOPAL SUPERVISOR, UPON THEIR UPCOMING RETIREMENT.
Int. & Adopted 4721

H. 5593 -- Reps. Pope, Felder, Guffey, King, Ligon, Moss, O'Neal and Sessions: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO HONOR TODD, BREMER & LAWSON, INC., OF ROCK HILL AT THE CELEBRATION OF ITS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO CONGRATULATE JAMES HAROLD ("HAL") TODD ON FIFTY YEARS' SERVICE AS OWNER AND PRESIDENT OF THE FIRM.
Int. & Adopted 4722

H. 5594 -- Reps. Forrest, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore,

T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ONE OF THE PALMETTO STATE'S FINEST NATIVE DAUGHTERS, COUNTRY MUSIC TRAILBLAZER LINDA MARTELL, AND TO CONGRATULATE HER ON HER RECENT EIGHTY-THIRD BIRTHDAY.
Int. & Adopted 4722

H. 5595 -- Rep. Hixon: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE SNO-CAP DRIVE-IN DINER ON ITS SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY AND TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR IT AS AN INSTITUTION IN NORTH AUGUSTA.
Int. & Adopted 4723

H. 5596 -- Reps. Oremus, Blackwell, Clyburn, Hixon and Taylor: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR AIKEN COUNTY SHERIFF MICHAEL E. HUNT, SR., FOR FORTY-TWO YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TO EXPRESS DEEP GRATITUDE FOR THAT SACRIFICIAL SERVICE.
Int. & Adopted 4723

H. 5597 -- Reps. Beach, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE THE WREN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS GOLF TEAM AND COACHES ON THEIR IMPRESSIVE WIN OF THE 2023-2024 CLASS AAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE AND TO SALUTE THEM ON A FABULOUS SEASON.
Int. & Adopted 4723

H. 5598 -- Reps. Anderson, Alexander, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. J. Cox, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Davis, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S.

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H. 5599 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Gilliam, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliard, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR ROBERT D. HARTER, UNITED STATES ARMY MAJOR GENERAL, FOR HIS SERVICE AT FORT JACKSON AND TO CONGRATULATE HIM UPON HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL.
Int. & Adopted 4725

H. 5600 -- Reps. Davis, B. J. Cox, Gilliard, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos, Calhoon, Carter, Caskey, Chapman, Chumley, Clyburn, Cobb-Hunter, Collins, Connell, B. L. Cox, Crawford, Cromer, Dillard, Elliott, Erickson, Felder, Forrest, Gagnon, Garvin, Gatch, Gibson, Gilliam, Guest, Guffey, Haddon, Hager, Hardee, Harris, Hart, Hartnett, Hayes, Henderson-Myers, Henegan, Herbkersman, Hewitt, Hiott, Hixon, Hosey, Howard, Hyde, Jefferson, J. E. Johnson, J. L. Johnson, S. Jones, W. Jones, Jordan, Kilmartin, King, Kirby, Landing, Lawson, Leber, Ligon, Long, Lowe, Magnuson, May, McCabe, McCravy, McDaniel, McGinnis, Mitchell, J. Moore, T. Moore, A. M. Morgan, T. A. Morgan, Moss, Murphy, Neese, B. Newton, W. Newton, Nutt, O'Neal, Oremus, Ott, Pace, Pedalino, Pendarvis, Pope, Rivers, Robbins, Rose, Rutherford, Sandifer, Schuessler, Sessions, G. M. Smith, M. M. Smith, Spann-Wilder, Stavrinakis, Taylor, Thayer, Thigpen, Trantham, Vaughan, Weeks, West, Wetmore, Wheeler, White, Whitmire, Williams, Willis, Wooten and Yow: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND RECOGNIZE MAJOR GENERAL

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Int. & Adopted 4725

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Int. & Adopted 4727

H. 5603 -- Reps. J. Moore, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos,

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H. 5606 -- Reps. Garvin, Alexander, Anderson, Atkinson, Bailey, Ballentine, Bamberg, Bannister, Bauer, Beach, Bernstein, Blackwell, Bradley, Brewer, Brittain, Burns, Bustos,

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Rep. Com. 3256; 2nd R. 3302; 3rd R. 3324; Amd. 3303; Rec. V. 3304, 4480, 4886, 4897; Op. 3285, 3305; Enr. 4898; Non-Conc. 4480; Con. Com. 4562; Fr. Con. Com. 4886; Adopted 4889; M. from S. 4562, 4734, 4888; Rat. 4918

S. 207 -- Senator Fanning: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 22 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 57 SO AS TO CREATE THE PIEDMONT GATEWAY SCENIC BYWAY AND TO IDENTIFY THE THREE SEGMENTS THAT COMPRISE THE BYWAY.

Rep. Com. 3456; 2nd R. 4361; 3d R. & Enr. 4505; Rec. V. 4361; Req. Deb. 4031; Op. 3886; Rat. 4673

S. 235 -- Senators Adams, Gustafson, Senn, McLeod and Matthews: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 23-3-340 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT UPON REQUEST OF A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, A WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER SHALL PROVIDE CALL LOCATION INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVICE OF THE USER TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO A CALL FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES OR IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION THAT INVOLVES THE RISK OF DEATH OR SERIOUS PHYSICAL HARM, TO PROVIDE A CIVIL OR CRIMINAL ACTION MAY NOT BE BROUGHT AGAINST A WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDER UNDER THIS SECTION UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, AND TO PROVIDE SLED SHALL OBTAIN CONTACT INFORMATION FROM WIRELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS TO FACILITATE A REQUEST FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY.

Int. & Com. 1834

S. 241 -- Senators Garrett and Gambrell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 84 TO TITLE 40 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OF GENETIC COUNSELORS, TO ESTABLISH THE BOARD OF GENETIC COUNSELORS, TO PROVIDE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD, TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS, TO PROVIDE PROCEDURES AND CRITERIA FOR LICENSURE OF GENETIC COUNSELORS, TO PROVIDE RELATED DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF VIOLATIONS AND IMPOSITION OF PENALTIES, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ADJUSTMENT OF VARIOUS RELATED FEES, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LIMITATIONS.

Rep. Com. 3314; D. A. 3852; 2nd R. 4342; 3rd R. 4503; Rec. V. 4343; Amd. 4342; Req. Deb. 4010; M. from S. 4557; Rat. 4674

S. 245 -- Senators Kimbrell and Hembree: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-17-170 SO AS TO PROHIBIT PERSONS WITH CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS FROM SERVING AS PUBLIC SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB FINANCIAL OFFICERS, TO PROVIDE SUCH BOOSTER CLUBS ANNUALLY SHALL REGISTER WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OR CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZER OF ITS

SCHOOL, AND TO PROVIDED RELATED POWERS AND DUTIES OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARDS AND CHARTER SCHOOL AUTHORIZERS.

Rep. Com. 1114; 2nd R. 1415; 3rd R. 1466; Rec. V. 1417; Amd. 1415, 1416; Proposed Amd. 1198; D. A. 1244, 1362; Op. 1198, 1208; M. from S. 1550

S. 298 -- Senators Bennett, Turner, Kimbrell, Campsen and Adams: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-2320, RELATING TO ALTERNATE METHODS FOR THE ALLOCATION AND APPORTIONMENT OF INCOME FOR STATE INCOME TAX PURPOSES, SO AS TO SET FORTH A PROCESS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXPAYERS TO ACCURATELY DETERMINE NET INCOME.

Rep. Com., 1167; 2nd R. 1279; 3d R. & Enr. 1658; Rec. V. 1283, 1659; Amd. 1279; S/A Amd. 1333; D. A. 1247

S. 305 -- Senators Young, M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Turner, Fanning, Climer, Stephens, Rankin, Loftis, Garrett, Matthews, Adams, Gustafson and Sabb: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-60 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE MAY BE AWARDED ON AN INITIAL TEACHING CERTIFICATE IF THE PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS IN OR RELATED TO THE CONTENT FIELD OF THE CERTIFICATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT EXISTING CERTIFICATE HOLDERS MAY ALSO RECEIVE THE SAME CREDIT FOR PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE.

Int. & Com. 1405; Rep. Com. 3327; 2nd R. 3856; 3rd R. 3900; Rec. V. 3859, 4488; Amd. 3856; Op. 3860; Non-Conc. 4488

S. 314 -- Senator Talley: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 2-47-40, RELATING TO INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE JOINT BOND REVIEW COMMITTEE, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION FORWARD AND COMMENT ON THE SUBMISSION OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING; TO AMEND SECTION 2-47-50, RELATING TO PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; BY ADDING SECTION 2-47-52 SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN PROJECTS FROM BEING CONSIDERED A PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-47-55, RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN, SO AS TO DELETE A REPORTING PROVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 2-47-56, RELATING TO GIFTS IN KIND FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES, SO AS TO DEFINE "SOURCE OF FUNDS"; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-119-940 AND ACT 518 OF 1980, BOTH RELATING TO BORROWING LIMITATIONS AT CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT; BY AMENDING SECTION 1-11-55, RELATING TO LEASE AGREEMENTS, SO AS TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF LEASE AGREEMENTS FOR CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 59-103-110 RELATING TO THE APPROVAL OF NEW CONSTRUCTION AT CERTAIN INSTITUTIONS.

Rep. Com. 3313; 2nd R. 3842; 3rd R. 3899; Rec. V. 3850, 4486, 4843; Amd. 3843; Op. 3851; Enr. 4844; Non-Conc. 4486; Con. Com. 4556; Adopted 4835; M. from S. 4556, 4834; Rat. 4918

S. 406 -- Senators Campsen, Senn and Kimbrell: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH

CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-15-420(D) AND (E), RELATING TO THE TABULATION OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BALLOTS CAST DURING THE EARLY VOTING PERIOD MAY BEGIN TO BE TABULATED AT THE SAME TIME AS ABSENTEE BALLOTS.
Int. & Adopted 188

S. 408 -- Senators Shealy and McLeod: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-250, RELATING TO THE LICENSURE OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND LICENSED PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION IN SUICIDE ASSESSMENT, TREATMENT, AND MANAGEMENT; BY AMENDING SECTION 40-75-540, RELATING TO REGULATIONS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND LICENSED PSYCHO-EDUCATIONAL SPECIALISTS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION IN SUICIDE ASSESSMENT, TREATMENT, AND MANAGEMENT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 40-63-250, RELATING TO THE LICENSURE OF SOCIAL WORKERS, SO AS TO REQUIRE CONTINUING EDUCATION IN SUICIDE ASSESSMENT, TREATMENT, AND MANAGEMENT.
Int. & Com. 1527; Rep. Com. 3273; 2nd R. 3460; 3rd R. 3834; Rec. V. 3445, 3448; 3446, 3461, 3463, 4482; Amd. 3355, 3460; Proposed Amd. 3447; Op. 3306, 3355, 3448; Conc. & Enr. 4482; Rat. 4674

S. 410 -- Senator Talley: AN ACT TO CONVEY THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION TO SPARTANBURG COUNTY; TO DISSOLVE THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION; AND TO REPEAL ACT 819 OF 1978, RELATING TO THE CREATION AND DUTIES OF THE FAIRMONT-LARKIN AREA RECREATION COMMISSION.
Rep. Com. 1113; 2nd R. 1230; 3d R. & Enr. 1272; Rec. V. 1231; D. A. 1183, 1206; Rat. 1993

S. 418 -- Senators Hembree, Turner, Gustafson, Loftis and Kimbrell: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-110, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA READ TO SUCCEED OFFICE AND THE COMPREHENSIVE READING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED BY THE OFFICE, SO AS TO ELIMINATE THE OFFICE, TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM, AND TO REVISE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-120, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS CONCERNING THE STATEWIDE READING PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE VARIOUS DEFINITIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-130, RELATING TO FUNCTIONS OF THE PROGRAM FOR WHICH THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROGRAM, SO AS TO REVISE THE FUNCTIONS AND TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS THAT FAIL TO MEET REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ON READING CAMPS ARE INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE STATE FUNDING FOR THE CAMPS DURING THE FOLLOWING FISCAL YEAR BUT SHALL CONTINUE TO OPERATE THE CAMPS; BY

AMENDING SECTION 59-155-140, RELATING TO COMPONENTS OF THE PROGRAM, SO AS TO REQUIRE ANNUAL APPROVAL BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, TO REVISE CERTAIN COMPONENTS, AND TO REVISE OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-150, RELATING TO DUTIES OF THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENSURE CERTAIN READINESS ASSESSMENTS ARE ADMINISTERED WITHIN THE FIRST FORTY-FIVE DAYS OF SCHOOL, SO AS TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS AND CHARTER SCHOOLS MAY REQUEST WAIVERS FROM STATUTORY ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS TO SCHEDULE THE ASSESSMENTS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-155-155 SO AS TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE NUMBER OF UNIVERSAL READING SCREENERS THAT DISTRICTS MAY USE, TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR SCREENERS, TO PROVIDE DISTRICTS SHALL ADMINISTER SCREENERS AT LEAST THREE TIMES DURING EACH SCHOOL YEAR IN CERTAIN INTERVALS, TO PROVIDE RELATED REQUIREMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT, AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALTERNATE ASSESSMENT AND PROGRESS MONITORING TOOLS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-160, RELATING TO MANDATORY RETENTION PROVISIONS FOR THIRD GRADERS WHO FAIL TO DEMONSTRATE READING PROFICIENCY, SO AS TO REVISE EXEMPTIONS AND EXEMPTION PROCESSES, TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND SUPPORT THAT MUST BE PROVIDED TO RETAINED STUDENTS, TO PROVIDE RETAINED STUDENTS SHALL ENROLL IN SUMMER READING CAMPS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-170, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF TEACHERS IN CERTAIN CONTENT AREAS MASTER CERTAIN READING COMPREHENSION INSTRUCTION PRACTICES AND ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE PROVISIONS, SO AS TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT SHALL IMPLEMENT CERTAIN FOUNDATIONAL LITERACY SKILLS TRAINING FOR ALL KINDERGARTEN THROUGH THIRD GRADE TEACHERS CERTIFIED IN CERTAIN TEACHING AREAS, AND TO PROVIDE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THIS TRAINING SHALL SATISFY LITERACY ENDORSEMENT REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-180, RELATING TO LITERACY READING COACHES, SO AS TO REVISE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COACHES, AMONG OTHER THINGS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-200, RELATING TO THE PROMOTION OF READING AND WRITING HABITS AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, SO AS TO REMOVE FAMILY SUPPORT PROVISIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 59-155-210, RELATING TO STANDARDS, PRACTICES, AND PROCEDURES DEVELOPED BY THE BOARD AND DEPARTMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM, SO AS TO REMOVE THE BOARD FROM THE PROVISIONS, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 59-18-310, RELATING TO ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED IN THE EDUCATION ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, SO AS TO REVISE ASSESSMENTS AND THEIR USES, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

3d R. & Enr. 1797; Rec. V. 1798; Rat. 1993

S. 423 -- Senators Davis, Hutto, Grooms, Kimpson, Malloy, McLeod, Verdin, Fanning, Goldfinch, Gustafson, Shealy and Tedder: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA COMPASSIONATE CARE ACT"; BY AMENDING CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 OF

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THE S.C. CODE, RELATING TO POISONS, DRUGS, AND OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, BY ADDING ARTICLE 20 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE SALE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS PRODUCTS AND THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A SALE CAN OCCUR; BY ADDING SECTION 56-5-3910 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR A DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE TO VAPORIZE CANNABIS PRODUCTS AS DEFINED IN SECTION 44-53-2010 WHILE OPERATING THE MOTOR VEHICLE AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES; BY REPEALING ARTICLE 4, CHAPTER 53, TITLE 44 RELATING TO CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES THERAPEUTIC RESEARCH; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

Int. & Com. 1610

S. 434 -- Senator Alexander: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTIONS 38-78-55 AND 37-6-120 BOTH SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO AUTOMATIC RENEWAL PROVISION IN A SERVICE CONTRACT IS ENFORCEABLE UNLESS CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET; AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 38-78-20 AND 37-1-301, BOTH RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO DEFINE TERMS.

Int. & Com. 2572; Rep. Com. 3815; 2nd R. 4373; 3rd R. 4504; Rec. V. 4374; Amd. 4373; Req. Deb. 4033; Op. 3889; M. from S. 4559; Rat. 4674

S. 445 -- Senators Garrett and Matthews: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 2 TO CHAPTER 49, TITLE 44 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE SERVICES TO APPROVE A CREDENTIALING ENTITY TO DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR RECOVERY HOUSING; TO REQUIRE THE APPROVED CREDENTIALING ENTITY TO ESTABLISH RECOVERY HOUSING CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES BASED UPON NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED QUALITY STANDARDS; AND TO DESIGNATE THE EXISTING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 49 AS ARTICLE 1, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS".

Rep. Com. 3314; 2nd R. 4344; 3d R. & Enr. 4504; Rec. V. 4345; D. A. 3852; Req. Deb. 4011; Rat. 4675

S. 455 -- Senator Verdin: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 44-29-230, RELATING TO TESTING REQUIRED WHEN A HEALTH CARE WORKER IS EXPOSED TO BLOODBORNE DISEASE, SO AS TO REPLACE REFERENCES TO PHYSICIAN WITH HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, TO INCLUDE DENTISTS IN THE DEFINITION OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, AND TO ADD HEPATITIS C TO THE LIST OF BLOODBORNE DISEASES.

Rep. Com. 3315; 2nd R. 4346; 3d R. & Enr. 4505; Rec. V. 4346; D. A. 3853; Req. Deb. 4011; Rat. 4675

S. 479 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME CHALK STREET IN THE RICHLAND COUNTY TOWN OF EASTOVER FROM POULTRY LANE TO MAIN STREET "FREDDIE E. CAMPBELL, SR. MEMORIAL STREET" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING

THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 1605; Rep. Com. 2907; D. A. 3080; Adopted 3114

S. 538 -- Senators Kimbrell, M. Johnson, Adams, Reichenbach, Rice, Verdin, Grooms, Climer and Loftis: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 59-101-15 SO AS TO LIMIT TENURE AND TO PROVIDE THAT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING MUST CREATE A TENURE REVIEW PROCESS.
Int. & Com. 2573

S. 557 -- Senators M. Johnson, Peeler, Kimbrell, Adams, Rice, Rankin, Reichenbach, Young, Loftis, Climer, Garrett, Alexander, Campsen and Gustafson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3477, RELATING TO THE APPRENTICE INCOME TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AND THE NUMBER OF YEARS IN WHICH IT MAY BE CLAIMED.
Rec. V., 1132, 4500; D. A. 1514, 2499, 2605, 3079, 3109, 3244, 3890, 4036, 4071, 4110, 4421; Op. 1474; Reconsidered 4499; Conc. & Enr. 4499; Rat. 4675

S. 558 -- Senators Verdin and Senn: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-31-40 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE PROCEDURE FOR THE TUBERCULOSIS TESTING OF APPLICANT RESIDENTS AND NEWLY ADMITTED RESIDENTS OF NURSING HOMES AND COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES IN THIS STATE.
Int. & Com. 1528; Rep. Com. 3315; 2nd R. 4348; 3d R. & Enr. 4505; Rec. V. 4348; D. A. 3853; Req. Deb. 4012; Rat. 4675

S. 577 -- Senator Alexander: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-8-530, SECTION 12-8-540, SECTION 12-8-570, SECTION 12-8-580, AND SECTION 12-8-595, ALL RELATING TO THE WITHHOLDING OF INCOME TAXES, SO AS TO UPDATE A REFERENCE TO THE TOP MARGINAL INCOME TAX RATE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 12-2-140, RELATING TO ACCESS TO FEDERAL TAX INFORMATION, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS WITH SUCH ACCESS TO HAVE RECEIVED A BACKGROUND CHECK.
Int. & Com. 1329; Rep. Com. 3312; 2nd R. 4335; 3rd R. 4502; Rec. V. 4338, 4874; Amd. 4336; D. A. 3841, 4100; Req. Deb. 4005; Con. Com. 4574; Adopted 4872; M. from S. 4574, 4577, 4876; Rat. 4919

S. 578 -- Senator Alexander: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-54-240, RELATING TO DISCLOSURE OF RECORDS OF AND REPORTS AND RETURNS FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.
Int. & Com. 1835

S. 621 -- Senators Reichenbach, Stephens, Cromer, Kimbrell, M. Johnson, Fanning, Setzler, Bennett, Shealy, Rice, Williams, Allen, Garrett, Loftis, Sabb and Gustafson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING CHAPTER 79 TO TITLE 39 SO AS TO CREATE THE "SOUTH CAROLINA-

IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION", TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE TRADE COMMISSION, AND TO ESTABLISH THE DUTIES OF THE COMMISSION.
Int. & Com. 1354; Rep. Com. 3311; 2nd R. 3838; 3d R. & Enr. 3898; Rec. V. 3837, 3839; Proposed Amd. 3836; Op. 3836, 3840; Rat. 4403

S. 697 -- Senators Goldfinch and Campsen: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOP A MARINE RECREATIONAL OFFSHORE HARVEST DATA COLLECTION PROGRAM TO CONSERVE MARINE FISHERIES WHILE ENSURING SOUTH CAROLINIANS AND THOSE WHO VISIT OUR COAST EACH YEAR HAVE ACCESS TO OUR PUBLIC TRUST RESOURCES.
Int. & Com. 1523

S. 700 -- Senator Davis: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING ARTICLE 8 TO CHAPTER 5, TITLE 39 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE "SOUTH CAROLINA EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES ACT" SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR EARNED WAGE ACCESS SERVICES PROVIDERS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS AND LIMITATIONS.
Int. & Com. 1354; Rep. Com. 3815; 2nd R. 4375; 3rd R. 4504; Rec. V. 4385; Amd. 4376, 4377; Req. Deb. 4034; Op. 3889; M. from S. 4558; Rat. 4676

S. 723 -- Senators Talley, Turner, Campsen and Bennett: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 27-40-20, RELATING TO THE PURPOSES AND RULES OF CONSTRUCTION FOR THE RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT, SO AS TO EXEMPT CERTAIN TENANCIES FROM THE ACT; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 45-2-60, RELATING TO THE EJECTMENT OF A PERSON FROM A LODGING ESTABLISHMENT, SO AS TO AUTHORIZE AN INNKEEPER TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT TO EJECT A PERSON AND TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON EJECTED FROM A CAMPGROUND HAS TEN DAYS TO MAKE A CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LEFT AT THE TIME OF EJECTMENT.
Int. & Com. 3031

S. 728 -- Senator Gustafson: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 23-9-197, RELATING TO THE "FIREFIGHTER CANCER HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PLAN", SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION OF "FIREFIGHTER" SHALL INCLUDE NONRESIDENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHO WORK IN THE STATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PLAN PROVIDES A SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE POLICY UPON A FIREFIGHTER BEING DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2021.
Int. & Com. 2916; Rep. Com. 3274; 2nd R. 3917; 3d R. & Enr. 4399; Rec. V. 4003; Amd. 3917; D. A. 3464, 3836, 4108; Op. 3307; Rat. 4676

S. 738 -- Senator K. Johnson: AN ACT TO DELINEATE THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE CLARENDON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, AND TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC

INFORMATION REGARDING THESE DISTRICTS.
Rep. Com., 1088; 2nd R., 1130; 3rd R. 1182; Rec. V., 1132; Amd., 1130; S/A Amd., 1182

S. 746 -- Senator Cromer: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 34-21-10, RELATING TO THE REQUIRED WRITTEN APPROVAL TO CONDUCT TRUST BUSINESS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT WRITTEN APPLICATION MUST BE MADE TO THE STATE BOARD OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND TO DEFINE "TRUST BUSINESS".
Int. & Com. 2642

S. 755 -- Senators Young, Malloy, Massey, Campsen, Bennett, Rankin, Hembree, Matthews, Corbin, Talley, M. Johnson, Garrett, McLeod, Hutto, McElveen, Senn, Harpootlian, Sabb and Williams: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING PART 4 TO ARTICLE 6, CHAPTER 6, TITLE 62 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF TITLED PERSONAL PROPERTY; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-60, RELATING TO APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FOR WATERCRAFT OR OUTBOARD MOTORS, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-70, RELATING TO FEES FOR WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-90, RELATING TO THE CONTENTS OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTOR CERTIFICATES OF TITLE, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-23-130, RELATING TO TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF WATERCRAFT AND OUTBOARD MOTORS BY OPERATION OF LAW, SO AS TO INCLUDE TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-290, RELATING TO CONTENTS OF A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, SO AS TO REQUIRE CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; BY AMENDING SECTION 56-19-420, RELATING TO DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE FEES TO ISSUE OR TRANSFER A CERTIFICATE OF TITLE, SO AS TO ESTABLISH A FEE FOR TRANSFER ON DEATH DESIGNATIONS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 62-6-101, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS, SO AS TO REVISE AND INCLUDE CERTAIN DEFINITIONS PERTAINING TO TRANSFERS ON DEATH FOR TITLED PERSONAL PROPERTY.
Int. & Com. 1766

S. 778 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING TITLE 40, CHAPTER 63, ARTICLE 5 SO AS TO CREATE THE SOCIAL WORK MEMBER STATE COMPACT, OUTLINE THE RULES OF THE COMPACT, AND DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.
Int. & Com. 1405

S. 780 -- Senator Gustafson: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 41-18-30, RELATING TO APPLICABILITY AND EXCEPTIONS FOR THE SOUTH CAROLINA AMUSEMENT RIDES SAFETY CODE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL IS ALLOWED TO

OPERATE A SUPER-KART IF THEY ARE EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER OR ARE FIFTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER AND HOLD A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PERMIT.
Int. & Com. 1835

S. 782 -- Senators Matthews and Davis: AN ACT TO DELINEATE THE NINE SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS FROM WHICH MEMBERS OF THE JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MUST BE ELECTED BEGINNING WITH THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION, TO PROVIDE DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION REGARDING THESE DISTRICTS, AND TO REPEAL SECTION 2 OF ACT 476 OF 1998 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS OF THE JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT.
Rep. Com. 1170; 2nd R. 1232; 3rd R. 1272; Rec. V. 1233; Amd. 1232; Rat. 1995

S. 801 -- Senator Alexander: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-430, RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN OCONEE COUNTY, SO AS TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 7-7-40, RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VOTING PRECINCTS IN AIKEN COUNTY, SO AS TO ADD NEW PRECINCTS AND TO REDESIGNATE THE MAP NUMBER ON WHICH THESE PRECINCTS MAY BE FOUND ON FILE WITH THE REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE.
Int. & Com. 1009; Rep. Com. 1199; 2nd R. 1284; 3d R. & Enr. 1334; Rec. V. 1284; Op. 1247; Rat. 1995

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Int. & Com. 1354

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Int. & Com. 2450

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Int. & Com. 3032; Rep. Com. 3454; D. A. 4356; Req. Deb. 4027

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Int. & Com. 1767; Rep. Com. 3256; 2nd R. 3300; 3d R. & Enr. 3323; Rec. V. 3300; Op. 3285, 3302; Rat. 4403

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Int. & Com. 1611; Rep. Com. 3313; 2nd R. 4100; Rec. V. 4103; Amd. 4100; D. A. 3851; Req. Deb. 4010; Con. Com. 4572; Enr. 4828; M. from S. 4572, 4827; Rat. 4919

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Int. & Com. 1835; Rep. Com. 3815; 2nd R. 4371; 3d R. & Enr. 4506; Rec. V. 4371; Req. Deb. 4033; Op. 3888; Rat. 4677

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Int. & Com. 1612

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Int. & Com. 1612; Rep. Com. 3314; 2nd R. 4339; 3rd R. 4502; Rec. V. 4341; Amd. 4339; D. A. 3851; Req. Deb. 4010; Con. Com. 4574; M. from S. 4574

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Int. & Com. 3034; Rep. Com. 3451; D. A. 4355; Req. Deb. 4017; Op. 3880

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Int. & Com. 2451; Rep. Com. 3274; 2nd R. 3464; 3rd R. 3834; Rec. V. 3552, 3553, 4484; Amd. 3464; Op. 3307; Conc. & Enr. 4484; Rat. 4677

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Int. & Com. 2451; Rep. Com. 3457; 2nd R. 4363; 3d R. & Enr. 4506; Rec. V. 4363; Req. Deb. 4032; Op. 3886; Rat. 4677

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Int. & Com. 2573; Rep. Com. 3312; 2nd R. 4005; 3rd R. 4399; Rec. V. 4008, 4742; Amd. 4005; D. A. 3841, 4109; Conc. & Enr. 4738; Con. Com. 4573; M. from S. 4573, 4578, 4737, 4744; Rat. 4920

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Int. & Com., 1175; Rep. Com. 1814; 2nd R. 1904; 3d R. & Enr. 1977; Rec. V. 1903; Rat. 4404

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Int. & Com. 1613; Rep. Com. 3457; 2nd R. 4364; 3d R. & Enr. 4506; Rec. V. 4364; Req. Deb. 4032; Op. 3887; Rat. 4677

S. 980 -- Senator Sabb: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR SERGEANT ADRIAN DUNMORE, DEPUTY ERIC WHETSELL, DEPUTY STEPHANIE LAW, CHIEF DEPUTY VERNEY D. CUMBEE, AND LIEUTENANT SHANNON L. COKER, ALL OF THE WILLIAMSBURG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE IN THE FACE OF DANGER WHILE IN THE LINE OF DUTY AND TO CONGRATULATE THEM UPON RECEIVING THE SOUTH CAROLINA SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION 2023 MEDAL OF VALOR AWARD.
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Int. & Com. 1826; Rep. Com. 2908; D. A. 3080; Adopted 3115

S. 994 -- Senators Alexander, Hutto, Verdin, Grooms, Kimbrell, Gambrell, Shealy, Hembree, McElveen, Davis, Young, Loftis, K. Johnson, McLeod, Martin, Senn, Garrett, Fanning, Cromer, Devine, Williams and Setzler: A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 44-95-65 SO AS TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THIS SECTION.
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Int. & Com. 2916

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Int. & Com. 2451

S. 1001 -- Senator Martin: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 24-3-430, RELATING TO THE AUTHORIZATION OF INMATE LABOR IN PRIVATE INDUSTRY AND REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO INMATE PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM MAY EARN LESS THAN THE FEDERAL MINIMUM WAGE.
Int. & Com. 1613; Rep. Com. 3453; 2nd R. 4018; 3d R. & Enr. 4399; Rec. V. 4018; D. A. 4109; Rat. 4678

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Int. & Com. 1767; Rep. Com. 3450; 2nd R. 3867; 3rd R. 3900; Rec. V. 3878, 4493; Amd. 3867; Op. 3879; Conc. & Enr. 4493; Rat. 4678

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Int. & Com. 2642; Rep. Com. 3312; 2nd R. 4096; 3rd R. 4221; Rec. V. 4098; Amd. 4096; D. A. 4042; Req. Deb. 3841; Con. Com. 4555; M. from S. 4555, 4578

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Int. & Com. 2574; Rep. Com. 3311; 2nd R. 4329; 3rd R. 4502; Rec. V. 4333, 4536; Amd. 4330; D. A. 3840. 4100; Req. Deb. 4004; Enr. 4536; Rat. 4678

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Int. & Com. 1836; Rep. Com. 2907; 2nd R. 3041; 3d R. & Enr. 3106; Rec. V. 3041; Rat. 4404

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Int. & Com. 2917; Rep. Com. 3274; 2nd R. 3555; 3rd R. 3834; Rec. V. 3699, 3700, 4478, 4822; Amd. 3555; Op. 3308; Non-Conc. 4478; Enr. 4823; Con. Com. 4571; Adopted 4767; M. from S. 4571, 4767; Rat. 4920

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Int. & Com. 1826; Rep. Com. 2908; D. A. 3080; Adopted 3115

S. 1038 -- Senators Corbin, Adams, Alexander, Allen, Bennett, Campsen, Cash, Climer, Cromer, Davis, Devine, Fanning, Gambrell, Garrett, Goldfinch, Grooms, Gustafson, Harpootlian, Hembree, Hutto, Jackson, K. Johnson, M. Johnson, Kimbrell, Loftis, Malloy, Martin, Massey, Matthews, McElveen, McLeod, Peeler, Rankin, Reichenbach, Rice, Sabb, Senn, Setzler, Shealy, Stephens, Talley, Tedder, Turner, Verdin, Williams and Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE GREER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND ITS MISSION TO CONNECT, ENGAGE, PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES, AND ADVOCATE FOR THE GREATER GREER BUSINESS COMMUNITY; TO COMMEND LEADERSHIP GREER AS A DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND HONOR ITS GOALS OF INCREASING COMMUNITY ACTIVISM, PRODUCING COMMUNITY LEADERS, AND ENHANCING BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS CONNECTIONS; AND TO PROCLAIM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024, AS "LEADERSHIP GREER DAY" IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1489

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Int. & Com. 1827; Rep. Com. 2908; D. A. 3081; Adopted 3115

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RELATING TO THE JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS, INITIAL TERMS, AND SUBSEQUENT TERMS; TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION TO INCREASE THE MEMBERSHIP TO TWELVE MEMBERS, INCLUDING FOUR MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; TO PROVIDE A QUORUM IS SEVEN MEMBERS, AND TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES; TO PROVIDE FOR TWO-YEAR TERMS AND TERM LIMITS OF MEMBERS; TO REQUIRE ALL PUBLIC HEARINGS BE LIVE STREAMED EXCEPT WHEN THE COMMISSION IS IN EXECUTIVE SESSION; TO ESTABLISH SET TIMES FOR THE RELEASE OF REPORTS AND THE SEEKING OF PLEDGES AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE FORMAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT OF QUALIFICATIONS SHALL OCCUR NO EARLIER THAN TWELVE DAYS AFTER NOMINEES HAVE BEEN RELEASED TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF NOMINEES RELEASED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM THREE TO SIX; TO REQUIRE MIDTERM REVIEWS OF JUSTICES AND JUDGES AND PROVIDE A PROCEDURE FOR THE COMMISSION AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA BAR TO CONDUCT THE REVIEW; TO REQUIRE THE RETENTION OF INVESTIGATIVE MATERIALS; TO PROHIBIT VOTE COUNTING BEFORE THE FORMAL RELEASE OF THE REPORT; TO REQUIRE THE REPORT TO INCLUDE THE PARTICULAR REASONS WHEN CANDIDATES WERE FOUND NOT QUALIFIED; TO PROVIDE TWENTY-TWO DAYS MUST ELAPSE BETWEEN THE DATE OF THE COMMISSION'S NOMINATIONS AND THE ELECTIONS FOR THESE JUDGESHIPS; AND TO PROVIDE THAT NOTHING SHALL PREVENT A LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION FROM REJECTING A CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF MASTER-IN-EQUITY AND DIRECTING THE COMMISSION TO REOPEN THE SCREENING PROCESS.

Int. & Com. 2452; Rep. Com. 3452; 2nd R. 4042; Rec. V. 4060, 4063. 4916; Amd. 4042; Proposed Amd. 4061, 4062; Req. Deb. 3881; Enr. 4917; Con. Com. 4567; Adopted 4903; M. from S. 4567, 4901; Rat. 4920

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Int. & Com. 2574; 2nd R. 3137; 3d R. & Enr. 3150; Rec. V. 3137; Recalled 3078; Op. 3108; Rat. 4404

S. 1051 -- Senators Kimbrell and Talley: AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, AND TO PROVIDE A SUNSET PROVISION; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-25-1330, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS ON LAKE H. TAYLOR BLALOCK, SO AS TO EXTEND THE HUNTING OF WATERFOWL FOR FIVE YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 50-13-675, RELATING TO

NONGAME FISHING DEVICES OR GEAR PERMITTED IN CERTAIN BODIES OF WATER, SO AS TO PERMIT HOOP NETS IN THE CONGAREE RIVER AND THE UPPER REACH OF THE SANTEE RIVER.
Int. & Com. 2917; Rep. Com. 3450; 2nd R. 4351; 3rd R. 4503, 4507; Rec. V. 4354, 4508; Amd. 4352, 4507; Req. Deb. 4016; Op. 3879; Reconsidered 4506; M. from S. 4557; Rat. 4679

S. 1056 -- Senator Devine: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO COMMEND THE RICHLAND COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER OF DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY, INCORPORATED, FOR THIRTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, TO WISH ITS MEMBERS MANY YEARS OF CONTINUED GROWTH AND DEDICATION, AND TO DESIGNATE APRIL 27, 2024, AS RICHLAND COUNTY ALUMNAE CHAPTER, DELTA SIGMA THETA INCORPORATED DAY IN SOUTH CAROLINA.
Int. & Adopted 1560

S. 1064 -- Senators Turner and Young: A JOINT RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE CURRENT LAW REGARDING COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, QUALIFICATIONS FOR A FACILITY TO IDENTIFY AND ADVERTISE AS AN ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNIT, EVALUATION OF STAFFING LEVELS FOR A FACILITY'S ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNIT, AND A REVIEW OF THE NEED FOR REGISTERED NURSING COVERAGE IN A FACILITY'S ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNIT; AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY JANUARY 1, 2025, FOR UPDATING AND IMPROVING THE LAW'S REQUIREMENTS FOR ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE UNITS HOUSED IN COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES.
Int. & Com. 1768

S. 1065 -- Senator Alexander: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO WELCOME THE NATIONAL COMMANDER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, DANIEL J. SEEHAFER, AND TO INVITE HIM TO ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JOINT SESSION IN THE CHAMBER OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT 12:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024.
Int. & Adopted 1605; Op.

S. 1066 -- Senator Young: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE JUDITH WARNER UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT, TO COMMEND HER FOR HER THIRTY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO AIKEN COUNTY AND THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO WISH HER MUCH HAPPINESS AND FULFILLMENT IN THE YEARS AHEAD.
Int. & Adopted 1606

S. 1070 -- Senator Jackson: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO CONGRATULATE AND HONOR FIRE CHIEF AUBREY D. JENKINS FOR HIS FORTY-FIVE YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COLUMBIA-RICHLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO THANK HIM FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
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Int. & Com. 2917; Rep. Com. 3316; D. A. 3854. 4349; Req. Deb. 4015

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S. 1088 -- Senators Young, Hutto and Massey: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2 OF ACT 205 OF 2016, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION OF PRIVATE, FOR-PROFIT PIPELINE COMPANIES FROM CERTAIN RIGHTS, POWERS, AND PRIVILEGES OF TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE COMPANIES THAT OTHERWISE ARE EXTENDED TO PIPELINE COMPANIES, SO AS TO EXTEND THE SUNSET PROVISION TO JUNE 30, 2026.
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Int. & Com. 2917; 2nd R. 4034; 3d R. & Enr. 4399; Rec. V. 4034; Recalled 3890; D. A. 4110; Rat. 4679

S. 1101 -- Senator Matthews: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE INTERCHANGE LOCATED AT EXIT 38 ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 95 IN HAMPTON COUNTY "MAJOR GENERAL ARNOLD FIELDS INTERCHANGE" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.
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Int. & Com. 3036

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Int. & Adopted 1827

S. 1123 -- Senator Fanning: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 BYPASS IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 213 TO 392 UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 321 BYPASS "DR. J. R. GREEN HIGHWAY" AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY CONTAINING THESE WORDS.
Int. & Com. 2624

S. 1126 -- Senators Kimbrell, Peeler, Rice, M. Johnson, Adams, Climer, Garrett, Cash, Young, Alexander, Reichenbach, Shealy, Grooms, Cromer, Turner, Loftis, Fanning, Gustafson, Goldfinch, Massey, Campsen, Bennett, Martin, Corbin and Verdin: A JOINT RESOLUTION PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4, ARTICLE II OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RELATING TO VOTER QUALIFICATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ONLY A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE OF THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND UPWARDS WHO IS PROPERLY REGISTERED IS ENTITLED TO VOTE AS PROVIDED BY LAW.
Int. & Com. 3037; Rep. Com. 3257; 2nd R. 3349; 3d R. & Enr. 3831; Rec. V. 3350, 3832; Proposed Amd. 3349; D. A. 3305; Op. 3286, 3351; Rat. 4404

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H. 4500, 4501, 4502, 4503, 4504, 4505, 4506, 4507, 4508, 4510, 4511, 4512, 4513, 4514, 4515, 4516, 4517, 4518, 4519, 4522, 4523, 4524, 4527, 4528, 4530, 4531, 4532, 4665, 4721, 4723, 4724, 4725, 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732, 4733, 4734, 4736, 4737, 4738, 4740, 4742, 4744, 4745, 4746, 4747, 4748, 4749, 4752, 4753, 4755, 4756, 4757, 4758, 4759, 4763, 4764, 4765, 4766, 4767, 4768, 4769, 4770, 4771, 4772, 4773, 4774, 4775, 4776, 4777, 4778, 4779, 4780, 4781, 4782, 4783, 4790, 4791, 4792, 4793, 4794, 4795, 4796, 4797, 4798, 4799, 4800, 4801, 4803, 4804, 4805, 4807, 4826, 4827, 4831, 4836, 4837, 4838, 4839, 4840, 4847, 4848, 4852, 4853, 4854, 4855, 4856, 4858, 4860, 4862, 4877, 4879, 4880, 4881, 4882, 4883, 4884, 4885, 4886, 4887, 4888, 4896, 4897, 4899, 4900, 4901, 4903, 4913, 4914, 4915, 4916, 4919, 4920, 4921, 4922, 4923, 4924, 4925, 4939, 4940, 4941, 4942, 4945, 4949, 4957, 4959, 4960, 4967, 4968, 4970, 4975, 4976, 4978, 4999, 5000, 5001, 5002, 5003, 5004, 5018, 5033, 5034, 5036, 5037, 5038, 5047, 5049, 5053, 5054, 5055, 5056, 5058, 5064, 5065, 5067, 5070, 5071, 5072, 5073, 5074, 5075, 5076, 5078, 5082, 5083, 5084, 5085, 5086, 5087, 5088, 5089, 5093, 5096, 5097, 5098, 5099, 5107, 5109, 5110, 5111, 5123, 5124, 5125, 5126, 5128, 5129, 5130, 5131, 5132, 5133, 5134, 5135, 5136, 5137, 5138, 5139, 5141, 5142, 5146, 5158, 5159, 5160, 5161, 5162, 5163, 5165, 5166, 5167, 5170, 5171, 5172, 5173, 5174, 5175, 5176, 5177, 5178, 5184, 5185, 5186, 5190, 5191, 5192, 5193, 5196, 5198, 5199, 5200, 5209, 5210, 5211, 5212, 5213, 5214, 5215, 5223, 5224, 5237, 5238, 5239, 5240, 5241, 5242, 5248, 5250, 5251, 5252, 5253, 5254, 5255, 5256, 5257, 5258, 5259, 5260, 5268, 5269, 5270, 5271, 5272, 5273, 5274, 5277, 5278, 5279, 5280, 5281, 5282, 5283, 5284, 5285, 5288, 5292, 5293, 5294, 5295, 5296, 5297, 5298, 5299, 5300, 5301, 5302, 5311, 5313, 5317, 5318, 5321, 5322, 5324, 5325, 5326, 5327, 5332, 5335, 5336, 5337, 5338, 5340, 5343, 5344, 5352, 5353, 5354, 5359, 5360, 5366, 5369, 5370, 5371, 5376, 5377, 5379, 5380, 5381, 5384, 5385, 5386, 5392, 5396, 5397, 5398, 5399, 5400, 5401, 5402, 5403, 5404, 5405, 5406, 5408, 5409, 5410, 5411, 5412, 5413, 5414, 5415, 5416, 5417, 5418, 5419, 5420, 5421, 5422, 5423, 5424, 5425, 5426, 5427, 5428, 5429, 5430, 5431, 5432, 5433, 5434, 5435, 5436, 5437, 5439, 5440, 5441, 5442, 5443, 5445, 5446, 5448, 5449, 5450, 5451, 5452, 5453, 5455, 5456,

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ANDERSON, CARL L., Member from District No. 103--Georgetown, Horry & Williamsburg Counties

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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ATKINSON, FRANK "LUCAS", Member from District No. 57--Marion, Dillon & Horry Counties

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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BAILEY, WILLIAM H., Member from District No. 104--Horry County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

H. 4500, 4501, 4502, 4504, 4505, 4506, 4507, 4508, 4510, 4511, 4512, 4513, 4514, 4515, 4516, 4517, 4518, 4519, 4522, 4523, 4524, 4527, 4528, 4530, 4531, 4532, 4548, 4659, 4700, 4721, 4723, 4724, 4725, 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732, 4733, 4734, 4736, 4737, 4738, 4740, 4742, 4744, 4745, 4746, 4747, 4748, 4749, 4752, 4753, 4755, 4756, 4757, 4758, 4759, 4763, 4764, 4765, 4766, 4767, 4768, 4769, 4770, 4771, 4772, 4773, 4774, 4775, 4776, 4777, 4778, 4779, 4780, 4781, 4782, 4783, 4790, 4791, 4792, 4793, 4794, 4795, 4796, 4797, 4798, 4799, 4800, 4801, 4803, 4804, 4805, 4807, 4825, 4826, 4827, 4831, 4836, 4837, 4838, 4839, 4840, 4843, 4847, 4848, 4852, 4853, 4854, 4855, 4856, 4858, 4860, 4862, 4877, 4879, 4880, 4881, 4882, 4883, 4884, 4885, 4886, 4887, 4888, 4891, 4896, 4897, 4899, 4900, 4901, 4903, 4913, 4914, 4915, 4916, 4919, 4920, 4921, 4922, 4923, 4924, 4925, 4939, 4940, 4941, 4942, 4945, 4949, 4959, 4960, 4967, 4968, 4970, 4971, 4975, 4976, 4978, 4979, 4999, 5000, 5001, 5002, 5003, 5004, 5011, 5018, 5033, 5034, 5036, 5037, 5038, 5042, 5047, 5049, 5053, 5054, 5055, 5056, 5058, 5064, 5065, 5066, 5067, 5070, 5071, 5072, 5073, 5074, 5075, 5076, 5078, 5082, 5083, 5084, 5085, 5086, 5087, 5093, 5096, 5097, 5098, 5099, 5107, 5109, 5110, 5111, 5118, 5119, 5123, 5124, 5125, 5126, 5128, 5129, 5130, 5131, 5132, 5133, 5134, 5135, 5136, 5137, 5138, 5139, 5141, 5142, 5152, 5158, 5159, 5160, 5162, 5163, 5165, 5166, 5167, 5169, 5170, 5171, 5172, 5173, 5174, 5175, 5176, 5177, 5178, 5184, 5185, 5186, 5190, 5191, 5192, 5193, 5196, 5198, 5199, 5200, 5209, 5210, 5211, 5212, 5213, 5214, 5215, 5223, 5224, 5237, 5238, 5239, 5240, 5241, 5242, 5247, 5248, 5250, 5251, 5252, 5253, 5254, 5255, 5256, 5257, 5258, 5259, 5260, 5262, 5268, 5269, 5270, 5271, 5272, 5273, 5274, 5277, 5278, 5279, 5280, 5281, 5282, 5283, 5284, 5285, 5288, 5292, 5293, 5294, 5295, 5296, 5297, 5298, 5299, 5300, 5301, 5302, 5313, 5317, 5318, 5321, 5322,

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Committee assignments: 4571

Debate request: 1237, 1930

Reasons for not voting: 2308

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BALLENTINE, NATHAN, Member from District No. 71--
Richland & Lexington Counties

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

H. 4500, 4501, 4502, 4504, 4505, 4506, 4507, 4508, 4510, 4511, 4512, 4513, 4514, 4515, 4516, 4517, 4518, 4519, 4522, 4523, 4524, 4527, 4528, 4530, 4531, 4532, 4594, 4624, 4700, 4709, 4721, 4723, 4724, 4725, 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732, 4733, 4734, 4736, 4737, 4738, 4740, 4742, 4744, 4745, 4746, 4747, 4748, 4749, 4752, 4753, 4755, 4756, 4757, 4758, 4759, 4763, 4764, 4765, 4766, 4767, 4768, 4769, 4770,

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BLACKWELL, BART T., Member from District No. 81--Aiken County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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BURNS, JAMES MIKELL "MIKE", Member from District No. 17--Greenville County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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BUSTOS, JOSEPH M. "JOE", Member from District 112--Charleston County

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CALHOON, PAULA RAWL, Member from District No. 87--Lexington County

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CARTER, JERRY T., Member from District No. 3--Pickens County

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CHAPMAN, DONALD G. "DON", Member from District No. 8--Anderson County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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CHUMLEY, WILLIAM M. "BILL", Member from District No. 35--Spartanburg & Greenville Counties

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CLYBURN, WILLIAM "BILL", Member from District No. 82-- Aiken, Edgefield & Saluda Counties

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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COBB-HUNTER, GILDA, Member from District No. 66--Orangeburg County

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COLLINS, NEAL ANTHONY, Member from District No. 5-- Pickens County

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COX, BOBBY J., Member from District No. 21--Greenville County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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CRAWFORD, HEATHER AMMONS, Member from District No. 68--Horry County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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CROMER, APRIL, Member from District No. 6--Anderson County

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GATCH, GIL, Member from District No. 94, Charleston & Dorchester Counties

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GILLIAM, LEON DOUGLAS "DOUG", Member from District No. 42--Laurens & Union Counties

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GILLIARD, WENDELL G., Member from District No. 111--Charleston County

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GUEST, THOMAS DUVAL, JR. “VAL”, Member from District No. 106--Horry County

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GUFFEY, BRANDON., Member from District No. 48--York County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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HADDON, PATRICK B., Member from District No. 19--Greenville County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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HAGER, WILLIAM WINSTON "BILL", Member from District No. 122—Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton & Jasper Counties

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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HARDEE, KEVIN JAMES, Member from District No. 105--Horry County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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HARRIS, ROBERT J. "ROB", Member from District No. 36--Spartanburg County

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HART, CHRISTOPHER R. "CHRIS", Member from District No. 73--Richland County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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**HAYES, JACKIE E. “COACH”, Member from District No. 55--
Dillon, Darlington, Marlboro & Horry Counties**

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Reasons for not voting: 2359, 2360

HENEGAN, PATRICIA MOORE “PAT”, Member from District No. 54--Marlboro, Chesterfield & Darlington Counties

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

H. 4500, 4539, 4540, 4541, 4547, 4548, 4552, 4555, 4556, 4561, 4571, 4575, 4577, 4580, 4590, 4614, 4615, 4617, 4627, 4628, 4630, 4639, 4649, 4655, 4656, 4658, 4660, 4665, 4673, 4680, 4681, 4687, 4709, 4712, 4715, 4719, 4721, 4723, 4724, 4725, 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732, 4733, 4734, 4736, 4737, 4738, 4740, 4742, 4744, 4745, 4746, 4747, 4748, 4749, 4752, 4753, 4755, 4756, 4757, 4758, 4759, 4763, 4764, 4765, 4766, 4767, 4768, 4769, 4770, 4771, 4772, 4773, 4774, 4775, 4776, 4777, 4778, 4779, 4780, 4781, 4782, 4783, 4790, 4791, 4792, 4793, 4794, 4795, 4796, 4797, 4798, 4799, 4800, 4801, 4803, 4804,

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HOWARD, LEON, Member from District No. 76--Richland County

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KIRBY, ROGER KEITH, Member from District No. 61--Florence & Marion Counties

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

H. 4500, 4617, 4665, 4721, 4723, 4724, 4725, 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732, 4733, 4734, 4735, 4736, 4737, 4738, 4740, 4742, 4744, 4745, 4746, 4747, 4748, 4749, 4752, 4753, 4755, 4756, 4757, 4758, 4759, 4763, 4764, 4765, 4766, 4767, 4768, 4769, 4770, 4771, 4772, 4773, 4774, 4775, 4776, 4777, 4778, 4779, 4780, 4781, 4782, 4783, 4790, 4791, 4792, 4793, 4794, 4795, 4796, 4797, 4798, 4799, 4800, 4801, 4803, 4804, 4805, 4807, 4825, 4826, 4827, 4831, 4836, 4837, 4838, 4839, 4840, 4847, 4848, 4852, 4853, 4854, 4855, 4856, 4858, 4860, 4862,

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LANDING, KATHY, Member from District No. 80--Charleston County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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LAWSON, M. BRIAN, Member from District No. 30—Cherokee & Spartanburg Counties

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LEBER, MATTHEW W. 'MATT', Member from District No. 116—Charleston & Colleton Counties

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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LONG, STEVEN WAYNE, Member from District No. 37--Spartanburg County

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MOORE, JA, Member from District No. 15--Berkeley & Charleston Counties

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MORGAN, T. ALAN, Member from District No. 18--Greenville County

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MURPHY, CHRISTOPHER J. "CHRIS", Member from District No. 98--Dorchester County

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**NEESE, JAMES M. "MIKE", Member from District No. 44--
Lancaster County**

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NEWTON, BRANDON MICHAEL, Member from District No. 45--Lancaster & York Counties

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

H. 4500, 4547, 4561, 4590, 4599, 4700, 4710, 4721, 4723, 4724, 4725, 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732, 4733, 4734, 4735, 4736, 4737, 4738, 4740, 4742, 4743, 4744, 4745, 4746, 4747, 4748, 4749, 4752, 4753, 4755, 4756, 4757, 4758, 4759, 4763, 4764, 4765, 4766, 4767, 4768, 4769, 4770, 4771, 4772, 4773, 4774, 4775, 4776, 4777, 4778, 4779, 4780, 4781, 4782, 4783, 4790, 4791, 4792, 4793, 4794, 4795, 4796, 4797, 4798, 4799, 4800, 4801, 4803, 4804, 4805, 4807, 4825, 4826, 4827, 4831, 4836, 4837, 4838, 4839, 4840, 4844, 4847, 4848, 4852, 4853, 4854, 4855, 4856, 4858, 4859, 4860, 4862, 4877, 4879, 4880, 4881, 4882, 4883, 4884, 4885, 4886, 4887, 4888, 4894, 4896, 4897, 4899, 4900, 4901, 4903, 4909, 4913, 4914, 4915, 4916, 4919, 4920, 4921, 4922, 4923, 4924, 4925, 4927, 4939, 4940, 4941, 4942, 4945, 4949, 4957, 4959, 4960, 4965, 4967, 4968, 4970, 4975, 4976, 4978, 4997, 4998, 4999, 5000, 5001, 5002, 5003, 5004, 5016, 5018, 5022, 5023, 5033, 5034, 5036, 5037, 5038, 5042, 5047, 5049, 5053, 5054, 5055, 5056, 5058, 5063, 5064, 5065, 5067, 5070, 5071, 5072, 5073, 5074,

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Amendment proposed: 1497, 2304

Committee assignments: 4574, 4576

Co-Sponsor removed: 3149

Debate request: 1184, 1187, 1236, 1237, 1245, 1468, 1620, 1930, 2487, 3287, 3882, 4005, 4010, 4012, 4016, 4032, 4034

Motions: 188, 1096, 1247, 2395, 2473, 2488, 2497, 2500, 2535, 2596, 2630, 3117, 3197, 4114, 4506

Points of Order: 2862, 2959, 4199

Reasons for not voting: 2373, 2374

Roll Call request: 1805, 4198

Statements: 1133, 1245, 1283, 1659, 2510, 2669, 2671, 2715, 4008, 4336, 4869

NEWTON, WILLIAM WESTON J., Member from District No. 120--Beaufort & Jasper Counties

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

H. 4500, 4617, 4624, 4633, 4700, 4721, 4723, 4724, 4725, 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732, 4733, 4734, 4736, 4737, 4738, 4740, 4742, 4744, 4745, 4746, 4747, 4748, 4749, 4750, 4752, 4753, 4755, 4756, 4757, 4758, 4759, 4763, 4764, 4765, 4766, 4767, 4768, 4769, 4770, 4771, 4772, 4773, 4774, 4775, 4776, 4777, 4778, 4779, 4780, 4781, 4782, 4783, 4790, 4791, 4792, 4793, 4794, 4795, 4796, 4797, 4798, 4799, 4800, 4801, 4803, 4804, 4805, 4807, 4813, 4825, 4826, 4827, 4831, 4836, 4837, 4838, 4839, 4840, 4844, 4845, 4847, 4848, 4852, 4853, 4854, 4855, 4856, 4857, 4858, 4860, 4862, 4877, 4879, 4880, 4881, 4882, 4883, 4884, 4885, 4886, 4887, 4888, 4896, 4897, 4899, 4900, 4901, 4903, 4908, 4913, 4914, 4915, 4916, 4919, 4920, 4921, 4922, 4923, 4924, 4925, 4927, 4939, 4940, 4941, 4942, 4945, 4949, 4959, 4960, 4967, 4968, 4970, 4975, 4976, 4978, 4999, 5000, 5001, 5002, 5003, 5004, 5008, 5018, 5033, 5034, 5036, 5037, 5038, 5042, 5047, 5049, 5053, 5054, 5055, 5056, 5058, 5063, 5064, 5065, 5066, 5067, 5070, 5071, 5072, 5073, 5074, 5075, 5076, 5078, 5079, 5082, 5083, 5084, 5085, 5086, 5087, 5093, 5096, 5097, 5098, 5099, 5107, 5109, 5110, 5111, 5118, 5119, 5123, 5124, 5125, 5126, 5128, 5129, 5130, 5131, 5132, 5133, 5134, 5135, 5136, 5137, 5138, 5139, 5141, 5142, 5158, 5159, 5160, 5162, 5163, 5164, 5165, 5166, 5167, 5170, 5171, 5172, 5173, 5174, 5175, 5176, 5177, 5178, 5184, 5185, 5186, 5190, 5191, 5192, 5193, 5196, 5198, 5199, 5200, 5209, 5210, 5211, 5212, 5213, 5214, 5215, 5223, 5224, 5237, 5238, 5239, 5240, 5241, 5242, 5248, 5250, 5251, 5252, 5253, 5254, 5255, 5256, 5257, 5258, 5259, 5260,

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Amendment proposed: 1207, 1232, 1292, 1455, 1497, 1546, 1734, 1801, 3001, 3049, 3050, 4059, 4064, 4551

Committee assignments: 4569, 4580

Debate request: 1184, 1185, 1236, 1237, 1620, 1930, 2487, 3055, 3882, 3884

Motions: 1107, 1192, 1454, 1986, 2475, 2512, 2608, 2609, 3007, 3055, 4282

Points of Order: 1188, 1192, 1193, 1793, 2599, 2600, 2601, 3883, 3886, 4319

Reasons for not voting: 2296, 2374, 2375, 4743, 4747, 4753, 4756, 4766, 4823, 4827, 4832, 4885, 4898

Record for voting: 2068, 2193

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NUTT, ROGER A., Members from District No. 34--Spartanburg County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

H. 4500, 4535, 4538, 4624, 4636, 4643, 4644, 4652, 4654, 4662, 4663, 4683, 4691, 4693, 4699, 4700, 4701, 4721, 4723, 4724, 4725, 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732, 4733, 4734, 4736, 4737, 4738, 4740, 4742, 4744, 4745, 4746, 4747, 4748, 4749, 4752, 4753, 4755, 4756, 4757, 4758, 4759, 4763, 4764, 4765, 4766, 4767, 4768, 4769, 4770, 4771, 4772, 4773, 4774, 4775, 4776, 4777, 4778, 4779, 4780, 4781, 4782, 4783, 4790, 4791, 4792, 4793, 4794, 4795, 4796, 4797, 4798, 4799, 4800, 4801, 4803, 4804, 4805, 4807, 4826, 4827, 4831, 4836, 4837, 4838, 4839, 4840, 4847, 4848, 4852, 4853, 4854, 4855, 4856, 4858, 4860, 4862, 4877, 4879, 4880, 4881, 4882, 4883, 4884, 4885, 4886, 4887, 4888, 4896, 4897, 4899, 4900, 4901, 4903, 4907, 4913, 4914, 4915, 4916, 4919, 4920, 4921, 4922, 4923, 4924, 4925, 4939, 4940, 4941, 4942, 4945, 4949, 4954, 4959, 4960, 4967, 4968, 4969, 4970, 4971, 4975, 4976, 4978, 4985, 4999, 5000, 5001, 5002, 5003, 5004, 5018, 5033, 5034, 5036, 5037, 5038, 5047, 5049, 5053, 5054, 5055, 5056, 5058, 5064, 5065, 5067, 5070, 5071, 5072, 5073, 5074, 5075, 5076, 5078, 5082, 5083, 5084, 5085, 5086, 5087, 5093, 5096, 5097, 5098, 5099, 5107, 5109, 5110, 5111, 5123, 5124, 5125, 5126, 5128, 5129, 5130, 5131, 5132, 5133, 5134, 5135, 5136, 5137, 5138, 5139, 5141, 5142, 5158, 5159, 5160, 5162, 5163, 5165, 5166, 5167, 5169, 5171, 5172, 5173, 5174, 5175, 5176, 5177, 5178, 5184, 5185, 5186, 5190, 5191, 5192, 5193, 5196, 5198, 5199, 5200, 5209, 5210, 5211, 5212, 5213, 5214, 5215, 5223, 5224, 5237, 5238, 5239, 5240, 5241, 5242, 5248, 5250, 5251, 5252, 5253, 5254, 5255, 5256, 5257, 5258, 5259, 5260, 5268, 5269, 5270, 5271, 5272, 5273, 5274, 5277, 5278, 5279, 5280, 5281, 5282, 5283, 5284, 5285, 5288, 5292, 5293, 5294, 5295, 5296, 5297, 5298, 5299, 5300, 5301, 5302, 5313, 5317, 5318, 5321, 5322, 5324, 5325, 5326, 5327, 5332, 5335, 5336, 5337, 5338, 5340, 5343, 5344, 5352, 5353, 5354, 5359, 5360, 5366, 5369, 5370, 5371,

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Amendment proposed: 1497

Co-Sponsor removed: 1840

Debate request: 1010, 1184, 1187, 1236, 1470, 1930, 3055, 3287

Reasons for not voting: 4426

Statements: 3284, 4426

O'NEAL, DAVID L.., Members from District No. 66--York County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

H. 4500, 4538, 4543, 4546, 4591, 4609, 4623, 4624, 4625, 4636, 4680, 4691, 4697, 4699, 4721, 4723, 4724, 4725, 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732, 4733, 4734, 4736, 4737, 4738, 4740, 4742, 4744, 4745, 4746, 4747, 4748, 4749, 4752, 4753, 4755, 4756, 4757, 4758, 4759, 4762, 4763, 4764, 4765, 4766, 4767, 4768, 4769, 4770, 4771, 4772, 4773, 4774, 4775, 4776, 4777, 4778, 4779, 4780, 4781, 4782, 4783, 4790, 4791, 4792, 4793, 4794, 4795, 4796, 4797, 4798, 4799, 4800, 4801, 4803, 4804, 4805, 4807, 4826, 4827, 4831, 4836, 4837, 4838, 4839, 4840,

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Co-Sponsor removed: 1226, 3149

Debate request: 1010, 1930, 3882, 4033

OREMUS, MELISSA LACKEY, Member from District No. 84--Aiken County

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TEDDER, DEON T., Member from District No. 109--Dorchester & Charleston Counties

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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THAYER, ANNE J., Member from District No. 9--Anderson County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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**THIGPEN, IVORY TORREY, Member from District No. 70--
Richland County**

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

H. 4500, 4721, 4723, 4724, 4725, 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732, 4733, 4734, 4735, 4736, 4737, 4738, 4740, 4742, 4744, 4745, 4746, 4747, 4748, 4749, 4752, 4753, 4755, 4756, 4757, 4758, 4759, 4763, 4764, 4765, 4766, 4767, 4768, 4769, 4770, 4771, 4772, 4773, 4774, 4775, 4776, 4777, 4778, 4779, 4780, 4781, 4782, 4783, 4790, 4791, 4792, 4793, 4794, 4795, 4796, 4797, 4798, 4799, 4800, 4801, 4803, 4804, 4805, 4807, 4824, 4826, 4827, 4831, 4836, 4837, 4838, 4839, 4840, 4847, 4848, 4852, 4853, 4854, 4855, 4856, 4858, 4860, 4862, 4877, 4879, 4880, 4881, 4882, 4883, 4884, 4885, 4886, 4887, 4888, 4896, 4897, 4899, 4900, 4901, 4903, 4913, 4914, 4915, 4916, 4919, 4920, 4921, 4922, 4923, 4924, 4925, 4939, 4940, 4941, 4942, 4945, 4949, 4959, 4960, 4967, 4968, 4970, 4971, 4975, 4976, 4978, 4999, 5000, 5001, 5002, 5003, 5004, 5018, 5020, 5021, 5033, 5034, 5036, 5037, 5038, 5042, 5047, 5049, 5053, 5054, 5055, 5056, 5058, 5064, 5065, 5067, 5070, 5071, 5072, 5073, 5074, 5075, 5076, 5078, 5082, 5083, 5084, 5085, 5086, 5087, 5093, 5096, 5097, 5098, 5099, 5107, 5109, 5110, 5111, 5118, 5123, 5124, 5125, 5126, 5128, 5129, 5130, 5131, 5132, 5133, 5134, 5135, 5136, 5137, 5138, 5139, 5141, 5142, 5157, 5158, 5159, 5160, 5162, 5163, 5165, 5166, 5167, 5170, 5171, 5172, 5173, 5174, 5175, 5176, 5177, 5178, 5184, 5185, 5186, 5190, 5191, 5192, 5193, 5196, 5198, 5199, 5200, 5209, 5210, 5211, 5212, 5213, 5214, 5215, 5223, 5224, 5237, 5238, 5239, 5240, 5241, 5242, 5248, 5250, 5251, 5252, 5253, 5254, 5255, 5256, 5257, 5258, 5259, 5260, 5268, 5269, 5270, 5271, 5272, 5273, 5274, 5277, 5278, 5279, 5280, 5281, 5282, 5283, 5284, 5285, 5288, 5292, 5293, 5294, 5295, 5296, 5297, 5298, 5299, 5300, 5301, 5302, 5311, 5313, 5317, 5318, 5321, 5322, 5324, 5325, 5326, 5327, 5332, 5335, 5336, 5337, 5338, 5340, 5343, 5344, 5352, 5353, 5354, 5359, 5360, 5366, 5369, 5370, 5371, 5376, 5377, 5378, 5379, 5380, 5381, 5384, 5385, 5386, 5392, 5396, 5397, 5398, 5399, 5400, 5401, 5402, 5403, 5404, 5405, 5406, 5408, 5409, 5410, 5411, 5412, 5413, 5414, 5415, 5416, 5417, 5418, 5419, 5421, 5422, 5423, 5424, 5425, 5426, 5427, 5428, 5429, 5430, 5431, 5432, 5433, 5434, 5435, 5436, 5437, 5439, 5440, 5441, 5442, 5443, 5445, 5446, 5448, 5449, 5450, 5451, 5452, 5453, 5455, 5456, 5457, 5460, 5461, 5462, 5463, 5464, 5467, 5473, 5474, 5475, 5476, 5477, 5478,

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TRANTHAM, ASHLEY BURCH, Member from District No. 28--Greenville County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

H. 4500, 4534, 4535, 4538, 4540, 4542, 4543, 4546, 4548, 4550, 4556, 4557, 4568, 4572, 4582, 4585, 4588, 4617, 4619, 4620, 4621, 4623, 4624, 4633, 4636, 4666, 4691, 4699, 4721, 4723, 4724, 4725, 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732, 4733, 4734, 4736, 4737, 4738, 4740, 4742, 4744, 4745, 4746, 4747, 4748, 4749, 4752, 4753, 4755, 4756, 4757, 4758, 4759, 4763, 4764, 4765, 4766, 4767, 4768, 4769, 4770, 4771, 4772, 4773, 4774, 4775, 4776, 4777, 4778, 4779, 4780, 4781, 4782, 4783, 4790, 4791, 4792, 4793, 4794, 4795, 4796, 4797, 4798, 4799, 4800, 4801, 4803, 4804, 4805, 4807, 4826, 4827, 4831, 4836, 4837, 4838,

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VAUGHAN, DAVID, Member from District No. 27--Greenville County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

H. 4500, 4538, 4544, 4556, 4591, 4617, 4624, 4649, 4690, 4691, 4700, 4721, 4723, 4724, 4725, 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732, 4733, 4734, 4736, 4737, 4738, 4740, 4742, 4744, 4745, 4746, 4747, 4748, 4749, 4752, 4753, 4755, 4756, 4757, 4758, 4759, 4763, 4764, 4765, 4766, 4767, 4768, 4769, 4770, 4771, 4772, 4773, 4774, 4775, 4776, 4777, 4778, 4779, 4780, 4781, 4782, 4783, 4790, 4791, 4792, 4793, 4794, 4795, 4796, 4797, 4798, 4799, 4800, 4801, 4803, 4804, 4805, 4807, 4826, 4827, 4831, 4836, 4837, 4838, 4839, 4840, 4844, 4847, 4848, 4852, 4853, 4854, 4855, 4856, 4858, 4860, 4862, 4877, 4879, 4880, 4881, 4882, 4883, 4884, 4885, 4886, 4887, 4888, 4896, 4897, 4899, 4900, 4901, 4903, 4913, 4914, 4915, 4916, 4919, 4920, 4921, 4922, 4923, 4924, 4925, 4939, 4940, 4941, 4942, 4945, 4949, 4954, 4959, 4960, 4967, 4968, 4970, 4975, 4976, 4978, 4999, 5000, 5001, 5002, 5003, 5004, 5018, 5033, 5034, 5036, 5037, 5038, 5042, 5047, 5049, 5052, 5053, 5054, 5055, 5056, 5058, 5064, 5065, 5067, 5070, 5071, 5072, 5073, 5074, 5075, 5076, 5078, 5080, 5082, 5083, 5084, 5085, 5086, 5087, 5092, 5093, 5096, 5097, 5098, 5099, 5107, 5109, 5110, 5111, 5119, 5123, 5124, 5125, 5126, 5128, 5129, 5130, 5131, 5132, 5133, 5134, 5135, 5136, 5137, 5138, 5139, 5141, 5142, 5158, 5159, 5160, 5162, 5163, 5164, 5165, 5166, 5167, 5169, 5171, 5172, 5173, 5174, 5175, 5176, 5177, 5178, 5184, 5185, 5186, 5190, 5191, 5192, 5193, 5196, 5198, 5199, 5200, 5209, 5210, 5211, 5212, 5213, 5214, 5215, 5223, 5224, 5237, 5238, 5239, 5240, 5241, 5242, 5247, 5248, 5250, 5251, 5252, 5253, 5254, 5255, 5256, 5257, 5258, 5259, 5260, 5268, 5269, 5270, 5271, 5272, 5273, 5274, 5277, 5278, 5279, 5280, 5281, 5282, 5283, 5284, 5285, 5288, 5292, 5293, 5294, 5295, 5296, 5297, 5298, 5299, 5300, 5301, 5302, 5313, 5317, 5318, 5321, 5322, 5324, 5325, 5326, 5327, 5332, 5335, 5336, 5337, 5338, 5340, 5343, 5344, 5352, 5353, 5354, 5359, 5360, 5366, 5369, 5370, 5371, 5375, 5376,

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WEEKS, J. DAVID, Member from District No. 51--Sumter County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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WEST, JOHN TALIAFERRO "JAY" IV, Member from District No. 7--Anderson & Abbeville Counties

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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WHEELER, WILLIAM W. III "WILL", Member from District No. 50--Lee, Kershaw & Sumter Counties

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**WHITE, JOSEPH S. "JOE", Member from District No. 40—
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WHITMIRE, WILLIAM R. "BILL", Member from District No. 1--Oconee County

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WILLIAMS, ROBERT Q., Member from District No. 62--Darlington & Florence Counties

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WILLIS, MARK N., Member from District No. 16--Greenville & Laurens Counties

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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WOOTEN, CHRISTOPHER SLOAN "CHRIS", Member from District No. 69--Lexington County

Bills and Resolutions introduced by:

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adopted 4084

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adopted 4878

H. 4820 - A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-580, RELATING TO THE SEASON FOR HUNTING AND TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS, BAG LIMITS, TAKING FEMALE WILD TURKEYS, AND ANNUAL REPORTING, SO AS TO ADJUST THE HUNTING SEASON AND LIMIT FOR TAKING MALE WILD TURKEYS; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-500, RELATING TO PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO WILD TURKEY, SO AS TO PROHIBIT HUNTING, KILLING, OR POSSESSING A MALE WILD TURKEY WITH A BEARD LESS THAN SIX INCHES LONG AND A TAIL FAN THAT IS NOT FULLY DEVELOPED, AND STALKING A WILD TURKEY BEHIND A DECOY OR TAIL FAN; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-11-590, RELATING TO YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING WEEKEND, SO AS TO ADJUST THE DATES AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ALLOWED TOTAL BAG LIMIT; BY AMENDING SECTION 50-9-640, RELATING TO WILD TURKEY TAG FEES, SO AS TO INCREASE TAG FEES; TO PROVIDE A SUNSET CLAUSE; AND BY REPEALING SECTION 5 OF ACT 91 OF 2021, RELATING TO CATCH AND SIZE LIMITS FOR THE TAKING, POSSESSING, LANDING, SELLING, OR PURCHASING OF CERTAIN FISH FROM THE STATE'S WATERS.

adopted 4828

H. 4843 - A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 48-39-148 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN BUSINESSES WITH A DECK OR OTHER STRUCTURE LOCATED IN A CRITICAL AREA TO USE THE STRUCTURE FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FOOD OR BEVERAGE SERVICES TO PATRONS.

adopted 4754

H. 5100 – GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL

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H. 5101 - A JOINT RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONIES FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024, AND TO ALLOW UNEXPENDED FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO

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adopted 4824

S. 969 - A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-1140, RELATING TO DEDUCTIONS FROM INDIVIDUAL TAXABLE INCOME, SO AS TO INCREASE THE SUBSISTENCE DEDUCTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN PAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS, AND TO INCREASE THE VOLUNTEER EXEMPTION AMOUNT FOR CERTAIN UNPAID PUBLIC SERVANTS SUCH AS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIREFIGHTERS; BY AMENDING SECTION 12-6-3800, RELATING TO THE TAX CREDIT FOR SERVING AS A PRECEPTOR, SO AS TO AMEND DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS; BY AMENDING ACT 45 OF 2019, RELATING TO THE PRECEPTOR TAX CREDIT, SO AS TO EXTEND THE PRECEPTOR TAX CREDIT FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL YEARS; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 4-37-30, RELATING TO SALES AND USE TAXES OR TOLLS AS REVENUE FOR TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN EXEMPTIONS FOR UNPREPARED FOOD ITEMS.

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S. 1031 -A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF TITLE 35, RELATING TO ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING, SO AS TO INCORPORATE THE UNIFORM MONEY SERVICES ACT, TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM FINANCIAL CRIME, STANDARDIZE THE TYPES OF ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING, AND MODERNIZE SAFETY AND SOUNDNESS REQUIREMENTS TO ENSURE FUNDS ARE PROTECTED IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE AND COMPETITIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

adopted 4767

S. 1046 - A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF TITLE 2, RELATING TO JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA JUDICIAL MERIT SELECTION COMMISSION MEMBERS, INITIAL TERMS, AND SUBSEQUENT TERMS; TO AMEND THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE

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adopted 4903

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S. 142 - A BILL TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2010, RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF "SEX TRAFFICKING", SO AS TO EXPAND THE DEFINITION TO INCLUDE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR AND PROMOTING OR PARTICIPATING IN PROSTITUTION OF A MINOR; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-2020, RELATING TO TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, PENALTIES, MINOR VICTIMS AND DEFENSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY RAISE DURESS AND COERCION AS AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE TO OFFENSES COMMITTED AS A DIRECT RESULT OR INTERRELATED TO TRAFFICKING, TO PROVIDE THAT A

TRAFFICKING VICTIM MAY HAVE CERTAIN OFFENSES EXPUNGED IF THE OFFENSES WERE A DIRECT RESULT OR INTERRELATED TO BEING A VICTIM OF TRAFFICKING, AND TO PROVIDE SIMILAR PROVISIONS FOR MINOR TRAFFICKING VICTIMS AND TO REQUIRE THE MINOR TO BE REFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES; BY ADDING SECTION 16-25-130 SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM WITHIN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE TO PROTECT THE VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, STALKING, HARASSMENT, AND OTHER SEXUAL OFFENSES; BY AMENDING SECTION 16-3-910, RELATING TO KIDNAPPING, SO AS TO ALLOW SENTENCING FOR THE KIDNAPPING OFFENSES WHEN ALSO SENTENCED FOR MURDER; BY ADDING SECTION 16-15-340 SO AS TO CREATE THE OFFENSE OF LURING A CHILD AND PROVIDE A PENALTY AND DEFENSES TO PROSECUTION; AND TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THIS ACT ARE RETROACTIVE.
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3.6 When the House is called to order, every member shall take his seat and shall act with decorum at all times when the House is in session. Every member, when about to speak, shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to “Mr. Speaker” and shall avoid disrespect to the House or the Senate and all personalities, observe decency of speech, and shall confine himself to the question under consideration. The Speaker, when duly addressed by a member, shall hear from the member who, in the Speaker’s opinion, shall arise first, by identifying the member. The Reading Clerk shall not turn on any member’s microphone until the Speaker has recognized that person.
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5.9 All bills and resolutions reported by a committee shall, as a matter of course, be printed, together with the report of a committee. A bill or joint resolution shall be reprinted following its second reading, if amended by the House, reflecting the substance of the bill in its amended form. Every committee report which amends the provisions of legislation referred to such committee shall give the full text of the section or clearly identifiable subdivision or portion of a section as it would read with such amendment inserted therein. If this Rule is not complied with, the committee report shall be amended so as to conform to this Rule before the bill or joint resolution is considered by the House. This shall be the responsibility of the committee Chairman.

overruled.....1802

5.10 No local bill or joint resolution shall receive a second reading unless its number and title shall have been printed in the House Calendar at least one (1) statewide legislative day prior to such reading. *Provided*, that no statewide bill or joint resolution shall receive a second reading unless its number and title shall have been printed in the House Calendar at least one (1) statewide legislative day prior to such reading unless said bill or resolution has been set for Special Order consideration as provided for by Rule 6.3(15)(b). *Provided*, further, no General Appropriations Bill or Supplemental Appropriations Bill for the ordinary expenses of the State Government shall receive a second reading.

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5.15 The printing of any document required to be printed under the Rules of the House may specifically be dispensed with by two-thirds ($^2/3$) vote of the membership present and voting of the House, a quorum being present; *provided*, such vote shall be by division vote; *provided*, however, the printing of any bill which has not been referred to committee shall not be waived.

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9.3 No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment unless it refers to the intent of the motion or proposition under consideration. Provided, further, that nothing shall prevent the adoption of an amendment which rewrites the bill in its entirety if the bill as rewritten remains germane to the original title of the bill.

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